

my parents said there was no explanation
no acceptable explanation at all
for my bad behavior.
the belt came out.
after the punishment ended

it was clear to me
that they did not clearly understand.
i decided after the heat of the moment
had passed
the only way i could help them
understand without an explanation
was to demonstrate it again.
believing they would change their minds.

i was introduced to the concept of maladjusted perspective.

i tried to keep my father from eating so much.
i knew it would make him have
to buy bigger belts that would also extend his reach.

no acceptable explanation.
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