



STUDENT NAME

EVERYONE HAS BAD EXPERIENCES

EVERYONE HAS PAIN & MISFORTUNE, IT IS HOW WE COMPREHEND AND DEAL WITH THIS; WHICH DEFINES US. BE UNREASONABLY HAPPY, WHY NOT!

BUDDHA AND THE BABY

THE STORY IS THAT A YOUNG WOMAN HAD A ONE YEAR OLD BABY, WHO HAD DIED UNEXPECTEDLY IN THE NIGHT. THE WOMAN WAS SO DISTRAUGHT SHE STARTED WALKING THE STREETS WAILING; "SOME ONE HELP ME, MY BABY IS DEAD".

HAVING HEARD OF THE BUDDHAS ABILITY TO SOLVE ANY PROBLEM, A KIND MAN TOOK HER TO SEE THE BUDDHA.

BUDDHA, I CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT MY BABY; HELP ME BRING HIM BACK' SAID THE WOMAN.

THE BUDDHA AGREEED BUT ASKED HER TO COMPLETE A TASK; "LEAVE YOUR SON HERE AND GET A CUP OF RICE TO BRING HIM BACK. BUT YOU MUST GET IT BY KNOCKING ON PEOPLE'S DOORS, ASKING IF THEY HAD FELT THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER DYING; IF THEY HAVE NOT, GET A CUP OF RICE."

THE WOMAN'S EYES LIT UP WITH THE JOY OF BRINGING HER SON BACK AND RAN OFF INTO THE VILLAGE. SHE KNOCKED ON THE FIRST DOOR SHE FOUND, ASKED FOR A CUP OF RICE TO SAVE HER SON... JUST AS THE HOMEOWNER TURNED TO GET SOME RICE THE WOMAN REMEMBERED, HAVE YOU FELT THE PAIN AND SUFFERING OF LOSING A CLOSE FAMILY MEMBER'. SADLY YES, MY SISTER DIED LAST YEAR... THEY REPLIED.

DISAPPOINTED THE WOMAN TRIED THE NEXT HOUSE, WHERE THEIR GRANDMOTHER HAD JUST DIED, THE NEXT HOUSE WHERE THEIR MOTHER HAD DIED A FEW MONTHS AGO...

AFTER A DAY OF ASKING EVERY HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE, THE WOMAN STILL DID NOT HAVE A CUP OF RICE.

RETURNING TO THE BUDDHA THE WOMAN SAID I KNOW WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO TEACH ME', PICKED UP HER SON AND WENT HOME TO BURY HIM.