

Hello, I'm Winter, I'm a hybrid. You might be wondering what it means to be a hybrid. We are mostly human but we have certain animal features which varies between hybrids. My sister and I are the same types of hybrid, with devil wings and horns, wolf ears and tail. We have light brown hair, that fades into blond, and we love anything pink! Maia has bright blue eyes with slits for pupils, I have violet eyes with white heart-shaped pupils, we wear contacts that make our eyes look a normal brown colour.

Our mum, is also a hybrid, with wolf ears and tail, like me and Maia but instead of devil features like us, she's got angel wings and a halo.

Us Hybrids have always been on earth we've just been hiding and we still do, who knows you might be sitting next to a hybrid right now! It can be hard to tell hybrid from human, but sometimes there are these things you notice, that might just give you a hint...

Today, I'm going to tell you our story about our life as a hybrid.

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Maia and I headed up the winding stairs and opened the sky blue door into the bedroom we share. Our room is like a paradise filled with luscious green plants, surrounded by pink and blue walls. I slowly walked over to my side of the room, looking at the floor, thinking.

“Hey, do you think, the police will find us?” I asked Maia.

Since we're hybrids, most humans are scared of us, and humans capture, what they're scared of. As a result of that, police in almost every country and town, are trying to find us so they can lock us all up and probably test us in terrifying labs!

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“H-Hey, girls?!” mum stuttered from our door.

“Yeah, what is it? Can we go to eat?!” Maia was, starving.

“No, I mean yes, you can eat, but, that's not why I'm here!” she hands Maia a cookie.

“Then why are you here?” I ask. “You look a little pale...”

“Girls, you can't be homeschooled anymore. I found a full-time job in an office on the outskirts of town, a place that allows hybrids, and never reports them.”

“Oh that’s great mum, but what about us? We can’t go to public school!” said Maia, she’s probably the most responsible out of the two of us.

“Well, you girls are going to public school-”

“But-” Mum cut her off.

“Just listen! You’re going to wear hoods to hide your wolf ears and horns, then you can magically hide your wings and tail, please, for me?” she said in a sweet, calming voice.

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#### The Next Day - In the bedroom...

“The first day of school, I’m petrified! We’ve never actually had to hide our hybrid selves before, what if I accidentally show myself? Or maybe I-”

“Calm down Winter! Everything will be fine!” Maia is very calming at times.

“We need to choose fake names, just in case, I’ll be... May!” Maia explains.

“Ok, I’ll be... Lilith!” I like the name, Lilith.

“I hate having to hide,” Maia says, changing the subject.

“Me too, but it’s better for our safety.”

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“Woah, this is, HUGE!” Maia’s voice echoed down the giant school locker hall, while I stood in silent disbelief.

“HEY! Hoods!” it was a girl, she was wearing way too much makeup, Bright pink lipstick, and a stupid amount of red blush! She also wore a bright pink dress.

“Hello! What’s your name?” asked Maia happily.

“My name? I’m Kaiya!” she sounded sarcastic.

“Wow, nice name!! I’m Mai- uh, May, and this is my sister, Lilith” close call.

“um.. nice to meet you!?” I hesitate. “Um, no offence, but isn’t that dress, against the school dress code?”

“I’m the principal’s daughter, my dad doesn’t care what I wear, or say!” She seemed like someone that would hate everyone she meets, I don’t know how or why Maia trusted her, even the slightest bit!

“I’d like to get to know, Lilith, do you think we could talk alone?”

“Sure!” said Maia “Hope you make a great friend!” she whispered into my ear. I wasn’t so sure about that...

“Um, so what do you want to- OW!” she kicked me to the ground, and asked:

“What’s with the hood?! Huh? TELL ME!”

“NO!” I screamed!

“Awe come on you can trust me!” she squeals as she beats me up.

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A few days later she tugged on my hood in the middle of lunch and it fell off. There was silence all around me, I was fearful. As I looked around I saw Maia watching, she looked mad and worried all at once. Kaiya was in shock, I suppose she thought we had strange hair? The principal must've seen and pushed through the crowd.

“WHAT’S GOING ON HERE?!” he looked mad, he glared at me, and stared at Maia, he pulled out his phone to report us to the police, I didn’t know what to do but stand in fear...

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Maia and I were locked in the detention room, isolated from the other students, there were some posters I couldn’t quite make out what they said, so I went closer to read them - they were posters of hybrids, one of them read: ‘If you see someone with animal-like features call the police”

“Hey! You two!” it was a policeman.

“What? You’ve come to take two 12-year-old kids to prison? OK!” I put my hands up and walked right into the back of the police car, followed by Maia.

“Uh... ok?...” said the policeman.

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As expected we ended up in a jail cell. We were lucky to be placed in a cell together.

“What are we gonna do?” I asked.

“I don’t know!” Maia answered.

I sigh, knowing we can’t do much in here.

Looking around the cell, I saw there was a couple of sharp pebbles sitting on the floor and two large stretchers that we’re supposed to use as beds. I sat on one and they’re as hard as a rock! The ground is made of concrete brick, and the walls covered in vines and green goo.

The policeman came and gave us two carrots for dinner. On the tray, there was also a glass of water and 2 tea-towels. We used the tea-towels as a cleaning sponge and tried to get the goo off the walls and ceiling, then used the small rocks on the floor to cut the vines off the walls and used the vine leaves as a mattress, not the best but it’s not as hard as before.

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The next day, the same policeman, came in to give us a small breakfast consisting of 2 small pieces of broccoli and 2 small baby carrots, which is hardly enough to fill us up, but I suppose that's prison life for you! Every second was gloomy after that.

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A few hours later, a policewoman had come to our cell, she unlocked it and said we had a visitor. We were handcuffed and lead to visitation but no one was there, then the policewoman sat down and surprisingly said that **SHE** was the visitor! She whispered to us that she was also a hybrid.

I saw 2 small points inside her hat, maybe she's an animal-person? She said she has angel wings and cat tail and ears but she was using her magic to keep her wings and tail hidden. She gave us hoodies to hide our horns and ears and said to hide our wings and tails as she has. She then lead us out, saying to the other policemen, that she was escorting the visitors outside. She helped us escape. We headed toward a small alleyway and hid. The woman pulled out her phone and recorded a video, then posted it on YouTube, it got 500 000 views, but only 9 likes... 499 991 dislikes...

“.... Please help us hybrids! We are not bad or mean! The only reason we hide is to avoid being locked up for being different!” she explained, “we don’t want to hurt you, we just want to live in peace with you!”

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We flew to mum's small office on the outskirts of town. Maia and I explained what's going on and mum said she heard the speech and had an idea of what was happening. We left the office and headed toward the large forest, hopefully, nobody will find us here, we're safe, for now...

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