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BCMA decided that it was finally time to melt the rocket candy. They got a pot, spoon, and hot plate (all from Homer's Mom's kitchen). They started by putting a small amount of saltpeter in the pot and melted it. After that then they slowly began to add more. Next they began adding the sugar into the pot. They stirred till they had the right mixture. Then they needed a funnel, so they could put it in their casing. Homer's mom ended up finding one and helped them load the casing. When they went back to cook/make more the dried rocket candy on the pan lit. It went off and ruined his mom's pan. After promising to be careful they were able to make more. Their next rocket flew over 1,000 feet.

On Sunday Homer's dad had a plan. He wanted Homer to see the life of a real engineer. So he told his son to sleep in so he wouldn't have to go to Sunday school. Instead of going to Sunday school he took Homer to the mine. At the mine he saw how they worked and what the life of a miner was like. When Homer's mom found out she was furious.