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My father is a workaholic. He spends his days in the hospital, delivering life and witnessing death. I barely see him anymore; sometimes I wonder if he notices how tall I have become, how well I do in school, or how many friends I have made after moving to this foreign country. When he got home yesterday, I expected to see the worn-out slump on his shoulders and a pair of bloodshot eyes. Yet, to my surprise, he was glowing in a beam of merriment. Cheerfully, he exclaimed, "Let's go on a trip!" I almost thought I was hallucinating, but his radiating happiness proved me wrong. The next thing I knew, we were loading our baggages on the trunk. My father hummed as he steered the driving wheel, while my mother giggled at his flat tunes. The sun was as warm and comforting as an embrace; the sky as indigo as the gemstone on my mother's finger. Ah, today was going to be amazing!

The car gradually stopped as I snapped out of my imagination of the trip. Impatient drivers honked their cars, urging others to move. My father turned around

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and gave me a reassuring grin, "It's the holidays, of course it is going a little bit jammed." A little bit, he said. We ended up waiting on the car for an hour; not one inch did we move! Father observed my brewing annoyance, and asked me about school. A talkative person^{as} I am, I gushed until we finally arrived at the destination. However, no luck had been bestowed upon us, the park was packed^{as well}. There was no way we could find a spot for our picnic. My parents stood transfixed for a second, gaping at the mob. But^{then} they shared a ^{meek} smile, and my mother turned to me and said, "How about we head home and make a wondrous dinner together?"

So we^{headed} home—on the way my father talked about the interesting incidents at work, sparing us the medical details. Together, we cooked ourselves steak and french fries, chattering ceaselessly about all the unimportant details of our lives. Then, I realized we did not need a romantic picnic at a famous tourist spot for a trip. Catching up with my family was the best trip I could ask for, and there was no place I would rather be than being beside my family.

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