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Write a character description.

She stares absent-mindedly out the window, trying to make the most of the limited downtime she has on the bus ride home. Her tousled hazel hair was scraped up hurriedly into a ponytail that morning before taking her little boy to the nursery, and her scruffy clothes were from a garage sale two years ago. She sighs as a jolt going through the bus brings her back to reality, and reels her son in closer. Looking around her, she feels more inferior than ever beside a successful businesswoman. She flashes back fifteen years, and imagines what she could have become—she was smart, and always had good grades at school. A lawyer perhaps, or maybe even a doctor?

She closes her eyes as the bus passes through a business district, trying to rig up some happy memories buried so deep in her mind they've almost disappeared. She looks at her son, the only ray of sunshine in her life, and as smile creeps across her dreary face. Think positively, she tells herself, and stores dreaming ~~at~~ the clear blue sky, imagining herself as a beautiful white dove, carefree and flying.

The bus rolls to a gentle stop at her station, and she grins at her son tugging ~~on~~ her sweater. "Come on," she says, "we've got a wonderful day ahead of us."