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Pencilling Parallels



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WOOSH



THUMP

CRASH!

BANG



thud thud thud thud thud thud thud thud thud thud thud thud thud

I know your birthday isn't till next week but this will prove we are the same person!



Is this my birthday present?

Just open it already.





Look.

I found several photos where we're in identical poses.



It's purely coincidental.

Sometimes mum made us pose before she took these.





Then what about these?

Clearly we had similar interests.



I just needed to keep you entertained.

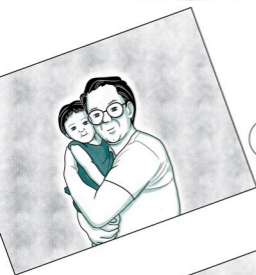
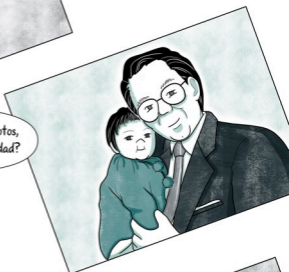


Mum was busy taking your brother to all those doctor's visits after he was born.

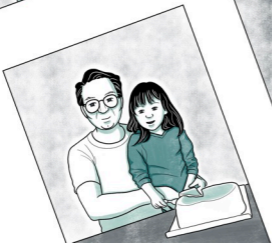
Look, you're not even holding the newspaper correctly here.



Then what about these photos, where I look just like you, dad?



You've got your mum's features too.



I GIVE UP!

SLAM

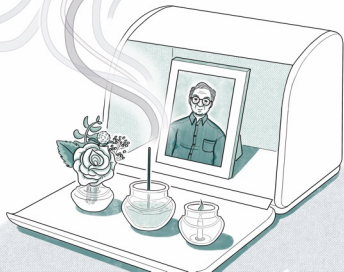
Hmm?

Oh, this is from
your first day as
an architect!

Look at that drafting
table in the background.

I also work at a
drafting table drawing
things in perspective!

Well, except I'm
doing that in comics
rather than
blueprints...







ON A LAZY SATURDAY MORNING, A DAUGHTER SHARES A STEAMING CUPPA WITH HER FATHER AS SHE DESPERATELY TRIES TO BOND WITH HIM. EVERY TIME SHE POINTS OUT THEIR SIMILARITIES, THOUGH, HE SHOTS IT DOWN.

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