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In the beginning of this book you have an average boy living in a coal mining town. In the town of Coalwood people are expected to live or do certain things. The parents of Homer Jr. had their different ideas for their son. Each family lived on a small plot of land owned by the company. They can only live on this land if someone in the family is working at the coal mine. When the person who worked at the mine died the family would have two weeks to move out. The families in this town were and are close. All the boys played together, but there is a divide between boys. All the boys on the football team are considered celebrities.

Homer Sr. was picked by the original captain and was trained. He learned about mining and ventilation. Then the captain of the mine convinced Homer Sr.'s future wife to visit. Then they got married. Homer then took over the mine. The mom always dreamed of the beach, so she painted a mural. She and Homer Jr. were different than normal but Homer didn't understand why till he started building rockets. Rocketry is going to be his ticket out of the Coalwood Mine.