



The Wish Collector
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Sam is in his bedroom playing 'Lunar Wars', his favourite video game. In this speech, Sam demonstrated his skill for the game, but is meanwhile troubled by the reality of his home life. Sam wishes that his family could be happy once again.

SAM: Shoot-em-up, RPG
Upgrade weapon
Level three
Watch me race
Into battle
Power up
Win the game
Online fame
Restart game

I'm playing 'Lunar Wars'. Win a battle and your moon waxes brighter. I'm the best in my class. 'Lunar Wars 2' is just out. Mum's promised to get it for me if my grades improve. Dad promised he'd buy me a Game Player. Mum said he wouldn't because he's so stingy. Dad called Mum a nag. Then we all laughed. I wish no one gets them before I do. Got to keep my crown in the playground, you know. Now if I can just reach Level Ten one more time...

(Game over)

(Jumps up in frustration) Oh! Nearly, nearly.

(Restart game)

What I like about 'Lunar Wars' is that you can start all over again. Fail and just press 'restart'. You're always in control even though you haven't got the latest Game Player and some nerd called Chris is stealing your crown!

(Sam continues playing)

For days I'd get lost in a world of battles and heroes. That must have been when it started. We used to sit at the table for dinner. That was in the good old days before I reached Level Ten. Those were the good days. I wish they'd come back.

(Sam stops playing. Looks up at the sky)

I'd give up all the moons I've won if Dad comes back home. We'll all be happy like before. I'll go and see a romantic movie with them and we'll cry into our hankies. Dad will say 'I didn't

cry' and Mum will say 'Yes, you did!' and she'll ask me 'was your Dad blubbering like a baby?' and Dad will say. 'He couldn't see me. He was crying more than you'.