Hey Raj:

Sorry I didn’t write back yesterday, but it was a long day at our house. You probably know that my mom works at home, doing billing for a physician on her computer. She was running behind yesterday because of a major disruption—our power went out!

At first, she thought maybe the power was out on our whole block. But she called neighbors and learned that they all had working electricity. Our house was the exception. So, there was nothing she could do but call an electrician.

He quickly found the problem and, before long, the power was restored. As he gave her the bill, the technician had a twinkle in his eye as he told my mom that he had one suggestion. It was to get some strong wire mesh to cover the ventilation holes in our attic. While he was doing an inspection of our wiring, he had determined that teeth had done the damage, probably the teeth of squirrels or rats! He told her that the rodents were entering from the roof through the holes.

It only took the word “rats” to convince my mom that the adoption of his advice was a great idea. She went straight to the hardware store to get all the supplies we needed. Soon, my older sister was up in the attic with my mom, securing wire across the holes. We were all up late, but we hope that the problem is solved!

See you Saturday,

Wendell