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Episode 9: You Are Never Alone

There was a young boy named Billy who loved chess more than anything in the world. He had a chess set that was a bright color of **(insert color)**. He carried his chess set with him everywhere he went. His family member named **(insert family member)** taught him how to play when he was at the young age of **(insert number)** years old. Billy has been playing chess ever since. Billy used to play chess at school with his friend Kenny, but when Billy had to move schools, he worried that no one would play with him. His new school was called **(insert cool name)** Academy. He started at his new school in the middle of **(insert school month)**. On his first day, he wore a shirt that had a **(insert object)** on it, with matching pants. He also wore his favorite sneakers, because they were a cool color of **(insert color)**. He felt confident in his outfit and was excited to meet people at his new school. His first class was **(insert class name)** with Mr. Davis. The class was one of Billy's favorite subjects, so he figured the class would be a lot of fun. When he walked in, Mr. Davis pulled him to the front and said, "Class, we have a new student named Billy joining us. Billy, please tell us a little bit about yourself." Billy turned to the class





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and said, "Hi, my name is Billy. My favorite color is green. My favorite song is (insert your favorite song). My favorite food is (insert your favorite food). But most importantly, my favorite game in the entire world is Chess." Everyone was smiling, but when Billy talked about his love of chess, all of his new classmates started laughing. Billy didn't understand why they were laughing. He felt a wave of embarrassment and sadness wash over him. He put his head down and walked to the back of the room. He sat at the only free desk in the classroom. After a couple of minutes, a paper covered in (insert kind of sticker) landed on Billy's desk. He opened the note and it said, "Nobody likes chess and nobody will like you." Billy held back tears as he read the note. When class was over, Billy walked over to the trash can and threw the letter away. As the day continued, some people would bring up chess and point at Billy and laugh. When it came time for lunch, Billy grabbed a tray and stood in line. He picked up (insert food), a (insert fruit), and (insert drink), before sitting down at an empty table. Halfway through eating, a boy with hair that was a bright color of (insert hair color) came and sat down across from him. He was wearing a shirt with (insert pattern) on it. The boy smiled at Billy and said,





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“Hi, my name is Noah. I heard that you like chess.” Billy immediately frowned and turned away. Noah persisted and said, “I like chess too.” Billy smiled bigger than he ever had before. The boys then talked about their favorite animals, movies, and so much more. Noah liked **(insert animal)** and Billy’s favorite movie was **(insert movie)**. When the lunch bell rang and it was time for recess, Noah told Billy to follow him. They walked down the hall passing the art room and then past the **(insert place)**. They ended up in front of a little door that had a banner with **(insert person/place/thing)** hanging on it. When they walked in, Billy could see a bunch of chess sets and students playing. Noah said, “This is the chess club here at school, you are welcome to join.” Billy smiled and nodded his head with excitement. He was so happy that there was a whole group of people that liked chess, just like he did. Billy no longer felt alone and was excited to play chess with his new friends.

