

2020 Blues

PAGE 1: Emily is a girl with dark hair tied up in a ponytail. She has dark eyes and wears white glasses, as well as her school uniform with a watch on her left wrist. She is getting ready for her first day of Highschool in 2020, the year beginning the COVID-19 pandemic. Her mom, who has dark, short curly hair and light blue eyes and wears a light blue shirt, wishes her luck.

Panel 1: Emily is rummaging through her purple backpack which sits atop the table in the dining room.

SFX: Rustle, Rustle..

Panel 2: Side-view of Emily - She grins, holding out her light purple lunch bag.

Emily: Lunch? Check.

Panel 3: Front-view of Emily - She holds out her orange pencil case.

Emily: Pencil case? Check.

Panel 4: Opposite-side view of Emily - She holds out her bus card.

Emily: Bus card? Check.

Panel 5: Front-view of Emily - She puts on a single-use mask.

Emily: ...Mask? *Mmph*.

Panel 6: 3-quarter-view - Her mother enters the room, opening the door with her hand and wearing a thin smile.

Panel 7: Side view of the characters - Emily's mom places a hand on her shoulder while she's turned around.

Mom: I know that this is different. But I hope you have a great first day of school, Emily.

Panel 8: Emily turns to face her mom and smiles.

Emily: Thanks, mom. Love you.

PAGE 2: Emily starts heading to school. She leaves her house and takes the bus to school, feeling anxious.

Panel 9. Front-facing-view of Emily - Emily opens the front door of her house with her hand on the knob. She stands there in the doorway, leaving to head to the bus stop. Her porch is shown in the frame, as well as a window.

Panel 10: Close-up-view of the bus stop outside.

Panel 11: 3-quarter-view of Emily - She enters the bus through the front door.

Panel 12: Front-facing-view of the bus interior. People are wearing masks and sitting far apart from each other.

Panel 13: Front-facing-view of Emily - She sits on an empty seat with her backpack resting on her lap, looking downward, feeling discouraged. She loses the excited sparkle in her eyes.
SFX: Rrrrr, Rrrrr (bus moving sounds).

Panel 14: Close-up-view of the stop button - Emily pushes the button with her thumb.
SFX: bing!

Panel 15: Back-facing-view of Emily - she leaves the bus through the door, turning her head towards the bus driver. The bus driver is not shown.

Emily: Thank you, driver!

Driver: *Muffled* No problem.

PAGE 3: Emily walks the rest of the way to school. Once she enters the school, it feels much more empty than it should be. She finds herself alone with no one to talk to.

Panel 16: Full-body, side-view of Emily walking on the sidewalk to school, holding her backpack straps.

Panel 17: Zoomed out view of the full school building.

Panel 18: Zoomed-out-view of the school interior. People are talking amongst themselves, standing in pairs or groups of 3 with masks on. Pairs stand far apart from others. On the floor, there are markings that instruct people to remain 6ft apart from each other.

SFX: Chatter, Chatter.

Panel 19: Close-up view of Emily's upper body. She turns her head to the left, her eyes searching for anyone she recognizes.

Panel 20: Emily turns her head to the right.

Panel 21: She turns her head to the front and sighs, gripping the straps of her backpack, feeling alone and isolated.

Emily: I guess I have no one to talk to.

PAGE 4: Emily heads to class, seeing everyone sitting apart in silence. She realizes that she won't have a great 'first day' or even first *year* at school. Emily is all alone.

Panel 22: Zoomed-out-view of the classroom interior as Emily enters the class. She stands at the door and sees students sitting apart from each other with masks on. The classroom is silent.

Panel 23: Close-up, side-view of Emily's face. She bows her head and furrows her eyebrows, discouraged once more.

Panel 24: Front-facing view - Emily sits in an empty seat, her head bowed and her backpack underneath the desk.

Panel 25: Zoomed out panel - A dark plane envelops the area, surrounding Emily.
Narration: Isolation is now my reality.