



Commentary:

A crucial part of the Beyond Words workshop is that participants look at the concepts of **self-development, wellbeing** and **emotional intelligence**. One of our key exercise focuses on getting writers to understand the power of targets, goals and incentives and how they help to **overcome obstacles**. In this story the writer was challenged to illustrate how their character overcame an obstacle and what were the results to their characters wellbeing.

Blues Lovely Romantic

Love Life

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There was boy and his name was Big Blue, he was 20 years old and he grew up on a planet named *Reef Land*, but moved to New York. His skin was a beautiful blue color like the ocean and there were few of his kind which caused him a lot of hell. Sad Big Blue wrote a letter home, but it never made it. Instead, the letter came flying down to earth a girl named Aria Red found it. Aria was 20 years old and beautiful. She had jet black hair and smells like roses on a very hot day. Her smile is beautiful and her eye color is hazel, but she has a voice of an angel. Aria picked up the mail and she was gone read it but she stopped herself.

“Oh gosh...Oh boy... Look what I found I don’t know if I should read it.”

Aria waited till she got home because she had a lot of things I got to catch up on.

Meanwhile Big Blue was still fighting off bullies. Big Blue didn’t know how to fight so the kids just kept picking on him even started to rob him of his lunch money every time he come to school. Then one day this girl sat at the table he normally sits at.

Big Blue was kind of nervous cause he didn't know what to say so he was blushing a lot because he didn't know if he was gone talk to her and the girl that was sitting at the table her was a very cute girl.

As Big Blue walked up she noticed him right away, but because of his blue skin. Blue didn't know she had been seeing him around. The girl thought he was handsome, but was shy, she began blushing like him, but they didn't really say much. When they finally started talking, it were small talk like, "Hey" and "What's your name?"

"Aria Red."

"Hi I'm Big Blue."

After lunch Blue just could not stop thinking that they could be a very good couple together, but he don't know how her family would act. So he waited to ask her out.

A week later Big Blue asked Aria out and she said "Yes... yes... yes!!!"

When Big Blue and Aria got to their houses they rushed to get dressed. Both Blue and Aria had a date for the first time. Getting ready Blue also think about their last year of college. It was a real special moment. When Big Blue is done getting ready he called Aria. Her phone was ringing... ring...ring... then he heard her sweet voice, "Hello may I ask who is calling?"

"Hey this is Blue I was calling to see if you were ready."

"Yeah," Aria said so Blue said "Meet me at the movies"

"Okay," Aria said. "See you, you soon okay."

Bap! On the way all Blue could do is think of Aria. He were nervous biting his bottom lip, playing with his hair, but he still had a huge smile across his face. So as he arrived at the place he walked into the movies and who does he sees standing there Aria.

"So Aria what movie are we gone to see" He asked.

"I don't know yet." Aria smiled "Probably Fifty Shades of Grey."

"Okay let's get some candy popcorn and get in the movie it's starting in five minutes, so we got to hurry."

"Oh...damn!" My pop just dropped held on I got to get a new drink I will meet you in there

"Ok see you inside."

Couple of minutes later Blue walks in the movie and see Aria siting on the top of the seats so he walks up the stairs to go and sit down. As he sits down he was shocked to see Aria so quiet, but what he didn't know is that she was really shy and her hearted was beating fast, but she also was happy to be around him. As the film starts Big Blue started feeling confident, so he put his arm around Aria. But as he was doing it he got the butterflies in his stomach, but he did it though. Aria started playing with her hair a little bit and they were feeling each other now.

The movie start to get interesting with all the action and romance Aria liked it, but she was

talking very softly and told Blue that she was getting cold and tired. She yawned and was shivering, rubbing hands together. So Blue put his jacket on her and she leaned her head onto Blues shoulder and she gave him a kiss on the lips. She said, "Thanks for everything, Blue you are so sweet."

Blue find that special someone that likes him for who he is and that night Blue knew Aria was the one.

