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Why Did You Choose This Conversation: It was the first time I heard about "Xeroderma Pigmentosum", and I was attracted by Alice's experience immediately. As a nine-year-old girl, she should play, run and laugh. She should have a happy childhood, but she has to hide from sunshine and face death every day. There are so many pleasure of life that she has to give up. I was amazed by how strong and calm she is, and how peacefully she and her family accept their life.

What inspired me: It's the word "light". When we talk about light, this word allows people to associate with beautiful warm things. For most people light means hope and future. But it's different for Alice. Light is her enemy. It is her nightmare and also what she desires. Her story is

so unusual and heart breaking at the same time. Imagine if you will a little girl rolling in a dark corner with her teddy bear, staying away from window. A little girl that is a 'bookaholic' with an amazing imagination.

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