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"Mothers Teach Your Sons"

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clean
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or else your sons poor wives will curse you all their lives
as they labour to housebreak and domesticate them

pass on to them the ancient art of dusting
show them theres no shame in scrubbing floors
and teach their poor dim eyes to see what we see
without trying
spots on glass and fingerprints on doors

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and give them Joy of Cooking for their birthdays
encourage them to make the meals for you
but dont forget to teach them how to clean up as theyre
going
so your kitchen doesnt end looking like World War Two

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teach them when they clean to clean behind things
its a concept that they surely will resist
behind the couch, behind the fridge and, yes, behind
the toilet
these are places men dont even know exist

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