

# Every cloud has a silver lining

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This is a story about a young boy named Kevin who has just moved into Toronto (city in Canada). He dislikes it and finds it hard to enjoy being there, his family however feel heavenly and refuse to listen to his complaints. To Kevin this doesn't seem much as a surprise as his parents along with his sister had never paid attention to him, soon later he finds himself being forced to make friends by his slipshod father however he did not make any friends. As he starts a fresh day at his new school, he realises he's been bullied...

A content family rode in their BMW car while humming along to the melodies played on the radio. However not the whole family were full of joy and laughter, a miserable boy sat at the back with majority of suitcases blocking his view it was as if he was being used as a slave. Surprisingly over the horrendous noise you actually hear the young lad mumble all sorts of things such as: "I bet our stupid new house is going to look like a pigsty".

It was quite obvious that the boy dislikes the town as once he got out the car and could truly see he mentioned how the trees were too dull, the streets were too empty and that he could hear the annoying sound of the birds. But as normal his family ignored him and made their way into their new home; the disgusted child walked in and felt a strong emotion of anger and sadness, he had never felt so unhappy before. He made his way into his bedroom where he then realised that he had been given the smallest bedroom of them all he looked at the window and stared at the clouds, after lunch the family started moving in furniture and decorating rooms. However, there was no bed to sleep on, this was not the situation for the whole family, it was just for Kevin so the rest of the night Kevin slept on the dusty floor.

The next day his dad woke him up and said he's going to go to see some kids so he can make friends so for him to get up and get dressed. When Kevin met them, they seemed to be fine at first, however the more time he spent with them the more abnormal they seemed and I think his dad could see that too. But his dad did not give up, for the rest of the week he met up with all sorts of children from geeky ones to ones that fight for fun.

The next week he started a new school, Kevin thought it was great as he didn't have to be at home with his irritating family, however the day didn't turn out too well:

It started off with some awful minded boys pushing and shoving him, but Kevin tried forgetting about it so he can enjoy 6 hours of actually being noticed. However, it was continuously happening by the same boys:

1<sup>st</sup> semester -Made fun of him for having no friends. 4<sup>th</sup> semester -Called him a chicken.

2<sup>nd</sup> semester -Hit him with a paper ball.

3<sup>rd</sup> semester -Claimed he cheated on a test when he clearly did not.

This happened every day, soon Kevin found out this was a form of bullying. A few days after, Kevin thought he should tell his family as maybe they can help, so as they sat for dinner, he said he wanted to talk about something and he went ahead and talk about the bullying. The family were truly shocked and asked why he hadn't told them before, Kevin liked the fact that they finally cared about him and he could talk to them, the two parents advised him to stand up to these cold-hearted bullies.

The next day during his recess they begun to pick on him again, Kevin couldn't take it and gave them a piece of his mind. The group of boys understood and kindly apologised before asking Kevin to be their friend and swearing they'll never bully again.

