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Before reading any further, I would like to assure you that this story has a happy ending, and in getting to that ending you may become confused at times, but stay the course, open your mind, and indulge in the story I am about to tell you. For although it is about Mx. Questioning, it contains an awful lot of answers.
Meet Mx. Questioning.

This may surprise you, but Mx. Questioning was not always multicoloured.

In fact, she was born Little Miss Questioning and only one colour...
PINK!
Papa?
The fact of the matter is, all the Little Misses in the town of Binaryville are pink and all the Mr. Men are blue.

Little Misses go shopping in pink stores and Mr. Men go shopping in blue stores.

Little Misses go to the toilets through pink doors, and Mr. Men go to the toilets through...
You guessed it, blue doors.
You see, everything in Binaryville is either pink or blue. It has been this way for as long as anyone can remember.

Little Miss Questioning especially knows this, because with so many questions all the time, her parents often send her to the Binaryville Library, as they have little patience for such neverending inquiries.
In the pink section of the library, Little Misses can find books on all kinds of pink things; princesses, ponies, or even the absence of equal pink representation in Binaryville's City Council.
One day, Little Miss Questioning found herself in quite the quandary.

Quandary means delicate situation.

For earlier that morning, instead of her usual pink bow she decided to put on her brother's blue baseball cap with the spinner on top.

She always admired it.
Before she could even sit down at the breakfast table, her father scolded her.

"YOU TAKE THAT OFF IMMEDIATELY", he demanded, “and promise to never wear it again.”

Little Miss Questioning was upset, and obviously full of questions as to why, but neither her father nor her mother had any time for such foolish questions.
So, after breakfast Little Miss Questioning headed directly to the library.

She scanned the pink section high and low for books on blue clothes and why Little Misses are not allowed to wear them.

She had no luck. Beyond a book on tiaras and tutus, there was simply no books on blue clothes and therefore no answers to be found.
When you are in a library and you have questions, the best person to ask is the librarian.

At the Binaryville Library, the head librarian is Mr. Grumpy.

Everyone in Binaryville knows that you should never expect a good answer from Mr. Grumpy. Yet, Little Miss Questioning was desperate for answers and she had no other option.
“Excuse me”, she said calmly and quietly.

“I'm busy”, Mr. Grumpy replied sharply, without looking up from his newspaper.

“I’m looking for a book on blue clothes”, said Little Miss Questioning timidly.

“In the blue section. Why are you wasting my time with such stu...”
As Mr. Grumpy put down his paper to inspect the source of the voice, and noticed that it came from a pink Little Miss Questioning, he immediately replied with, “There is absolutely no reason a Little Miss like you has any need for such books.”

“But I want to find out why...”

“THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON, NOW SCRAM!”, Mr. Grumpy cut her off before she could even finish her question.
Now while Mr. Grumpy's reaction might make him an unsuitable librarian, it does not necessarily make him a bad person.

However, his reaction did only create more questions for Little Miss Questioning.

But where is one to go for answers if one is not able to find them at the library?

Just as Little Miss Questioning was about to give up hope, a bus from the neighbouring town of Q drove by, and on the side was a poster for a Mx. Queer.
The poster read...
YOU’VE GOT QUESTIONS?
MY CRYSTAL BALL HAS ANSWERS
Mr. Queer
“I've got questions,” thought Little Miss Questioning.

“The newest one being, what does Mx. mean?”

Before you could say “answers lie ahead”, Little Miss Questioning found herself on the bus heading straight for Q Town.
One thing you might have already spotted, is that Q Town and its people are a little more colourful than those in Binaryville.

Although the towns are relatively close by, the citizens of Binaryville saw little reason to complicate their simple lives with the 'oddness' in Q Town.

The citizens of Q Town simply had little interest in a town with only two colours, (except for Little Miss Stubborn, she often dreamt of moving to Binaryville).
Upon arrival outside the enchanting door of Mx. Queer, Little Miss Questioning realised that her pink head had never before been so full with questions, old and new ones.

Old questions about blue clothes and why Little Misses cannot wear them and...

new questions about why the people of Q Town were rainbow coloured, and why they went by Mx. and not Mr. or Little Miss?
As Little Miss Questioning raised her hand to knock on the door of Mx. Queer's store, the door swung open all on its own, and a foreign, yet still comforting voice said, “I've been expecting you.”
Although wondering how a person could be expecting someone they didn't know was coming, Little Miss Questioning still entered and as the door closed found herself surrounded by the most beautiful, bright colours she had ever seen. Colours she didn't even know the name of.

"Welcome my child, you have come seeking answers", said an even more brightly coloured person. "I am Mx. Queer, that's pronounced /mix/."
“What does it mean?” was Little Miss Questioning's first question.

“It means I am not a Mr. Men, nor a Little Miss, I am myself and myself alone. I do not need to be blue or pink or fuchsia or teal. I do not need to wear blue hats or pink shoes to make others feel comfortable. I am free to be me and dress how I feel.”

“Are you the only person who feels this way?” Little Miss Questioning asked.

“Why heavens no child, this feeling sits within us all. All the way down to what makes us, US, our DNA. No two peoples' is the same, so why on Earth should we look and act the same?”
Little Miss Questioning was shocked, and not for the reasons you might think.

She was not shocked by Mx. Queer's answers. She was shocked by the fact that Mx. Queer asked her a question.

Nobody had ever asked her a question before. She would have remembered. She was an expert on questions. Rhetorical questions, open ended questions, all types. But not once had anyone ever asked her one.
The funny thing with questions though is that you can answer them with more questions.

This Q&A went on for hours. A's led to more Q's and Q's led to more A's.

By the time Little Miss Questioning had to leave, she had learned:

- that Mr. Men and Little Misses are not opposites.
- that in fact, being a Little Miss does not mean you must wear pink or that being a Mr. Men means you must wear blue.
- that people grow and change and that's okay.
Most importantly, Little Miss Questioning learned that she didn't even really like pink, but only felt that she had to like it because it was the law in Binaryville, and had always been the law.

Yet Mx Queer taught Little Miss Questioning that “change is the law of life.”

And do you know how Mx. Queer said laws change?
Through QUESTIONING!
Little Miss Questioning said her goodbyes and thanked Mx. Queer, and as she stepped outside she noticed something different. She was no longer pink. In fact, she was every colour, but pink.

So overcome with joy, it was the first time Little Miss Questioning had no questions, for she finally understood what was happening.
Upon returning home, her parents were worried, yet relieved to see her.

“Where have you been Little Miss Questioning? What happened to you? Why are you not pink? Are you sick?.”

Though no longer the first time she had been asked a question, it was the first time her parents had ever asked her one.

And do you know how she replied?
“I am not Little Miss Questioning anymore, I am Mx. Questioning now. That's pronounced /mix/.”

"Or just Mx. Q for short.” Mx. Questioning stated proudly.

And for the first time ever, Mx. Questioning asked no questions, Mx. Questioning gave only answers.
Oh, and as for Mr. Grumpy.

He too saw the same poster a few days later, and I can happily say that he is no longer...

Grumpy.
To all the little young beautiful minds of the world,
BE YOURSELF AND NOBODY ELSE.

WE NEED YOU!
Collect all the LITTLE MISS books!

1 Little Miss Bossy
2 Little Miss Naughty
3 Little Miss Neat
4 Little Miss Sunshine
5 Little Miss Tiny
6 Little Miss Trouble
7 Little Miss Giggles
8 Little Miss Helpful
9 Little Miss Magic
10 Little Miss Shy
11 Little Miss Splendid
12 Little Miss Twins
13 Little Miss Chatterbox
14 Little Miss Dotty
15 Little Miss Late
16 Little Miss Lucky
17 Little Miss Scatterbrain
18 Little Miss Star
19 Little Miss Busy
20 Little Miss Quick
21 Little Miss Wise
22 Little Miss Tidy
23 Little Miss Greedy
24 Little Miss Fickle
25 Little Miss Brainy
26 Little Miss Stubborn
27 Little Miss Curious
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29 Little Miss Contrary
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31 Little Miss Scary
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