

I WANT A FRIEND

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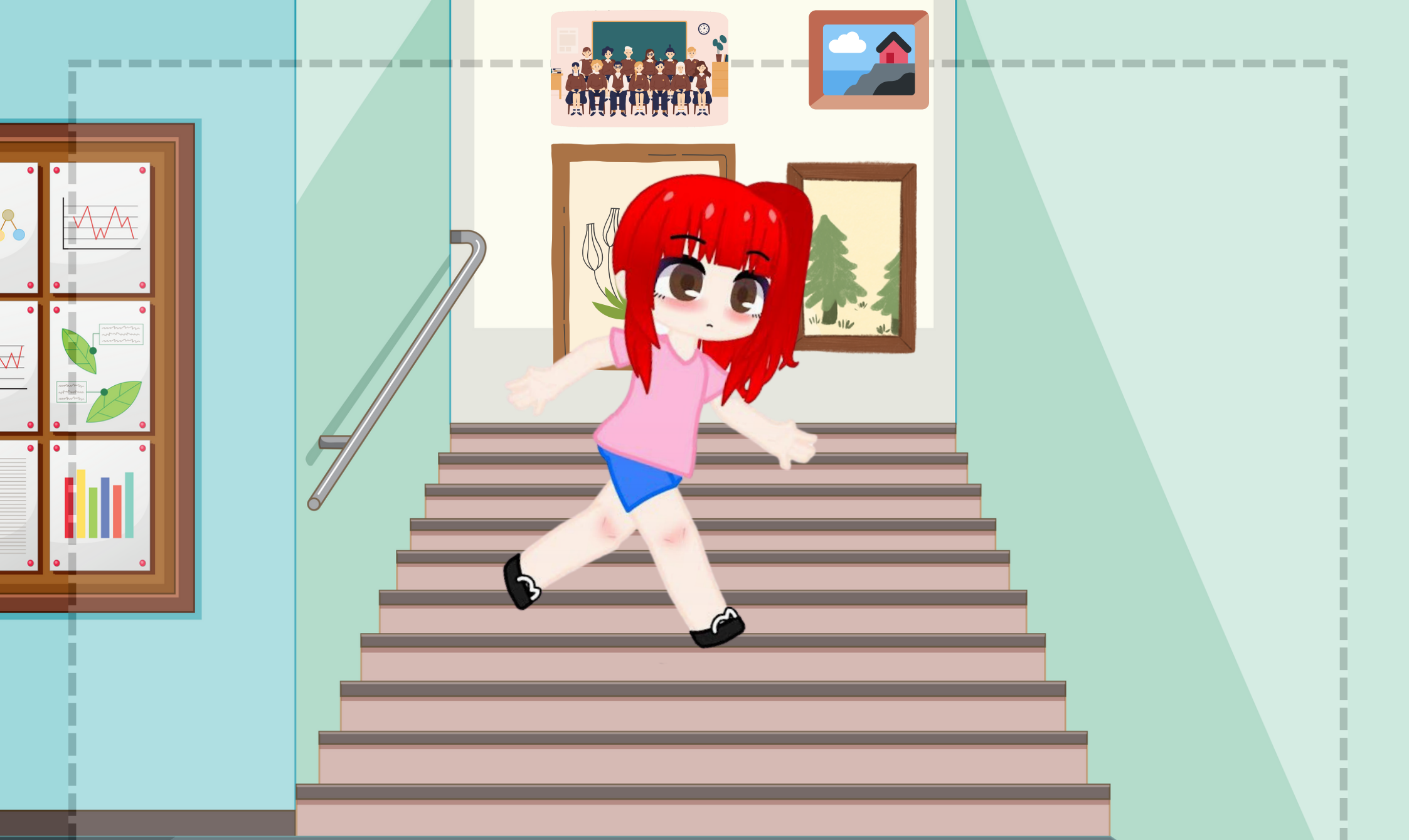


-this book is dedicated to a very special person

On a Glorious bright and sunny day, Mina was woken up by her mother, she was feeling anxious and nervous about her first day going to 1st grade.



"Come down for breakfast Mina",
shouted mom.



She went down for breakfast running as fast as she could.

Her parents were waiting for her at the table, “Good morning Mina, are you ready for your first day at school?” asked mom.





Mina looked so nervous that morning,

there was so much sweat on her pale white face. Feeling worried, her mom didn't want to make her any more nervous so she didn't say another single word to Mina.



After Mina finished eating...

...she quickly got ready and grabbed the lunch her mom had made for her...



...and ran to the bus without saying a single word.



She arrived at school to find herself the subject of stares and gossip, leading her to feel even more nervous and insecure.

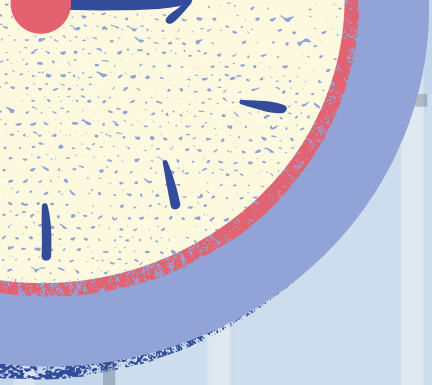




Mina didn't want to think too much about it so she went to class.

At lunch she wanted to sit next to someone but no one wanted to sit with her.



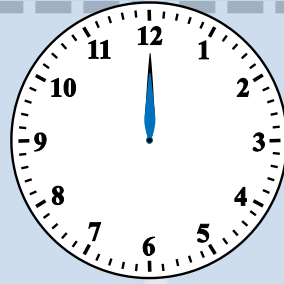


Mina ended up eating lunch alone at a tiny table, sad and lonely. Mina has struggled to make friends since then.



"I want...a...friend..." Mina cried..

The next day at school, a group of girls approached Mina at lunch.



”Do you wanna be friends? We saw you sitting alone with no friends so we thought we would say hi”



Mina was overjoyed that someone wanted to talk to her so she quickly nodded and said, “Of course! I would love being your friend”

The group of girls smirked and said,




“That's great but we have a few conditions...”

“I would do anything!”



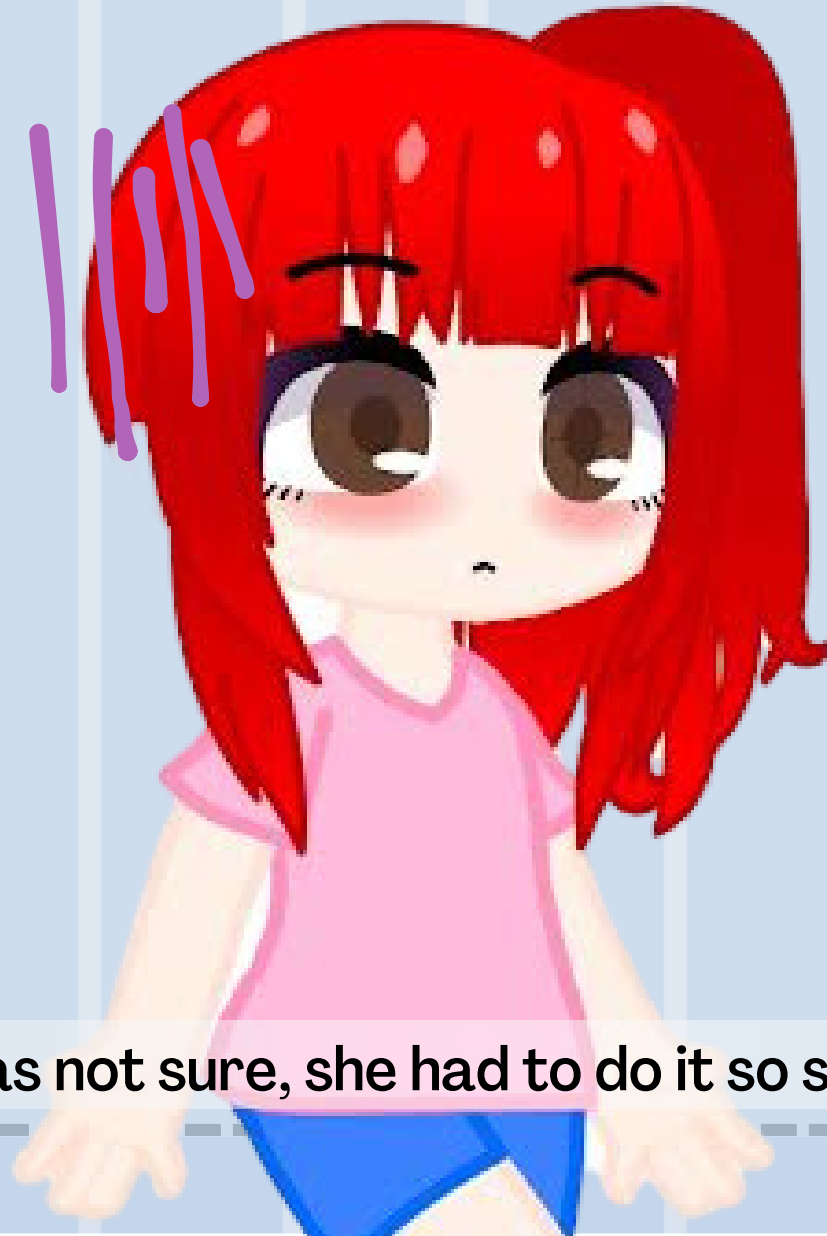
shouted Mina.



“First you have to
do everything we
say, second you will
have to look like us
so you won't
embarrass us”



Mina thought, and thought, and thought..."Should I do this? This is my only chance..."



Although she was not sure, she had to do it so she wouldn't be alone.

When she got home that day she quickly told her mom that she wanted to change her appearance.



Mina's mom tried to stop her but Mina kept insisting, so Mina's mom couldn't fight her anymore.

They went to different places...



...The salon



...The shop





Next day at school, Mina came to school looking completely different. “Is that Mina?” everyone whispered. “It doesn't look like her though” said the others.



Mina felt confident at that time, she almost forgot who she was.




“I need friends, I have to do this”

Her (fake) friends praised her for what she had done, but Mina kept feeling like she was not herself. But she threw those thoughts away from her head.




From that day onwards those friends of hers always told her to do things for them like, "Do my homework", or "Carry my bags", or "Give me your money".



“If you wanna have friends you have to be one of us!”.

Fed up with those things, Mina told them she didn't want to be friends with them anymore. Instead of letting Mina go they pulled aside Mina and said....

A cartoon illustration of a girl with long red hair, wearing a pink top and a white skirt with a pink ruffled hem. She has a speech bubble above her head. The speech bubble contains the text: "I can find my own friends. I don't need you and never will." The background shows a fence and some greenery.

"I can find my own friends. I don't need you and never will."

But Mina declined their offer and said...



She pushed them away, leaving them behind.



“Are you okay?”

Mina went to her classroom, she was sad she didn't have anyone to talk to, and just as she started to cry someone tapped her on the shoulder and said...



Mina quickly wiped her tears away and nodded to say yes. “Are you sure? You can talk to me if you're sad” said the girl .



“Oh! Sorry my name is Ririn. What's yours?” asked Ririn.
“I'm Mina, nice to meet you” she replied.



Since that day the two girls became the best of friends. They spent time with each other, played with each other, and even had lunch together.



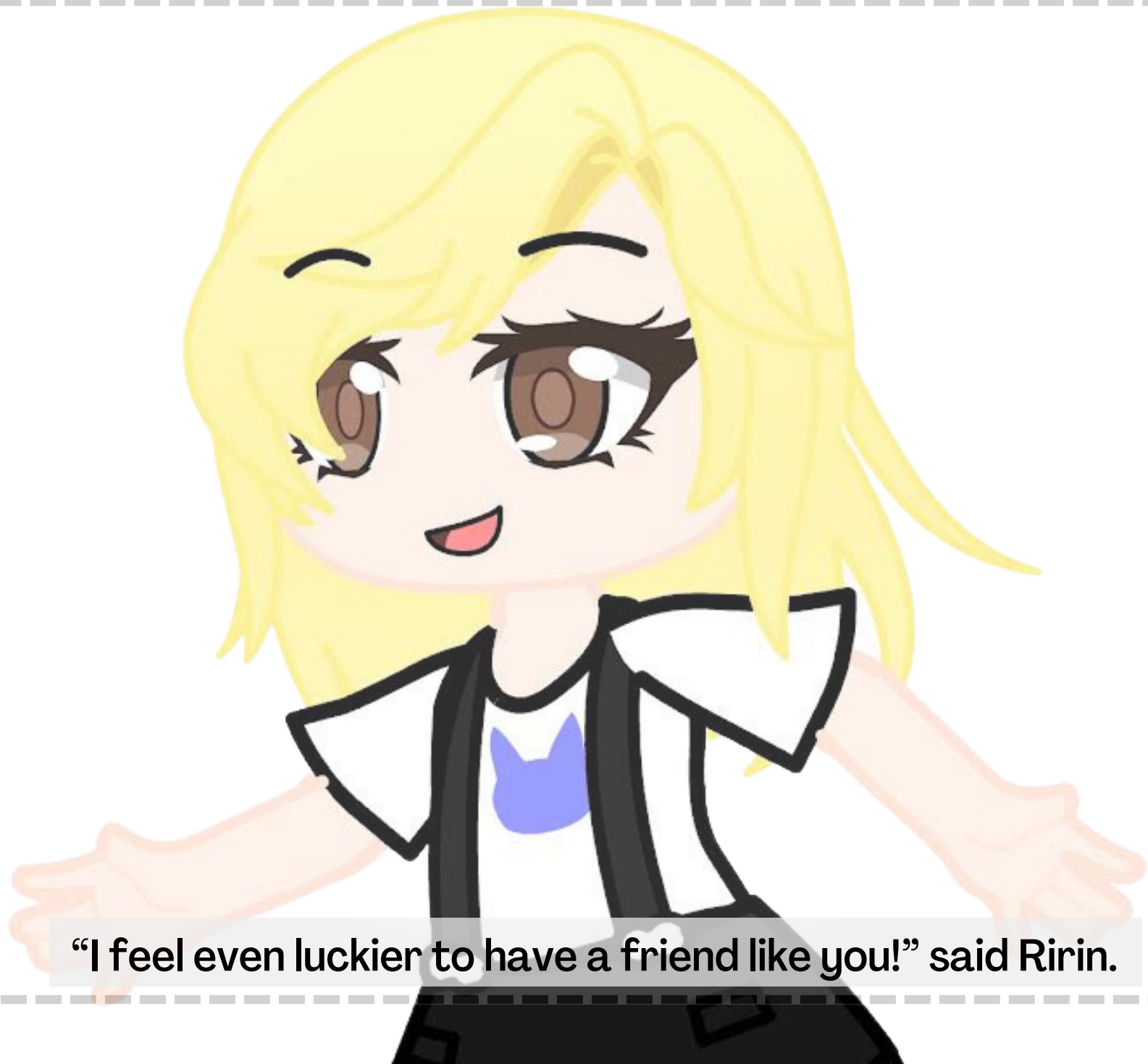
They did everything together! Mina finally found someone who accepted her for who she really is.



Mina learned that she doesn't need to change her appearance to be liked and valued by others, and that true friends will always accept her for who she really is.



“I feel lucky to have a friend like you!” shouted Mina.



“I feel even luckier to have a friend like you!” said Ririn.

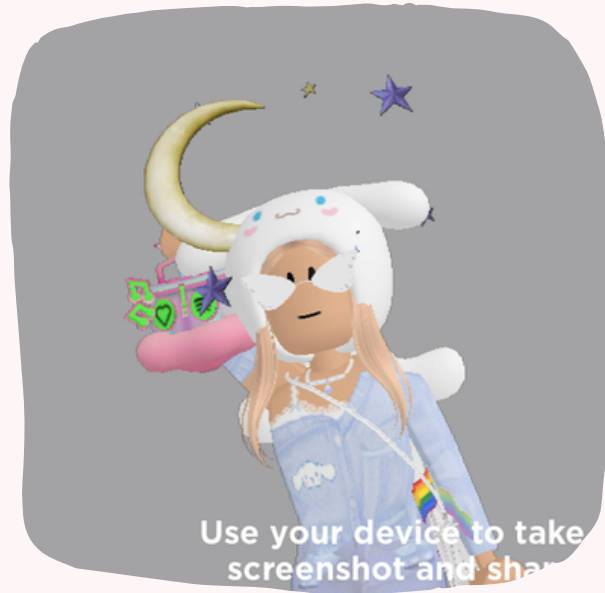


Ever since then, Mina lived happily with many of her true friends.

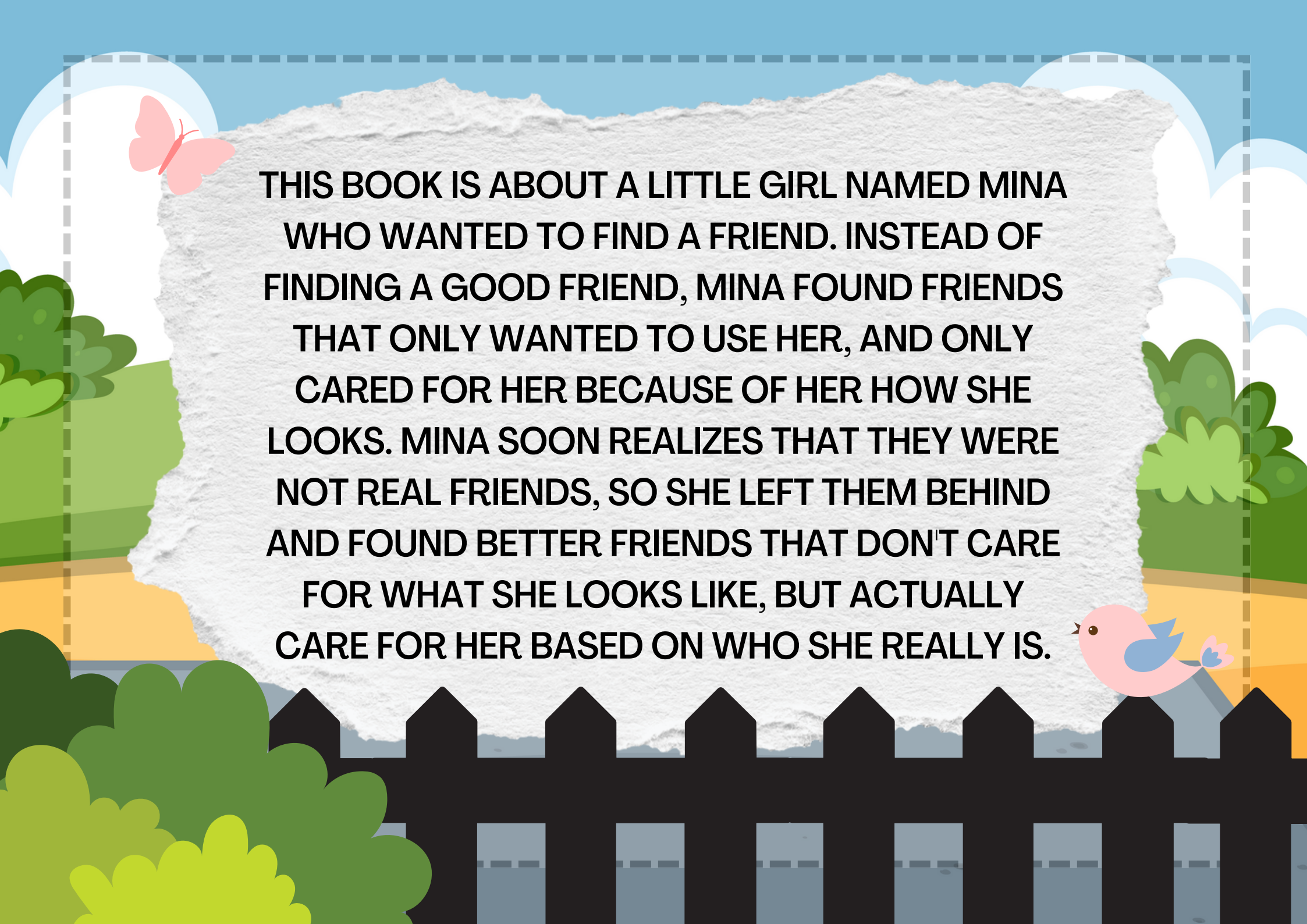
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My name is Eireine, I am 13 years old and I am from Indonesia. I am young girl that likes to draw anime characters and eat noodles.



THIS BOOK IS ABOUT A LITTLE GIRL NAMED MINA WHO WANTED TO FIND A FRIEND. INSTEAD OF FINDING A GOOD FRIEND, MINA FOUND FRIENDS THAT ONLY WANTED TO USE HER, AND ONLY CARED FOR HER BECAUSE OF HER HOW SHE LOOKS. MINA SOON REALIZES THAT THEY WERE NOT REAL FRIENDS, SO SHE LEFT THEM BEHIND AND FOUND BETTER FRIENDS THAT DON'T CARE FOR WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE, BUT ACTUALLY CARE FOR HER BASED ON WHO SHE REALLY IS.