

Tammy finds her voice

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"Tammy! Tammy! Tammy wake up! it's time for school. I made you toast for breakfast and there is ten dollars on the kitchen island for lunch." said Mom.

"Ok," said Tammy (tiredly). Tammy didn't want to go to school because other kids bullied her, but she didn't want to tell her mom.

"Eat your breakfast fast, Tammy! The bus will be here any minute," said Mom.

"I'm not hungry."

"Ok, well I'm off to work. Oh and don't forget the key on the counter to unlock the door when you get home." said Mom.

"Ok," said Tammy.

"Ok, bye. Have a great day at school. Love you."

"Love you, too, Mom." Tammy's bus came and then she went on her way to school.

Tammy was on the bus with her only friend, Charlotte. They met when Tammy was a new student in the third grade and was being pushed around. Charlotte stood up for her and now she still stands up for Tammy. They almost had all the same classes except for science.

Charlotte had Mrs. Cassidy and Tammy had Mr. Marjo but that didn't stop them from being friends. First they went to physics, then they went to math, science, reading, history and all the other classes they participated in.

Tammy was in the hallway when Charlotte was at soccer practice. Jessica and Taylor were there. Almost every day they bullied her. Tammy sometimes is shoved into her locker, tripped by Jessica, and has even been hit with spitballs. One time, Jessica and Taylor tied Tammy's shoe laces together so when the bell rang she fell over when she tried to walk. Now every time Tammy hears or sees Jessica and Taylor she wants to turn from them and put her head in her locker and close the locker door covering her face. Usually Charlotte can be there to defend Tammy but not today.

"Hey nerd!..," Jessica yelled. She slammed her hand on Tammy's books causing them to fall out of her hands.

"...you dropped your books."

Everyone in the seventh grade laughed at Tammy. Tammy ran into the bathroom and into the only stall that had a door on it. The toilet filled up with tears falling from her face. She was so

mad at Jessica. Jessica had done those things before but this was the last straw. Tammy was madder than fire. She washed her face and was ready to insult Jessica.

“Oh the nerd is back,” said Jessica. Tammy didn’t let that stop her she was ready to strike.

“Oh yeah! You just make fun of people so you can be cool well guess what Jessica...” Tammy thought about what she was saying out loud. One side of her felt so good but the other side felt like she took all the armor off of Jessica because what she said out loud was true but it wasn’t her place to say it. So Tammy carried on with her sentence saying something she wasn’t going to say before.

“...you are cool Jessica but you don’t need to show people that by bullying people.”

“Wow. I guess I never really thought of that. I’m so sorry Tammy.” Said Jessica.

“It’s ok,” said Tammy.

“Friends,” said Jessica.

“Friends,” said Tammy. Charlotte came back to tell Tammy her mom will let them have sleep over at her house.

“So what do you say, Jessica? You want to have a sleepover with me and Charlotte?” asked Tammy.

“I’d love to! But can Taylor come? She wants to too?” Charlotte is so confused.

“What just happened in the 25 minutes I was gone?” asked Charlotte.

“Oh nothing. I’ll tell you on the way home,” Tammy said.

The End

