

As usual, Amy Chua, LaMarcus Aldridge, and Bill Gates spent their weekend together comparing two material's properties based on an intended function. This particular weekend, they were planning LaMarcus' new house in San Antonio.

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“LaMarcus, you should build your new house out of wood. It is abundant, and so it is cheap. Also, it is light and somewhat flexible (think earthquakes) and easy to connect together.”



“I don't know Amy. It seems like nowadays so many things are made out of plastic. Maybe that would be cheaper and easier to make into cool and interesting shapes.”

“Hold on: There may be wood above the ground, but there is metal in the ground. And it doesn't rot. I bet there is an easy way to join it together. I'm not sure which is cheaper, but I see really big buildings being made of metal when I drive around. That must be for a reason, and you are planning a large house right.”



