

# Harmony

Once there was a girl named Harmony. Harmony was the most popular girl in school. She was known for her glossy red hair, which she was very proud of.

Harmony was beautiful, popular, and accomplished. She got straight A's and was captain of the cheerleading squad. Her father was one of the richest businessmen in town.

But, in addition to all of Harmony's good qualities, she was snobby, mean, sneaky, and backstabbing, and sometimes, despite her popularity, she wasn't happy. Sometimes she was lonely.

Harmony surrounded herself with "friends" and made sure she had plans every minute of the weekend. She did this so she wouldn't have any time alone, because when she was alone, she felt guilty for every mean thing she had said and done that day.

One Monday at lunch, a girl named Liz Goldham, a girl who Harmony and her posse had labeled a loser, gestured toward a seat across from Harmony and asked timidly if anyone was sitting there. Harmony rudely informed her that someone was already sitting there. Then, making sure Liz was listening, she called out to a girl named Laine, asking if she wanted to sit with them. When Laine nodded, Harmony gestured to the seat Liz had asked to sit in and told Laine to sit there. Liz looked like she was about to burst into tears.

The next day, the teacher introduced a new student named Kelsey. Kelsey was really pretty, with blond hair and green eyes. She was also really nice, and Kelsey soon became really popular. And also, for some reason, Harmony felt strangely attached to the new girl, but Kelsey didn't seem to want to do anything with Harmony and her friends once she saw how they treated the losers.

One day, Harmony asked, once again, if Kelsey wanted to sit with them at lunch. Kelsey agreed. Harmony was shocked and elated. Maybe Kelsey did want to be



her friend, after all! Harmony vowed not to make fun of any nerds or losers that day. What could possibly go wrong?

But that day at lunch, everything did.

As soon as Kelsey sat down at Harmony's lunch table, Harmony's best friend, Shawna, started talking about Kelsey's new friend, Claire, calling her a "hopeless loser." Harmony was mortified. Shawna was repeating what Harmony herself had called Claire just a few days ago.

Kelsey's mouth hung open as she listened to Shawna talk about Claire. Once she was finished, Kelsey packed up her lunch and bolted. A minute later they saw her sit down next to Claire and the two began talking and laughing. Everyone glared at Shawna, who recoiled.

At recess Kelsey pulled Harmony aside, asking how she could be best friends with someone so cruel. They talked the whole recess. Harmony felt much better. She and Kelsey had a plan.

The next day at lunch, Harmony and Kelsey sat together with Claire, ignoring Shawna and the others' frantic beckoning gestures. Harmony was polite to her "friends"; but wouldn't play with them at recess or sit with them at lunch. Soon she, Kelsey and Claire became best friends.

That week, the school decided to have an autograph wall for Oakland Elementary School's graduating class. During lunch everyone signed it. When it was their turn, Kelsey, Claire, and Harmony signed the wall: "Kelsey, Harmony, Claire – Best Friends Forever".

THE END

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