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An Angel in my Pocket



One of the horrors of domestic violence is that it sends a message of “this is normal” to the children

in the household. Being a new grandmother herself, Judy, a FreeStore volunteer, was moved to tears the other day as she came face to face with one of those situations.

When she thought about it later she said it was one of those, “Why did I do that?” moments. As she reached for

her keys to go to the FreeStore, she noticed a new keychain hanging on one of the knobs. It was pretty and had a little angel on it. She briefly wondered where it had come from and then absently slipped it into her pocket.

While she was working with that morning’s client, an older lady, a young woman came in.

“Hi Mom,” she said.

Judy said, “Is this your mom and weren’t you in a couple of months ago as a client?”

“Yes. Isn’t it awful? We both were in terrible, abusive marriages at the same time. Never again though.”

“And where is that darling little boy of yours?” Judy asked, remembering the sweet little boy who was with her at the warehouse.

The young woman started crying and her mother whispered, “He’s an angel now.”

With that Judy reached into her pocket for a tissue and felt the key chain. She hugged the young woman and gave her the keychain. “And the angels will care for him now.” was all she could think to say.



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