A SHOULDER TO CRY ON
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To befriend someone is to accept someone in your life. That person is whom you call your friend. Friends are people who will always be by your side to accompany you every time you need them. You can be as wild as the Amazon or as timid as a mouse when you are with them. Inevitably there will be some ups and downs in every friendship. Whenever you notice something weird or strange occurring between you and your friend, and could potentially ruin the friendship, be alert! You need to remember all your hard work building the blocks of friendship. It must have taken a long time to break all the walls and barriers within yourself to let someone in.

Always remember the shoulder that you have been crying on all this time. Your friend had been the one you share all your sadness and frustration or even the problems you face with your family members. They will always try their best to invigorate your vile mood. Their effort is not to be forgotten.

So, if a misunderstanding occurs, do try to put yourself in their shoes. Be the bigger person that you have always wanted your friend to be. Forgive them as everybody makes mistakes. Learn the lesson and make it as a stepping stone for you to have a long-lasting friendship with them. Do not betray your friend or lie to them as it is an act of disloyalty. If not be prepared to watch them walk away when you cry or turn their backs on your tears.

All in all, in friendship there must be tolerance: we take some we give some. Remember that not everything in this world goes the way we want it to be. Just be prepared for the future.

“FRIENDSHIP IS THE HARDEST THING IN THE WORLD. IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU LEARN IN SCHOOL. BUT IF YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED THE MEANING OF FRIENDSHIP, YOU REALLY HAVEN'T LEARNED ANYTHING.” – MUHAMMAD ALI

TIPS FOR A LONG-LASTING FRIENDSHIP
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- Always be there, even in silence.
- Be kind and listen. Be fun and light. Be serious when needed, love extensively, and forgive always.
- Don’t be scared to tell each other the truth, no matter how difficult it may be.
- Guide each other in times of need with your honest opinions.
- Try and improve their life through your friendship.
- Be loyal and forgive but above all: love and respect.