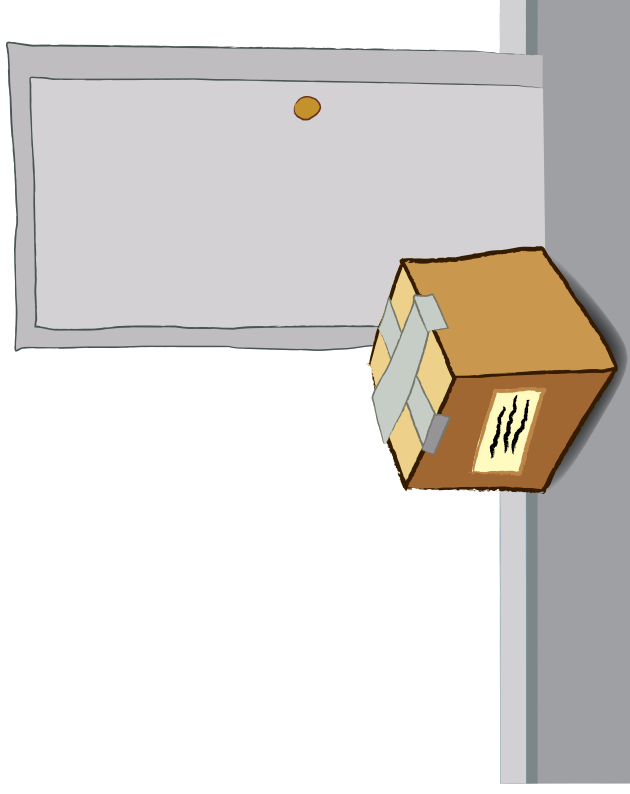


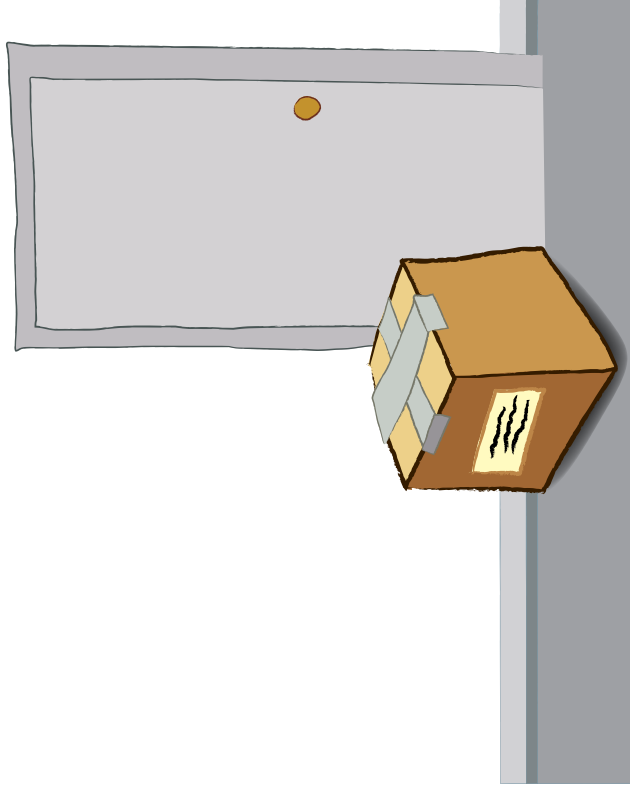
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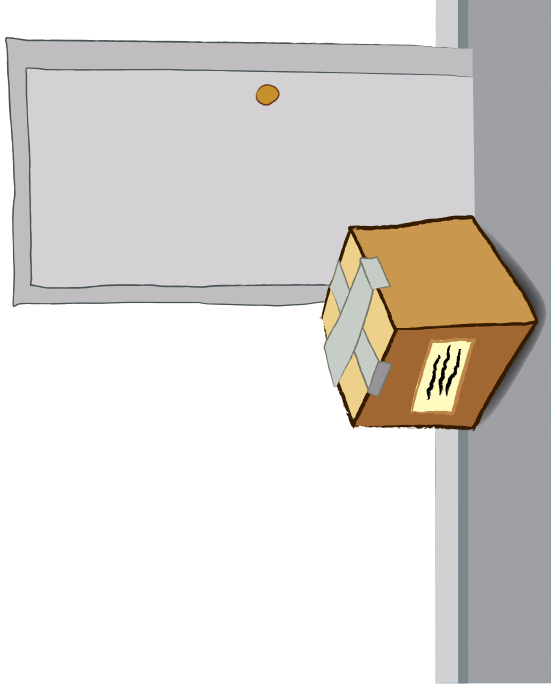


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Sam was eager to get home after school today. It was Friday, which meant Sam and Dad would make dinner together tonight. He hoped they could make some fudge for after dinner, too.



Sam turned the corner of the hallway and found a very large package resting against the ledge of the front door of their apartment. "I wonder why we received such a huge package?" Sam thought to himself.

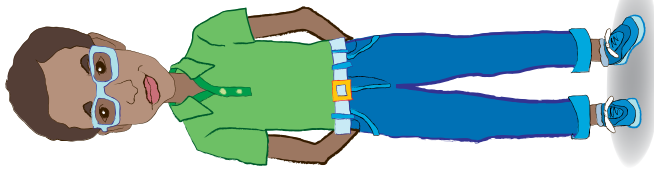
Sam unlocked the door. The package was too large to pick up, so he tried to nudge it into the apartment. It was so big, it barely budged! He put all his weight into it finally and pushed it through their front door.

The receipt had Dad's name on it. Sam didn't want to open it if it was not meant for him. But he *really* wanted to know what was inside! He would be a sleuth and look for clues.

Sam and Dad had never received such a large package. Sam had no knowledge of Dad ordering anything. So he looked around the apartment for clues.

Sam went to the kitchen and got a beverage. He sat down on the edge of the couch and looked up at the ceiling as he thought. "Could it be new luggage? Could it be a large cage? Is Dad finally going to let me have a dog?"

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"And why didn't Dad tell me about it? He has never deceived me before. Maybe it is supposed to be a surprise?" And just then, Dad walked in the door.

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"Oh, I finally received my package!" Dad said as he looked at the package.
What do you think it is?