

Lifes Has Up & Downs

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A story of a young kid who strives to live a better life.

INT. ERIC HOME

Strange knock on the door as Eric look threw the window noticing it the cops. He has a strange faced as of why could they be there.

COP

Are you Eric Jones

ERIC

Yes what wrong

COP

Well you see kid, your father was in a car accident. Does your father drink a lot

ERIC

Aw man yeah he does

COP

Well he has injured others including him self

ERIC

Well where is he

COP

He is in the City Hospital. Would you like a ride there?

ERIC

Sure id appreciate it

INT. HOSPITAL

DOCTOR

I'm sorry son your dad did not make it.

ERIC

What was wrong him

DOCTOR

The car door punctured his lungs

ERIC

OK thank doc

ERIC (VOICE OUT)

Man i cant find any good in my life. Where am i going to stay.

COP

OK son we hear you and your dad  
lived together so it seems like  
were going to have to put you in a  
foster home

ERIC

OK (as if things could not get any  
worse)

INT. FOSTER HOME -

Karen walks into Eric room check on how he is feeling.

KAREN

Aw is that another letter from some  
college.

ERIC

Yeah, it look like Stanford (not  
saying so happily

ERIC

It's like I'm doing all this hard  
work for nothing. I mean whose  
going to pay for my college  
tuition.

As Karen seem confused because she understand why Eric can  
be sad. She knows no one will pay for for his tuition.

KAREN

Well, I think we have some adopting  
parents coming in to adopt some  
kids. Maybe you'll get lucky.

With the way way his life has been going lately, Eric felt  
nothing will ever go right.

INT. FRONT ROOM

Eric has his last hope of going to college and getting out  
of the neighborhood that he could not stand to live in.

KAREN

Listen up kids, there here.  
(implying to the parents)

KAREN

Be on your best behavior.

Karen pull Eric to the side to get him focus on what he  
wants.

KAREN

OK this is it, your only hope. Try to impress these people OK Eric. I want you to go somewhere and be somebody.

Eric roams around looking for a family he thought he would be able to fit with.

MS.HALL

Hey there, What your name son?

Eric shows a emotions never before seen. He was in shock. No one has ever called him son before. Not even his dad.

ERIC

Hi. How you doing. My name is Eric.

MS.HALL

Well im Ms. Hall nice to meet (smiling happily) So how did you end up here? What your story?

ERIC

Well my dad died in a car accident. I stayed with him but he was always drunk so he never really cared about me.

Ms. Hall show a lot of sympathy for Eric. She really cares for him now and begins to like his personality.

MS.HALL

So what do you want to be when you grow up?

ERIC

Well i cant really decide, I haven't been able to explore things like other kids in other neighborhood. I have to goto school scared for my life everyday. I mean I want to be successful but it seems to hard to do living like this.

MS.HALL

Well Eric todays your lucky day. I think i like you and I want to adopt you. Is that OK.

ERIC

Yeah id happily accept that. Can you promise me you'll help me get

into college.

MS.HALL

No problem.

They do all the paper work and it official. Eric is adopted.

KAREN

You did it kid. this is what you always wanted. No you can get out of here and become something. Make sure you don't forget about me and where you came from.

ERIC

Thank you for everything Karen. I appreciate you helping me. I wont forget about you.

INT.MS. HALL CAR

MS.HALL

So how do like your new neighborhood so far Eric.

ERIC

It looks fine so far. Is this consider a bad area.

MS.HALL

Now, I know your past was really terrible but this is totally different area. There not many problems or crimes out this way.

MS.HALL

You see that big building over there. That would be your new school. Rocky High

ERIC

O OK. Looks nice.

While Eric gets settled into his new life, he feels he not being real by not wanting to live where he comes from and moving away. But this is a better opportunity for Eric to accomplish his dream.

EXT. ROCKY HIGH SCHOOL

SARA

Hey Ashely do you know who that new students over there is.

ASHELY

No, he seems new. Lets go over to talk to him. (walking towards Eric)  
Hey are you new hear?

ERIC

Yes

SARA

What your name?

ERIC

Hey it Eric nice to meet you. Whats your names?

SARA

Well mines is Sara

ASHELY

Mines is Ashely

The girls noticing his pocket knife he carries, they slowly stop talking and walk away randomly.

INT. ROCKY CLASSROOM

Eric's walks out of class noticing Ashely and Sara staring at him strangely. He began s<sup>i</sup>to hears rumors flowing around the school that he crazy and suicidal because he has a pocket knife. Sara and Ashely also know how Eric is adopted. They found out he had a crazy family members and now they probably want talk to him any more. Eric felt like nothing ever changes. New life same people. They are all the same which is the reason he stills bring the knife to school.

INT. MS. HALL KITCHEN

MS.HALL

What that there? (noticing the knife she makes a shocking face)  
Why do you have that pocket knife in your pocket.

ERIC

O this thing. I carry this for protection. There crazy people every where.

KAREN

I told you, this is not the same neighborhood you used to live in. Nothing or no one will damage you OK.

ERIC

OK. I understand what your saying but I just feel safer, you never know what can happen. Please don't judge me. i just prefer to have it on me.

Realizing that it there first big argument, Eric listen to Ms. Hall and decide to make a change and not bring the knife to school any more.

EXT. ROCKY HIGH SCHOOL- LUNCH TIME

Eric was introduced to his new first friends named Jerry. Jerry was actually a good guy.

JERRY

So where did you come?

ERIC

Chicago

JERRY

OK I hear it pretty rough out there. Did you like it.

ERIC

Not at all. I kind of hated my life. I had to walk home scared all the time. All the students were the same and came from broken home were their parents were either on Alcohol, Drugs, or poor.

JERRY

Wow sounds bad. I cant even relate.

ERIC

I just want to got college and have the same opportunity as other. I feel I didn't have that before.

The bells rings and they walk back to class.

MR.HARRIS

POP QUIZ today!

JERRY

Aw man can you help me. I need to pass this test.

ERIC

Sure ill try

After class Eric realized he has made a new bff. He happen to help Jerry get an A. Jerry seem very thankful for Eric. They began to walk home. Some neighborhood kids who were furious and out looking for trouble spot Jerry and Eric walking threw the ally.

PABLO

Ay foo where you from S.A

ERIC

Man we just walking home leave us alone

PABLO

What you say foo. You getting smart with or something.

As Eric keep trying to walk away Pablo and his friend jump Eric and Jerry. Afterward Eric hurt pretty bad and Jerry didn't take as many hits a Eric.

JERRY

Come on man im going to try to get you home.

INT. MS. HALL HOME

JERRY

Hello is anybody

MS.HALL

Who are you and what happen to Eric

JERRY

We were jump by these kids while walking home.

MS.HALL

OK lets get him to the hospital

INT. HOSPITAL

MS.HALL WAS JUST SITTING THERE WHILE ERIC WAS IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM. SHE WAS THINKING ABOUT THE MAIL THAT CAME IN TODAY. ERIC GOT ACCEPTED INTO THREE COLLEGES INCLUDING HARVARD, PRINCETON, AND CORNELL. SHE WAS GOING TO TELL HIM AS SOON AS HE GOT HOME BUT SHE COULDN'T BECAUSE HE WAS TO HURT.

DOCTOR

His conditions are fine. He will be OK.

MS.HALL

Good. good.

INT.MS. HALL CAR

MS.HALL

I'm sorry. I didn't listen. you  
were right anything can happen at  
anything.

Eric disappointed did not say nothing till he got home when  
he realized the college acceptance letters on his bed. He  
wants to goto Harvard the most.

MS.HALL

OK so Harvard it is. but listen im  
sorry i didn't listen Eric.

ERIC

OK no problem. im to happy right  
now lets forget about it. I'm about  
to Graduate and goto college. my  
life is finally turning around

ERIC

I'M GOING TO COLLEGE

He skips around the house showing happiness

EXT. HARVARD

MS.HALL

Well this is it Eric. Your hear.  
What you always want right

ERIC

Yeah. i want to thank you for  
everything you done for me.

MS.HALL

No it OK you taught me a lot of  
things to. It was a great time  
together for both of us.

ERIC

OK im Going to go now Thank You

The exchange hugs and Eric walks off to start yet another  
part of his life. He going in the right direction and  
becomes successful.