

Dear Diary,

Today was not different than yesterday. I woke up, did the same things, talked to the same people and now I am sitting on my bed ready to sleep... but I can't! I can't sleep, so I start thinking...

We are in a very strange and new, never-experienced-before, situation. But I mean, it's 2020, we are technologically advanced and have phones and other ways to talk and also facetime your Bffs. Well mine haven't spoken to me since the day that school closed. I tried to reach them, but even when I joined the same videocall as them, they talked about themselves and ignored me... ignored me! Like I was invisible! Since I've cut my hair, they started to behave very strange. They were not happy for me, on the contrary they just seemed kind of jealous. They started saying really bad things to me to make themselves feel better and after that happened, we've lost contact. Since then, I've never heard from them again. Not even a "Hey, how are you?" or an "Is everything okay?" But they don't care. They have themselves, now they don't need me. But not just them, everybody! None of them has tried to reach me. And I ask myself: "Am I invisible?", "Do they only care when they need me?". I used to cry myself out at night, but not today, because I don't feel sad anymore, I don't really feel anymore at all... I'm just... scared! Really scared! There I just said it! I'm scared that when school starts, I'm going to be invisible.

But I've learned some things during the quarantine:

When somebody feels influenced by you, your appearance or character and your acts become visible to the others, they start acting. Right now, in this situation, they all hide behind their screens. They think that if they act now through the Internet, they are invisible... but their acts are visible, powerful and painful! They make you hate yourself, so you can look up to them afterwards. But I am sick and tired of being influenced by the opinions of others and of feeling so invisible! I want to go out, show what I can do and make them feel sorry and embarrassed for what they did! It's crazy how things are nowadays. Where is the "GIRLS SUPPORT GIRLS" and why do we always have to compare ourselves to others?

• I don't want to be surrounded by fake friends and lies.

I don't want to stay up all night thinking of what I could change about myself, so I can be accepted by my peers.

I want to be me, show me and love me!

I am NOT and I will NEVER be made to be invisible!

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