



THE VOID

Julia lived with her family in a little house, in a small village perched on a high hill.

Julia was a little girl just like any other. Her life was peaceful and happy.





Then, one day, her peaceful happiness disappeared and she was left with a big void.

An enoooOooormous void...



A void that would let the cold in.

A void that would produce monsters.

A void that sucked in everything.



Julia tried to fill it, cover it, erase it, make it disappear...

But the void grew even larger and larger.

So, one day, Julia thought she only had to find the stopper that would cover the void.

And the truth be told, she was offered all sorts of stoppers.



There were good stoppers,

and others that only seemed to be good.





There were stoppers that tricked you,

and others that were really, really dangerous.

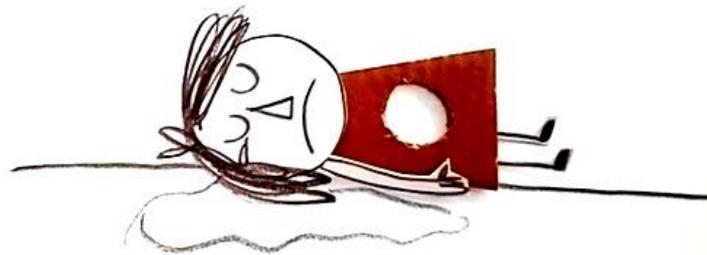


In spite of searching again and again for her particular stopper, she never found it...

So she simply searched no more.

What a dizzy feeling!

She wobbled from side to side and fell in a heap to the ground.



Overcome by sadness, she began to weep with screams...

...and finally, calmed down into silence.

In this silence, Julia heard a voice which came from the ground and spoke to her: "Give up searching everywhere, and look inside your inner self."

"My inner self?"

And there were worlds beginning to emerge...

Colours... and melodies.



There appeared worlds so wonderful that she could never have imagined them.





They were magical worlds, which made her feel connected again.



Then, Julia felt really good, she felt at home.

Happy with her discovery, she began treating others in a different manner.



She saw they also had their own magical worlds, to where they often travelled, and from where they returned with beautiful gifts that they all shared together.



And so, little by little, Julia's void became smaller and smaller.

But, luckily for her, it never quite disappeared.

So she could always return to this world full of surprises...