A Little Help for Cumulo

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Can you see the little cloud peeking from behind the curtain? That’s Cumulo. She’s hiding. Cumulo’s face is bright pink. She is sweaty. She wants to hide so no one can see her. Do you know why?
When Cumulo goes to the cloud park, she tries to float. But no matter what she does—whoop! She turns upside-down. Cumulo feels the other clouds staring at her. Are they pointing? Are they laughing?
Cumulo flies all the way home.

She had really wanted to float in the park. But now she just feels like hiding.
“Cumulo! What are you doing inside?” It’s Cumulo’s cousin, Pufflo.

She doesn’t want to tell him what happened. What if he laughs at her?

Cumulo tells him anyway.
Pufflo smiles. “When I first went to the park, I couldn’t float either. I would just hang there,” he tells her. “I thought everyone was laughing at me. I wanted to run away!”

Cumulo can’t believe it! “What did you do?” she asks.
“I just thought about how much I wanted to float! And you know what?” says Pufflo. “Pretty soon, I forgot about everyone else! I was just floating and having fun. Come on, let’s go to the park together.”

Cumulo isn’t sure. What if all the clouds laugh at her?
“We will float together,” says Pufflo. “Just think about floating and having fun!”
There are many clouds in the park. But Cumulo feels better because Pufflo floats with her. He even floats upside-down with her!

Cumulo doesn’t think about the other clouds anymore. She just thinks about floating and having fun! And then, something amazing happens.
Some other clouds join them and float upside-down too. They all spend the afternoon together, floating upside-down. Cumulo is so happy that she turns orange, then yellow, then purple!
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(English)

Cumulo is embarrassed. Her ears are hot. Her cheeks are flushed. Can she ever go back to the park again?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.