

"Cousins"

Two kids ride the bus home from school.

MARSHALL

Hey, Zoe, what are you doing this weekend?

ZOE

On Saturday I'm going over to my cousins'. They live on a ranch and they just got a new dog that's gigantic!

MARSHALL

Wow, cool. I wish I had cousins.

ZOE

You don't have cousins? Everybody has cousins.

ZEKE

Not me. My mom is an only child and my dad's brother hasn't got married yet.

ZOE

That's too bad. Cousins are like your friends, but they're your family too. It's like a double friend.

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MARSHALL

I know. I just don't have any.

Zoe thinks about it for a moment.

ZOE

I'll be your cousin. We'll tell people that our moms are cousins. That would make us like second cousins or something.

MARSHALL

Yeah! Like cousins once replaced.

ZOE

Yeah. And maybe you can come and see the dog with me. You want to?

MARSHALL

I'll ask.

The bus pulls to a stop, Zoe gets up.

ZOE

Me too. See you later, cuz.

Marshall smiles. She has a cousin.