

LOVE THY CHILD

- The Psychology of Child Abuse -



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* The image who says "Love!" is not related to a genuine god at all. The writer drew it as a symbol of many beings who order to love, such as, teachers, parents, consciences etc.

* This picture book is not about the teachings of 'Love your neighbors' or 'Love your enemies' in Christianity (The Holy bible).

There was once a certain mother who disliked children.



Yet it is one's duty as a mother to love one's child. Not loving your own child is not something that can be forgiven. In fact, it is a very bad thing!

And so this mother does everything she can to try and love her child.



As a trial, the mother tries to transform her child into something that appeals to her.



Don't move!

She placed a flower on top of his head and forced him into a smile.



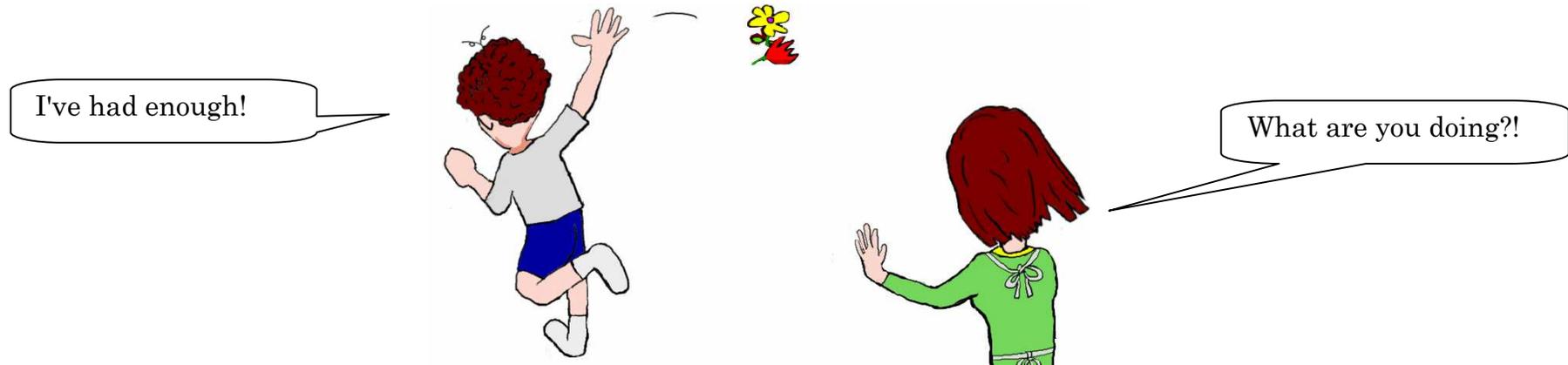
Now you hold that smile in place, ok?

And the result? The child grew more and more agreeable and loveable in her eyes.



Now it was easy to love her child. The mother was relieved.

But the child moved and both the flower and smile disappeared.

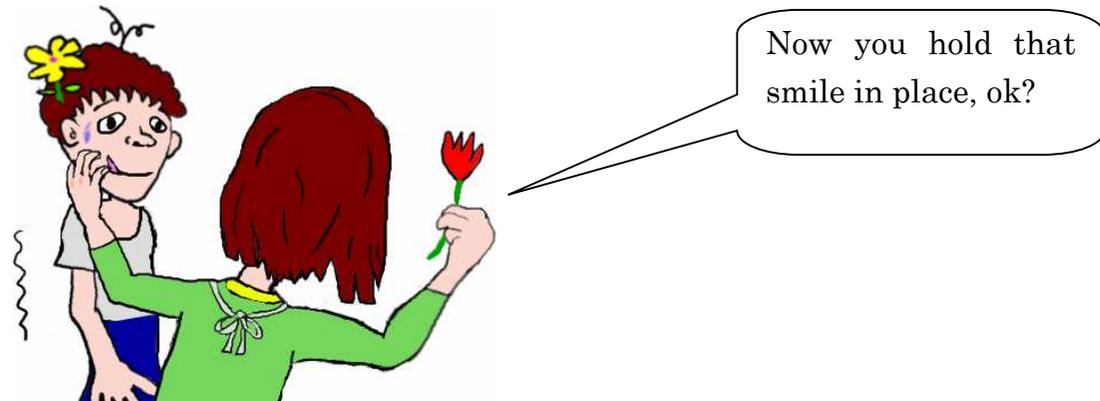


Oh dear. Now it's impossible to love her child. But if she doesn't love him, she will be labelled a bad mother.



The mother glared threateningly into her child's eyes. Terrified, the child became unable to move.

So let's try this again. Flower on top of the head. Forcing the lips into a smile.

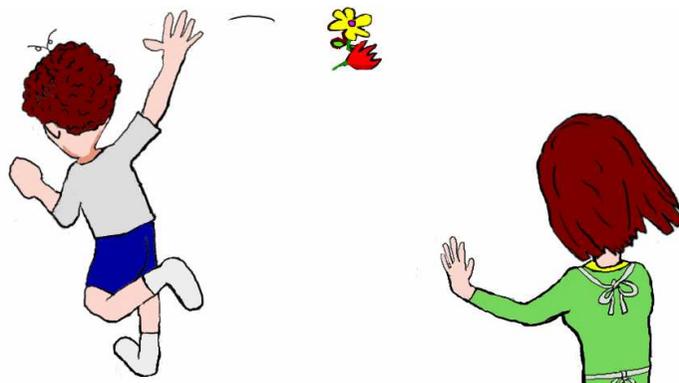


Again, the child grew more and more agreeable and loveable in her eyes. Now it was easy to love her child. The mother was relieved.



Uh-oh...the child moved again. Off goes the flower, off with the radiant smile.

I can't take this!



Why you little...and all the effort I go through to try and love this child!

Oh dear. Now it's impossible to love her child. But if she doesn't love him, she will be labelled a bad mother.



Now don't you dare move!
If you do, you know what's waiting don't you?

Terrified, the child became unable to move.

There you go. Flower on top of the head. Forcing the lips into a smile.



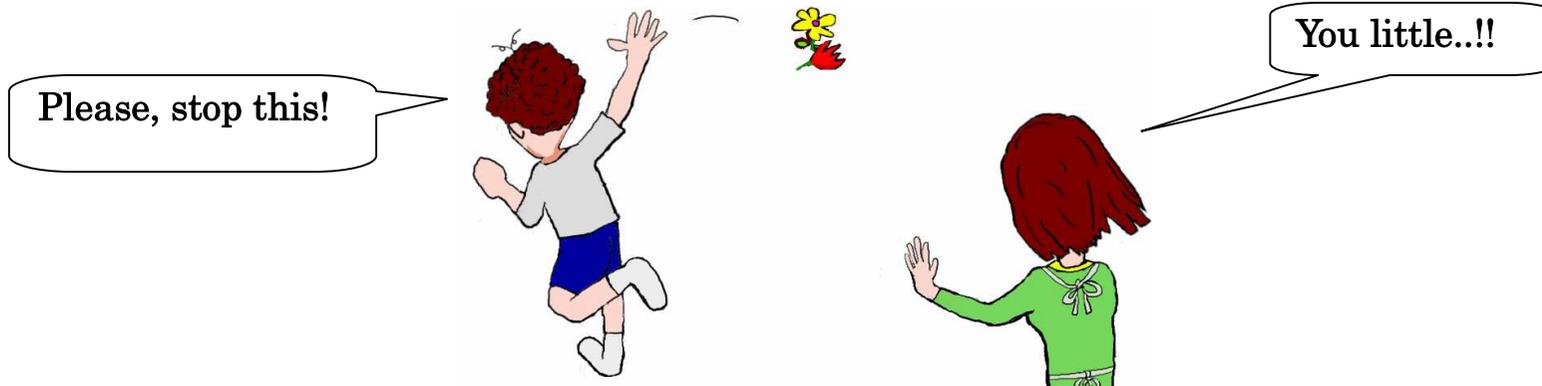
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What an angel!

Oh no...the child moved again. There goes the flower and the smile.



Oh dear. Now it's impossible to love her child. But if she doesn't love him, she will be labelled a bad mother.



Terrified, the child became unable to move.

And so the mother continued to threaten, beat and abuse her child.



Dear mother.

People all over the world share this misunderstanding. And so you too probably believe that you are just trying to love your child as much as you can.

But you know what, love can't be forcefully created. Even when it's between a real mother and her child.



Don't force love as

**what is born is not love but
something completely different.**



Afterword -'LOVE THY CHILD'

There are many illusions/misunderstandings related to 'love'. These misunderstandings tend to cause various tragedies and accordingly countless people become sacrificed.

I have written this picture book with this misunderstanding as the theme, aiming to reduce these tragedies.

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