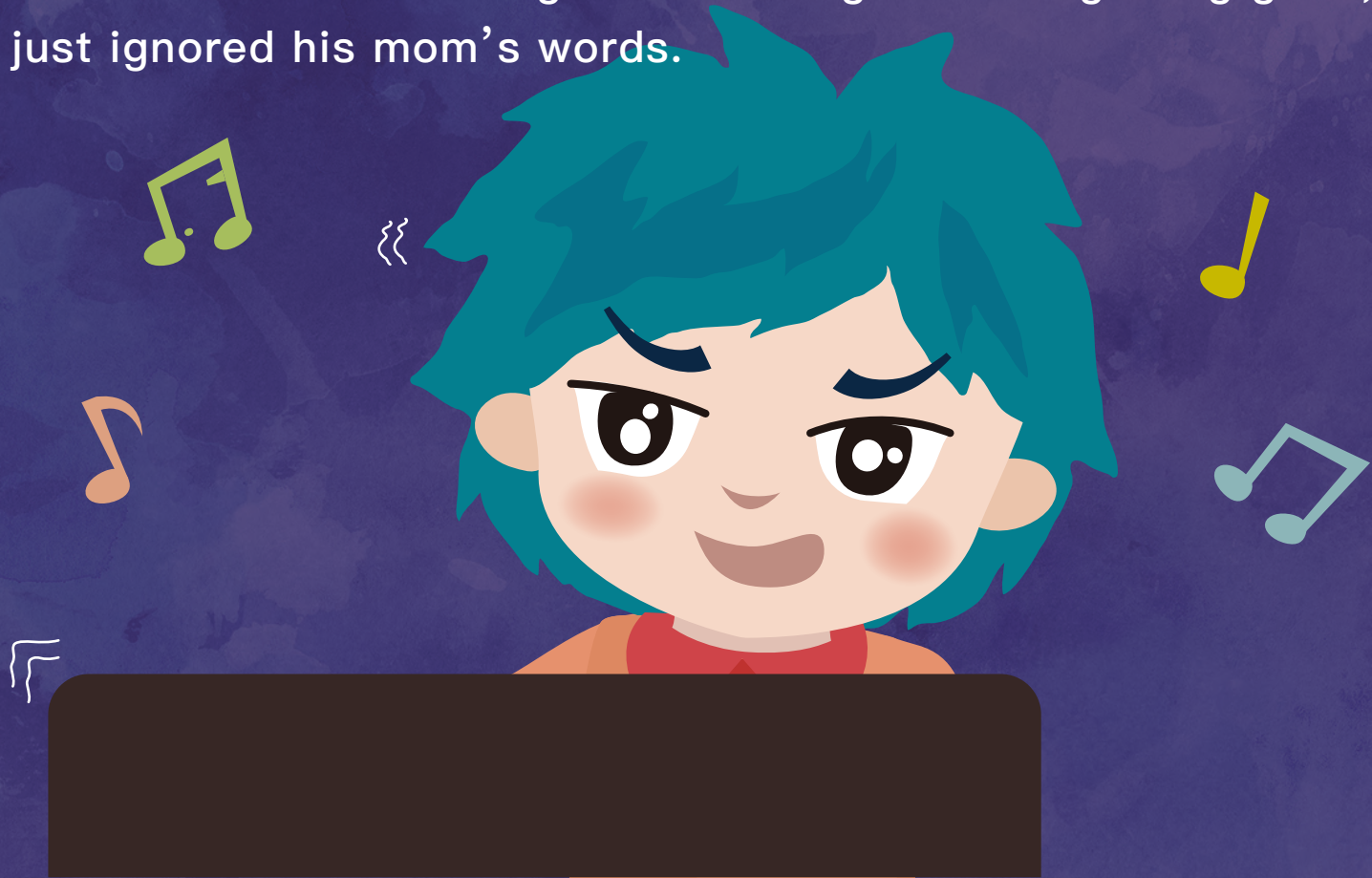# The Trouble Wrought by One Stone

The Man
Who Did Not Get Angry

"Ryan, it's already very late! Turn off the computer and stop play–ing! It's time for you to sleep!" Mom reminded Ryan.
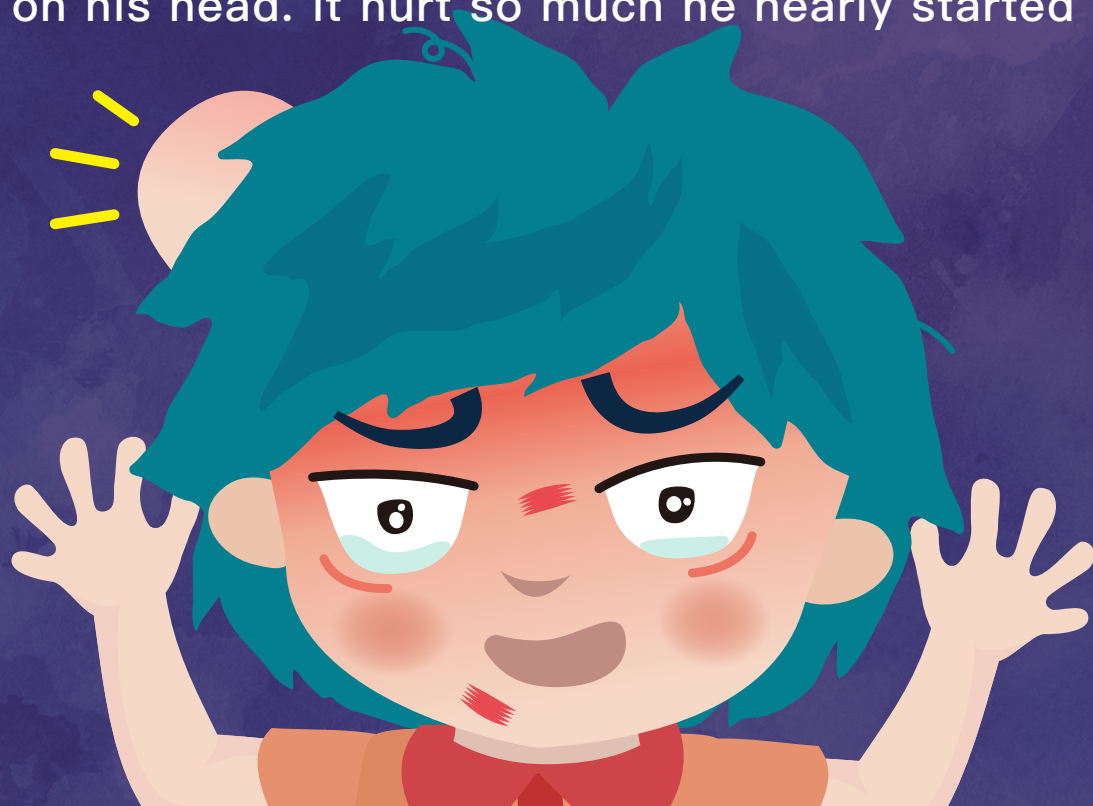"Wait! I'm about to pass this level!" Lately, Ryan had gotten quite addicted to computer games and would often play past midnight! He did not want to leave right when the game was getting good, so he just ignored his mom's words.

Mom angrily opened his door and yelled, "Are you still not out of bed?! You're almost late!" Ryan opened his eyes, looked at his alarm clock, and was shocked! In his head, he thought, 'Ah...if I brush my teeth, wash my face and eat breakfast now, I'll definitely be late!'

With a scowl on his face, Ryan grabbed his backpack and rushed out the door. While on the road, he sped towards school as fast as he could! He ran and dashed forward faster and faster! The moment he caught sight of the school building, his foot suddenly tripped over a large stone. With a lurch, he toppled to the ground. His face crashed into the ground, scraping his face and leaving a large bump on his head. It hurt so much he nearly started crying.

Anger suddenly consumed Ryan's heart for no reason, and he used his feet to fiercely kick the stones on the ground. At this time, there were many other young students who were entering into the school gates, and those who were near Ryan got hit by the rocks he kicked up! These students hastily filed into the school and went to the teacher for help.

The teacher first helped treat the students' wounds and then hur–ried towards the school gates only to discover Ryan dirty and dusty as he sat on the floor bawling! Bringing him into the school–yard, the teacher treated his wounds and asked him, "Ryan, what's wrong with you today?"Ryan answered: "It's all the stone's fault for hurting me!"The teacher was confused and said, "The stone is just lying there on the ground. How did it hurt you?"Ryan replied, "But…it made me fall!" "Why is it that normally you do not trip, but you tripped today?" the teacher asked.

A bit embarrassed, Ryan blushed and answered with his head bowed, "It's nothing really…Mom just woke me up too late, so I couldn't do anything but run to school as fast as I could. I was careless, so I tripped over a rock and fell over!" "So then you got angry because of that?" Ryan didn't speak. "Because you were angry, you randomly kicked around the rocks. Did you know that many of the students were hurt by the rocks and stones you kicked around? What do you think should be done about this?" "I'm sorry!" Ryan spoke reluctantly. "Ryan, don't you think you should apologize to the students you hurt with the rocks you kicked?" "But Miss…I'd be too embarrassed!"

The teacher answered: "Do you need me to go with you?" Ryan nodded enthusiastically, so the teacher led him to the classroom and let him stand before the podium to apologize. "I'm sorry that I hurt everyone because I got angry and lost my temper!"

The teacher stepped to the podium and said, "Being hot-tempered is not a good habit. Do you all still remember the story of <u>Isaac</u> and the wells? He always allowed others to do as they liked and did not grow angry even after being insulted or treated unfairly. Because of this, God blessed him with the honor due to a man of peace…" Ryan answered remorsefully: "Miss, I know what I've done wrong. I will definitely change myself and improve!"

The teacher then asked Ryan: "Why couldn't you get up this morning?" Looking a little embarrassed, Ryan replied, "Because the computer games were too fun, so..." The teacher talked some more to Ryan and in then end he promised two things.Firstly, he would sleep early and get up early! That way he would not have to rush to school again! Secondly, he would not lose his temper. Instead, he would get along with his classmates peacefully.Ryan then began to play the piano joy-fully, and when they heard the sound, his classmates all gathered around him and sang happily!