

Jacquelyn was a normal fourteen year old. She liked to shop, she loved her phone, and she loved the beach. But deep down inside of her, she didn't feel normal. You might ask, why didn't Jacquelyn feel normal? If Jacquelyn were to answer this, she'd probably say she felt normal, anywhere but school.

At school, Jacquelyn was the target for teasing. She often got criticized for her clothes, her shoes, her backpack, and even her glasses. At lunch, she sat alone, quietly eating her food watching the popular girls chat with friends and flirt with boys thinking, 'If only I had friends, I would come out of the blue'. Little did Jacquelyn know, just what was going to happen...

One day, on a Monday morning, Jacquelyn was at her locker. 'Another day, another day of teasing,' Jacquelyn thought with a sigh. As she put her lunch in her locker, she spotted a piece of paper that has never been there before. Jacquelyn picked up the paper and unfolded it.

"Will you be my friend? Ha, ha, ha!"

Sadly, with tears stinging her eyes, she ripped up the piece of paper and dropped it in a recycling bin. On her way to class, Jacquelyn could feel all eyes on her. She could hear the whispers of other students. As she walked into her classroom, everyone stared. Jacquelyn wondered why everyone stared at her when she entered the classroom. Not looking where she was walking, Jacquelyn felt herself falling. She tried to block her fall by sticking her arms out, but it was too late. As she landed on the floor, the whole class laughed.

"Watch where you're going next time, dummy," Someone shouted at her. Jacquelyn could feel the tears stinging her eyes, once again. She quickly gathered everything together and sat in her seat just as the teacher

walked in. 'Somethings got to bring me out of the blue sometime soon,' Jacquelyn thought, with sadness in her heart.

That day at lunch, Jacquelyn sat alone again. As she quietly ate her sandwich, she saw some girls picking on another girl. Jacquelyn knew how the girl felt. She had felt what the girl was going through. The girl looked so scared, and she looked so small. 'I should do it,' her guts said. 'No! Don't do it!' her brain said. While her brain and her guts argued, her heart was caught in the middle. But at last, her heart made a decision. She would stick up for the girl. Jaquelyn put down her sandwich and walked over to here the girl was being teased.

"That's it," Jacquelyn said angrily to the bullies.

"Oh, hey Jack o' Lantern, back for more?" One of the girls said, holding her fist up.

"No, I actually came to save this poor, innocent girl," Jacquelyn said, sounding just as tough. The girl being teased seemed really relieved. She smiled at Jacquelyn and and mouthed, 'thank you'. Jacquelyn smiled back, more confident now.

"What's up with all this bucked tooth smiling?" Another one of the bullies humored. The others around them roared with laughter. Jacquelyn could no longer hold in any of her anger in anymore.

"ENOUGH!" Jacquelyn screamed at the top of her lungs. The whole lunchroom got quiet and stared at her. Some started whispering to one another, others stared, frightened by the noise. Even the bullies looked a bit startled.

"Why do you do this? What do you want?" Jacquelyn demanded loudly.

"What do we want? What do *you* want?" Another one of the bullies said snottily.

"I want you to stop hurting people," Jacquelyn said straight out and loud.

"We never hit anyone!" The girls protested.

"You guys hurt them on the inside," Jacquelyn's voice floated into the bullies' ears, marking what Jacquelyn had said.

"Maybe she's right," One girl piped up. "Why *do* we do this?". That made all the bullying girls stop and think. After a while, most of the girls groaned, rolled their eyes, and walked away. Only a few stayed.

"Look we're so sorry we hung out with Shay," They said.

"Who's Shay?" Jacquelyn asked.

"The 'leader' of the group. But we're so, so sorry," the girls apologized. It sounded sincere enough, so Jacquelyn forgave them. For Jacquelyn, this was a dream come true. With her friends, the teased girl (Marley), and the girls that befriended Shay, Jacquelyn was never bullied again. As for the mean girls, they found other people to pick on, but were almost always stopped by Jacquelyn and her friends. The mean girls eventually stopped bullying, and tried being popular. But things were best for Jacquelyn. From a girl being teased and bullied every day, to a girl who lived a fabulous life, out of the blue.