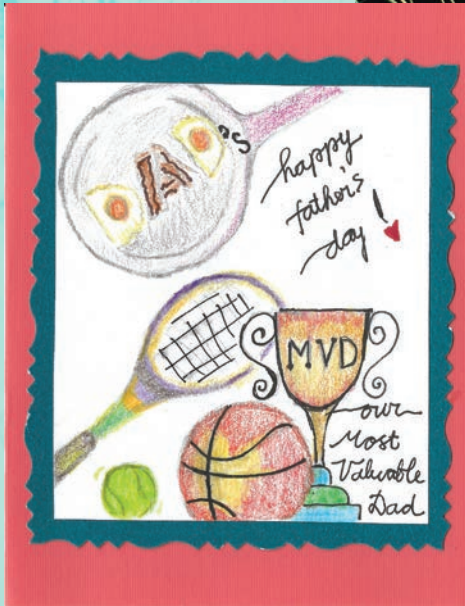


Home Smart Home

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My dad graduated from the University of the Philippines in 1987. He was part of the first ever cohort to major in computer science at the university.



(The graduation photo of my father pictured to the left is fictional. He had to miss his graduation ceremony due to Filipino military service.)

When my dad moved our family to Canada in 2000, we first lived in an apartment near Kennedy Station, then into a brand new house on the edge of Malvern. The house is still their home, a Mattamy Home.¹ The houses repeat and our existence felt anonymous.



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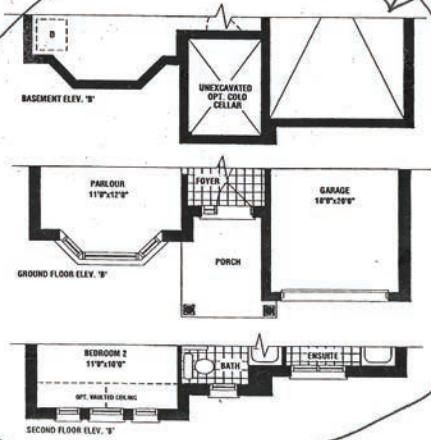


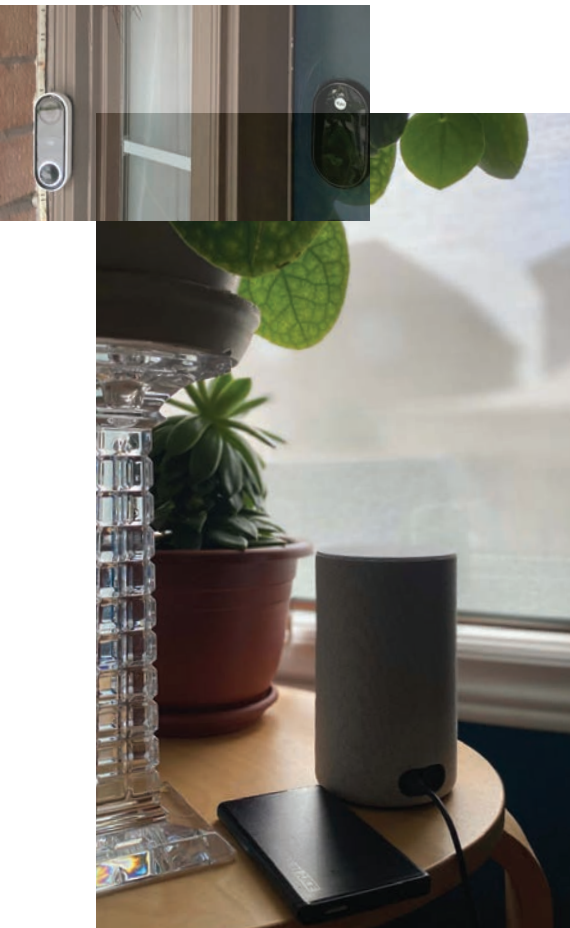
The purpose of the above elevations is only to show which windows are classified as decorative glass, i.e. decorative glass elements which may appear as windows from the exterior of the dwelling.

1 Mattamy Homes is the largest privately owned homebuilder in North America, exemplary of a "cookie-cutter" home-builder style that expedites the process of buying a new home.



Materials, specifications, and floor plans are subject to change without notice. All renderings are artist's conceptions. All floor plans are approximate dimensions. Actual usable floor space may vary from the stated floor area. Note that plans and room dimensions may vary according to elevation, S. & D.E.



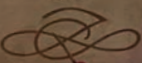


But the robots gave the house character. They appeared one by one and slowly filled the house, a shadow of my dad's nerdy indulgences, regulating and keeping watch over our suburban lives...

Coverage in every corner.



of what we
do not see.
HEBREWS 11:1



Is our house getting
Smarter?

What are the robots
learning about us?

Nest



8:00 AM

8:11:07 AM

8:15 AM

Nest



9:15 AM

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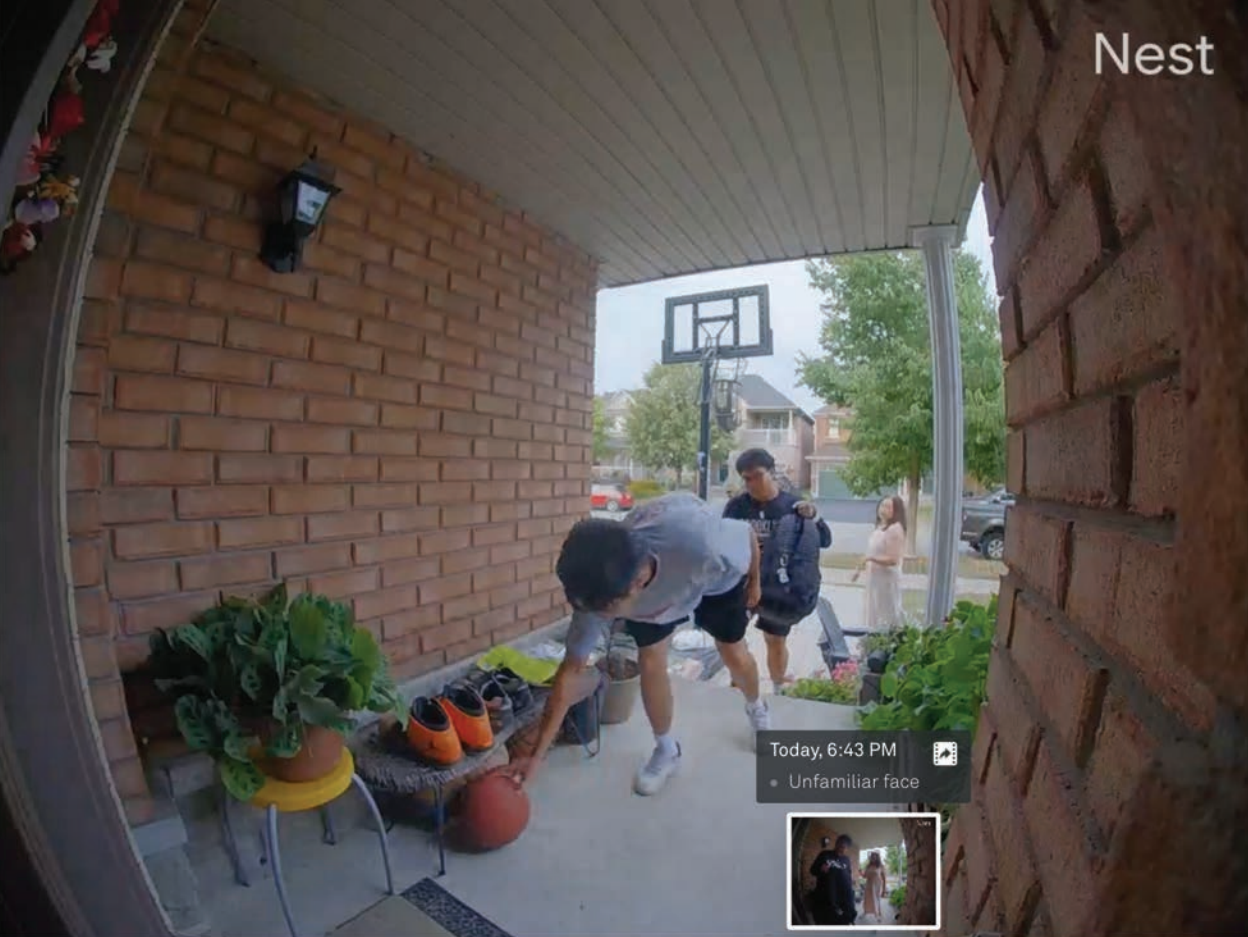
I WENT OUT
FOR A DRINK



12:58:34 AM 1:00 AM

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Nest



Today, 6:43 PM




• Unfamiliar face



6:30 PM

6:43:42 PM 45 PM

Coexistence

The background is a bright yellow, textured surface, likely handmade paper, with numerous small, dark green and brown dried plant fragments scattered across it. The text is positioned on the left side of the page.

With human
and non-human life

YOU CAN
ACTUALLY LEAVE
JORDANS ON
THE PORCH

DAD'S NEW
E-BIKE



Nest



7:30 PM

7:15 PM





As a teenager, I hated this neighbourhood. I hated taking the bus from Scarborough Town Centre Station, full of sleepy security guards and gossiping mothers. I hated the measley trees that we received as saplings for the front yard. I looked at the houses

and saw bland, lifeless copies of copies, gauche plaster vessels for us immigrants to fill with our assorted clutter. Our valueless assets, our souvenirs from a country that wasn't our own, our protest against full severance from "back home".

The neighbourhood,
like me, has grown.



Alexa plays [♪] Lionel [♫] Richie / Bruno Mars / the weather

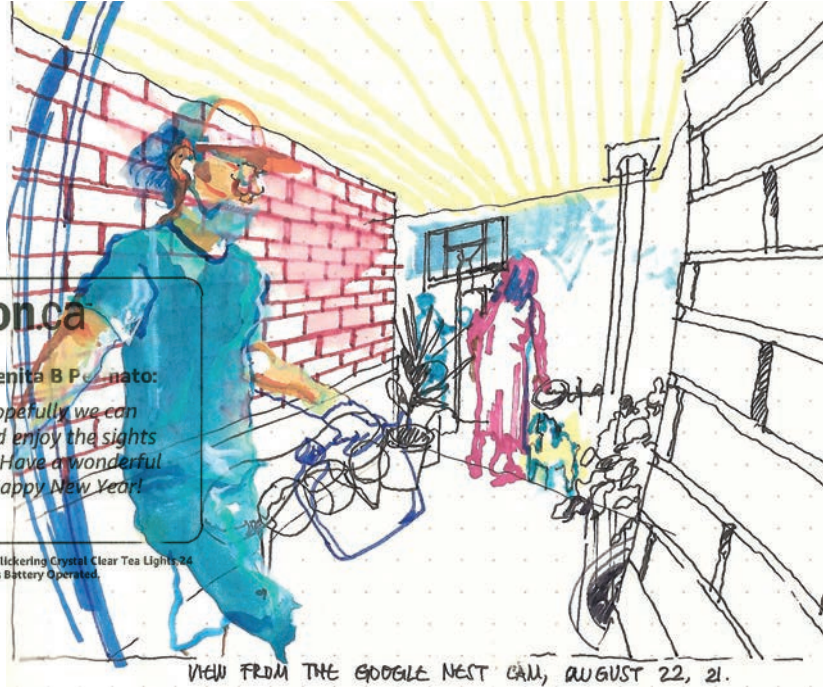
Alexa what's the weather today

Alexa what's the news today

Alexa



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A gift note from Elenita B Permato:

*Dear Wawa and Ber, Hopefully we can meet again in 2021 and enjoy the sights and events of Toronto. Have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!
From Ellen Permato*

Gift note included with Untyo Led Candles, Flickering Crystal Clear Tea Lights 24 Pack Flameless Candles 100+ Hours Candles Battery Operated.

VIEW FROM THE GOOGLE NEST CAM, AUGUST 22, 21.

Illustration, left: Wawa Rosiana Tjong
Illustration, right: Bianca Weeko Martin

I moved out and got roommates as soon as I could. I scoffed at my friends who ‘stayed’ in Scarborough living with their parents and eluding a free, independent life downtown like mine.

When the pandemic hit, I moved home, first out of necessity, and then by choice. I kind of understand, now, why we Asians choose to live with our family. It is a privilege to be able to co-exist in this house and with our neighbours.



Nest

11:15 AM

11:18:46 AM

Nest



4:15 PM

4:20:15 PM

Nest



4:45 PM

4:00 PM

4:03:18 PM

Nest



4:15 PM

4:19:18 PM

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colourful and scented
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where coloured people
can carve their own space.

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DOES HE KNOW HIS BEING WATCHED?



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9:19:24 AM

9:30 AM

Nest



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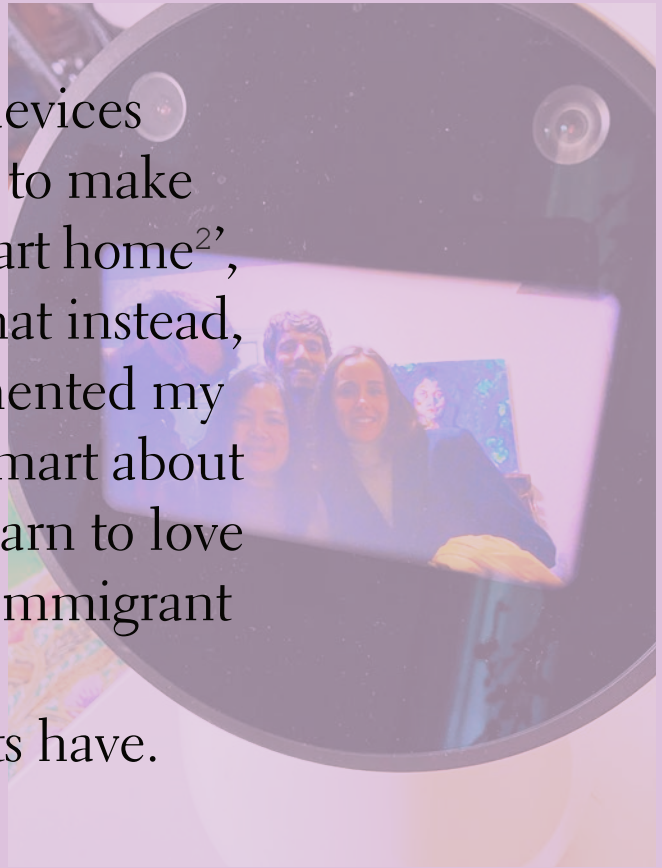
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These robotic devices were purported to make this home a ‘smart home²’, but I suppose that instead, they have augmented my capacity to be smart about this home, to learn to love living with my immigrant parents— just as the robots have.



(I am still moving back
to Parkdale next month.)

² Smart home technology has its applications in household appliances, home safety & security, lighting, and entertainment. Key industries have started integrating artificial intelligence with smart devices to enable connectivity among these devices. (Source: <https://www.futurebridge.com/blog/smart-homes-impact-of-artificial-intelligence-in-connected-home/>)

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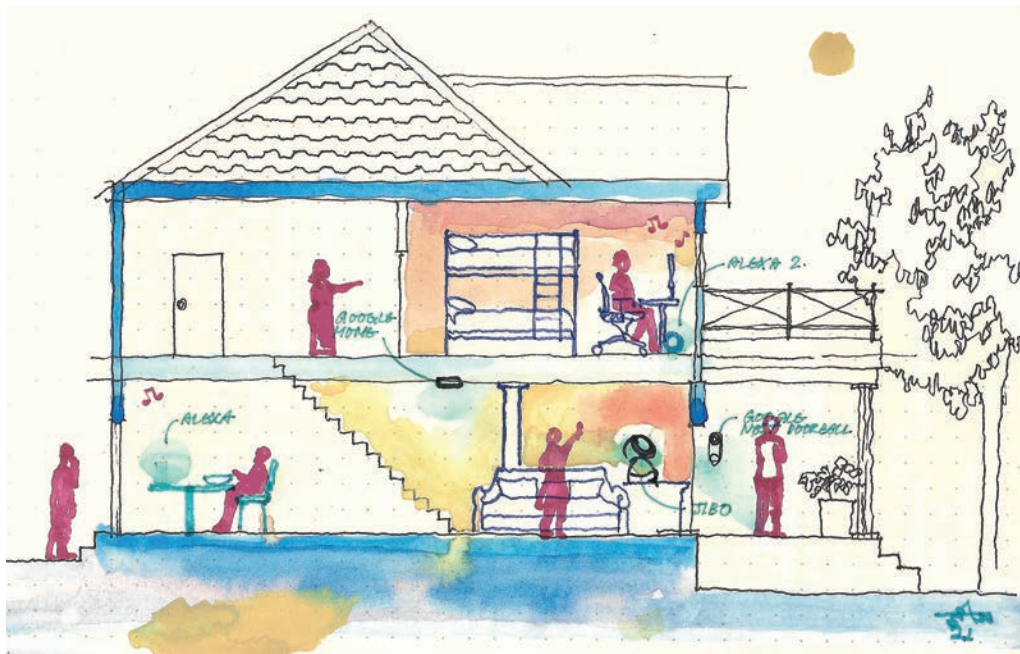
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Bianca: It's for a zine,
Dad. It's like, art.



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