DIFFERENT

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Have you ever felt as if you are a dog in a room filled with cats? Yea, that's how I feel every day. Hi, my name is Stella. I'm a 15 year old cloud fairy. Cloud fairies are basically what it sounds like. What the fairy life is though, when you turn 15 you have to move out for a week and go to the human world to see if you're supposed to be in a human society or fairy society. And today is my first day.

My mother has enrolled me into something called school. I don't quite know what it is but I'm sure it can't be that bad. *Riing!*

"What the heck was that!" I blurt out. Everyones staring at me and this one kid, his name is Alex, tells me it was the morning bell. Then a tall, skinny, young woman walks in. She claims to be a teacher. I find out her name is Mrs. Crindle and she teaches homeroom. After homeroom I have math. It is so boring!

Mrs. Crindle keeps talking about numbers and I don't understand! Finally, all my classmates and I are heading to lunch. Lunch is really loud here and they are serving something called pizza. Usually I would eat berries and magic dust, but I'll try it. Blech! This tastes horrid! Tomorrow I'm definitely bringing my own food. Now I have ELA, then history, then, calculus? What the heck is that?!

Huuh. Ok, just finish out the day and you'll be fine. Everything has been so different here, and at home, all we learn is how to be a perfect fairy. I don't think this is going to be a fun week. And it's only day one. Once school let out, I went to something called an apartment. It smelled like dead meat, and it was so trashed. But I decided to decorate and stretch my wings.

Strangely, people don't believe fairies, like me, exist. So I had to keep my wings away. After I decorated I had dinner then went to bed.

Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!

Uuaagghh STOP! Please, it's only 5:30. Today is not going to be fun. I'm so tired, Wait! Where's my fairy dust! Oh my gosh! Wait what is this, oh it's my fairy dust. I think I'm losing my mind. But as agitated and tired I am, it's time to start the day.

"Hi everyone!" I say. *Silence*. "W-why are you all staring at me?" " Y-y-you're a f-fairy?"

Oh no! I forgot to turn my wings transparent! I must have been so sleep deprived I forgot! I'm so embarrassed! I'm flying out of here and going back home! Crying I screamed, "Mother! Mother! Where are you!"

In a blink of an eye she comes rushing down and asks me, "Stella! what's wrong fairy pie?"

"Oh mother, I had forgotten to transparent my wings, a-a-and I was s-s-so embarrassed everyone was staring a-aand..."

"Shhhhhh, don't cry fairy pie. I know it's hard, living on your own during the trial. I remember my first time, I started flying when I got angry and I failed the trial. But I found that maybe that was for the best. The point of the trial is just to see if you can last a week, on your own, in human society. But if you can't, you get to live in fairyopolis forever."

"S-so you're saying I d-don't have to live as a human forever? B-b-but do I still have to finish the week?"

"Fairy pie, you do have to finish the week, but only

because it's a learning experience. But now I'm able to come with you and help you."

sniff "ok mother."

Beep! Beep! Beep! "Mother, it's time for school!"
"Ok fairy pie! Come downstairs!"
Finally! It's Wednesday. I'm halfway through the trial.
"Mother, I'm ready. But I'm so nervous."
"Don't worry fairy pie, I'm right here."

Mother and I are now back on Earth, because I have to finish my trial, but I have her here for help.

"Ok fairy pie, I know it's going to be hard but, you have to go back to school."

"Fine. But what if people make fun of me? Or worse, the whole school already knows now!"

"Fairy pie look at me. You can do this. Just be confident like you always are and they will accept you."

"ok." I sit down in my class as if it's a normal day. And to my surprise, no one is staring at me. So Mrs. Crindle tells us to get out our textbooks and study with a partner. And everyone is coming over to me?

"Stella! Stella! Be my partner!" Olivia yells out,

"No be my partner!" Alex cries out. I decided to go with Alex because I knew him the longest.

"Ok so what did you get for.." He starts, but before he can finish, I wrap my arms around him in a big hug.

"Thank you." I say.

"For what?"

"Not telling anyone about my wings." "oh, you're welcome." And after that day Alex and I were friends.

"Good morning fairy pie! It's Thursday, the last day today you can go home tomorrow!"

"I know mother, I'm so excited! I'll be down for

breakfast in a minute." Today is the last day, so I'm going to do my best. The only problem with today being the last is, I won't see Alex anymore. But I will find out if I will be a human or a fairy.

"Mother lets go! I don't want to be late!" I'm right here fairy pie lets go!" Finally at school. First thing I want to do is say goodbye to Alex. Then I will let the rest of the day play out.

Riiiing! Time for math. As I'm sitting here I'm realizing after today if I'm a fairy, I won't be able to come back to the human world unless I'm helping someone. And this is breaking my heart .

But little did I know, I'm now crying! No no no no! I can't be crying now because everyone is staring at me.

"Stella how about you go wash up sweetie."

"Ok." This is so embarrassing! Why out of all days, does this have to happen today! I wanted today to be a good day. Sigh. Ok I'm ready. As I'm heading back to class everyone is surprisingly, again, not staring at me. It's almost as if they don't even Know I'm there.

And as math is ending, Alex comes up to me and askes, "Hey, Stella, you alright? Why were you crying?"

"Alex, you know how I'm a-wispers- fairy right?"

"Yea." "Well when you turn 15 you have to go through a trial for a week and see if you're meant to be a human or not and today is my last day of trial."

gasp "Oh." He squeaks.

"Hey Alex, you ok?"

"Um, yea I'm fine." "You look like you're about to explode."

"Um I'll see you later Stella." He manages to say. "Wait Alex! Come back! What's wrong? Tell me. Please." Oh Stella, today cannot possibly get any worse! Ok ok ok, think. Just try and stay positive the rest of the day. *Riiiiing!* "Well, you know what that means right Alex." "Yep. It's the end of day bell." "Well uh, I guess this is goodbye." "Yep I guess it is." I go in for a hug. "Alex." "Yea?" "Just promise me one thing." "What is it?" "Promise me you won't forget me." "Ok Stella, I promise." And with that we pull away from each other and he runs to

his mom, and I run to mine, and mother and I head home. From now on, I shall be known as Stella Fairy from now on.