**EMILY AND LUCKY BEST FRIEND’S PROBLEM**

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**Scene I**

Time

The present, summer time at 2:00 pm in the afternoon

Place

Dogpark in Mississippi. There are a lot of dogs playing with balls and Frisbees. The owners are just sitting on benches.

At Rise

Emily, one year old German shepherd, is sitting watching the other dogs play. Lucky, a newborn German shepherd puppy, walks over to Emily.

Lucky

Hi, my name is Lucky.

Emily

*(Emily thinks that Lucky is talking to someone else. She realizes that she is talking to her and responds)*

My name is Emily. Oh, I’m sorry because I made you feel embarrassed.

Lucky

*(pretends she wasn’t embarrassed)*

I ain’t embarrassed.

Emily

What’s your name?

Lucky

My name is Lucky. I like to play hide and go seek. I am good at jumping really high and I eat a lot!

Emily

My guardians are over there and my guardians are nice. They feed me cut up broccoli and corn and celery and they give me lots of water. They give me a bath every night. They bought me a bed that’s so comfortable you don’t want to wake up. It’s round and has a pillow that’s stuck to it. Where’s your guardians?

Lucky

*(Lucky is upset but she hides it)*

My guardians are at home and I walk home by myself. I sleep on a comfortable bed and they feed me milk, water, meat and bones, they are like this (Lucky indicates the size of the bone with her hands) and they are brown and it has flavor inside. When I finish eating them I’ll probably want some more, them my mom gives me plenty more.

Emily

Can I come over some time to play?

Lucky

No my mom do not want any more dogs coming over because I brought some dogs over and had a party and the dogs chewed up the pillows. My mom came back and found out that the pillows were a mess everywhere, the dishes were broken and one dog had flooded the sink. He put a glass in the drain and it stuck there and then he ran the water.

Emily

I just want to see how you are living and how we can have some fun together. I’m a neat dog I don’t mess up other people’s houses. I just have fun.

Lucky

I don’t care if you want to see how I’m living. I said no and I mean no.

Emily

OK, I don’t even want to cover over anyway. I have a house, I can have fun by myself. I don’t need you.

Lucky

Okay.

*(Lucky walks away)*

Emily

That poor dog.

End of Scene

**Scene 2**

Time

The next day, Tuesday

Place

The dogpark

At Rise

Emily is sitting watching the other dogs play. Lucky goes over to her.

Lucky

I’m sorry

Emily

I don’t care if you’re sorry. You hurt my feelings yesterday. I don’t want to talk to you anymore.

Lucky

I’m sorry I didn’t mean it. I just don’t want to get in trouble by my mom. She does not want any more trouble at her house. She cleaned up and she is going to be really, really mad if I bring somebody over. That’s why I said no.

Emily

How could you do that to me. I just wanted to ask could I come over to play. You didn’t have to get mad at me and make me feel like I did something wrong. Cause I didn’t want to hurt your feelings I just wanted to come over.

Lucky

I didn’t want to hurt your feelings either, I just didn’t want you to think I was poor because my guardians are not here to walk me home. I just didn’t want you to come over because my mom said she doesn’t want any more dogs over.

Emily

Just tell me the truth. If you’re poor you’re poor, if you’re not poor, you’re not poor. Cause if you was me you would not let anybody lie to you. So you should not do it to anybody else.

Lucky

Okay, I live under an umbrella and I don’t want anybody to know I am poor and I am sorry for lying to you. I don’t have a mother. I don’t have a father. I don’t have sisters or brothers. They all died.

*(Lucky starts to cry).*

Emily

You could have told me the first day I saw you. My mom loves taking care of dogs. I’m still upset because I got lied to all this time and you could have told me that you were homeless.

Lucky

I just don’t’ like people to know that I’m homeless because I think they are going to make fun of me and they’re not going to want to be my friend anymore and that I don’t have anybody to take care of me. So I lied to you and I didn’t want you to be mad at me. Cause if you was homeless you wouldn’t want anybody to know you were homeless because you would feel the same way that I do.

Emily

My secret is that my family is rich. Everybody always calls me Miss Rich. They say “she’s a miss rich pants.” They always say “how much money do you have in your pocket.” This makes me feel upset because they call me names too. When I’m upset I run away from them because they will keep hurting my feelings too. I go home and go to the basement where I cannot be bothered. If I was homeless I would not want anybody else to know that I’m homeless.

Lucky

I know how you feel about getting called names. We keep this to ourselves and we can be friends.

Emily

Alright, I’ll give it a shot.

**End of Scene**

**Scene 3**

Time

A couple of days later, Sunday

Place

Emily’s house. There are pictures on the wall. Nice clean floor. Golden walls. Nice clean dishes. The sink is golden. Most of it is gold.

At Rise

Lucky and Emily are in Emily’s house. Emily is showing her around.

Emily

This is where I sleep.

Lucky

It looks very nice! It looks like the way you described it. If this was my bedroom I would invite people over, watch TV, jump around, and do all kinds of crazy things!

Emily

I like to just watch TV and not mess up a good bedroom.

Lucky

I know you will keep me being poor as a secret. I’m afraid of people, cause people had killed my mom and died and brothers and sisters. They hunted them for food. I ran away from the people and I remember their faces.

Emily

I feel bad, sorry for your loss and I wish you had a better life, like I do.

Lucky

Thank you, you’re very kind. I want to not be afraid of people.

Emily

I’m not afraid of people. I can show you how not to be afraid of people. The way you not going to be afraid of people is by not looking at them, just walk away, just walk past them, if they try to get you just breathe, don’t cry and don’t show them your fear. That’s how you not be afraid of people.

Lucky

I’ll try it.

Emily

Would you like to live here with me?

Lucky

(thinks about whether she should live there or not)

Okay, I’ll try it I’ll live here.

Emily

Alright, I’ll finish showing you around.

Lucky

Thank you a lot. You’re very kind. I wish I had a mom like you.

Emily

Alright and we can be sisters.

**End of Play**