

# AMANDA'S SECRETS

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THE ADVENTURES OF AMANDA

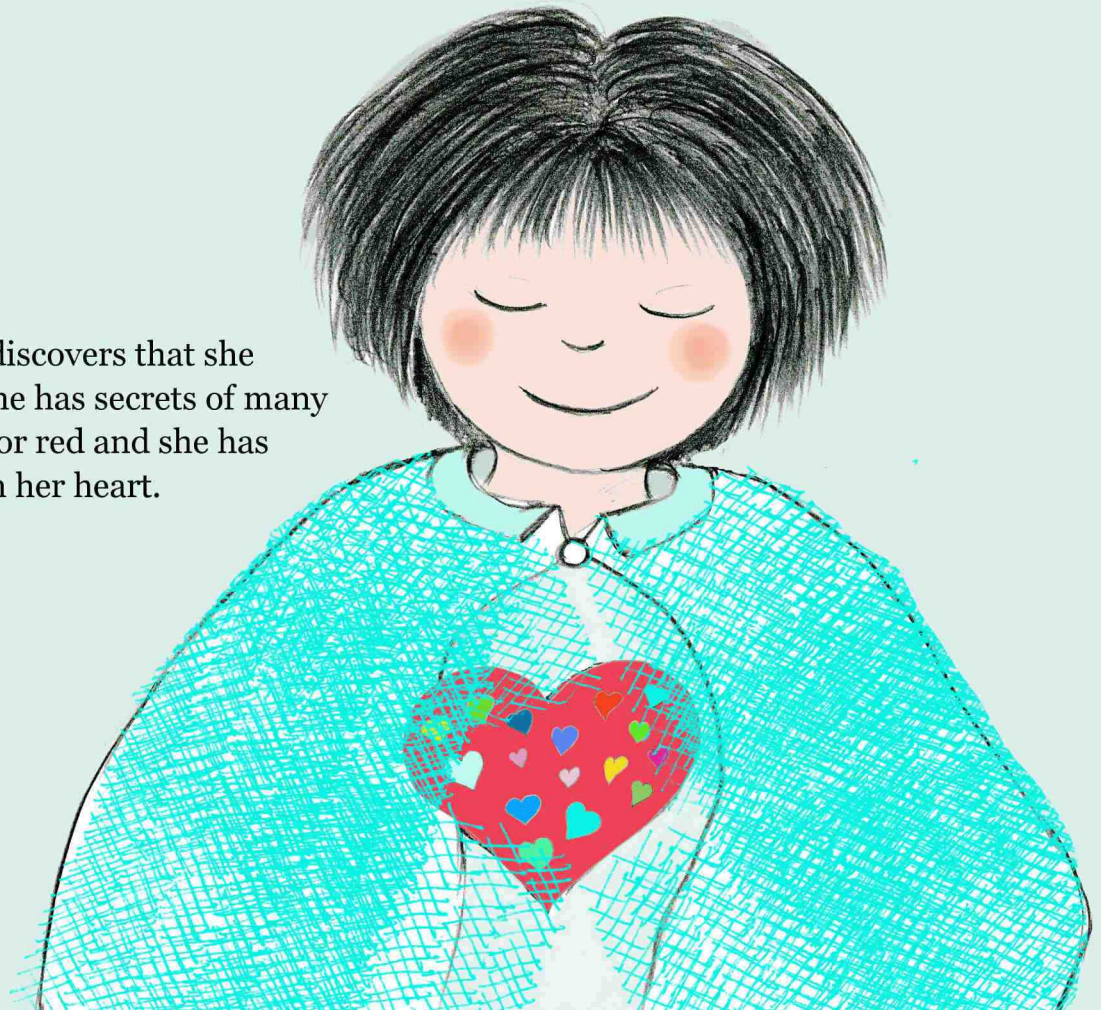
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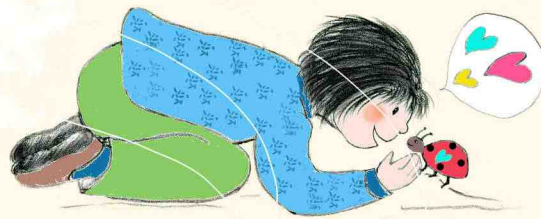
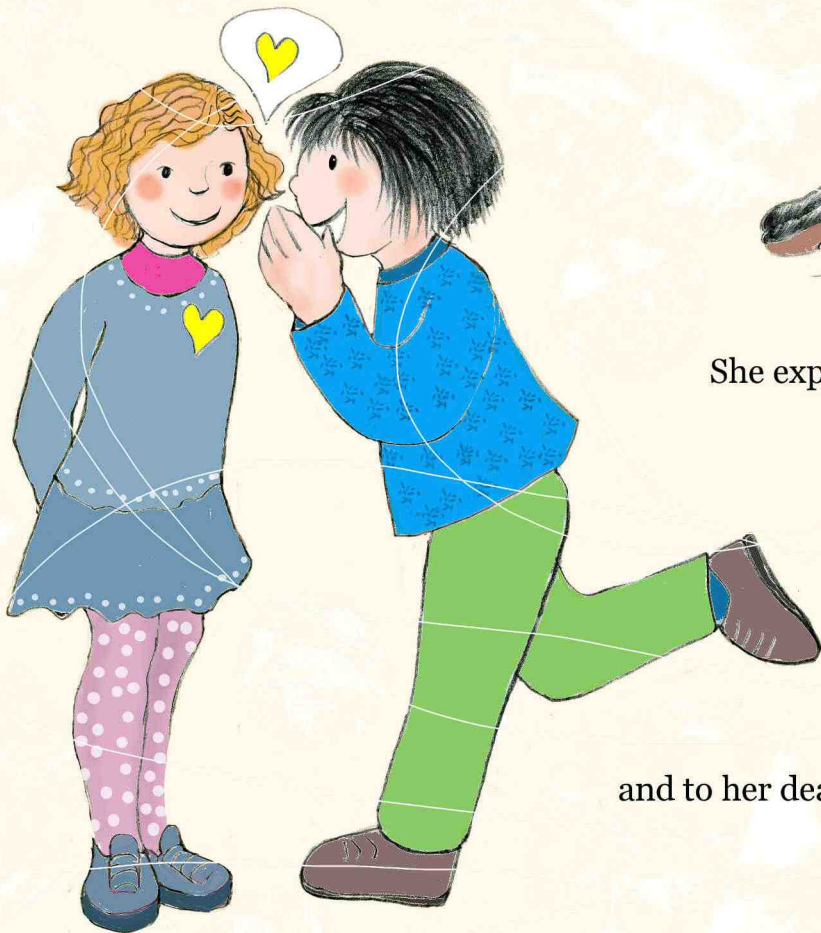
One day, Amanda discovers that she can have secrets. She has secrets of many colors: green, blue or red and she has them hidden within her heart.





Amanda likes to explain some secrets to her friends. When she shares them, a very special bond is created between them; they become her playmates, her very best friends.





She explains a blue secret to the ladybug...

and to her dearest friend, a yellow one.

Between Amanda and her friends is formed a silky network that goes from heart to heart.



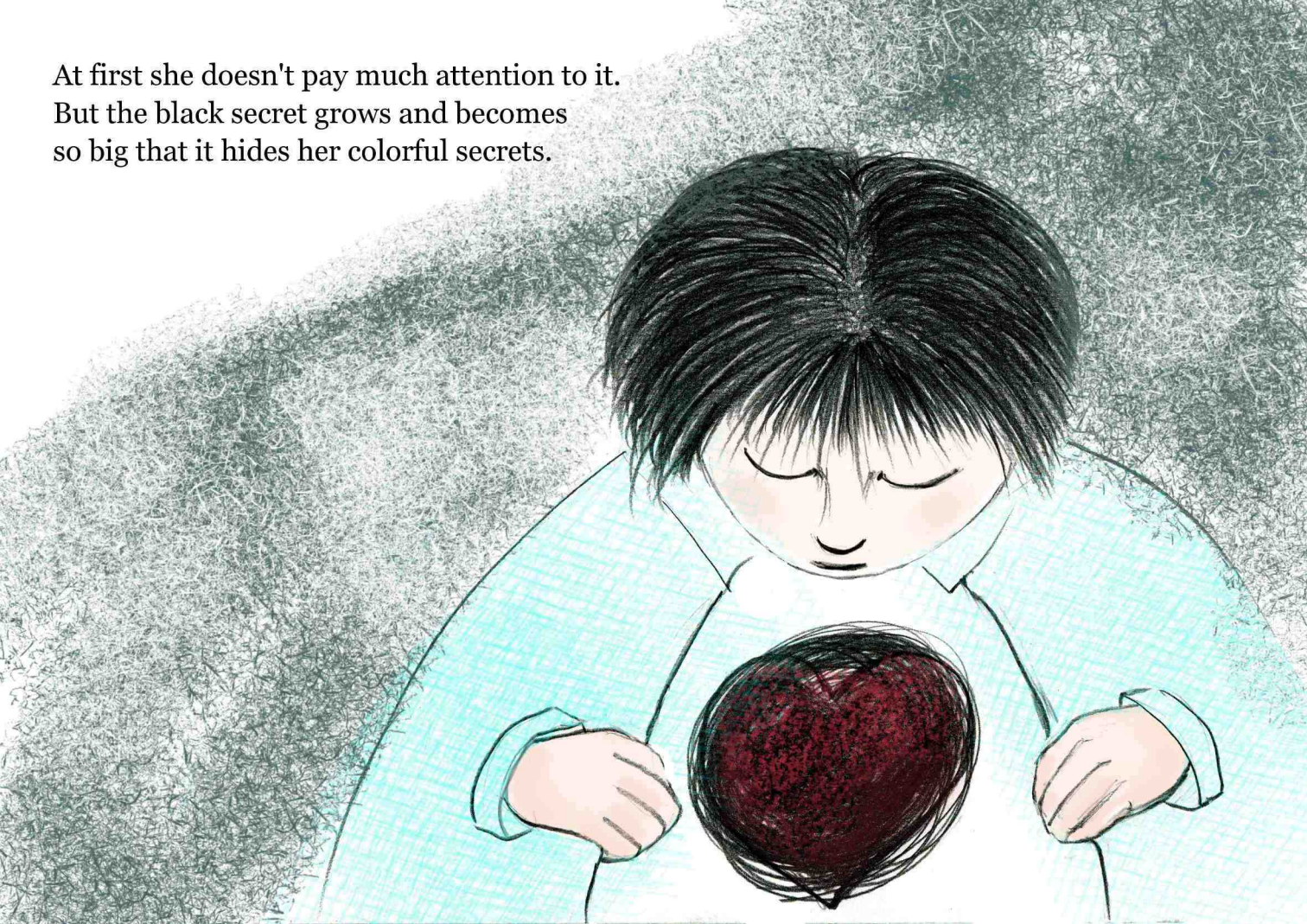




But, suddenly, almost without Amanda noticing it, someone paints her a black secret. It's a different kind of secret. It's a secret she doesn't like.



At first she doesn't pay much attention to it.  
But the black secret grows and becomes  
so big that it hides her colorful secrets.





Amanda is sad. She loses her appetite and she cannot sleep at night.  
She feels that no one can love her because she has a black secret.

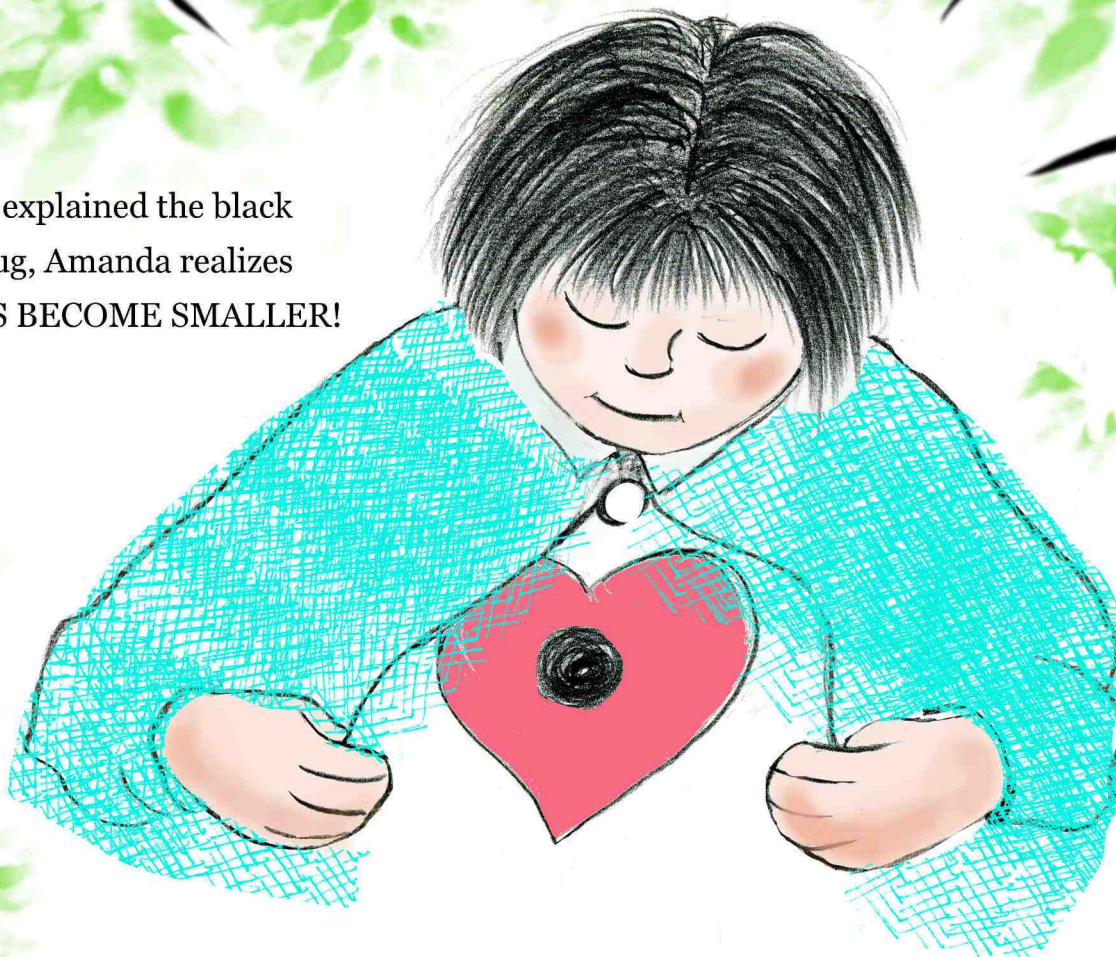




But her ladybug friend is not far away. She is worried because she notices that Amanda looks sad and she asks her, “Tell me! What's wrong? I'm your friend. You cannot keep secrets from me!”  
Finally, after gathering her courage, Amanda tells the ladybug the black secret.



As soon as she has explained the black secret to the ladybug, Amanda realizes that the secret **HAS BECOME SMALLER!**





Her friend, the clown, has also noticed that for some days Amanda is looking sad and he asks her, “Tell me! What's wrong? I'm your friend. You cannot keep secrets from me!” Finally, after gathering her courage, Amanda tells him the black secret.





As soon as she has explained the black secret to the clown, Amanda realizes that the secret **HAS BECOME SMALLER!**



Amanda hurries to explain the black secret to her father.





She hurries to explain it to her mother.



She explains it to the garden trees, to the birds, to the butterflies.

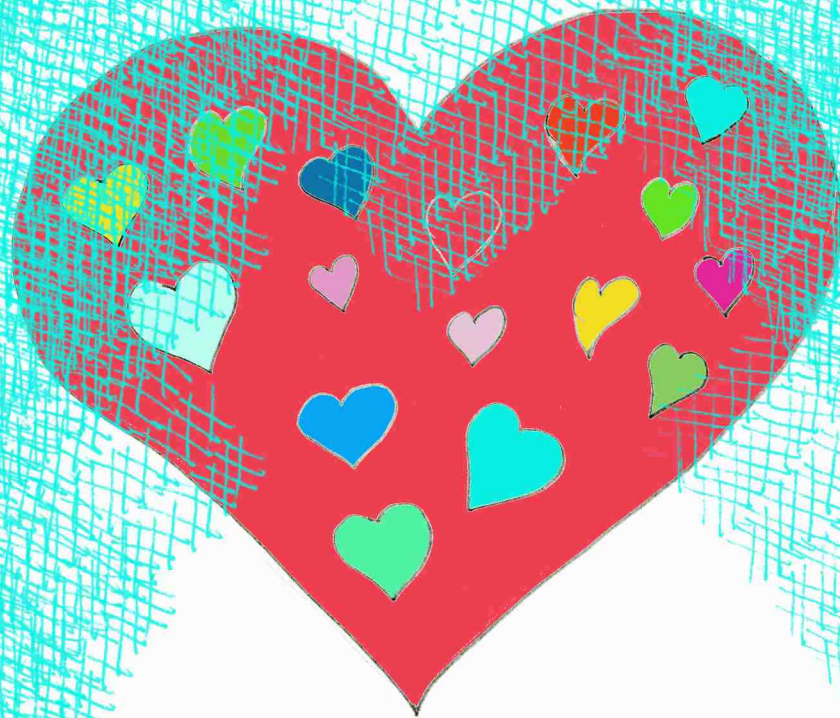




At school, she explains it to her dearly loved teacher. And the black secret becomes smaller and smaller until it completely disappears.







Finally, her colorful secrets shine again in her heart.



A grief shared by many is half a grief.  
A joy shared is twice a joy.

*(Vietnamese Folk saying)*



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