# 04. Silent Treatment

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Ever since Cooper's birthday and the incident, Tyler had been acting weird. He was quieter than usual, he didn't talk much, he didn't smile much, he didn't even look at Cooper much.

Cooper was worried about his friend. He didn't know what was wrong with Tyler, but he knew that something was wrong. He knew that Tyler was hurting, and he wanted to help him.

"Tyler, are you okay?" Cooper asked one day in the cafeteria.

"I'm fine." Tyler replied, but he didn't look at Cooper.

"Are you sure?" Cooper asked, worried.

"Yes, I'm sure." Tyler said, but he didn't look convinced.

"Tyler, you can't keep this to yourself." Cooper said, trying to be gentle.

"I don't want to talk about it." Tyler said, his voice cracking.

"Tyler, I'm your friend." Cooper said, trying to be supportive.

"I don't want to talk about it." Tyler repeated, his voice cracking again