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Summary of “The Money”

When Junot Diaz was twelve years old, his family went on a vacation. When they returned to Jersey they found out they were burglarized. It was not shocking because everyone in his neighborhood had a turn of getting burglarized in a violent fashion. Unfortunately, it was the Diaz family’s turn this time. Being a recent immigrant made them more of a target. Reality hit the Diaz family really badly. Feeling fear and violation affected Junot’s mother the most. Two days later, talking about the incident to his friends made him realize they burglarized his house. Interestingly, Junot knew it was them just by looking into their eyes and mannerisms. “They were shaking their heads and mouthing all the right words”. Heading to the park as usual with his friends, Junot thought of a plan which consisted of pretending to use the bathroom when really he was going to unlatch the window of his friend. After that he pretended he forgot something at his house but instead he went to sneak himself in the unlatched window. Finding his D. & D. books and his mother remittances proved himself right about his so called “friends”. Two days later he returned his mother’s remittances back wanting some type of reward back. However there was nothing but “just two hundred and some dollars and fifteen hundred or so miles--- that’s all there was”.