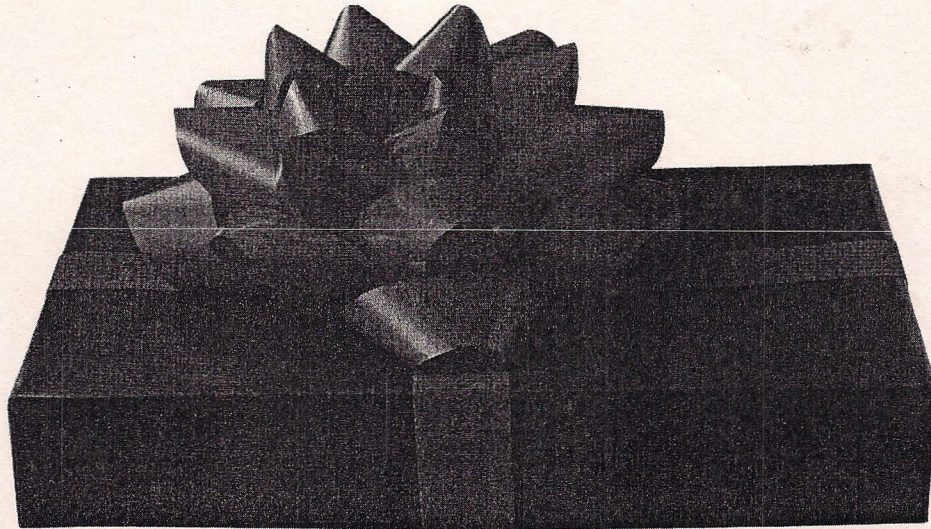


- Read the story again.

# The Present



It is December 24, the day before a big holiday. Many people are shopping. They are buying presents for their families and friends.

In one store, there is a long line of people. They are waiting to pay.

Mrs. Park is waiting in line. She is holding a toy. It is a present for her son. It is expensive. It is \$85.

Mrs. Park gives the toy to the cashier. Then she looks in her purse. There is no money in her purse. She looks in her pockets. There is no money in her pockets. Her money is gone. She begins to cry.

A man is standing at the end of the line. He opens his wallet. He takes out \$20. He passes the money to the young woman in front of him.

The young woman opens her purse. She takes out \$10. She passes the \$30 to the boy in front of her.

The boy looks in his pocket. He finds \$5. He passes the \$35 to the woman in front of him.

The woman opens her purse. She takes out \$40. She passes the \$75 to the young man in front of her.

The young man opens his wallet. He takes out \$10. He gives the \$85 to the cashier. The cashier gives the toy to Mrs. Park.

Mrs. Park smiles at the people in line. "Thank you," she says. "Thank you very much."

She goes home with the present for her son.

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