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CHAPTER ONE



The New Group

Jayden couldn't remember the first time he met Mia. Their mothers had been best friends since before they were born. They used to go to the park together, his mother told him. They played on the swings and the merry-go-round while their moms talked. They dug in the sandbox and

built castles together. They had been friends ever since.

Every day at lunch, they ate their matching peanut butter sandwiches and carrots next to each other and made funny faces together during quiet reading time in class.

But things changed as they grew up. Now, Jayden and Mia were in fifth grade. It was the last year of elementary school. Over the summer, Mia had made new friends at the community pool. Now she was inseparable from Hallie and Steph.

They all had matching long, shiny hair and rainbow backpacks. Jayden was pretty sure he would not fit in with these new friends.

One Friday at lunch, Jayden sat with Mia. Hallie and Steph joined them. The three girls discussed their weekend plans.

“So, my dad is driving us to the movie,” Hallie chirped, “and just so

you know, I told him we're seeing that cartoon one, the dumb one about the family of birds, you know? But we'll go to the superhero one instead. He's going to give me money for tickets and the mall after, so make sure you guys bring money too."

"You're coming, right, Jayden?" Mia turned to him lazily. "My mom can drive you."

"Oh my gosh, Mia, you're inviting a *boy!*" screeched Steph, and she and Hallie put their heads together and giggled.

"Um, I can't go, anyway," Jayden admitted. "I have to help my mom on Saturdays, remember?"

He felt embarrassed. He and Mia were friends. Why did they always have to make a big deal that he was a boy and she was a girl?

"It's so funny that you still do that!" said Mia. The comment stung, as Jayden didn't see what was funny about

helping his mother around the house on weekends. With three younger siblings, Jayden knew that his mother needed all the help she could get.



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