
THE WORLD BEFORE ME WAS MADE OF TINY SPARKLING DIAMONDS.

And then, like that wasn't enough, there were bright little dots of good old colour. I had almost forgotten about that. The dots seemed to be bobbing in mid air. They became larger. Sharper. Before I knew it, I could see faces. Familiar faces. Faces I hadn't seen in a long time. My dad's anxious expression. My mom's look of consternation. I felt a surge of emotion wash over me.

About a year ago, an explosion had caused my world to reduce to black. "Blinded in both eyes." When I first heard the Doctor say these words, I refused to believe him. But then, darkness became my reality. Funny how my dream of becoming an Aeronautical Engineer suddenly seemed bleak and irrelevant.

The best of eye treatments failed. They said only one thing could help me see again – a donated cornea. Pinning their hopes on this, my parents got me registered for a cornea transplant. The wait seemed endless. But then, almost when we were about to give up, the phone rang. A young boy my age had died in a car accident. But he had left his eyes behind. I felt a deep sense of gratitude.

And now, as I gently smiled at my mom, I couldn't help but feel like someone had turned on the divine light for me. As I remembered the darkness that had consumed me moments ago, I closed my eyes in reverence for the boy who made sure his eyes lived on.

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