

MOTHER AND SON

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Plot Summary

John lives with his manipulative, bedridden mother. Their relationship is toxic, repetitive, and emotionally suffocating. John longs for freedom — represented by the lively world outside (buses, dances) — but he feels trapped by duty, guilt, and his mother's psychological hold over him.

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Themes

Control & Oppression

The mother exerts emotional power over John; conflict is constant.

- "The old interminable argument was beginning again."

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Isolation

John is cut off socially; his mother is isolated physically.

Duty vs Self-Fulfilment

John sacrifices his life for his mother but yearns for freedom.

Toxic Family Relationships

The mother belittles John and takes pleasure in humiliating him.

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