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Winter hit Coalwood like any other year, blanketing it with snow. The snow began to get so bad the students would have to get off the bus, so the bus driver could make a dangerous curve. After he made it the students would get back on and continue their journey. That day at school everything was normal, but Miss Riley had a surprise for Homer. She told him to get it after school, but in a rush he forgot about going and getting it.

The next day school was partially closed. All the buses were stopped, but those who could find other means were expected to be there. BCMA went to school that day by hitchhiking and sledding down hills on their sleds. There he got his surprise. His surprise from Miss Riley was a book about rockets called, "The Principles of Guided Missile Design".

After that they went and played hearts with some friends. Homer finally got a kiss from Dorothy on a dare. Then his friends ditched him. It snowed really hard, and Homer almost died till a woman saved him. Later he found out that she was a prostitute his dad saved from a fire when she was baby.