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The Perfect Birthday Present

by Kelly Hashway

Toby stared in awe at the commercial for the new Super Robotoman. It was half man, half machine and could transform into an airplane, a submarine, and a racecar. It could fly, swim underwater, and even do karate. Super Robotoman was the ultimate superhero action figure.



"Dad! Look!" Toby pointed to the television screen. "That's what I want for my birthday. Can I get one? Please!"

"We'll see," Dad said. "Your birthday is only two weeks away. New toys like this can be hard to find sometimes."

"Hard to find? But it's on T.V."

Dad laughed. "That's what will make it difficult to find. Everyone will be looking to buy it."

Everyone? Toby thought. Well then he'd tell everyone that he wanted the Super Robotoman. Someone would be able to find it then, right?

Before bed, Toby called both sets of grandparents and told them all about the Super Robotoman. Then he added a note at the bottom of each party invitation so all his friends would know he wanted the Super Robotoman. He passed them out at school the next day.

For two weeks, all he talked about was the Super Robotoman and all the cool things it could do. His friends and family nodded and smiled as Toby went on and on about how it was the perfect birthday present.

Toby was so excited he could barely sleep the night before the party. He woke up early and helped his parents set up. Mom had bought Super Robotoman decorations, including a piñata. Toby thought they were great, but what if he didn't get the action figure? His birthday would be ruined.

As the guests arrived, Toby took the presents and placed them on the gift table. He studied each package, giving it a good shake to see if he could figure out if one contained the Super Robotoman. His parents made him wait until after the cake and the piñata to open his gifts. The party was a blur as Toby stared at the pile of presents.

Finally it was gift time. Toby ripped open the first present. "Super Robotoman!" Toby was ecstatic, but everyone else looked worried. "What's wrong?" he asked.

Dad handed him a box. "I think you should open another present."

Toby opened it. "Another Super Robotoman?"

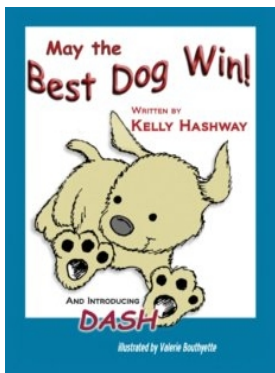
His father handed him more boxes. Each one contained a Super Robotoman. Toby stared at the pile of action figures and laughed. "I guess I got what I asked for." He handed an action figure to each of his friends. "Now we all have one. Let's go try them out."

"You're not upset?" Mom asked.

Toby shrugged. "Why would I be? I got what I wanted, and now all my friends have one too. It was the perfect birthday."

About the the Author

Kelly Hashway



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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2. How did Toby's friends and family react when he told them all about Super Robotman?

- a. They told him to stop talking about it so much.
- b. They told him he probably wouldn't get it for his birthday.
- c. They ignored him.
- d. They listened politely.

3. Place these events in chronological order. Write 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th on each line.

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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story.
Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

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hint: a vehicle that travels underwater

1. _____

2. _ _ a _ d _ a _ e n _ s
hint: your parent's parents

2. _____

3. _ a _ a _ e
hint: Japanese art of self defense

3. _____

4. _ _ _ n _ f _ r _
hint: change from one thing to another

4. _____

5. _ i _ a _ _
hint: toy containing candy that is hit with a stick

5. _____

6. _ _ s t _ t _ _
hint: really, really happy

6. _____

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For Toby, the perfect birthday present was Super Robotoman. What would be **your** perfect birthday present? Draw a picture of it in the space below. The, tell what it is and describe it in detail.



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Everyone had gotten him the same thing. He had lots of Super Robotman action figures.

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