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Character assignment

It was a fine spring morning; the sun was shining through trees and its rays felt like a golden beam of warmth. My friend and I were sitting on a bench admiring the weather when suddenly one of our mutual friends, Pace Naomi, arrived…her arrival was unexpected yet we greeted her with a warm heart. She was a year younger than both of us and that made her 19 years of age. We all went to the same college, and she lived in the same community with her boyfriend, Landon, who had a full-time job.

She seemed quite upset and gloomy so my friend inquired about what had happened. At first, she seemed reluctant to tell us anything but after a while, she opened up. She told us that she visited her mother’s house. My friend asked again what the problem was because it seemed odd to us that someone after visiting their mother would be sad. She then told us the whole story.

Although she loved her mother, Tanya, but she was controlling and emotionally abusive. Tanya, was a doctor and had a well-established career but still, she neglected the fact that her constant criticism affected Pace’s personality. Her mother used guilt to manipulate her and she didn’t even realize that what she was doing to her daughter.

She told us that one day she went out with her friends and was late by half an hour. Her mother made her stand outside the house in cold and later on, she held Naomi, responsible for all this unpleasant situation, due to which she had to leave her house.

While she was packing her things she remembered how both her parents used to take her to park and played with her. She did not want to leave the house as she spent her childhood there, but she had no other option left. Her mother was not ready to change and Pace did not want to live a suffocating life with her controlling mother.

Pace went to her mother’s house after a few months but as soon as she saw her she said: “You better not come here again to disturb my peaceful life. I am better off without you”. Her remarks caused immense pain to Pace and that is why she was sad and upset. Her mother did not realize her poor behavior and still held Pace responsible for all the chaos in their lives. She could have been polite and gentle while treating her daughter. No child lives happily without their parents especially when they need them the most. Naomi Pace can only hope that one day her mother may change.