

An Unexpected Hero

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Once upon a time, two brothers Mathew and Leo living in Paris, enjoying their young age, laughing about what the world has to offer. With them, their father, who was a very known man and respected doctor. Only one thing was missing, their mother. She had died of cancer a long time ago since then they had never stopped thinking about her. They did not have a lot of memories of her, but when they saw photos of her, they felt safe. When they had to think about something like paradise they could only think of their mum, her kindness, her sweetness and her love for children.

These days they could not think of their mommy, they had other problems to deal with. Indeed, these last months they were going from one hospital to another, traveling around the country to see every doctor. Whereas everything looked dark around them they had faith and love to face the challenges. The 29th of April 2021 the doctors discovered that Leo had cancer. Since then, all his family was dedicated to his healing, finally waiting for good news.

The 15th of December 2021 the news dropped: It was too late; Leo had a few days to live. They just wanted one thing, to go on a place where they usually went with their mother. Only one thing mattered be united, be together, the four of them. For the last days of Leo, they wanted to share everything they could. Here they were, in front of the sea, listening the sound of the waves, with the ashes of their mother in their hands. A few days before, they had chosen to take the ashes with them to release them in the sea. Releasing them, they hoped that it would free them.

At the very moment when they set her free, Leo felt something in his heart and started to feel better. The days were passing, and the health status of Leo did not seem to decline. Days after days Mathew and his father could not understand what was happening and they finally decided to come back home, to see if a miracle had happened. After a few tests the doctors were unanimous: Leo was in remission. Not only the doctors but also his family were absolutely shocked about this miracle. Whereas no one could explain how Leo managed to survive, he knew. Deeply in his heart he knew that his mum saved him, he knew that she was his hero.