**Have you ever loved someone?**

Amber woke up once again in horror, the same dream that haunted her every night occurred once again. Shivering in the warm blanket, she sat up on her bed to check up on her son, Jake, who was fast asleep beside her. Amber’s eyes turned once at her son’s head while she lifted his hair, an act which she had continued repetitively for the past few months, as if there was something on his head that would stay there unless she checked up on him ever so often. Cupping his cheeks with her hands, she checked up on the time, it was almost time for her to wake up and prepare Jake for his first day of 5th Grade.

Amber gently woke Jake up and started preparing him for school, while repeating to him that she loved him over and over again. Jake, a boy who was short for his age was used to his mother showing a lot of affection to him and used to enjoy it, unlike other boys his age. This was because as long as he could remember, his mother was barely able to manage any time for him because of her job, until a few months ago where out of nowhere she gave up on it and started spending all her time with him.

“Honey, today is the first day of your school, aren’t you excited?” asked Amber, “Yes mom! I have been looking forward to this the entire week” replied Jake.

Jake all prepared for school started heading out the door the same way he did the past few years whenever it was time for his school.

Amber stopped Jake midway. “Mom? What happened?”, Asked Jake in a confused state of mind.

“You’re not using the bus from now on. I’ll be the one leaving you to school.” said Amber with a smile. Jake cheered happily at this. Both of them started walking out their house, one which was pretty big compared to the rest of the houses that shared the street and had its own garden filled with slides and swings on which Jake and Amber would spend their evenings together.

On the street, while Amber was walking Jake to school, Jake noticed a lot of people giving a weird look at his mother. “They are just jealous of us.” said Amber “No need to focus on them”.