Violet C.

<u>KiKi</u>

Kiki woke up to the smell of freshly baked pancakes and the new days bright rays of sunshine. But then reality hit her hard in the face. With a brick. She remembered everything that had gone wrong at school yesterday. Everything from scraping her knees to getting rejected. Yesterday she fell on a pile of rocks on the way to the bus stop. When she got on the bus she earned the nicknames bloody knees and sir scrapes a lot. So now she had three stupid names to be made fun of with.

That day she had finally worked up the courage to ask the popular girls if she could join their group. Of course they all said no in a choir of voices. There was four of the bratty popular girls. Callie was the leader with her slender body, golden hair, and baby blue eyes. Mack was the one with the ideas. She had short curly brown hair, light brown skin, and deep brown eyes. Victoria and Veronica were twins and were only let into the group for their beauty. They had long wavy red hair, lots of freckles, and long legs.

Kiki wasn't let in because of her looks. She had uneven black hair, short pudgy legs, almost black eyes, and always wore neon clothes. This didn't surprise her though.

Later Kiki went to the cafeteria and sat down with her friends Ellie, Jack, Sophie, and Aggie. Ellie was the best to her and she had a secret crush on Jack. Not even Ellie knew she liked him.

Kiki had told them about what she did. They all huddled around her and told Kiki comforting things. She was so grateful for friends like them. Especially Ellie and Jack. Moments like this made Kiki want to tell Jack she liked him and she Kiki took him away from the group and into the corner of the cafeteria. She leaned in close and whispered in his ear the secret she had been hiding for years. Shocked he stood there just looking into her eyes gaze mouth open.

"Well," she demanded.

"I'll get back to you with my answer tomorrow, " he responded still shocked. Kiki went to class full of regret. She eased her way through the day ever so slowly. On the bus they taunted her with the new nicknames but she didn't care. Her mind was on Jack and the answer he would give her. Did he like her back or not? She went to bed early that night.

Now here she was the next morning. Kiki quickly got ready for school and left for the bus stop early. But that didn't change what time the bus got her to school. Kiki waited

anxiously throughout the day for lunch. It finally came. This time Jack pulled her away to the corner for the other's didn't know of their talk yet.

"So," pried Kiki.

"Yes, I like you back," said Jack as a smile grew on his face.

They linked hands and walked back to their table, both with the biggest grins that you'll ever see.