

THE RED DOOR

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Plot Summary

Murdo, a quiet, conformist man living in a strict Highland village, wakes to find his usually green door painted **red**. This colour triggers an inner awakening: he realises he has been conforming all his life and longs for individuality. Inspired by Mary, a non-conforming villager, Murdo embraces the door's message and chooses a new direction.

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Themes

- **Conformity vs Individuality** — Murdo's life is defined by conformity, but the red door symbolises change.
- **Identity** — He asks: "But was he really happy?"
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- **Community pressure** — The village disapproves of difference.
- **Rebirth / Awakening** — The door prompts Murdo's self-realisation.

Symbols

- **Red door** — passion, individuality, freedom.
 - **Masks** — false identities people wear.
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