

KOBE

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In 1977, there was a 1 year old new born baby named Kobe Bryant. His mother always knew he was going to be a good boy, kind hearted, disciplined, persevering, and determined kid that would accomplish his dreams. When Kobe turned three years old, he was able to talk and walk. He watched with his mother all NBA games available in the TV. He used to love to watch the 76ers because Allen Iverson played for them. But, the player he loved was Kobe Bryant, which is a coincidence because he has the same name as him. He used to watch him all the time day and night. He was a three year old boy who already had a goal to achieve when he is an adult, and that was to be the next best version of Kobe Bryant. He used to love Allen Iverson and Kobe, he watches them all the time and he used to imitate their moves in his four feet mini basketball hoop. His mom always encouraged Kobe to be the best version of himself and she always said to him, "If you want something, you'll have to go and get it." She was the main source of Kobe's motivation. He barely got to see his dad because he was all day in the streets, drinking and gambling. He used to wonder where is his dad and why doesn't he spend time at home with us. That was the only downfall to Kobe, thinking that his dad doesn't want to spend time with them. At that age, Kobe didn't know what he does everyday. He doesn't know if he plays basketball with other people, go to the bar and get drunk, get together with his friends, or just do things that are not correct to do. Kobe never sees him, he wants him to see him play but he never answers his phone. He tries to find him

with his mom but they don't have success. He just wants to see him a little bit more every day. If he doesn't find him, he just plays basketball alone or with his friends. They play video games, go out and eat something, or just play 1v1 with each other. They sometimes bet money to whoever wins 7 times first. Kobe's dad doesn't know nothing about him, but one day, he came home and Kobe was really excited to see him. He asked him where was he and why didn't he come to visit them more often, but he was ashamed to tell his own son what he'd been doing all day every day. His mom asked him the same question and she told him that if he doesn't tell her, they are going to divorce because of all the time they spent looking, wondering where he is, missing him, and specially not spending time with them and instead with strangers. He told her that he was fired from his job for bringing cocaine to it, he has been going to the bar and getting drunk, and has been sleeping in his friend's house because he was afraid to tell her and that is why he didn't came. He said that he is now going to be in the house and live with them. Kobe just wanted him to see him play basketball and to see all the NBA games with him. Kobe's mom told him that if he dares to bring alcohol, cocaine, heroin, or some other illegal substances to the house, she would take Kobe to live with her. He obviously didn't want that but his body kept telling him to drink more. The next day, he wasn't in the house, he came back at like 7:34 and he came drunk. Kobe was in shock of seeing his dad like that and he punched his wife all the days he got back. She had no way to protect herself and he took their cellphones and internet so they can't call 911. He put a lock in the house so they can't escape and he'd bring the food so they can eat. Kobe couldn't play more basketball with his friends and they had no way to do

something fun. No more fun, friends, social life, internet, nothing. Ten years have passed and they wouldn't be able to go outside. A lot of people were suspicious about their situation but they wouldn't get involved. Kobe had spent a lot of years just playing basketball and nothing else. Until one day, the police came to free them. They were very thankful and that his father was going to prison. Kobe knew he needed to go on in life, so he started practicing day and night basketball and eventually he would get to the NBA. Five years later, Kobe was drafted for the Los Angeles Lakers as a NCAA MVP. He knew he could do it and he did it. The Lakers went on a winning spree his first season leading them to the finals vs the Boston Celtics. Turned out that his enemy from the hood was in the Celtics too. It was going to be hard, but he knew he could beat him. The last game of the season and they are finally in the stadium. It was a close game and intense at the same time. Fourth Quarter 3.2 seconds left, Lakers trailing by two points. They pass the ball to Kobe defended by Tyson and made a clutch three pointer shot with 0.7 seconds left. Lakers win the championship and Tyson would never talk to Kobe ever again.