

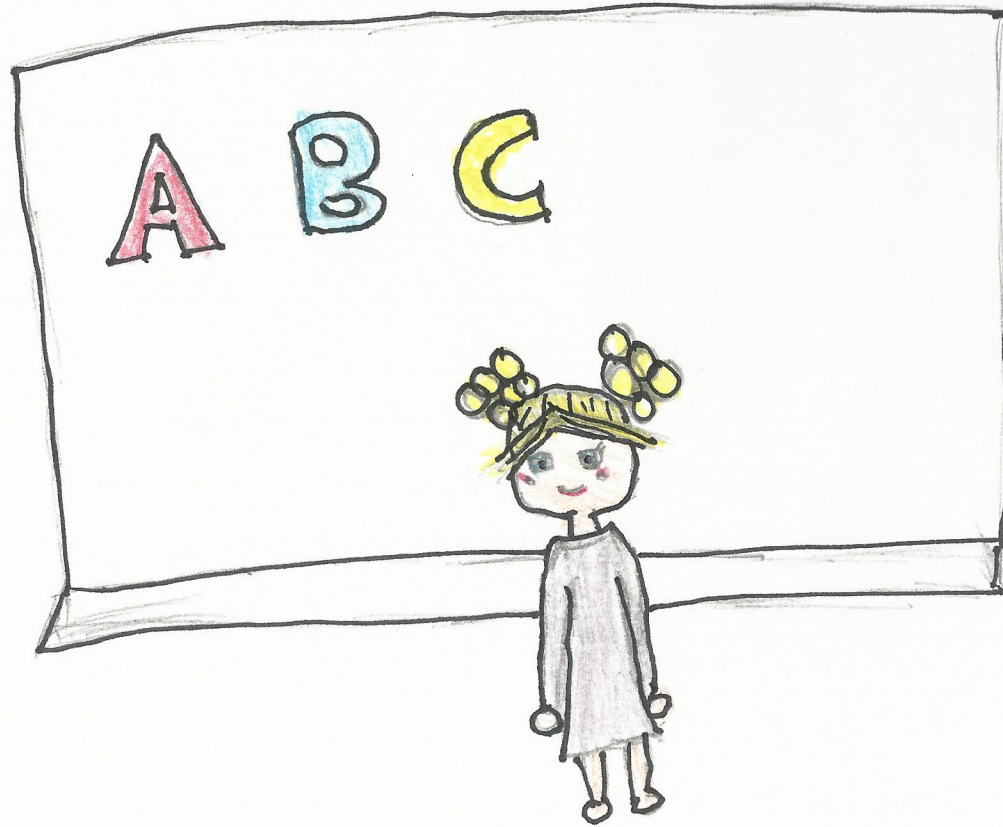
# Emily makes new friends



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Emily is excited for her new adventure. She is moving into a new home across the country. She is also nervous to start at new school.



Emily starts school the day after she arrives. Her teacher Mr. Johnson introduces her to the class. "This is Emily. She is new to town. I would like everyone to be helpful and show her around."

The class just stares.



"Your seat will be in the back next to Henry and Hannah."

Emily starts toward her seat but she trips on someone's shoe and stumbles. The whole class bursts out laughing and the boy who tripped her smirks.

Emily stands up quickly and runs to her seat, her face is bright red.



The rest of the day didn't go any better. At lunch no one sits by Emily. No one wants to be her partner in math. Finally recess time comes and Emily is happy to be away from her classmate's rude stares. She hides behind a tree. *"Nobody likes me."* Emily thinks.



Suddenly someone comes around the tree. It is Tommy and some kids from class.

"Oh look! The poor baby's crying!" Tommy says. Everyone starts laughing and Emily is embarrassed. "Did we scare you?" Tommy snickers.

Emily runs away.

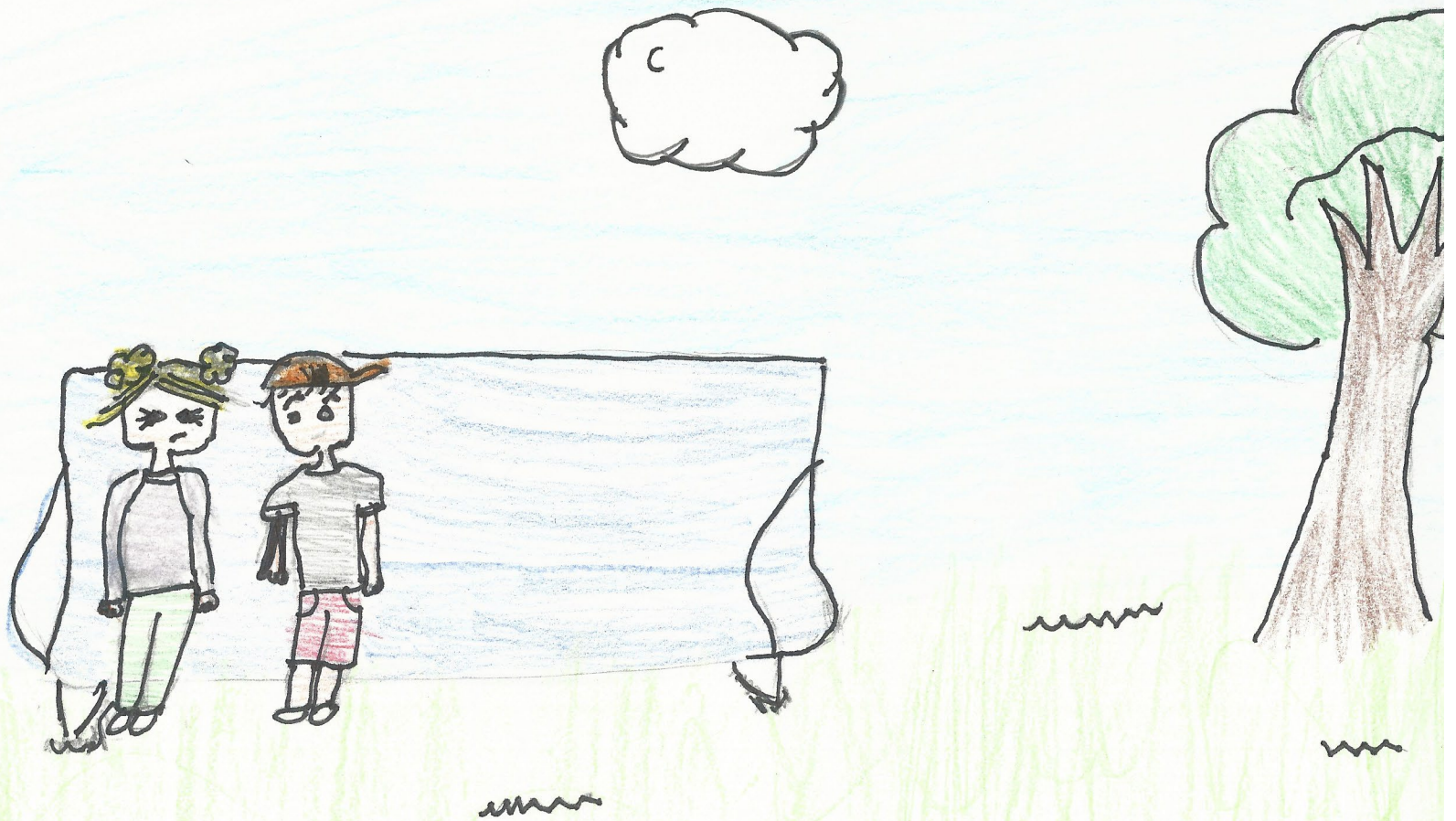


Days go by with no change. Everyday Tommy and his friends bully her at recess. No one wants to be her friend. One day Tommy hands out invitations for his birthday party. Everyone in the class gets one, except Emily. The class is buzzing with excitement. Emily feels bad that she doesn't get to go.



Emily is very sad about the party. Finally, she has had enough, Emily takes a shirt, a new pair of pants, and peanut butter sandwich and runs away. She runs all the way to the park. When she gets there she sits on a bench and cries.

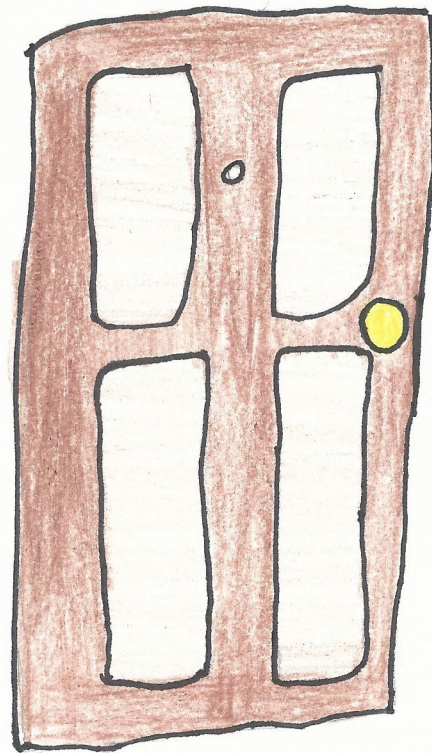




When she finally looks up, someone is next to her. "Hi! I'm Henry! Are you Okay?" the boy asks. "I'm Emily. I'm running away. Nobody likes me and they all laugh at me." Emily answers. "Oh. but what are you going to do in a park all day?" Henry asks. "I don't know. I've never thought of that before." Emily answers she is starting to worry that maybe this isn't the best idea.



"Do you go to Westside?" Henry asks. "Yes." Emily replied. "If you don't run away, you can come play with me at recess tomorrow." Henry feels bad for Emily and he wants to help. "Okay!" Emily's face starts to brighten. "Let's go tell my mom who you are, and then she can take you home." Henry tells her and they head off.



when Emily gets home her mom is crying. "I was so worried Emily! Why did you leave?" she asks. "I'm sorry. I just ran away because no one at school likes me. They all make fun of me, but Henry is my friend now." Emily explains. "Oh Emily! I'm sorry! But, I'm glad you made a new friend."



The next day Emily plays with Henry at recess. When Tommy and his friends come to bully her, Henry stands in between them. "Stop it! That's mean! Leave Emily alone!" Henry tells Tommy and his friends. Tommy looks sad as he runs off.



One day, Emily sees Tommy sitting alone at recess. She walks over to him. "Do you want to play with me?" Emily asks. "I was mean to you. Why would you want to be nice to me?" Tommy is surprised that she wants to be his friend. "That's O.K., I'll forgive you, now lets go play." Emily says. Tommy smiles "O.K.!" Then, they headed off to play.



After that, nobody bullies Emily. In fact, she makes many new friends. Emily is very thankful that Henry stood up for her.



Tommy is friends with Emily now and no one bullies her. Emily is very happy. She makes a promise to herself that she will never bully anyone. instead she will try to be a friend to everyone no matter what.

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