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“Silk Parachute Draft”

The human mind is a beautiful thing because of its creative ability to remember things as well as create memories. In the writing “Silk Parachute” the narrator painted multiple vivid memories reminiscing his times with his mother. The narrator stated that his mother was 99 years old so I assumed that she was on her death bed and he was remembering the good times with her. He stated that his memories tended to overlap in the process of remembering because memories grow more similar overtime.

As I see it, I believe the story is named “Silk Parachute” because the author is comparing memories of his mother to a Silk Parachute. Silk has a smooth and soft texture which can resemble a mother’s love. The text says “the parachute never fails, always it floated back to you -silkiy and beautifully. His memory is being compared to a parachute as well as his mother. Memories of his mother will always come back to him no matter what and she will always be in his heart to save him from falling.

When you are skydiving a parachute will make you feel confident because it’s keeping you safe from hitting the ground. While falling you have the reassurance that you are safe because it’s keeping you out of harm's way. The parachute is reflecting safety and comfort which also could be represented by the narrator's mother. When jumping out of a plane many

may be terrified but as long as you know you have a parachute it will take some nerves away. As if your mother is dead you will always feel her spirit within you because you're going to remember her kind words as well as the many lessons she taught you.

I suppose anyone who thought his mother was a bad person doesn't know what motherly love is. Majority of time , parents just want the best for their children. In the short story, I could see many times that his mother wanted only the very best for him. For example, when he took a test and made an A-minus on a test. She chastised him because she knew that her son was able to do something better. A lot of times kids will settle for less because they don't feel the need to push their self. Another example would be when she allegedly rammed a sandwich down his throat. Any parents will make sure they're children eat. She wanted to make sure he had something in his stomach before sending him back to school since she he was already on his lunch break. I'm sure he would have regretted not eating the sandwich later that day when he returned to school.

You can't be a perfect mother but you can be a good mother. Many people don't understand when parents want the best for their children so they portray them out to be a bad person. Things that the narrator's mother did were perfectly normal. Some people grow up with a mother who isn't so nurturing that's why when they see different things they think the worst.