

# Life=Awesome

“James come on. We gotta go”, shouting Dad standing at the front door. “Coming”, I said almost leaving my bedroom, I kissed the picture of mom in a gold frame as I left.

Hi, my name is James Hamilton and I live in Sparks, Nevada. I’m 13 years old and in eighth grade and I also have a mean older brother named Zach. We were leaving to go to my brother’s football game, (Which I think is totally boring). So, I stared, looking bored at the stadium field with players lined up about to kickoff. Dad loves Zach’s games, but me and mom think it’s kind of boring. By the way, if you were wondering, my mom is in Venezuela helping people affected by natural disasters. She’s coming back in the next 2-3 months. I think she’ll be here for my graduation.

The next day I do what I usually do, pray, dress my bed, brush my teeth, go take a shower, dress up, go eat breakfast and tell Dad and Zach to hurry up. Then it’s off to school.

Then I saw the girl I like, Caitlyn Petosa, everybody has liked her since the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, but I dig her. I love her crystal eyes, her joyful mood and the blouse she wears. What I hate is I'm not the only one who likes her. Jocks, nerds, bad kids, and smooth kids like her too. I'm between nerds and smooth kids. I barely talk to her and I think she doesn't know my name, I would fight a guy from wrestling for her, that shows I'm really into her. Since she's been seen getting hugged by a jock named Ken "Big Dog" Garcia. Though, my brother goes for touchdowns, I go for hoops, I tried out for basketball in 7<sup>th</sup> grade but I got cut (Oh, I mean I got cut for the team), but this year I'm getting in, I'll practice more. My best friend ever is Joshua he's fun, loving, and interesting Everybody kind of likes him as a friend.

I bet getting hit by the girl you like with a locker is a good start, to like conversations, because that's what happened to me. I realized Caitlyn has had some problems with her locker before, so she moved to the one next to mine. We were all going for 3<sup>rd</sup> period and it happened, she slammed her locker like she was mad. It gave me a big bruise and I had to be sent to the nurse. I saw her trying to say sorry, I think she meant it.

I'm in student council so is Caitlyn, so I see her a lot. I try talking to her but she's rather talking with friends. I said hi to her and we just started talking then I asked her "Hey, do you want to go to the pizza place on eighth street, at 5:30. I got a coupon", She said "Maybe, after practice." (There's a start to a relationship). When I saw her enter the pizza place, I waved and said, "Come over here". We just started talking about life. Then a guy entered with a McConnell jacket from our school, so I knew he was a jock, and it was Ken, he looked over at us and gave me a sinister smile. I turned back to Caitlyn and started eating pizza and chugged some Coke. When we were about to leave, I noticed she barely ate her slice of pizza, so I got the feeling she was uncomfortable especially with Ken noticing his kind-of-like girlfriend.

After she left, I slouched on the wall of the pizza place and I called Joshua and told him about what just happened, and he was kind of surprised and he said, "You and Caitlyn, did you get a fairy godmother." And I said this sarcastically "Ha, Ha, Ha, very funny, but I'm serious, we went to the pizza place and we talked about life." Then Ken came outside and looked at me and smiled and said "Wassup ugly" I looked at him groggily and said this "Shut up, you're one of the stupidest people

in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and plus I'm not ugly." "My bad, ugly as a turtle" "Leave me alone" "What you going to do about it" I was thinking about what I was going to say and said this unconsciously "Meet me tomorrow at the school's basketball court at 5:00 and we play a game"

I told Dad I would stay at school to practice and he said okay. I practiced, then Ken came in with these shorts so small they looked like 60's basketball shorts. That's not the only thing I'll be laughing at. The game started, first one to 5 and I started the game with a 3 pointer, then an ankle breaker layup and I ended it with a 3 pointer. Ken only made 2 layups, I laughed and said "Wassup loser." While I was playing I saw 3 people: 2 men, 1 women. They came closer and 1 of the men came and said "Hi, my name is Cole Hernandez and we saw you playing there really good and I bet you can play great in college." "Yes sir, I want to play college ball." "That's why we're here son, if you play well in high school, you already have yourself a scholarship to Morrison University." "For real" "Yes" "Thank you sir, this is an honor." Then I stated shaking his hand I waved to the 2 other people and they waved back.

The next day, I called Joshua and told him about the once in a lifetime basketball opportunity. He said "Dude,

unreal.” I said, “I’m serious.” “By dude, we got to get to school. When I got to school, I saw Caitlyn and told her about the awesome news and she said, “That’s awesome.” Then she kissed me on the cheek.

**Life’s going to be AWESOME!!!!!!!**