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**Scholastic Art and Writing Contest: The Inner Monster**

**It was a sunny winter in the southern part of Los Angeles, in the house of a teenage boy named Kyle. Kyle Butler is a normal 16 year old football player living in the bad part of town. Kyle was the child of one, Lisa Butler, a single mom raising Kyle on her own. One morning Kyle told his mom,’’ Mom you don’t need to pick me up tomorrow I will get a ride from my friends’’. The mom then responded, ‘’Alright but not to late come before 12:00 am and be careful”, Kyle gets in his car and drives to school. At school Kyle is forced to see his fellow football teammate’s bully people. He doesn’t say anything because he is afraid if he says something, he won’t be popular. Kyle wants to do something about the tormenting that happens around the school, but he can’t muster up the courage to do something about it.**

**Kyle has always been the protective one in the family. Kyle would protect his mom from his dad’s abuse, having no regard for himself what so ever. He would risk getting beatings from his dad, to not have to witness his mother in pain. The physical and emotional abuse stopped when Kyle was 12 and Kyle almost beat his dad half to death with a baseball bat. After that happened his dad went to the hospital and never came back to the house. Kyle’s dad was always a coward so he abused his family because he wanted to feel in charge. After what happened to his mom, the physical and emotional abuse, he decided to show hatred towards bullies because bullies remind him of his dreadful father, but he made his ‘’friends” an exception.**

**It was the night of the championship game and Kyle was the receiver for their schools football team. It was the last 10 seconds of the game and Kyle’s team was down by 6 points and the other team had their celebration faces on. Kyle’s team was on the 50 yard line and it was their possession. As the quarterback hiked the ball Kyle ran fast and was ready to catch the ball when, bam he was tackled. It was now 5 seconds of the game and they were still on the 50 yard line and it was the last down; Kyle was ready to run. As the ball was hiked they passed it to Kyle on the 40 and he ran and was on the 30, he now dodged a tackle and was on the 20, he was on the 10 as he felt full of adrenaline as the stands were cheering, and touchdown.**

**It was now after the game and they were in the car with some of his teammates as he betrayed his mom’s orders he went to the liquor store to buy alcohol. Kyle and his friends found someone to buy them alcohol, and then they got drunk in the liquor stores parking lot. Kyle was not as drunk as his friends. It was now 12:03 and Kyle knew his curfew and he was now late to get home and he wondered why his mom seemed worried when she told him to get home by 12:00, but he just was too drunk to think. It was 12:38 and they were getting to the car when they saw a homeless guy in the parking lot. As soon as his friends saw the homeless guy they went over to him pushing him around using profanity. Kyle felt a sudden pain everywhere as he pictured his mom was the homeless guy and his friends were his dad, then Kyle’s eyes got red, as everything became black as screams faded out.**

**Kyle woke up on the side of the freeway covered in blood from his clothes and his mouth. Kyle did not remember anything that happened, it just became a blur. As Kyle ran home making sure nobody saw him he began to think what did I do. As Kyle got home he saw his mom sitting at the dinner table weeping. As he stood at the kitchen door his mom looked up and stopped weeping and went to give Kyle a hug. Then the mom said,” I knew this was going to happen”, then Kyle responded, “what”, then the mom responded “I knew you were going to turn”. Then the mom says, “Let me tell you a story, you know when you beat your dad with a baseball bat well you didn’t, you were at a bar with your dad when you guys got jumped by something, your dad was killed and you were just scratched the cops found you guys behind an alley”.**

**The mom the continues, “I soon began to notice that every night at 12:40 I hear noises coming from your room, until one day I went to your room at 12:40 and saw you talking to yourself saying, no don’t hurt my mom then you,…….You grew claws you grew hair and you had red eyes”. Then Kyle responses, “What I am a…a… a monster”, then the mom responded,” Only in the night when you see or dream an innocent person getting hurt by someone”. Kyle began to cry when he noticed that he killed someone. Then the mom told Kyle, “You can’t control when this happens but in the future I need you to promise me to lock yourself in chains so you don’t have to kill anybody, promise me!”, Kyle then responded “ok”. As it became night and it was 12:40 Kyle was asleep as he felt the pain.**