

Father's Day

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Miguel hurried to his room after finishing his chores. Tomorrow was Father's Day, but he still hadn't completed Dad's gift. He'd used cardboard boxes and heavy-duty tape to make a set of shelves. Next, he'd used paint from the utility closet to color it brown. Now the paint was dry and the shelves were in the process of being filled with Dad's tools to be used for Father's Day.



He peeked out from the shelves from his room. He didn't want Dad getting suspicious.

Miguel rounded the corner of the garage and flipped open the door. The shelves were overflowing from a toolbox.

With this shelf, Miguel could store various projects. He was proud of his work.

It took half an hour, but soon Miguel had arranged the hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers, and cans of nails onto his cardboard shelves. The shelves were wobbly but they stayed upright.

When he was done, Miguel tiptoed back into the house. He would tell Dad about his gift first thing in the morning.

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The next day, Miguel jumped out of bed and raced into the kitchen. Mom and Dad sat at the kitchen table eating breakfast.

“Happy Father’s Day!” Miguel said as he hugged Dad. “I made you a present. It’s in the garage.”

Dad returned the hug with a smile. “Thanks, Miguel. Why don’t you show me?”

Miguel led him to the garage. He opened the door and flipped the light switch, then he gestured to the shelves with a grin.

But the wobbly boxes were destroyed on the floor.

Miguel’s excitement faded.

He looked quickly at the boxes stretched from ear to ear.

Miguel frowned.

“It’s nothing wrong with me.”

Miguel’s disappointment took Dad’s hand. “I’ll look

at those shelves tonight. The boxes laid

on the shelves,” he said.

“I’ll look at them,” Dad said, but Dad’s smile

wasn’t as wide. “That is, if you’ll help

me look at those shelves. He

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1) In your own words, tell what this story is about.

2) Explain the meanings of the words, based on their usage in the story.

a) envisioned:

b) suspicious:

3) Re-read paragraph movements.

4) Miguel is not dis
this is so?

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- 5) Do you think Miguel's gift was a very thoughtful one? Take hints from the story to support your answer.

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