

If the Furniture Could Speak

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Furniture is more than just functional; it's a witness to our lives and experiences. Some museums today hold stone furniture dating back to 3100 BC. Imagine villagers gathered around their stone dressers, showing off their garments—a scene not so different from friends deciding what to wear for a night out.

Life's most defining moments often unfold around a dining table, bed, couch, or in the kitchen. During the COVID-19 lockdown, I spent time back home with my family in Honduras. We saw each other's faces every day. We developed an unspoken dynamic where we socialized for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, but in between, we did our own thing. It was a time to rediscover our home, using spaces we had neglected and rearranging furniture that had been in the same position for years. The fresh arrangements brought a sense of renewal and change, which we craved during those uncertain times.

When I think of my childhood, so much revolves around our furniture. The backyard swing set, soaring high. Our artisanal coffee table from La Antigua. The living room rug that scraped our elbows when we sat too close to the TV. The glass dining table that always seemed to find my pinky toe. The checkerboard floors where we hopped from square to square, careful to avoid the lines. The metal bedframe that my sister and I decorated with wire flowers.

Furniture holds memories of planning for college at the dining table, whispering on the phone at the kitchen counter, and playing dress-up on the living room couch. These pieces are a part of our lives, offering comfort and a backdrop to our stories.

Furniture continues to be a central part of our lives, shaping our experiences and holding our memories. They see different versions of us and witness our most intimate moments. *If only furniture could speak.*

If our homes are a reflection of who we are, what does yours say about you?

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