LIVING THE LIFE: PILOT

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CHARACTER INFORMATION

Sam Smith-Sam is the crazy and unpredictable one. He is fourteen years old and always speaks his mind. So he mainly says random and odd things. He is also very scared of his mother, Tracy.

Todd Woods-Unlike Sam, Todd tends to take things a little more seriously. Todd is also fourteen years old and doesn’t like to get into trouble. But just because he doesn’t like it, doesn’t mean he won’t.

Harvey Woods-Harvey is Todd’s big brother. He is sixteen and enjoys watching Todd and Sam getting into trouble, unless the trouble involves him.

Vicki Woods-Vicki is the mother of Todd and Harvey. Vicki is 37 years old and is very strict when it comes to Todd and Harvey. She is married to Dan Woods.

Dan Woods-Dan is the father of Todd and Harvey, and the husband of Vicki. Dan is not very strict and enjoys a good laugh. He also has a crazy obsession with the anime show "Yokimon".

Tracy Smith-Tracy is your typical white trashy women with a very high temper. She is 39 years old and the mother of Sam. Tracy hates any kind of pest, whether rat or mailman, she will hunt it down.

Great Uncle Leo-Leo is a little out of it most of the time. He is 68 years old and is a former fisherman. He enjoys spending time with Todd and Sam, but doesn’t think too much of Harvey.

LIVING THE LIFE EPISODE ONE

INT.TODD’S LIVING ROOM-DAY

Todd is sitting in a chair watching a football game on television. The screen zooms to the television. A commercial starts playing.

FOREST GUMP
Momma says "Life" is like a box of chocolates...

FOREST GUMP(CONT’D)
(Now In Salesman Voice)
So get your copy today!
Forest Gump pulls out a copy of the game "Life". The screen goes back to Todd sitting in a chair watching television.

TODD
(Yelling while keeping his eyes on the television.)
Hey mom, can you get me a soda?

There is a 2 second pause.

TODD
(Yelling while keeping his eyes on the television.)
Hey dad, can you get me a soda?

Todd's big brother, Harvey, walks into the room.

HARVEY
Mom and Dad aren't home, they're grocery shopping.

TODD
(Yelling while keeping his eyes on the television.)
Hey Harvey, can you bring me a soda?

HARVEY
(Frustratingly)
I'm right here!

Todd turns his head slowly to Harvey.

TODD
(In a Smart Aleck Tone)
Then where's my soda?

Scene Ends: Opening Credits Roll

INT. TODD'S KITCHEN/LIVING ROOM—DAY

Todd's parents, Dan and Vicki, walk into the kitchen and set down groceries on the counter.

VICKI
It seems like every time we go in that place the prices get higher and higher.

Todd walks in and grabs a flat sack of popcorn and starts to walk back into the living room.
VICKI
Todd, you have to heat that up first.

TODD
(While Walking Back To His Chair)
No time, games on.

Todd leaves the room.

VICKI
Hey Dan, I wont be home until late tomorrow night, me and Tracy have to stay at the restaurant late to get ready for the Health Inspection.

DAN
(Suspiciously)
Yea, uh, I wont be home until late also, I got some, uh, some business I need to take care of.

Vicki walks into the living room and sees Todd watching football while crunching into the popcorn seeds.

VICKI
That’s gross!

TODD
Yea, tell me about it. Where’s the expiration date on this stuff?

VICKI
Todd, your father and I wont be home until late tomorrow night, so I’ll leave you some money to order a pizza for dinner.

TODD
Don’t worry about it, I’ll eat at the party.

VICKI
What party?

TODD
Sam’s party, but don’t worry, his mom will be there.
VICKI
Sam’s mom won’t, because she will be working at the restaurant with me.

TODD
(Nervously)
Oh, uh, I meant his dad.

VICKI
His dad is dead thanks to some unmentionable people. I told you a hundred times, you can’t go to an unsupervised party at Sam’s house, you know what happened last time.

INT.FLASHBACK SCENE.SAM’S HOUSE.KITCHEN-DAY
Todd and Sam are pouring Gasoline into a bottle of soda.

SAM
So you’re sure putting this in his drink won’t hurt him.

TODD
Of course, it makes cars faster, so it should just make him faster.

Flashback Scene Ends.

TODD
(Angrily)
Fine!

Vicki leaves the room. Then it zooms to Todd’s face, his eyes grow and he starts smiling.

EXT.OUTSIDE SCHOOL-DAY
Todd is getting out of the car in front of his school.

TODD
See you later mom.

Todd enters the school from a far view.
INT. SCHOOLROOM—DAY

Todd and Sam are sitting beside each other in class.

    TODD
    Sam, I won't be able to go to the party at your house tonight.

    SAM
    (Surprised)
    Why?! Did your parents find out how Harvey’s hamster really died?

    TODD
    No, my mom found out that your mom isn’t going to be there.

    SAM
    (Annoyed)
    How’d she find that out?!

    TODD
    (Angrily)
    She freaking works with your mom!

    SAM
    Really? Down at EagleBluffs? Huh, isn’t that something.

    TODD
    Yea, I thought that was pretty weird too, but the point is, she said I couldn’t go to the party at your house.

    SAM
    And that means?

    TODD
    We can have the party at my house.

    SAM
    How are we going to do that?

    TODD
    My mom won’t be home until late tonight.

    SAM
    What about your dad?
TODD
Hmm, I’m not sure. But my mom said that they would both be gone tonight.

INT. DAN’S WORK-DAY

You see a clock with 4:57 on it. Then it zooms out to where you see Dan staring at it.

DAN
Almost time...

INT. TODD’S LIVING ROOM-NIGHT

Todd walks in and looks to the left and the right.

TODD
Clear!

Sam runs in holding a stereo and a disco ball.

SAM
We’re going to need some entertainment, we don’t want people to think we can’t throw a decent party.

TODD
I know a guy that can ring a chicken’s neck, but he doesn’t come for cheap.

SAM
That will have to do. I’ll go round up some chickens and you go find some money and get that guy over here.

INT. HOTEL HALLWAY-NIGHT

Dan is walking down the hallway and knocks on a door. A woman answers the door.

WOMAN
I was afraid you wouldn’t make it.

DAN
Yea, me too. My wife is working late, so she won’t have to know anything that goes on here.
Dan closes the door after he walks inside the room.

INT. TODD’S KITCHEN—NIGHT
Todd is searching through cabinets and drawers.

    TODD
    Now where did she leave that pizza money?

Todd looks on top of the counter and sees it.

    TODD
    Aha!

Todd grabs the money and runs out the door.

EXT. PETTING ZOO—NIGHT
Sam is holding a trash bag looking at the chicken cages. He opens the only two cages and stuffs the only two chickens in the bag. Chickens are squawking in the background.

    SAM
    Only two chickens? Well that sucks!

Sam looks over to the left and sees a pound full of ducks.

    SAM
    Well their basically the same thing.

EXT. STREET SIDEWALK—NIGHT
Todd walks up to Frank, a hobo.

    TODD
    Hey frank, can you come do that chicken thing at one of my friends parties?

    FRANK
    Alright Sergeant Andrews, just take the cat and leave!

    TODD
    Uh, Frank, what are you talking about?
FRANK
Oh, it's you, sorry. I think the stuff they prescribed to me is talking.

TODD
The doctor?

FRANK
No, the guy in that alley over there. Now what is it that you need?

TODD
Can you come do that thing with the chickens and the neck ringing and all that good stuff? And don’t worry, I got the twenty bucks right here.

FRANK
You got the chickens?

TODD
I have someone working on that right now.

EXT. CUTOFF SCENE. PETTING ZOO/DUCK POND-NIGHT
Sam is in the pond grabbing ducks and putting them into the trash bag. The ducks keep trying to bite him.

SAM
(Yelling at ducks)
Hey quit it!

Flashback Scene Ends.

FRANK
Alright, I’ll do it.

EXT. STREET SIDEWALK-NIGHT
Frank, Todd, and Sam meet each other in the middle of the sidewalk. Sam is holding the trash bag which is moving and making chicken and duck noises.

TODD
Sam, how are people going to know to come over to my house instead of yours?
SAM
Don’t worry, they’ll know.

EXT. SAM’S HOUSE/FRONT YARD-NIGHT

A group of people are looking at the front door reading a note which reads:

NOTE
The party has moved to Todd’s house.

PARTY GUY #1
Who the heck is Todd?

INT. EAGLESLUFF RESTAURANT-NIGHT

Vicki and Tracy are washing the tables.

VICKI
Sorry my son won’t be able to make it to Sam’s party.

TRACY
Party? What party?

VICKI
Todd said Sam is having a party tonight.

TRACY
You actually think I would let him throw another party after what happened to his father, God bless his soul.

VICKI
Good point. Maybe we should go check on this so called "party".

INT. TODD’S LIVING ROOM-NIGHT

Todd’s house is full of people dancing and talking. Loud music is playing and a disco ball hangs above everyone. Todd is talking to Sam.

TODD
This is freaking awesome! The best part is, we are actually going to get away with it! Hey, have you seen Harvey?
INT. FLASHBACK SCENE. TODD’S LIVING ROOM—NIGHT
Sam is standing nervously beside Harvey.

HARVEY
Uh, Hi Sa-

Sam pushes Harvey into a nearby closet.
Flash back scene ends.

SAM
Uh, why no, I haven’t seen him.

EXT. VICKI’S CAR—NIGHT

VICKI
Oh my God, I am so nervous! There is no telling what all is happening at that party.

INT. TODD’S LIVING ROOM—NIGHT
People at the party start staring to the right. Viewers can’t see what they see.

PARTY GUY #2
Hey! What is that guy doing with that chicken?

You hear bones cracking and blood covers people’s faces. Everyone is still and shocked. The screen turns towards a Gothic looking person dressed in all black covered in blood. He is turning in circles and bowing as if he was worshiping the dead chicken while murmuring things to himself.

INT. HOTEL ROOM—NIGHT
Dan is taking off his coat.

WOMAN
(In the distance)
Are you ready?

DAN
(Nervously)
Yea, just a minute.
INT. TODD’S LIVING ROOM—NIGHT

People are dancing again with blood still on their faces. Then Vicki and Tracy walk in with angry looks on their faces.

    VICKI
    Todd!

    TRACY
    Sam!

    PARTY GUY #2
    Parents!

A bunch of people start running out the door. One second later, two headless chickens run out the door with a flock of ducks with crooked necks following behind. Vicki turns her head towards Frank.

    VICKI
    *Coughs Loudly*

Frank is still sitting there.

    VICKI
    (Angrily)
    Get out!

    FRANK
    Yes Ma’am.

Frank turns and whispers to Todd.

    FRANK
    You owe me extra for this pal.

Frank then walks off-screen.

    VICKI
    (Angrily)
    I leave you alone for one night and this is what happens?!

    TRACY
    Why would you two heathens even think you could get away with something like this?

    VICKI
    Wait, where’s Harvey?

They hear a loud banging noise in the distance. The scene turns towards the closet.
HARVEY
Help! Come on you guys, this isn’t funny! This broom is uncomfortable.

VICKI
Why on earth would you do that?

TODD
I swear, I have no idea how he got in there.

SAM
Yea well, I think I’m going to go, I’m getting tired.

Sam runs quickly out of the front door.

TRACY
Now come on back here boy!

Tracy runs out of the front door chasing after him. The scene shows Todd while Vicki is speaking to him. In the background window, you can see Tracy chasing after Sam and then jump on top of him.

VICKI
Todd, you have no idea of how much trouble your in, just wait until your father gets ho-

Scene turns towards Vicki again.

VICKI (CONT’D)
Where is your father?

INT.HOTEL ROOM-NIGHT
While the woman and Dan talk, the scene only focuses on their heads.

WOMAN
You ready Dan?

DAN
Yea I’m ready! What about the rest of you guys?

The scene zooms out and you can see that they are sitting at a table with more people holding cards.
CROWD
Off course!

WOMAN
God I love Yokimon!

DAN
Well you wont love it for too long,
because my squittle just beat your
Kipachu! In your face!

Scene Ends: End Credits Role.

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