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Cal came home from school.
He was tired.
But he had *homework* to do.




Soon it was time for *dinner*.

Cal ate with his family.

"You seem down," his mom said.

"What is with you?"



A young man with short brown hair, wearing a maroon polo shirt, is looking down intently at a silver knife he is holding in his right hand. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a kitchen or dining area. A black, torn-edge graphic overlay is positioned at the top of the image, containing white text.

Cal picked at his food.
"I'm okay," he said.

"Your birthday is next week,"
his mom said.

"So what?" Cal said.



"You don't want your
birthday?"

"I don't care," he said.

Ann was Cal's sister.
She rolled her eyes.



Cal went to his room after dinner.

His dad came to see him.

He held out a box.

“This is for you,” his dad said.

“What is this?” Cal asked.

“It’s for your birthday. It’s your *gift*. We want you to have it now.”

Cal opened the box.

“Wow!” he said. “It’s what I wanted!”



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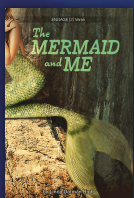
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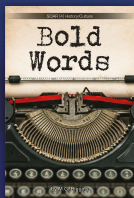
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