

Mama's Boys

Sara recently **retired** from her job of 23 years. Because she retired, Sara has less money than she **used to**. She has enough money for herself, but she has a problem.

She has 2 sons. One is 23 and the other is 26. Both sons work. However, they both live at home with their mom. They eat her food and expect her to cook for them. They also expect Sara to clean their rooms. The boys never do any chores at all. Also, they don't pay for food or anything else. In short, they are **mama's boys**.

Sara is **sick of** the situation. She thinks, "They're adults. They should be living on their own, not still living with their mother. I'm going to **kick them out**."

During dinner that night, Sara tells the boys, "It's time for you two to **take responsibility**. You can't live with me anymore. I'm not going to cook for you. I'm not going to clean for you. You need to **grow up** and get your own apartments!"

The boys are very upset. They complain. They **rant and rave--** "You're a terrible mom. How can you do this. We're your children. It's not fair." The boys continue to rant and rave for 57 hours without stopping. But Sara **won't budge**.

She tells them, "You have 1 month to find your own apartment. No more **whining--** just do it." Then Sara leaves the room.

The next day, the boys come to the kitchen for breakfast-- but there's no food. Sara refuses to cook for them. She says, "You have jobs-- get your own food and make it yourself." The boys can't believe it!

This happens everyday. The boys gradually lose weight because they won't cook for themselves. Finally, on the 28th day, they look for an apartment. They find a 2 bedroom for \$750 a month. They sign a one year **lease**.

They rush home to tell their mother. They're very excited because this will be their first apartment. They tell their mom, "We did it. We found an apartment. We'll **move in** tomorrow."

Sara says, "I'm very proud of you. You're finally becoming independent."

The next day, the boys move in. They have a big party with their friends. In fact, every night they have parties at their apartment. They're very happy because now they have their own place-- and they can have parties all the time!
Sara is happy too, because her boys are finally growing up.

Vocab

retired: stopped working

used to: than (she) did in the past, once did/had

mama's boys: immature adult men, boy/man who is too dependent on his mom (an insult)

sick of: tired of, no longer like a situation, annoyed with

kick them out: make someone leave, force someone to leave

take responsibility: be independent, be responsible

to grow up: become mature, become an independent adult

rant and rave: to complain & yell a lot

won't budge: will not change (a decision)

whining: complaining

lease: a contract (for an apartment)

move in: to move into a new place, to go to a new home