SOAR [4] Realistic Life

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Jackson Hill was not the best student. Most classes were hard for him. Computer class was different. He loved to write code, and he was good at it.

He started coding when he was 10. Computers just made sense to him. Sometimes they made more sense than people.





To earn money, Jackson built websites. Every dollar went to his mom. He wanted to help with the bills.

It was just the two of them. His dad had left years ago. Jackson didn't like to think about him.



His mom worked two jobs. She earned enough for their basic needs. But money was still **tight**.

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One night, Ms. Hill got home late. Jackson was making dinner.

"Smells good," she said.

"Hi, Mom. Do you have to go back out?"

"Nope. You're stuck with me." She smiled.

"Good. We can watch *Make It Rain.*"

Make It Rain was a **game show**. People tried to sell their ideas. The winner got a cash prize.

Jackson and his mom liked to watch it together. He had recorded it the night before.

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