



Then, at exactly nine o'clock everybody started yawning and wandered off to bed. 'What is wrong with me?' Genna cried, 'I'm not tired!' She didn't understand anything. After a while she went into the bathroom to brush her teeth. She looked at herself in the mirror and then she noticed something. 'My emo-glasses!' she exclaimed, 'They're colourless! That's very unusual, they always have a colour!'

The next morning Genna still felt very different to the rest of the family. Instead of going to school she decided to go to the Control Pod to see if she could get her emo-glasses fixed.

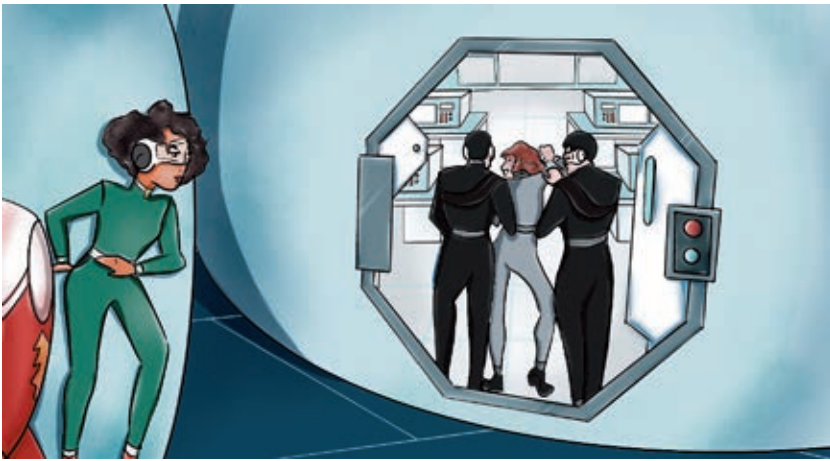
The pod was huge with lots of people wandering about. Genna soon got lost in a maze of long corridors. Then she heard somebody shouting. It was a terrifying sound. Genna hid in fear. Two guards were marching a woman down the corridor. The guards had emo-glasses like hers, but the woman had no emo-glasses at all. 'That's strange,' thought Genna, 'I have never seen anybody without emo-glasses!'



Activities

6 Answer questions about paragraph 3.

- a) What is unusual about the woman?
- b) What do you think is happening to the woman? Why?
- c) What do you notice about the guards' emo-glasses?
- d) What do you think this means about the guards?



The woman shouted, 'I don't want emo-glasses! I want to FEEL!' Genna watched her disappear into a big, white room. 'I wonder what is going on in there?' thought Genna.

Genna was very worried and she decided not to tell anybody about her emo-glasses. Instead she crept quietly back down the corridor in the direction the woman came from.

At the end of the corridor was a large, black door. Genna pushed on the door and it opened very slowly. Behind the door, hundreds of eyes observed her. Very slowly people appeared and stared at her. None of them had emo-glasses.



Genna trembled. 'Don't be scared,' said a man. 'I am Igetis. We are all prisoners because we refuse to wear emo-glasses. 'But can't you open the door?' asked Genna. Igetis explained that only people with colourless emo-glasses could open the door. He told her that the leader of the Supreme Council forced everybody to wear emo-glasses. He used them to control people's feelings. 'That's why they change colour.'

Activities

7  Answer the questions. Why do you think...

- ...the woman is shouting?
- ...Genna decides not to tell anybody about her emo-glasses?
- ...Genna trembles when she sees Igetis and the other prisoners?
- ...the prisoners can't open the door but Genna can?

8 What do you know about emo-glasses? Discuss with a classmate.



1 Answer the questions.

At the beginning of the story...

- a) Why is Genna confused by the title of Edvard Munch's painting?
- b) How do Genna's emo-glasses break?

In the middle of the story...

- c) Why does Genna go to the Control Pod?
- d) What does she learn about the emo-glasses?
- e) Why does Genna feel like an outsider?

At the end of the story...

- f) Why don't Genna and Filos want to step on the laser lights?
- g) How do they escape from the Control Pod?
- h) Why don't the people want to wear emo-glasses?

2 Complete the sentences about emo-glasses.

- a) When the emo-glasses are yellow people feel
- b) When the emo-glasses are blue people feel
- c) When the emo-glasses are green people feel

3 Find four moments in the story when the emo-glasses control people's feelings.

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4 Discuss the questions with a classmate.

'If you can control how people feel you can make them do whatever you want.' Igetis explained.

- a) Is it a good thing to control people's feelings?
- b) How are feelings important for our survival?


Colony Kroma School blog

My life with feelings
5th March **Genna Star**

Life in the colony is very different now we all have our own feelings. At night, I sometimes feel a bit scared by the huge, black shadows outside the window.

But in the mornings, I'm happy and excited because I like seeing my friends. When I wore emo-glasses, the colours around me didn't change my feelings. Now I notice colours and how they make me feel. The soft, yellow blanket on bed makes me feel cheerful in the mornings. The long, dark corridors at my school make me feel depressed.

I think we need more colours at our school. We need yellow walls in the classrooms. It will make us feel happy and energetic. We need green walls in the canteen. It will make us feel calm and quiet. We need blue and yellow walls in the corridors. It will make us feel safe and happy.



Genna and Filos feel good!

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1 Read and find...

- a) ...the name of the blog.
- b) ...the title of the blog post.
- c) ...the author of the blog post.
- d) ...the date of the blog post.
- e) ...the number of *likes*.

2 Circle the correct words.

- a) A blog post is usually *private* / *public*. c) Blogs are about *personal feelings* / *any topic*.
- b) You can read a blog post on *paper* / *a screen*. d) Blogs usually have *one* / *more than one* post.

3 Find one adjective in the text for each category. Add more adjectives.

| Texture | Size | Colour |
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4 Choose adjectives from activity 3 and describe something at your school.

| Texture / Size | Colour | Object |
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