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Colorful Personalities

Duncan loved to draw, and he thought his crayons were just tools—until the day they quit! When he opened his crayon box, he found a stack of letters instead of his crayons. Each letter was filled with complaints, and as Duncan read them, he realized that each crayon had its own unique personality.

Red Crayon was the hard worker. “I am used ALL the time!” Red wrote. “Fire trucks, apples, hearts—I never get a break! Even on holidays, I have to work on Christmas stockings and Valentine’s Day hearts. It’s exhausting!”

Blue Crayon was loyal but tired. “You use me for the sky, the ocean, and huge lakes. I love being important, but I’ve been used so much that I’m now just a tiny stub!”

Yellow and Orange Crayons were competitive. “I AM the color of the sun!” Yellow declared. “No, I AM!” Orange shot back. They had been fighting for so long that they needed Duncan to decide who was right.

Pink Crayon was hopeful but frustrated. “You barely use me! Why do you think I’m only for princess dresses? I can be anything! A monster, a dinosaur, or even a superhero!”

Black Crayon felt left out. “I only get to outline things,” it complained. “Why can’t I color something bold? I could make a black rainbow or a dark, mysterious sky!”

Beige Crayon was quiet but sad. “I don’t get used much. Brown gets to color bears, puppies, and trees, but all I get is wheat and sand. I want to color something fun too!”

As Duncan read each letter, he realized that his crayons weren’t just colors—they had personalities, just like people. Some felt overworked, some felt ignored, and others felt like they had more to offer.

To make things right, Duncan created a new kind of picture. He made a pink dinosaur, a blue sun, a black beach, and an orange-and-yellow mix for the sky. His crayons had never been happier!

Duncan’s crayons are relatable because they remind us of different kinds of people. Some love to work, some feel left out, and others just want to be noticed. By understanding them, Duncan learned that everyone—whether they are a crayon or a person—deserves to feel valued.