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It was always just the three of us, at least after our mom left our dad. I had heard the allegations from my mom regarding her boss, Les Moonves, and his inappropriate conduct towards her. I was so proud when my mom told me she was going to report his conduct to the police. She gained confidence from the reports made by other women against powerful men in Hollywood.

When I read about how Captain Palka had allegedly conspired with Les Moonves, I was mortified. I felt like I was watching *Goodfellas*. And all I could think was, “Thank God she’s not alive to hear about this.” I called my brother and we talked about how shocked we were about this.

After she left Hollywood, she became a substitute teacher, at first working in Beverly Hills. But she felt she could make more of a difference by working with the kids in the inner city, so she started working at Martin Luther King Junior Elementary School, led by a principal she truly admired, who greeted every student each morning with a hug. When my mom noticed a student with tattered clothes or shoes too small, she would take them to Target to buy them new ones. This was a woman I was proud to call “Mom”.

In the end, my mother's strength and resilience in the face of unimaginable

trauma was truly inspiring. My mom had the courage to not let her life be defined as a victim, but rather she used her experience to make a positive impact on the lives of inner city children as a teacher. She is my hero.

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