“THE TRUE FOUNDATION OF A FRIENDSHIP"

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Every time of the month, new trends are trending in social media. A trend that can be about the latest fashion style, every fashion enthusiast can try. Launching of brand-new phones that every smartphone user is waiting to come out. Aesthetic places to travel with co-workers. The opening of new restaurants where families can spend their weekend together. New release of songs every music lover will enjoy. Fresh dance craze that dancers will relish. And a lot more hashtags that can give entertainment to a lot of netizens. Social media is a huge platform to explore. It has a lot of sites to offer. And it can be someone's stress reliever after long hours of work. It is enthralling how new things can reach thousands of newsfeeds in just a minute and how someone can have the opportunity to follow various influencers. Deciding whom to follow in social media is pretty similar in choosing who to sit with inside the cafeteria. Having a group of people around can be the source of happiness and contentment. People whom you can spend your time with exploring the city, playing video games, watching movies, shopping all day, and just doing all the fun activities all of you can enjoy. Simply, those people you can call and treat as a friend.

It is indeed a wonderful feeling to have a friend by your side. But not everyone is lucky enough to have someone to be their friends. That's why whenever we enter the cafeteria, our eyes are automatically caught by the cool kids sitting at the center table. Cool kids that are all admired by a lot of people. Their famous image and fancy lifestyle are commonly the talks of the town. It is captivating how a group of people is so fun to watch. All their laughs echo the whole room, and there is no lie when someone wishes to be a part of them. Because it is a pleasure to sit with the cool kids, right? But being a part of their group is more than just asking for a space to sit at their table. The pressure one
must go through to be able to fit the shoes. By concealing one's true self to hide all the blemishes so he/she can be like them. The footprints of their peers that one should follow just to feel he/she belongs to the group. And changing one's values and behavior to conform to those popular cool kids. Feeling the need to change so people will accept you in their circle is not the correct way to find a friend. No friend will let you feel different because a true one will accept who the real you are. We must follow what is right and not what is trending or popular. Like in social media, we should wisely choose who to like and who to send a friend request. Because when the shoes don't fit, stop forcing your feet inside. Instead, find a better shoe to wear, a more fitted and cozier shoe that will not cause blister but rather a fulfillment of joy. Remember, a friendship will not sail if the support is not real.

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