



# My Parents are Aliens

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Leo watches the other children walk home with parents who seem perfectly ordinary, like doctors or teachers. But Leo knows a secret that he keeps tucked away in his heart: his parents are actually visitors from another world.



They don't have green skin or silver antennas, because they have learned to hide their true selves very well. However, Leo notices the rough texture of their hands and the heavy, dark circles beneath their eyes that no disguise can cover.



In the quiet hours of the night, Leo sits at the top of the stairs and listens to them whisper in the kitchen. It sounds like a secret alien language, filled with weary sighs and soft groans of pain that only they can truly understand.



When they fall ill, they always wear a brave mask and tell Leo that they are perfectly fine. But he sees the way they move with slow, heavy steps and the way their bodies ache from the weight of their long days.



During the times when money is short, his parents never utter a single complaint or show their worry. Instead, they disappear into the night to work extra shifts, pushing through their exhaustion to make sure Leo has everything he needs.



At the dinner table, Leo notices his parents quietly sliding the best portions of food onto his plate while claiming they aren't hungry. They wear their faded, threadbare clothes with pride so that he can walk into school wearing something brand new.



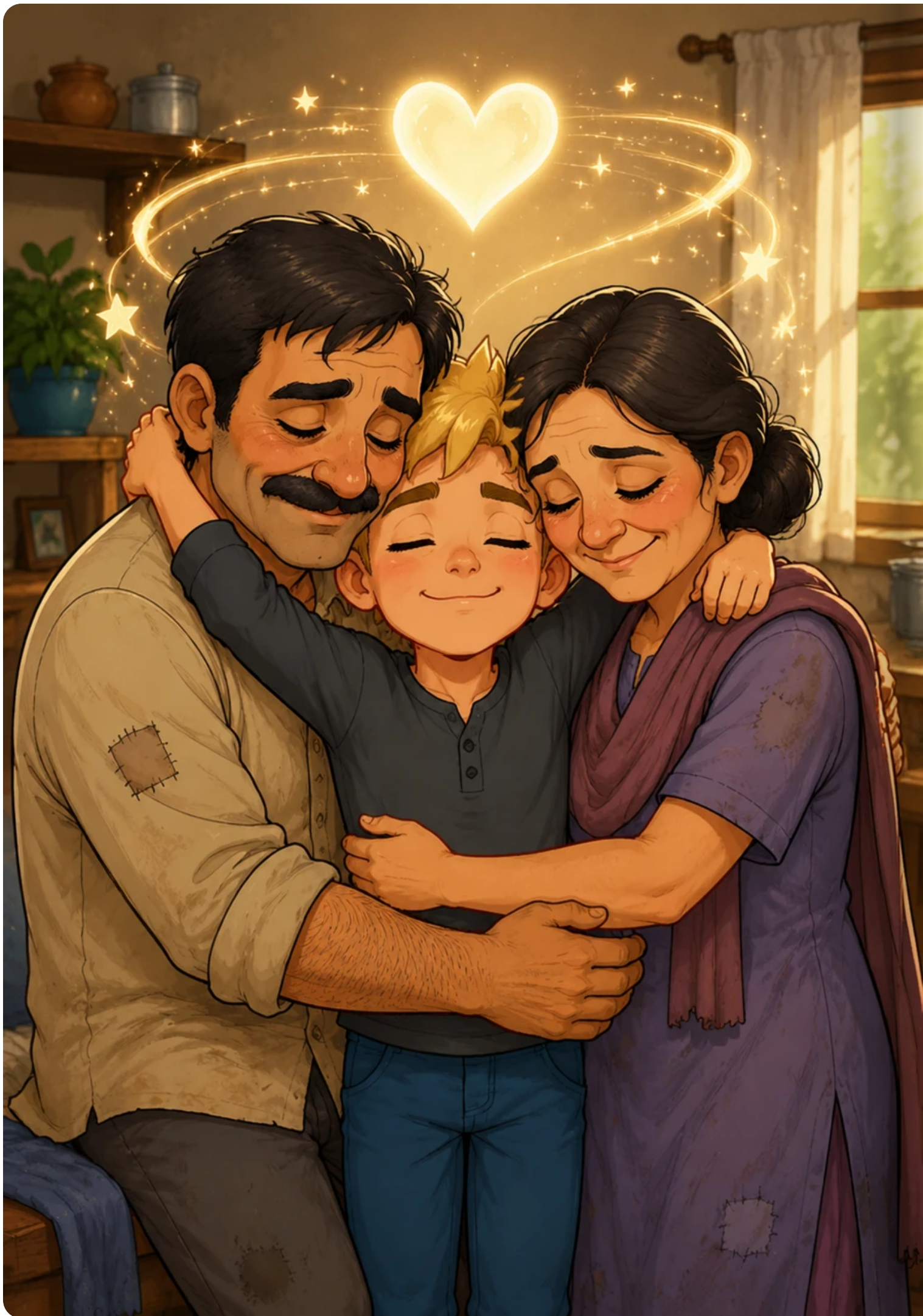
Leo realizes that his parents have set aside their own shimmering dreams and distant stars. They have traded their own ambitions for the chance to watch him chase his own, sacrificing their path to light up his.



Even when their bones are weary and their spirits are spent, they sit patiently by his side to help with his homework. Their love acts as a bridge between their tired world and his bright, growing one.



Despite the worries that cloud their minds, they always find the strength to smile and ask Leo about the small details of his day. They tell him that everything will be fine, their voices steady even when the world feels heavy.



Leo finally understands that his parents aren't aliens because they are different, but because their love is truly out of this world. He realizes that their extraordinary strength is actually the deepest, most beautiful form of human devotion.