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Episode 4: Acceptance

I'm not the kind of girl that typically gets noticed at school. My name is Sage and I'm 9 years old. I go to school and get good grades, but I don't have any friends. Whenever I want to do things like play **(insert your favorite board game)** I can't because I don't have anyone to play with. The school I go to is called **(insert place)** Academy. It's a school for fairy tale creatures and I really like it. I'm the only **(insert mythological creature)** in the entire school. You would think that people would notice me more because I am a **(insert mythological creature)** but no. I usually sit in the back of every class, except for **(insert your favorite subject)** because **(insert subject)** is my favorite class and Ms. Beck is my favorite teacher. She always takes the time to talk to me and to see how I'm doing. One day, I was walking into class and my heart dropped. I saw that another girl was sitting in my seat. She was really pretty and was wearing a **(insert your favorite color)** sweater. The girl looked up at me with a smile, but her smile dropped as soon as she saw the look on my face. She stood up and quickly asked if she was in my seat. I couldn't manage more than a nod, but she gave me a soft smile and got up. "Okay, I'll move





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over one. I'm May by the way." I managed a small smile and took my seat back. I stared at a faded sticker of a **(insert favorite kind of animal)** and **(insert favorite shape)** that I had on the surface of my desk and starting pulling them off. After the first sticker was off, a piece of paper with little **(insert type of flowers)** on it landed on my desk. It read "We should eat lunch together!" The note was from May. She was a fairy much like everyone else at school and I was shocked that she wanted to hang out with me. I looked over to May and nodded in agreement. At lunch that day, she was sitting at one of the big round tables with **(insert descriptor)**, towards the back of the cafeteria. She was eating pizza and just humming. I walked over with my tray of **(insert your favorite food)** and **(insert your favorite drink)**. I sat down next to her and we started talking about the things we liked to do outside of school. She said that she liked reading and I told her that I liked **(insert your favorite activity)**. We talked the entire lunch period and even walked to our next class together. We ended up eating lunch together every single day. After the first few days, another classmate also joined our table and talked to us. First it was our classmate named **(insert a girl's name)**.





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Then it was our classmate named (insert a boy's name). Before I knew it, our table was full of new friends. We could talk about anything and everything! I realized that the reason I used to feel so lonely was because I didn't open myself up to others. All I needed to do was talk to people and get to know my classmates. Now I have a bunch of friends and I've never been happier.

