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A woman stood quietly in line, her hands clutched tightly on her purse. The air around her hummed pleasantly with whispered conversation — all the people waiting in line seemed to be nervously expecting something. Then, suddenly, a door creaked open, and a girl stepped out, "We're open!" As her booming voice traveled down the long line, a ripple of excitement seemed to follow. The woman clutching her purse smiled. As the people filed inside the small shop, they were instructed to look up the menu, put down an order, and take their product with them on their way out. Despite such a perfectly designed routine, disturbance still occurred due to the eager people pushing to get inside, causing much annoyance and several small arguments. So it was that when the quiet woman

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walked out of the shop she was glad to take a big breath of fresh air. Even though waiting in line was tedious work, she was jubilant as she started home with a big box in her arms.

This is a story of my mother buying a product she saw on TV the week before. It was a pudding made so tender that it seemed to melt on your tongue. The story behind the product was a pair of worried parents when their child got braces and did not have appetite to eat anything whatsoever. Desperate, they decided to invent a tender pudding that their child could consume with ease. When my mother saw this story on TV, she was deeply touched, and at the time I had just started to put on braces, so my mother had bought the pudding and brought them to me in no time. Even though this happened years ago, I can vividly see the look of satisfaction on my mother's face when I told her I liked the pudding, and seeing that look made me realize how much my mother really cared for me. Before this incident I had always thought that the people swarming into popular stores were foolish, but now I realize that their eagerness may as well be the evidence of how much their loved ones meant to them. All in all, I have deep respect for ones that submit themselves to waiting in long lines, and I hope that the ones that receive these gifts will know how much the gifts are worth.

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