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Week 1: Trouble Online with Other Players

@Antagonron800

I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW ARI AND ZOEY MY NEW DESIGN! I EVEN GET TO PLAY WITH OTHER PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER. THIS IS AWESOME!

@Grownkid20

HAHA, LOOK AT THIS NEWBIE!

@Antagonron800

HEY @Grownkid20, WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE? A TRUE? I BET YOU LOOK LIKE THAT IN REAL LIFE TOO. HAHAAA!

@Grownkid20

HAAAH ... OH, WAIT, WHAT?

@Antagonron800

OH JEEZ, DON'T TAKE IT SO SERIOUSLY. IT'S JUST A JOKE.

@Grownkid20

KID KINDER, IS EVERYTHING OKAY?

@Antagonron800

I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE PLAYING ANYMORE. THIS KID MADE A WEIRD JOKES. I DON'T KNOW ... I THOUGHT THIS GAME WAS GOING TO BE MORE FUN. I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D MAKE FUN OF ME ...

@Antagonron800

LEAVE THE GAME? YES NO

A WEIRD JOKE, HUH? THAT'S TOUGH. NEXT TIME, TRY ASKING THAT PERSON WHAT THEY MEAN. STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF CAN BE SCARY, BUT YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

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Week 2: Bullying Is No Joke

The Next Day...

Maybe not the hoodie this time, maybe then I won't get picked on...

I really like the hoodie, though. I wish I didn't have to change how I look.

What's that supposed to mean?

@Growkinder20, you ready to lose on wow, I almost didn't recognize you. You didn't want to be a thug, too? Hahaha!

Hey kid, kinder, how's the game going?

Okay, I guess... but every time I log on this other player is kind of mean.

Well, what did they say?

I don't know. They always bring up how I look like a thug, like there's something wrong with me.

There's nothing wrong with you, kid kinder. Sometimes kids bully others because of their race and that's not okay.

Honor your gut intuition, if it doesn't feel like a funny, kidding joke, it probably isn't. I wonder what your friends think.

Jokes are supposed to be funny.

It's funny to me!

@Growkinder20, weez, overreact much? can't you take a joke?

@Antagotron800

I think Aria and Zoe are at the skate park. I should talk to them about it.
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Week 3: Kid Kinder confides in Ari and Zoey

Hey Kid Kinder, you made it!

What’s wrong? Why aren’t you skating?

It’s nothing...

Are you sure?

I signed on to that new game we talked about... it’s not like I expected what I expected.

What do you mean?

There’s this player who kept making jokes about me looking like a thug. And... that’s not a funny thing to say to a black person. Actually, it’s not funny to say to anyone. Words like that hurt.

Wha?! Not cool!

I mean, what’s it matter if it’s just a game.

But it doesn’t feel like a game if I leave it feeling like an outside.

Don’tcha think you’re being a little sensitive?

Come on, Ari! You know that people say mean things to us because of our race. All the time. Remember that time Aquelia came home upset because someone kept saying she couldn’t speak “real” English?

Oh, OK.

A lot of people don’t have to think about it, but some of us do. And I hurt. I just wish that when people look at me, they’d see no for me.

Hey! I may not get it, but prejudice forces us about us being a part of the solution. Even if we don’t understand that bullying is happening. I got your back no matter what.

As Kid Kinder skates home, he has a lot on his mind...

Being bullied can be hard, but you’re not alone. Next time, let’s all play together.

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Hey, you're back! How was your talk with your friends?

Okay, I guess. It helped, but...

But what?

I'm still not sure what to do.

That's okay. It's good to talk to your friends, even if they don't always have the answers. As long as you're trying to understand and help, then they're on the right track.

There are many ways to respond to those moments of conflict and it can be hard to figure out exactly what to do, even if you've dealt with this before. Just think about how you've helped others in the past.

Join us next week to see what Kid Kinder and friends have in store!
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Week 5: Refusing Race-Based Bullying

[Comic panels showing characters discussing and addressing race-based bullying]