

# SUSIE'S FAMILY STORY

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**Christmas Eve of 2020.**

**A book was born to be,**

**Inspired by the warmth of Christmas cheer,**

**Susie's family came to me.**

**I hope this story spreads joy and light,**

**To children far and near,**

**Bringing love and warmth to every heart,**

**A gift throughout the year.**

**-June W**





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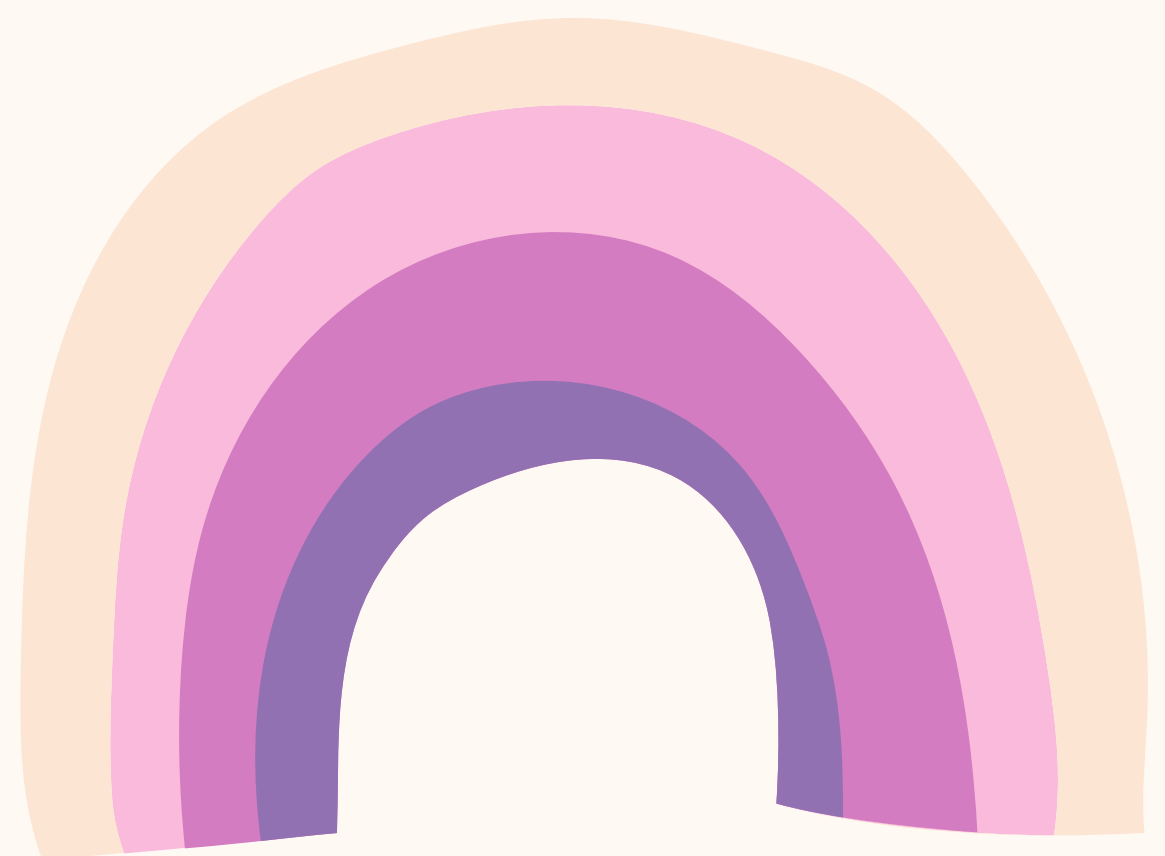
# SEASON 1, EPISODE 10: WHEN SUSIE MET MATRIX

Before returning home, Susie went to Grandma Lucy's house to pick up Hunter. The town remained chilly, with snow yet to fully melt.

Hunter, a delightful five-and-a-half-year-old boy, would be her dinner companion. Susie decided to have a joyful meal with Hunter and inquire about his dreams. It had been almost two weeks since Susie met the Eggshell lawyer, and during that time, she hadn't shared her experiences with Hunter.

However, tonight, she decided it was the perfect opportunity to have a heart-to-heart conversation with him about it.

"Hunter, it's a new year! What's your biggest goal for 2021? What's your biggest plan for 2021?"



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"I hope Dad will come back to us!" Hunter's voice was a little softer, with a more childlike tone than his peers. Susie sometimes couldn't believe she was the mother of a child who was almost six years old, especially with another little one on the way. She hadn't expected Hunter to ask for any new toys or gifts for the New Year; Paul's return was the goal he most needed to achieve. It seemed that mother and child were on the same page.

Susie felt that making this goal a reality was not just for herself but also for Little Hunter. So, she decided to share all her experiences of meeting the Eggshell Lawyer over the past two weeks with Hunter, hoping that he would understand what they were working towards. Hunter listened intently and absorbed every detail, his excitement growing. It had been a while since someone had spent this much time with him and talked so openly, except for Grandma Lucy.

"Wow, I really like Eggshell Lawyers!" Hunter exclaimed. "Let's start the second step of the process together - finding the problems."

"Mom, the biggest problem is that Dad can only make wooden materials and abrasive tools. But right now, during the epidemic, if Dad could make some masks, maybe he could come back!"



Hunter's little mind was racing with ideas, and Susie marveled at how her five-and-a-half-year-old son could grasp such complex issues. This was indeed a significant problem since Paul's expertise was in crafting wooden furniture and polishing wood, and there wasn't much demand for that in town currently. Susie added another entry to her notebook, capturing Hunter's thoughts on the matter. "Mom, can you bring me with you the next time you see Lawyer Eggshell?" Hunter asked eagerly. "Of course, Hunter! That's a great idea," Susie replied. "Come find us at Grandpa Ken's store at noon this Saturday. You can have lunch with us, and Mom will make your favorite cakes!"

Hunter's face lit up with joy; he hadn't been to the museum in almost half a year. Attending the Eggshell Lawyer's class would be an exciting adventure.

"Hunter, I understand the concept of finding problems now. It's like when astronauts explore the Earth on their missions, they have to simulate everything in advance and look for mistakes. It's just like what Eggshell Lawyer told you - we need to find the problems step by step," Hunter explained, connecting his interests and newfound knowledge.



"Exactly, Hunter," Susie agreed. "Now, do you think there might be any problems in achieving the goal of bringing Dad back?" She looked at her son with anticipation.

Hunter pondered for a moment, then picked up a pen and started to draw. This was the first time Susie had seen him so engrossed in creating a picture.

*[Image description: Hunter's drawing of various problems and challenges, including the epidemic with a representation of the virus, difficulties faced by the carpentry factory, lack of creativity and ideas for Paul's business, and financial strain.]*

Susie couldn't help but feel proud of her son's thoughtful approach to the task. It was amazing how much a child could understand when given the opportunity.

"Mom, I think there are many problems we need to solve to bring Dad back," Hunter finally spoke up, looking at his drawing. "But we can do it together, just like the astronauts!"

Susie smiled, feeling a surge of determination. With her son's help and their newfound understanding of finding and solving problems, they were ready to face the challenges ahead.



"Indeed, Hunter," she said. "We'll work together to find solutions and bring Dad back home. We're a team."

As Susie looked at the date on the calendar, she realized that today was January 4, 2021, and their journey was well underway. With the baby due any day after January 22, they needed to resolve these issues by January 20, 2021. Eggshell Lawyer had mentioned that developing a targeted solution would take five weeks, but Susie couldn't help but wonder if they could expedite the process. She decided that the first thing she would do tomorrow was to call Lawyer Eggshell and discuss the possibility of starting the next step sooner. Time was of the essence, and Susie was determined to make the most of it.

Late into the night, Susie meticulously recorded all the problems she could think of in her goal book and even took photographs for reference.

Tomorrow morning, she would use the data from the store to send the information to Eggshell Lawyer, getting them one step closer to achieving their goals.



"Hunter, do you think there is any problem in achieving the goal of bringing Dad back?" Hunter looked at his mother quietly, lost in thought. He then picked up a pen and began to draw. This was the first time Susie had seen him create such a drawing.

**Tips for Drawing:** When creating pictures, it's important to consider the psychological characteristics of children at Hunter's age. Hunter drew a numbered axis diagram similar to the one he had seen in the "Innovator's Toolbox." On this diagram, he illustrated various problems:

- **Epidemic:** Hunter drew the appearance of the virus to symbolize the challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic.
- **Carpenter & Factory:** He depicted the appearance of a carpentry factory, highlighting the limited demand for Paul's woodworking skills in their small town.
- **Dad's Financial Situation:** Hunter sketched dollar signs to represent the financial strain Paul faced, as he didn't have enough money to open his wood processing factory.
- **Creativity and Ideas:** To depict this issue, Hunter drew a lightbulb with a question mark, symbolizing the need for creative solutions and fresh ideas.



Susie was impressed by her son's thoughtful illustrations, realizing that he had a deep understanding of their situation. These interconnected problems formed a chain reaction that affected their goal of bringing Dad back home.

Another significant challenge was the impending birth of the little one. While the family's expenses would increase with a new baby, Paul's income would likely decrease if he stayed in their small town. Susie would also need time off for maternity leave, adding to their financial concerns. It was clear that these were all intertwined issues, and finding solutions was crucial.

As Susie glanced at the date on the calendar, she noted that it was January 4, 2021, and time was ticking. The baby was due after January 22, and they needed to resolve these issues by January 20, 2021. Eggshell lawyers previously said developing a targeted solution would take five weeks, but Susie felt a sense of urgency. She counted the days and decided that she would call Lawyer Eggshell the next day, hoping to expedite the process and achieve results more quickly.