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Chapter 1

In Trouble Again



Emilio had a problem. Well, maybe it wasn't a problem—more like a puzzle. But it was just the kind of puzzle he liked.

Emilio was looking at his English teacher's Web site. He had helped Mr. Williams set it up a few months ago. Now Mr. Williams wanted to add a blog

and some more photos, and Emilio was planning the best way to do it.

Emilio helped everyone with this kind of computer stuff. He didn't try to take over or anything. His friends just asked for his help! When Mr. Williams found out how much Emilio liked working with computers, he had also asked for Emilio's help.

Mr. Williams had even given Emilio a computer. It was five years old—pretty old for a computer—but it was all his. Mr. Williams had given it to him after he had finished setting up the Web site.

“I just bought a new computer,” he had said. “This one is old, but it still works. You've earned it, Emilio. You spent a lot of time working on my Web site.”

Emilio had been so excited. A computer of his own? He thought he'd be saving for years before he could buy one.

His older sister Selena had a laptop. Selena was in college. She had bought the laptop at the beginning of the school year and paid for it herself. She didn't like to share it.

"All my work is on my computer," she had said when he asked. "I can't risk anything happening to it. I need to get into law school. Sorry, Emilio. You'll have to use the computers at school."

So that's what Emilio did. He stayed after school almost every day to use the computers. First he did his homework. Afterward, he did fun stuff. He learned how to build Web sites, and he found software you could download for free.

He knew he was good when Mr. Williams asked for his help.

Now he had his own computer to use whenever he wanted, and Selena even let him share her Internet connection. Life was good.



But back to Mr. Williams's Web site. Emilio got to work. He double-clicked and began to hum softly. He tapped on some keys. He clicked and moved the mouse, and then he clicked again. He tapped on the keys some more. Slowly, the page began to take shape.

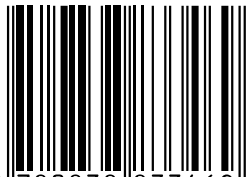
“Emilio!” His mother's voice broke his concentration, and Emilio jumped. “What are you doing?”

“Umm, working,” he said.

Emilio is sick of school and studying. His sister Selena is applying for law school, and his mom wants him to work toward a career, too. But all Emilio really wants to do is mess around on the computer. He likes to write blogs and even built a Web site. One day, his best friend gets a great idea—and Emilio’s future suddenly looks brighter.



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