

One Life (Egyetlen Élet)

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Stage1.

Welcome:

Hello there! It seems we have a new guest—welcome, welcome. The story you're about to experience is both brief and boundless. Who's the protagonist, you ask? Well, in a way, it's everyone. But since you're here, this story will center on you.

Before we dive into the exciting narrative, let's start with something simple: how's the weather today? Press the button on the left if it's relatively sunny, or the one on the right if it's more of a cloudy day. (**press the button on pdf, it will also work**)



Stage2.

Left (sunny):

Let's take a step back in time to the beginning of your story. November 15th, 2001—a day like any other, except it wasn't. This was the day you entered the world, turning an ordinary moment into something unforgettable. Your parents marked the date with pride and joy, knowing it would forever hold a special place in their hearts.

Fast forward to your first birthday. Loved and nurtured, you were already growing fast. To celebrate, your parents brought you some new toys. Two stood out: a shiny toy car and a whimsical bubble gun. It's time to choose your favorite. Press the left button for the car, or the right button for the bubble gun.



Right(cloudy):

Let's journey back in time and uncover the story of you. November 15th, 2001—a seemingly ordinary cloudy day. But this day was far from ordinary; it was extraordinary because of you. This was the day you were born, a moment so special that your parents marked it with an X on the calendar, promising never to forget it.

As the years passed, their love and care helped you grow, and soon you were celebrating your first birthday. To mark the occasion, your parents brought home some toys. Two caught your attention right away: a toy car and a bubble gun. Now it's time to choose. Press the left button for the toy car or the right button for the bubble gun.



Stage3.

Left(toy car):

Like many kids, you went to kindergarten. One day, you noticed something: your beloved toy car was seen as old-fashioned by your classmates. From then on, you decided to leave it at home.

After kindergarten, you moved on to a local primary school. Those years were a mix of experiences—you made a few close friends, maintained decent grades, and, most importantly, adopted a dog named Lucky when you were 15. Lucky quickly became your loyal companion, bringing joy to your life.

But adolescence came with its own set of challenges. Attending a high school far from home meant your friend group changed, and adjusting wasn't always easy. Your mood swung unpredictably, and your grades started to suffer. Overwhelmed, you began questioning whether high school was even worth it.

Now, at 18, your parents see you as an adult capable of making your own choices. They've left the decision entirely in your hands: should you drop out of high school and forge your own path, or stay the course, finish high school, and go on to college?

Press the left button to drop out of high school. Press the right button to continue high school and attend college.



Right(bubble gun):

You started kindergarten like most kids, full of curiosity and excitement. Your bubble gun quickly became the star of the playground—so popular, in fact, that everyone wanted to borrow it. But after lending it out once, it mysteriously disappeared, never to return.

Moving on to primary school, you navigated the ups and downs of childhood. You made a few close friends, kept your grades steady, and, at 15, welcomed a new member to your family: a dog named Lucky. Lucky became your source of comfort and happiness, a bright spot in your life.

Then came high school, bringing with it the inevitable challenges of adolescence. Attending a school far from home meant leaving your old friends behind and struggling to fit in with new ones. The distance and the changes weighed heavily on you, and your mood became unpredictable. As your grades began to slip, so did your motivation, leaving you questioning whether to continue at all.

Now, at 18, you stand at a crossroads. Your parents, trusting you as an adult, have left the decision entirely in your hands: Should you leave high school and carve out your own path, or stay, finish what you started, and work toward college?

Press the left button to drop out of high school. Press the right button to continue high school and attend college.



Stage4:

Left(drop out):

At 18, you made the tough decision to drop out of high school. You returned home, but instead of finding clarity, life felt empty and aimless. The spark that once defined you faded, replaced by a daily struggle with substance abuse. Your once-bright energy dwindled into a haze of difficult days, leaving your parents heartbroken and unsure how to help.

Then came November 15, 2026—a day that would change everything. That night, under the influence, you got into a heated argument with a stranger on the street. The situation spiraled out of control, and the stranger pulled out a gun. Just when it seemed like the worst was inevitable, someone stepped in—a mysterious stranger who saved your life.

The details are a blur; you had been drinking too much to remember how it all happened. But here you are, alive, with questions lingering about that life-altering night.

Now, at 25, the choice is yours. Press the left button to search for the person who saved you and express your gratitude. Press the right button to leave the past behind and move forward without looking back.



Right(continue high school):

You graduated high school and made a lifelong friend named Alex. Together, you shared countless memories, and even after parting ways for college, you stayed close. You were accepted to Evergreen Hill University, a small but prestigious college nestled in the remote countryside of Verdant Valley.

Life at Evergreen Hill was a mix of challenges and triumphs. You worked hard, excelling in your freshman and sophomore years. One thing you couldn't stand, though, was the cafeteria food. But instead of complaining, you channeled your frustration into learning how to cook, turning mealtime into a creative and rewarding escape.

Then came a pivotal day: May 13th, 2021—the moment to declare your major. It was a decision that would shape your future.

Press the left button to choose Computer Science. Press the right button to choose Biology.



Stage5:

Left(find savior):

A few days later, your beloved dog Lucky passed away. It was a heartbreaking loss, but perhaps Lucky truly lived up to his name, bringing you a bit of luck even in his absence.

Though you never found the mysterious person who saved your life, your search unexpectedly led you to something even more profound—your other half. You met them in a quaint coffee shop, a fittingly classic place for such a serendipitous encounter. With their emotional support, your life began to turn around. Slowly but surely, you found stability and purpose.

You took a job at that same coffee shop, and for the first time in years, you felt grounded. At 30, you and your partner tied the knot, marking a new chapter filled with hope and happiness.

One ordinary day at work, a regular customer struck up a conversation and shared an intriguing investment opportunity in Bitcoin. Now, the choice is yours:

Press the left button to invest in Bitcoin. Press the right button to decline and stick to what you know.



Right(not find savior):

You decided against searching for the person who saved your life, accepting that the chances of finding them were slim. But the life-or-death encounter served as a wake-up call—you knew it was time to change. The first step? Finding a job.

You applied to countless positions but received little response due to your lack of a university degree. Just when things felt hopeless, a local coffee shop offered you a job. It wasn't glamorous, but it was steady, and for the first time in years, life seemed to be heading in the right direction.

While working at the coffee shop, fate intervened again. One of your regular customers caught your eye, and before long, the two of you were inseparable. It was

only years later that you discovered the astonishing truth: your partner was the mysterious person who saved your life that fateful night.

However, like many couples, you faced your challenges. One particularly intense argument left you questioning everything: Is this the person you're meant to spend your life with?

Press the left button to leave and move on. Press the right button to forgive and commit to building a future together.



Left(CS):

You chose to major in computer science and minor in economics at Evergreen Hill University. Surprisingly, just one year after your graduation, a company called IntelliCore launched a groundbreaking large language model named CodeXcel. CodeXcel was so advanced at coding that tech companies no longer needed human programmers. By the age of 24, you found yourself unemployed, and to make matters worse, your beloved dog, Lucky, passed away that same year.

Luckily, your economics background came to the rescue. You landed a job as a high school economics teacher. While teaching, you met your other half—a fellow economics teacher who shared your passion for education.

One day, a friend-turned-regular at your local café approached you with an exciting investment opportunity in the metaverse.

Press the left button to invest in the metaverse. Press the right button to decline and continue your journey as an economics teacher.



Right(Bio):

You chose to major in biology at Evergreen Hill University. After graduating, you were hired by a prestigious biology research lab, where you excelled in DNA replication research, publishing numerous influential papers. During a conference in the Netherlands, you met your other half, and your life seemed to fall into a steady rhythm of professional success and personal happiness.

One day, while working late in the lab, you stumbled upon an unusual anomaly in your data—something no one else had noticed. This anomaly hinted at a potential breakthrough that could revolutionize our understanding of aging and cellular regeneration. Excited but cautious, you knew pursuing this discovery could mean abandoning your current projects and taking a huge professional risk.

Now, you must choose:

Press the left button to dedicate yourself fully to exploring this groundbreaking discovery, risking your reputation but chasing greatness.

Press the right button to stick with your current path, ensuring stability and continued success in your established career.



Stage6.

Not Invest/ Marry:

You chose not to invest and decided to marry your partner—a choice many might consider the safe and sensible path.

Your wedding was beautiful, filled with joy and cherished memories. Together, you built a life grounded in love and shared goals. You poured yourself into your career, making meaningful contributions to your field, while your partner supported you every step of the way.

At 35, your lives took on a new kind of happiness with the arrival of your child—a bright, energetic baby who filled your days with laughter and wonder. Life, for all its ups and downs, had shaped into something simple yet fulfilling.

But now, a question lingers: Is this enough?

Press the left button if you feel truly satisfied with this life.

Press the right button if you're yearning for something more.



Invest:

Ah, the lure of easy money—it catches many in its trap. Unfortunately, the investment turned out to be a complete scam. By the age of 35, you had lost all your savings and, consumed by stress and despair, began missing work. Eventually, this led to losing your job as well.

Despite the hardships, your partner stood by you, offering unwavering support through the darkest times. To pay off your debts, you sold your car and slowly began rebuilding your life. After months of persistence, you found a new job and started over, piece by piece.

By the age of 42, the years have left their mark, and you no longer feel as youthful as you once did. Yet, the weight of responsibility drives you forward—you're determined to work hard and provide for your family.

Press the left button to continue working hard. Press the right button to continue working hard, because that's the only way forward.



Not Marry:

You chose to leave your partner and pursue a lifelong dream: traveling the world. To fund your adventures, you became a YouTuber, documenting your journeys across countries and cultures. Though your channel never skyrocketed to fame, it provided just enough income to sustain your travels.

For years, you wandered from place to place, finding joy in the freedom and beauty of the world. It was a fulfilling life, though love never found its way back to you.

Now, at the age of 78, you find yourself in the Netherlands, reflecting on a life well-lived as you prepare to say your final goodbye to the world.

Press the left button to pause and cherish the moment.

Press the right button to continue your journey to the very end.



Pursuing the Breakthrough

You pressed the left button, deciding to dive headfirst into the anomaly and pursue the groundbreaking discovery. The road was anything but easy. Your lab colleagues doubted you, and securing funding for such an unconventional project was a constant struggle.

However, years of relentless effort paid off. At the age of 42, your research led to a revolutionary treatment that slowed the aging process and enhanced cellular regeneration. The scientific community hailed you as a pioneer, and your discovery brought immense recognition and financial rewards.

With your newfound success, you and your partner celebrated by traveling the world, sharing your achievements and inspiring the next generation of scientists. Your name became synonymous with innovation, and you left behind a legacy of bold thinking and fearless pursuit of the unknown.

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Sticking with Stability (Unsuccessful)

You pressed the right button, choosing to stick with your current path, confident in the stability and success you had built over the years. For a time, things went well—you continued to publish quality research, and your career seemed steady.

However, as time went on, the field of biology advanced rapidly, and new technologies and methods left your research increasingly outdated. Younger scientists with fresh ideas began to take the spotlight, and funding for your projects dwindled. Despite your efforts, you found it difficult to keep up with the pace of innovation.

At the age of 50, you were let go from your research position as the lab shifted focus to more cutting-edge areas. Though you tried to pivot, the lack of recent groundbreaking work on your resume made it difficult to secure a similar role.

In the end, you settled for a teaching position at a local community college. While you found some satisfaction in mentoring students, you couldn't help but wonder what might have been if you had taken the risk to pursue that groundbreaking anomaly years ago.

Press the left button to continue working hard, finding joy in teaching and sharing your knowledge.

Press the right button to continue working hard, because it's the only way forward



Optional Stage 7.

Work Hard:

At 45, you experienced the profound loss of your parents, a moment that left a lasting impact on your life. Despite the grief, you channeled your energy into working hard and building a stable future. By the age of 60, you retired, proud of the life you had built. Your child, now grown, pursued their passion for anthropology as a graduate student, making you beam with pride.

As the years passed, you became more attuned to your health. You gave up junk food, soda, and even alcohol, prioritizing your well-being. By the time you turned 70, medications became a regular part of your routine, a reminder of the passage of time. Meanwhile, your child started a family of their own, bringing new joy into your life.

At 74, you faced another great loss when your beloved partner passed away. Their absence left a void, but you found comfort in memories of a life well-shared. Now, at the age of 78, you find yourself reflecting on the journey as you prepare to say your final goodbye to the world.

Press the left button to pause and reflect.

Press the right button to continue to the end of your story.



Stage 8 [END].

Pause/Rainy Day:

Time waits for no one, and unfortunately, there's no way to stop the clock from ticking forward. The moment has come for your journey to end. ... On a rainy day, at the age of 78, you quietly said goodbye to the world. **[END]**

Pause/Sunny Day:

Time is relentless, and no matter how much we wish to pause it, the clock keeps ticking. Your moment has arrived. ... On a sunny day, at the age of 78, you peacefully passed away, leaving behind a life full of memories. **[END]**

Continue/Rainy Day:

And so, the story continues, moving toward its inevitable conclusion. ... On a rainy day, at the age of 78, you took your final breath, the world around you softly weeping with the rain. **[END]**

Continue/Sunny Day:

And so, the story continues, heading toward its last chapter. ... On a sunny day, at the age of 78, you passed away, the warmth of the sun a quiet witness to the end of your journey. **[END]**

Truly Satisfied

You pressed the left button, choosing to embrace the life you had built with contentment. The years passed quietly, filled with cherished moments—family gatherings, the joy of watching your child grow, and the steady companionship of your loved ones.

As you aged, health challenges emerged, and the daily routine occasionally felt monotonous. Yet, you found peace in the stability you had chosen. Though you sometimes wondered if there was more you could have done, those thoughts were fleeting compared to the gratitude you felt for a life surrounded by love and simplicity.

At 85, with your family by your side, you peacefully passed away in your home. Your legacy wasn't measured in fame or wealth but in the love and warmth you left behind, which continued to inspire those you cared about most. **[END]**

Yearning for More

You pressed the right button, driven by an insatiable desire for something greater. Embarking on a bold new path, you pursued your passions with fervor—exploring new places, tackling ambitious projects, and stepping far outside your comfort zone.

The journey was exhilarating, but it also came with challenges. Your choices strained relationships, and financial struggles forced you to make difficult sacrifices. As time passed, you faced moments of isolation and doubt, questioning whether the risks were worth the cost.

At 85, you passed away in a small, quiet hospital room, far from the life you once knew. Though your final days were modest, you reflected on the highs and lows of your journey. Despite the sacrifices and regrets, you smiled, knowing you had lived with courage, chasing dreams others might have feared to pursue.

Your story, filled with triumphs and struggles, remained an inspiration—a testament to the power of living boldly, even when the cost is steep. **[END]**

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