

Mia Finds a Home

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My name is Mia. It's late at night and I can't fall asleep. I'm homeless and my family left me when I was little so I'm outside under a bridge trying my best to keep dry.

Today is Monday and for me it is the first day of sixth grade. I don't have a backpack so I have to carry my things. I didn't have much money, all I had was \$3 so I went to the store and somebody really nice got me some paper and pencils so I got some scissors and glue with the money I had.

When I get to school I grab my schedule and I see that I have Mr. Wilson for my homeroom teacher. When I get there Mr. Wilson greets me and tells me that I was late. When I tried to tell him I had to walk he said, "No, that's not okay, you need to walk faster!" I tried to apologize and he said "Whatever be here on time tomorrow or else I'm going to write you up!" so I responded, "yes sir".

When I sat down the kid next to me looked at me weird then turned around to her desk. Then the teacher came up to me and said, "Where are your school supplies at?" I responded, "This is my school supplies I couldn't afford much. I only had \$3 and a nice lady came and got me the paper and pencils". He said, "Look I get you are homeless and everything but you don't even have a textbook, get a job!" That really upset me so I asked to go to the restroom. When I go to the restroom a girl I don't know comes in and says, "Are you okay I heard what happened?" I replied "yeah I'm fine I just want to go to a house after school and I want to have a family and have money to get things for school!" as I burst into tears. Then a teacher walks in and asks "Are you okay? I could hear everything and I am about to go tell the principal".

The teacher leaves after I told her everything and the girl is really nice and she said that her name was Emma and that she will meet me at lunch. At lunch I sit at a table and Emma comes and sits next to me then she says, "I still feel really bad about what happened." Then I said, "It's fine, don't feel bad". So when I get out of school I go to the store and ask if there is anything I could do to make enough money to buy food, school supplies including a backpack, blanket, and a pillow and he says "Well I'm not for sure but I can ask my manager". When he gets back he says, "Well there is one open spot you can come on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 5:30 p.m." "Thank you so much sir" I responded.

The next day I get to school and our teacher isn't there and the principal is standing in the front. I am really confused but then Emma comes to me and says "you won't have to worry about the teacher being mean to you anymore because he got fired". I go to sit at my desk and before I can sit the principal calls me. So I go up to her and she says, "Hey you are going to be going with somebody any minute now so just stand beside me". So in a few minutes a lady comes to the door and says my name.

When I look at her she tells me to come with her so I do. She walks out of the school and then she goes to her car so I follow. Then we pull up to a store and we get out. Then she walks into the store and then she tells me to grab anything I want. I grab a textbook, backpack, pencil bag, blanket, and a pillow. Then we go to the register and she buys everything I grabbed and I am so happy that I jump up and down and tell her “Thank you!”.

When we get back to the school she says that at the end of the school day she is going to come get me so stay here. And I don't know why but I did everything that she said and trusted her, so I did what she said and stayed where I was.

She comes to get me and says that now I have to go to foster care. And I am very confused but at least I can sleep in a building and in a bed.

Within five days I see a family walk in and say that they want to adopt. When I heard I got kinda excited but I wasn't going to get my hopes up. Then when they walk in I see that they have a girl that looks like she is my age. Then she gets closer and I see that... It's Emma!!!

Emma walks up to me and says, “ Hey I really want to help so I told my mom about you and she asked if there was anything that she could do to help so I told her everything and she liked the idea of adopting the most so we came to do that” “ YAY!!!” I said. “My mom is getting everything ready now,” Emma said.

Mr. Wilson emailed me the other day and he says he is sorry now he knows how it feels so I sent him an email basically saying that it is all okay just don't do that to the next person.

So now I have a family and a house, which is all I ever wanted.

The End

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