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My Family Treasure

Long ago, when my grand-mother was just a little girl, she lived in a small Italian village on a mountain. My grand-mother had five siblings that she loved very much. They were very close and took care of each other.

When my grand-mother was very little, life was a little more difficult because Italy was in a war. She was often scared, because planes would fly over them very closely. My grand-mother was very afraid of those planes.

One day, my grand-mother's oldest sister Lydia was outside in the yard, hanging freshly-washed clothes on the laundry line. She was singing, and my grand-mother, who was sitting inside the house, was singing along with her. All of a sudden, they heard the noise of a plane. Lydia looked up at the plane passing over her head, and just at that moment, the plane started shooting in her direction. Lydia got scared and ducked, and the bullet grazed her.

Years later, my grand-mother grew up, got married and decided to move to Canada. On the day that she was about to leave for this new country, her sister Lydia hugged her really hard and told her to take care of herself. Lydia took off her gold watch and told my grand-mother that this watch had protected her years ago when she had been grazed by the bullet, and that the watch would now protect her.

Well, guess what? My grand-mother still has this watch today and has told me all about how it protected her sister long ago, and protects her to this day. She also says that one day it will be mine. I cannot wait to pass on this special item to my daughter one day.