

sandwich and a banana on the chair. The floor was covered* with pieces* of Lego™. All my hard work had been for nothing,* and I was very embarrassed* to take my friends into such* a big mess.

My friends looked at the room in surprise. “Wow,” Binyamin said. “Your room is usually* so organized. What happened?”*



“Was there a hurricane?”* Moishie asked with a smile, but for me, it wasn’t a funny* question.

“Yes,” I said, feeling very angry. “There *was* a hurricane — Hurricane Zevi.”

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| *covered = מכוסה | *pieces = חלקים | *for nothing = לחינם |
| *I was very embarrassed = מאוד התביישתי | *such = כל כך | |
| *usually = בדרך כלל | *happened = קרה | *hurricane = סופה (הוריקן) |
| *funny = מצחיק | | |

Just* then, Zevi came into the room, talking to our little brother Meir. “I want to show you what I made with the Lego™,” he was saying.

He stopped talking when he saw me with my friends. “Hello,” he said with a smile. “When did you come home? I didn’t hear you come in.”

I didn’t smile back.* “Oh, it’s Hurricane Zevi,” I said to my friends, not looking at Zevi at all. “What mess is he going to make now?”

Zevi stopped smiling. Moishie and Binyamin looked uncomfortable.* We were all quiet for a minute.*

“We need to study for a big test now,” I finally* said to Zevi, “and we need quiet. Can you and Meir play in another* room? Oh, and can you *please* clean up your mess later? It’s really disgusting!”*

Zevi didn’t look at me or say anything to me, and he and Meir quickly went out of the room. He was hurt, but I was not going to say sorry to him. Zevi knew that it was important* for me to have a clean and organized room — why couldn’t he respect* my feelings?

“Don’t be angry with your brother,” Binyamin said. “He’s a good kid.”*

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| *Just = בדיוק | *back = בחזרה | *uncomfortable = לא נוח |
| *a minute = דקה | *finally = לבסוף | *another = אחר |
| *later = מאוחר יותר | *disgusting = מגעיל | *important = חשוב |
| *respect = לכבד | *kid = ילד | |