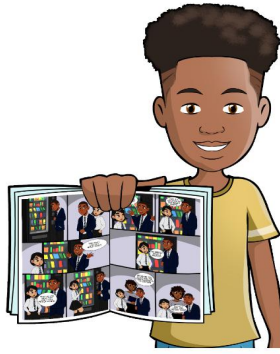


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LEONA THE LONELY SCHOOLGIRL

LEONA WAS SO NERVOUS ABOUT BEING THE NEW GIRL IN SCHOOL, SHE COULDN'T SLEEP. SHE HAD JUST MOVED TO A NEW TOWN, AND HADN'T MADE ANY FRIENDS YET. HER DAD WAS IN THE MILITARY, SO HER FAMILY HAD TO MOVE AROUND A LOT. SHE ALWAYS HAD A HARD TIME MAKING NEW FRIENDS.

ON THE FIRST DAY AT HER NEW SCHOOL, NO ONE TALKED TO HER EXCEPT THE TEACHER. SHE WENT HOME AND CRIED. HER MOTHER CAME INTO HER BEDROOM TO COMFORT HER.

"TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER, I'M SURE OF IT," HER MOTHER SAID.

"HOW DO YOU KNOW?" ASKED LEONA.

"WELL, MAYBE SOME OF THE OTHER KIDS DIDN'T TALK TO YOU BECAUSE THEY WERE JUST AS NERVOUS AS YOU WERE. IT ISN'T EASY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS," HER MOTHER SAID.

"YOU THINK SO?" LEONA ASKED.

"I DO THINK SO. MAYBE YOU COULD TRY TALKING TO A NEW PERSON EVERY DAY UNTIL YOU MAKE NEW FRIENDS."

THE NEXT DAY, LEONA WAS STILL NERVOUS TO GO TO SCHOOL. BUT WHEN SHE GOT TO CLASS, SHE TRIED TO MAKE SMALL TALK WITH THE GIRL WHO SAT IN THE DESK NEXT TO HERS. THEY ENDED UP LIKING ALL OF THE SAME THINGS -- UNICORNS, CHOCOLATE MILK, AND PLAYING SOCCER.

BEFORE SHE KNEW IT, LEONA HAD MADE HER FIRST FRIEND.

