



SCENARIO

Ash is non-binary, Mere is a girl.

- Ash and Mere have been best friends since primary school.
- They take most of the same classes together and are in the same year in school.
- Although they have many similar interests, they also have their differences. For example, Ash and Mere both love pizza; but Ash has a love for animals that Mere does not.
- Last year, Ash decided to stop eating meat and became a vegetarian. Ash told Mere they made this decision because they care about animals and do not want to hurt them.
- Mere is worried that she and Ash are growing apart. Ash has made friends with other students and has not been spending as much time with Mere as they used to.
- When they do spend time together, the two are not able to enjoy their time together because they are always getting into arguments over Ash's vegetarianism.
- They have agreed to try to find a solution through mediation.



WHAT HAPPENED?

- I don't think Mere understands how important protecting animals is to me. She seems to think my vegetarianism is just a phase.
- Becoming vegetarian is a big life change, and I want others around me that understand what it is like, and to support my decisions.
- I've recently made some new friends that have the same passion for animals as I do. When I am with them, I feel understood and supported.
- One of the reasons I like my new friends is because they teach me about new concepts, like animal rights and veganism, and they are helping me to grow as a person.
- Mere is being judgmental of my new friends and the fact that I am making ethical choices.
- I don't think I will ever be able to convince Mere why it is better for me to be a vegetarian.



WHAT HAPPENED?

- I really love Ash, but we have been drifting apart over something so small.
- I have felt a bit betrayed. We have been best friends since we were little, and now Ash is separating themselves from me because of differences in our diets.
- Ash became a vegetarian so quickly, and I feel like it won't last. Being vegetarian really is not that big of a deal, especially compared to our friendship.
- I have tried to be supportive. For example, when we eat pizza, I am always happy to share a vegetarian pizza, and I never act upset about what they eat.
- I worry that maybe Ash judges me for eating meat, because they have spent less time with me since they became vegetarian.
- I am upset that Ash prefers their new friends over me. I feel like Ash will soon not want to spend any time with me.