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At home he was like a mad scientist—he had a workshop in his basement, and that was his spot. He wasn't into watching sports or hanging out with friends, he liked to invent. When the movie *Back to the Future* came out and “Doc” created the Flux Capacitor . . . I was like, “*That’s my dad!!*”

I remember one time in elementary school when I had to make a diorama. The assignment was simple: Take a shoebox and create a replica of your own house. Well, by the time my dad “helped out,” my diorama had running water and electricity. I kid you not. You could also push a button and the little garage door on the diorama would open.

I definitely think I got my creativity from my dad. And as far as I know he’s pro-Novocain, but unfortunately he wasn’t the one driving me to the dentist.

The part of me that would grow up to hire a Navy SEAL, that came from Mom.