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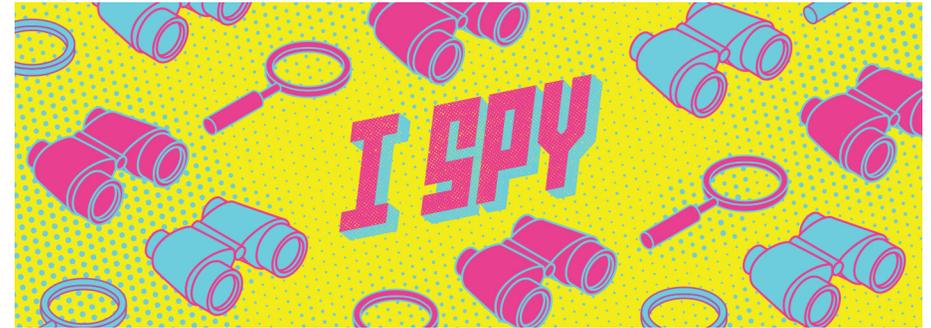
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SECRET FOR DADS FROM A DAUGHTER

By Hannah Joiner Crosby

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I remember rolling my eyes as a little girl when my dad needed to take me by his office. The funny thing is I also remember REALLY wanting to go. I just didn't want him to know that. Yes, we do play games, and I'm sorry it's so confusing! I loved feeling like I was important enough to be around my dad's workplace. It made me feel like he was proud to be my dad.

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When I was sixteen, I got into some trouble at school. I was scared to death

of what my punishment would be when my dad got home. This is one of those times I remember him "letting go." He didn't really punish me, he just told me I was old enough to make my own decisions and that I was accountable to God and myself.

The next day, he took me to work with him and treated me like an adult. This was a turning point in my life. I was heartbroken knowing he was disappointed in me. I WANTED a punishment so that I could just pay for it. Instead, letting go in that moment taught me who I wanted to be—someone that could make the right decisions without rules.

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