



The Supernova: Mom

Supernova can do many things at once because she is a Supermom. Read about her many feats and notice the many wonderful things your mom does everyday.



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There is a very special Supergirl—a real lifesaver—her name is Supernova. She fights crime, protects the weak, and punishes criminals. No one knows her true identity... no one except me! I have discovered that Supernova is my Mom. My brother thinks I'm crazy; he says that our Mom is just like everyone else. But what about the burnt kameez I found in her closet the day after Supernova put out the fire in the

neighbourhood factory? And the scratches on her hands after the high-profile rescue of the kidnapped animals?



Finally, last night I snuck out and followed Mom when she left for work. I was expecting her to go to a super-secret lab with super-gadgets, but instead, she went inside an old-looking building, up five flights of stairs, and into a small room full of other women like her. She sat down at a sewing machine and started working. I watched her sewing for a long time—she was very good at what she was doing—but I could see she

was getting tired.



I dozed off and was awoken by the sound of the bell. I rushed home and was in bed just minutes before Mom returned. When she came into my room to kiss me, I really wanted to tell her how sad I was that she did not work in a super-high-tech office for fighting evil. I wanted to cry, but kept my eyes shut, pretending to be asleep.



Good thing I kept quiet! The next morning, I watched Mom as she zapped around the house, fixing things, cooking, and helping us with our homework. She was moving at super speed, catching falling cups, doing three things at once, all-the-while humming and smiling. She did not even look tired after last night's sewing! She is very good at pretending to be just Mom, but now I know for sure that she is

Supernova!



Now when I look out my window, I see millions of Supernovas. Each one a mighty force, just like my mom. And I know that I, too, am growing up to be bright and strong. And one day, I will, in my own small or big way, also make a change. Because if not me, then who?



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