Bad Parents and the Benefactors

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Once upon a time, there was a mother who hated her child. She gave him chores to do instead of his homework.

One day, the child left his home and went to get firewood in the forest. Upon arriving there he thought about how his mother made him do so many chores. He became upset and cried. While he was crying, he heard a strange voice saying, "Be quiet, be quiet."

He collected his firewood and went back home. Once there, his parents asked him

why he had left and he replied that he had lost his way in the forest. His mother beat him and the child ran back to the forest where he met a monster.

It asked him, "Where are you coming from, child? And where are you going now?"

"My mother beats me, so I fled to the forest," he answered.

"Do you have a father?" the monster asked.

"No, I only have a mother. My father died and my stepfather came to marry my mother. She only loves the child they had together."

"I will let you continue on your journey and you will not die," the monster said.

The child went ahead. Along the way, he passed people who were in a town farming and he told them about how his mother beat him. They welcomed him into their community. He continued his studies there and after a long time he became a doctor.

He thought about what would happen if his mother fell sick and came to get treatment from him. Would he help her or not? Would you? Did his mother realize her child's talent?

I am thankful to the benefactors who help unfortunate children and poor people without knowing them.

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