

The Money by Junot Diaz

Junot Díaz story, “The Money” is about how his mother always found a way to save money to be able to send money back home to her family. No matter how little money they had, she would always scrimp and save and stash away until she had a few hundred dollars to send every six months or so. From Diaz’ other work, we assume that he was not a model citizen as a youth, but even he knew not to tamper with his mother’s money. “Stealing from her purse was one thing, but the wrath of stealing from the “to be sent money” was unfathomable.” Then one week when they all went on vacation they return to see that their house has been robbed. Some of Junot’s things were taken as well as the money. Later, as Junot is telling his friends what happened, it suddenly comes to him that these two “bozos” are the only two who knew where the money was. And he sets about getting it back.