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Ordinary

August is a ten year old boy.

August likes video games, ice cream, and riding bikes.

August is like other boys.

August looks different.
Why I Didn’t Go to School

August goes to school next week.

August is in grade 5.

August never went to school before.
August had school at home. August was sick.

August is strong now.

August has friends named Alex, Christopher and Zachary.
How I Came to Life

August has a sister named Via.

They were born when August was very sick and looked different.

The nurses and doctors were quiet.
August went to Christopher's house.

August talked to Christopher's Mom about school.

August's Dad said August's not strong yet.
Driving Home

August's family drove home.

They were afraid children at school will be mean to August because he looks different.

August wanted to meet with the school principal.
Paging Mr. Tushman

August met the principal named Mr. Tushman.

Mr. Tushman knew that August like to read.

Mr. Tushman talked about the science classes.

Mr. Tushman walked with August around the school.
Nice Mrs. Garcia

August met Mrs. Garcia.

Mrs. Garcia will help August with any problems.

Mrs. Garcia had a big smile.
August met some children from school.

Jack Will, Julian and Charlotte said hi to August.

They showed August around the school.

Charlotte told about the classes and the teachers.
The Performance Space

Charlotte talked about a school play.

Some children act. Some people paint the scenery.

Some children make the lights.
Going Home

August and his Mom left school.

They talked about the children at school.

August said they were okay.

August liked Jack Will.
First Day Jitters

August walked to school.

August walked to the classroom.

Some children stared at August.

August look away from them.
Charlotte said Hi to August.

Jack Will said Hi to August.

The teacher gave every student a schedule.

The teacher called everyone's name.
Each student told about themself.

August told about his family.
Choose Kind

August went to English class.

The teacher told the students to be KIND.

August liked English class.

August met a girl.

Her name was Summer.

August and Summer laughed at their names.

August and Summer talked at lunch.
One to Ten

August told how he felt with numbers

1

One was not good

10

Ten was very good.

Mom asked August, "How was school?"

August said school was a 5.
August talked about his new friends.

August talked about Summer.

Dad asked August, "How was school?"

August said "School was good."
August was sad.

August asked "Why am I ugly?"

Mom kissed August.

When I am sad, I am a 1.
Halloween

August went to school every day.

Children learned August's name.

People did not stare at August.

Summer and August talked about Halloween.
Summer wanted a unicorn costume.

August wanted a Star Wars costume.

August like to talk with Summer.
The Cheese Touch

Most children are kind to August.

Some children are afraid to touch August.

August hopes they will not be afraid.

Maybe they think they will get ugly germs.
August heard a Jack Will say he didn't want to sit with August. August was very sad.

He told the school nurse he felt sick and went home. August did not go trick or treating.
Part 2

Via
August through the Peephole

Via knows August is special.

Via knows August looks different.

Via is mad when people stare at him.
August has many scars from surgery.

August's ears are small.

August has low eyes.

Via wants to talk to August more.
High School

Via likes school.

School was away from home.

In high school, nobody knows August.

Via likes having her own school.
Old Friends

In middle school, Via had 2 good friends.

Via went to high school and saw her friends were different. They changed their clothes. They changed their hair. Via was sad.

Via's friend was named Miranda.
Via did not want her friends to drive her home. Via was mad at her friends for changing. 

Via wanted to talk to her Mom. Her Mom forgot. 

Via took the subway home.
New Friends

Via met a girl named Eleanor

Eleanor ate lunch with smart children.

Via liked her new friends.

Via's new friends were kind.
Trick or Treat

Via wanted to talk to August.

Via knew August was sad and sick.

August told her about Jack Will saying he didn't want to sit next to August.
Children are stupid.

Children say mean things.

August felt better.

August was asked to go trick or treating via August.
Part 3

Summer
Weird Kids

Children asked Summer "Why do you play with August?"

Summer liked talking to August.

August looks weird but August is nice.
The Plague

Some girls and boys in school play a game.

If someone touches August they say they are sick.

Summer thinks it is a stupid game.

Summer will not play. August would be sad if he knew about the game.
Halloween Party

Summer went to a Halloween Party.

Some boys and girls said bad things about August. Summer did not like the talk.

Summer called her mom to drive her home.
This Kid is Rated R

Summer and August worked on a school paper.

August went to Summer's house.

Summer's mom stared at August.

Summer and August talked about Summer's dead dad.

August told Summer about his health problems.

Summer and August like talking.
Part 4

Jack Will
The Call

Jack Will was at home during the summer.

Mr. Tushman asked Jack Will to come to school and welcome August.

Jack Will knew August looked weird.
Things about August

Jack Will liked August and wanted to be friends.

August was funny.

August was smart.

August helped Jack Will with his homework.
Ex Friends

Jack Will was confused.

August was mad. Jack Will didn't know why.

Jack will asked other people.

Jack Will missed his friend August.
Private School

Jack Will's family had no money.

Some people at school had a lot of money.

Jack Will thought he was different than other people at school.

He didn't fit in.
Science Class

Jack Will wanted a partner for science class.

Jack Will wanted August for his partner.

Julian wanted Jack Will to do his science work.

Julian said bad things about August.

Jack Will was mad and hit Julian in the face.
Jack Will and August are Friends

Jack Will sent a text to August.

They wrote about what annoyed them.

Jack Will and August decided to be friends.

They were happy.
August’s House

Jack Will went to August’s house to work on the science paper.

They played video games.

Jack Will told August he didn’t have a new computer.

Jack Will and August decided on what to do for science.
The Boyfriend

Via brought her boyfriend to meet Jack Will and August. Her boyfriend's name is Justin.

Justin talked to August.

Justin plays the violin. Justin plays in a band.
Part Five

August
People at school liked August and Jack Will's science paper. August and Jack Will got a good grade. Science papers were on tables in the gymnasium. August and Jack Will talked about their science paper.
August didn't like to talk to many people.

August didn't like people looking at him.

Jack Will helped August talk to people.
August could not hear.

August got hearing aids.

August didn't like them. I look like a robot.

August put the hearing aids in his ears.

August could hear much better.
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August wore the hearing aids to school.

People didn't even see them.

August could hear all his friends.
My Cave

August heard that Via's boyfriend Justin was in the school play. August wanted to go to the play.

Via said no. Via yelled at August.

August thought Via was mad at him.
Our dog is sick.

Our dog is going to the veterinarian.

August and Via were sad and said goodbye to their dog. The dog was very sick.
August's dog died. August was worried about his dog.

August asked his mom, "Is our dog in heaven?"

August's mom said the dog was happy now.
The school play was great!

Via and Justin were in the play.

People clapped and clapped and clapped.

We gave Via a big hug. August was very proud.
5th Grade Nature Trip

August never slept away from home.

His class goes to a cabin to see plants and animals.

August was excited and scared.
Packing

August didn't want to pack a lot.

August did want his stuffed animal.

It made him feel better.

He packed it under his clothes in his suitcase.
Day One

August and his friends went on a bus to the cabin.

They took a walk in the woods. It rained.

At night, they had a campfire and ate marshmallows.

August fell asleep very fast.
Alien at Night

Jack Will and August walked around at night.

They met people from another school.

The people stared at August and said bad words.

Jack Will yelled, "Leave us alone!"
Jack Will and other school friends ran back to the cabin. August lost his hearing aids. His friends looked for them but it was too dark.
Home

August went on a bus home with his friends.

His mom asked August about his trip.

August told him Mom about his friends.

August told his Mom that his friends helped him.
Will I always have to fight people?

Mom said no.

Mom and Dad gave me a box.

I opened the box. Inside was a puppy.
Ducks

Mr. Tushman called August into his office.

Mr. Tushman talked about the many things that happened over the school year.

Mr. Tushman liked August's art project.
August drew a duck.

"Why did you draw a duck?"

August laughed. "I look like a duck!" he said.
Graduation

August wore a tie for graduation.

Via helped August comb his hair.

"You look GREAT" said his dad and mom.
The graduation was at school.

Mr. Tushman gave out awards.

August was surprised. He got a special award for his strength and kindness. August was happy.

Mom said I was a WONDER!
The end