

The Cloud

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Hi, I'm Dandelion, and you know how dandelions are very pretty and bright. Well, soon you will find out I am not. It's not that I don't want to be pretty and bright, I just can't be. Let me tell you my story.

See, I was born with a stormy cloud over my head. YEAH, you read right, a stormy cloud. Since I was a one-of-a-kind baby, my parents became friends with the nurse that was helping my mom give birth to me. I am now 12 and that stormy cloud has not gone away!

The nurse's name is Jen. She lives right down the street from me, so I see her all the time. As a matter of fact, I see her every morning because she takes me to school. Her nick name for me is "Stormy".

My alarm just went off. It is now 5:00 AM. I get out of bed and put on my pink bunny slippers. When I got up I heard my alarm clock say, "By the look of your cloud it's going to rain." I said, "How do you know that you can't see me!" The alarm clock said, "It's just your mom. I put a speaker and a camera in your alarm clock. Close it when you change and do stuff. Don't forget the speaker is here. I can hear you. So just press the red button on the top to turn it on and off. Sorry for scaring you!" I said, "It's fine but why do you need a camera and a speaker in my alarm clock?" The alarm clock said, "Because you don't have a phone and I need to be able to check in on you." "OK," I said. That was a little weird. I don't need my mom having a camera in my room, but I guess she just wants to be safe.

I finally finished getting ready and Jen was outside waiting for me. I got in her car and she took me to school. When I got to school I saw the pick me girl and her squad with her; (Regina) and her squad (Bella) and (Ella). They came up to me and Regina said, "Oh you, your cloud and your little bunny slippers are all raining and thundering to see me!!!" "You do know I can't control my cloud, right?", I said. "Pff, whatever." Said Regina. Then she flipped her hair and model walked off.

Ugh I hated them! But over the years she became nicer and she wanted to be my friend because she had lost all of her friends. She said she lost them because of her attitude, which does not surprise me at all. I told her we would give it a try. She was so fun and we did become really good friends in the end. But the best thing that happened was that she made my cloud go away. I guess I just needed to find someone who made me feel like I was at peace.

When Regina asked me to be her friend she did it at my house in my bedroom. And of course, I forgot to turn the mike and the camera off. My mom was listening to the whole thing. We both thought she was a good person now. We are still super good friends. This story should make you realize that people do change. They just have to change for themselves first.