

Noi's Table

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This is Noi.

He is at school. It's his woodwork lesson.

What is he doing?

Yes, he's making a table.

The table is for his mother. It is her birthday today!





School has finished for the day. It is time to go home.

Noi feels very proud of his table. He's smiling!



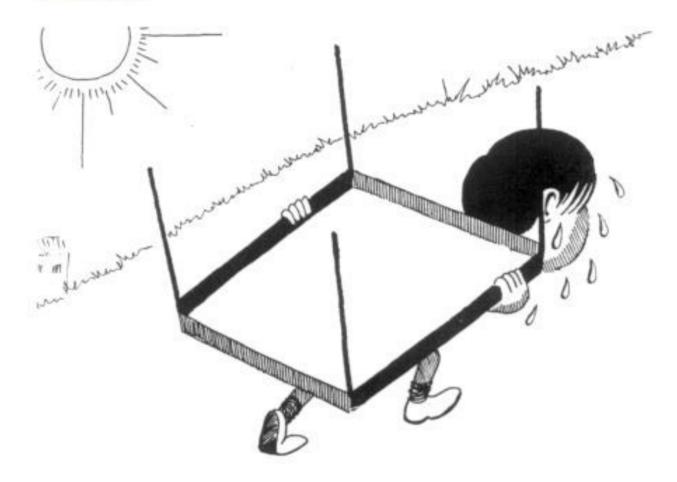


Noi's house is far from school. He usually goes home by bus.

Noi wants to take the table on the bus.

"You can't bring that table on my bus!" says the driver. "It's too big!"





So Noi has to walk home. He has to carry the table on his back.

He has to walk up the hill. It's so hot!

Noi is sweating.





He is so tired! His face is red and he is very hot.

"I must rest," he thinks. So he sits on the table.

But what do you think will happen?





Yes, the table breaks!

It is not very strong. Noi is too heavy for the table.

Poor Noi! And poor mother. Now she will have no birthday present!