A Peek Into Sonia's Cherished Life



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Preface

This fiction story is based on the life happenings of a woman called Sonia. How she makes it from a shy, single and nonconfident girl to a fully cherished and charismatic married woman is all what this book is about.

The romance, the highs and lows of life, bringing up of her children, departing from them and finally strengthening the bond with her hubby make the book an enthralling and enriching piece of work.

Go for a quiet sitting and finish the book in one go. About a 50paged book shouldn't be so challenging to complete. You will simply love it that way that is, in one sitting.

To Your Merry Reading,

Love,

Rosina S Khan

Sonia Grieves Over Her Mother's Loss

Sonia was the youngest of all eight brothers and sisters. Sonia had little memory of her Dad who passed away years earlier owing to heart attack when she was little.

All her brothers and sisters were married living in the city scattered and also abroad. She relied on her elderly mother solely for emotional and financial support.

Her mother, despite being only in the sixties, suffered from ill health. This time she had pain around the waist above her hips. When other brothers and sisters of Sonia came to know about it, they immediately hospitalized her. She would bend and walk, and so Sonia's siblings were concerned and started talking to the doctors.

Finally, after much consultation, Sonia's mother was injected around the waist above the hips and she was immediately able to straighten herself and walk instantly.

Siblings of Sonia including herself rejoiced. Yes, their Mom was going to be okay, they told themselves. But unfortunately not for long.

The side effects of the injection took their toll and badly affected Sonia's mother's tummy. She had chronic stomach aches. An ultra sonogram of her stomach showed that large parts of her intestines were badly affected. Gradually Sonia's mother's condition deteriorated and she couldn't eat. Pipes had to be put through the nose and mouth inside her body so that they could let her have in liquid food.

The brothers and sisters of Sonia took turns looking after their mother at the hospital. They felt very helpless when all of a sudden, their mother breathed her last and was gone from the world.

Sonia's youngest brother fell unconscious while Sonia cried out loud in great agony. All other brothers and sisters started weeping quietly.

Sonia Comes to the City

Sonia's mother's coffin was being taken to the countryside where she belonged, to be laid beside her late husband.

The weather was hot but none of Sonia's brothers and sisters seemed to notice it. Their thoughts were based on one significant fact: Their mother was no more.

Sonia cried helplessly and although she was in her mid twenties, she could hardly control herself. The pain of losing her mother meant a lot to her. She was single, not so much involved with studies either. She dwelled a happy life with her mother, helping her with the household.

After all, Sonia was a beautiful girl, and boys were attracted to her from all corners. Yet she was single because no proper proposals had come in.

Her eldest sister who dwelled in the city was pondering all along about Sonia and her future.

After their mother's dead body was laid beneath the earth beside their father, Sonia, her brothers and sisters including relatives said a small prayer and began to head for their homes.

Sonia's eldest sister nudged her and said, "What else will you do? Come and stay in our home. You will feel good to spend time with our children and environment."

Sonia dried her tears for the hundredth time and agreed meekly, not finding any other option herself.

So, her home in the countryside was locked up before Sonia left for the city with her sister.

After a long bus ride of eight hours, crossing rivers by ferry and looking out of the window at the various village scenes and finally reaching the city to watch high rise, shops, and restaurants, Sonia somehow cheered up. Yes, she would enjoy staying with her sister. It wasn't her first visit to the city; she had been here

couple of times and she was well acquainted with the ways and norms of the city as well.

Finally they reached the bus stand where the bus would stop. They got down the bus with their belongings, hired a taxi and started heading for home – in fact a home for Sonia as well.

What Sonia Does to Spend Her Time

Sonia and her sister reached the gates of the house. They paid the fare of their transport and went inside. They climbed up the stairs to the first floor where her sister's children greeted. They were all close age-wise and would be great friends with Sonia, although Sonia was by relationship actually their aunt.

Five days went by and Sonia only cried, slept and ate. Once more her sister came to her rescue. They had a heart-to-heart talk.

Her sister finally said, "Sonia, you just can't stay idle like this. How about going to college and doing your Honors?"

Sonia replied ruefully, "I am not interested in studying now."

Her sister popped in, "What would you like to do then?"

Sonia replied blatantly, "I don't know".

Her sister suggested," There are lots of things to do other than studying. You could learn boutique, handicrafts and cooking. Do they interest you?"

Sonia's enthusiasm sparked. "Yes, I would like to try those."

Accordingly her sister fetched addresses from friends and admitted Sonia to these learning schools. Yes, Sonia enjoyed doing them and she got back the mojo of life.

Not long before, Sonia was an expert at making doll's dresses and outfits, handicrafts like paper cuttings, flowers and the lot and doing boutiques on lady's shirts.

The house became full of Sonia's creations that she learned at school and she neatly decorated the house with them. She even made boutique shirts for her female nieces and they were more than happy to wear them and show off to their friends and speak proudly of their aunt.

It was not long before a sister of Sonia who lived abroad was also coming to her eldest sister's home to stay along with her family for a vacation. Sonia's eldest sister took this opportunity to take advantage of this sister's help in convincing Sonia about something important which she herself failed previously.

There was great hustle and bustle as Sonia and her eldest sister and family left for the airport the day their sister and family from abroad were landing in the city.

At the airport, the plane landed – the plane Sonia's sister from abroad was flying in. Soon the family was in sight. They had passed checking of their luggage section and were free to leave the airport.

They talked to their relatives who had come to receive them. It was a nice family reunion. They happily got inside vans with luggage and headed for their eldest sister's home.

Two days passed, and the three sisters got together to speak how painfully their mother had passed away – an event the sister from abroad missed and tears filled her eyes. Even Sonia got teary again.

Another day passed. Then another. It was then the eldest sister had an important conversation with the sister from abroad.

Eldest sister said, "Sonia did not like to go to college. So I decided to let her learn boutique, handicrafts and cooking. She did learn a lot. Look at those. They are all her creations."

Sister from abroad said, "Great. She learnt a lot of stuff."

Eldest sister remarked, "If you want, she can make your daughters boutique shirts. She is an expert at them. Look at those boutique frames on the wall. She made them."

Sister from abroad looked at the walls in wonder. Then her eldest sister hit on her point of the conversation, "You see, learning

these and spending time with these don't give you much credit when you look for a bridegroom for Sonia. I have been thinking of putting her in marriage. And for that to happen, she first has to complete her Honors studies otherwise it would be hard to find a good hubby for her. Can you somehow convince her to go back to college?"

Sister from abroad said, "Hmm. I will give it a try definitely. Hopefully she will heed my words."

And the most amazing thing followed. When the sister from abroad suggested to Sonia why she should be going to college, Sonia thoughtfully agreed. She knew she couldn't stay with her eldest sister lifelong. She needed to have a family as well. She was well aware and thankfully she agreed to go to college.

Everyone in the house celebrated the news with sweets distribution. Yes, a week later, the eldest sister's husband's car

was traveling to college carrying Sonia. Soon she got used to the route, could get a taxi herself and ride to her college.

A month passed. Sonia was absorbed in her studies. And it was also time for her sister from abroad and family to return abroad. So Sonia and the host family bade the other family goodbye while Sonia carried on.

Sonia Finds Herself a Handsome Hubby

Sonia's eldest sister, through a third party, came to know of a bachelor guy, in his thirties, who came from abroad to the city and was on the lookout for a beautiful wife.

They made appointments and turned up at the sister's residence one day. Sonia was sleeping and although her sister nudged her to get ready and dress lovely, she hesitated.

The bachelor guy, along with a friend and a relative, patiently waited. In fact, Sonia was out of mood and although she dressed lovely and showed up, she gave rude answers to the guests' questions and stomped out of the living room in fury.

Well, this bachelor guy was tall, fair and handsome and was willing to talk to Sonia and have a lively conversation but Sonia did not give him a chance.

Under such circumstances, the guy said. "Maybe she is not interested and we are not willing to proceed if she won't cooperate."

The sister was helplessly sad, and mad at Sonia's rude behavior.

Later after talking with her nieces, Sonia realized she made a gross mistake. She had thought the bachelor's friend was the suitor and disliked him instantly. She had hardly noticed the real suitor. That was how Sonia missed her first marriage proposal – a good one too.

Sonia continued her studies and she was also working part-time in the administrative section of a musical school, about a mile away from her home. She walked the distance to and fro from her home.

Her first year exams were approaching and while she was working in the administrative section of the musical school one

day, she couldn't concentrate well in her work because exams loomed and spoke bigger inside her head.

In this condition, two ladies came in and started to converse with her about where she lived and what she was doing other than working in the school. After Sonia replied to their questions, they asked if her elder sister would be kind enough to call at their residence number and handed her a piece of paper with a name and number and then they were gone.

Sonia was very surprised at this incident. But nevertheless after reaching home she talked to her sister about it and gave her the piece of paper with the name and number, while she herself set off for her studies.

Soon the elder sister contacted at the number given to her by Sonia and wanted to find out what the whole thing was about. The telephone connected to the other end and a female voice

answered. The sister gave her introduction and then a jolly conversation followed and she hung up.

What happened was that another marriage proposal had come in. The ladies who talked to Sonia at the school found Sonia to be interesting and beautiful. Their daughters took music lessons at the school and they had noticed Sonia coming to the school regularly. They found her a perfect match for their bachelor brother.

But the sister said none of this to Sonia in case she would spoil it a second time. Instead, she talked to her husband and arranged to meet the guy's family at their residence.

The sister and her husband were leaving their home for the guy's residence the very next day. Soon as they approached the residence, several people came, welcomed them and guided them inside. The couple was served tea. And relatives of the guy started to converse. They got friendly and the guy was called in.

The sister of Sonia looked and gave another look at the guy and was more than impressed. He was 6ft 2in tall, slim, fair and handsome indeed! The couple liked him instantly and held a conversation with him from which they came to know he was a successful business man. The couple left their residence happily and couldn't wait to inform their other family members back at home.

Soon enough, Sonia's first exam day approached. She was chilly and nervous. Although she toiled at her studies and worked hard, she didn't have the full confidence in herself. But that is how you feel before any exam, no matter how much prepared you are.

The exam came and went. Sonia was on top of the world. Her studies and hard work were not fruitless at all. She made it. It went well.

Her sister's family broke the news about her new marriage proposal now and mentioned that the guy's family was ready to have her married to their son at the earliest convenience.

Sonia's first thought was, "What will happen to my exams?" Her second thought was, "Am I actually getting married?" Both the train of thoughts disturbed her a lot and she couldn't decide anything. But God had it all planned for her. Because she was getting married before her second exam, which was a month later and she wouldn't have to continue her studies after she got married because that was how her life direction would be.

Now time to get married. A community center was booked. Invitation cards were ordered and distributed. Shopping was done voluminously until the grand day arrived.

Meanwhile a year had passed and her sister from abroad and family had also come to the sister's home and joined the occasion on time.

There was great pomp and show. Food was served to the guests generously. The bridegroom and bride were married off by the *Kazi*, and *dates* were served to every guest to make known the couple was now happily married and were husband and wife.

So that was how Sonia finally got her soulmate and remained happily married till date. Turn over the page to know how her married life turned out to be.

Sonia Has Her First Newborn

Sonia experiences her first romance with her brand new hubby. It was a totally invigorating and exciting encounter for her.

They spent romantic moments in their home and in mother nature environment in the midst of multicolored variety of flowers, green grass and tall green leaved trees. They spent time near the beach and did not venture out further into the sea because both of them didn't know swimming.

They went sight-seeing in city outskirts and the countryside. Sonia felt the thrills of life and enjoyed every golden moment with her hubby.

Her hubby was on leave from work but that great time had to come to an end as everything in our life has an ending. He left for office in the morning and came back in the evening. Sonia spent her time with the in-laws and helped with the household.

As she was a new wife, everyone was nice and sweet to her. She didn't feel any pressure of a joined family.

After a year, on a weekend, Sonia felt completely sick and couldn't take in any food. Her hubby and family were concerned and brought in a doctor immediately who, after examining her, declared that she was pregnant.

There was a lot of celebration and rejoicing in the family at the news. Her eldest sister's family was equally happy at the news.

Doctors advised her to stay careful as pregnancy was a delicate thing and had to be well taken care of. They gave Sonia a list of instructions as it was her first pregnancy.

Sonia was scared at first but as time went by, she became more used to carrying her child in her womb. She followed all the doctor's instructions. Month by month, her tummy grew bigger until finally it was time to give birth.

As her child came out of her womb, doctors detected a problem. The child was unable to tolerate the temperature of the real world and she had to be put in a glass case of warm rays. After the third day, doctor examined her and found her to adjust to the surroundings normally.

Everyone was concerned and unhappy. But as the mother with the child left the hospital along with her hubby towards home, everyone's concern took a backseat and greeted them happily. The tension was over. The mother and child were doing fine.

Sonia Has Her Second Newborn

Before her first daughter's birthday approached, Sonia found herself pregnant again. This time there was less celebration but Sonia and her husband privately celebrated among themselves.

On her first newborn's first birthday, guests arrived and handed over lofty gifts. The child was helped to cut the cake and the hubby blew off the candles. There was a happy birthday song from everybody. After light conversations, dinner and merriment, the guests left and only the hosts remained to unwrap the presents and which helped to give joy to their first newborn.

Sonia experienced a sharp pain in her tummy soon one day in the evening when her hubby was around. Her hubby immediately helped her to take her to the hospital.

It was not long before Sonia birthed a second child, who was also a girl. There was much celebration in her family for addition of a new member to the family. But like before, the child was always crying and couldn't tolerate the temperature of the environment and had to be put in a glass case of warm rays at the hospital until she recovered fully and was back home to begin her new life.

Sonia enjoys life with family

Apart from looking after the household and taking care of her two daughters, Sonia had the time of her life as she, along with her hubby and daughters, went partying, long drives and sightseeing.

They were moments Sonia preserved till date as she knew they would not come to pass by again. She savored every moment and for years, they were a four-member family.

Family politics also loomed up about who would pay for her hubby's parents' expenses and living as their Dad had retired.

Finally it was decided that Sonia's hubby would keep his parents at his residence and pay for their expenses and family politics lulled down.

There were engagement, marriage and birthday parties going on all around the year and as Sonia and her hubby along with the

children attended them all, enjoying them to their heart's content, it was also time to admit her daughters to school.

Their first daughter excelled in school while their second daughter had less interest in studies and enjoyed social life more.

Their daughters were growing up fast and they were given a tutor to help them out with their studies and homework.

Life carried on. The four-member family was happy all along until they had news to spread around again.

Sonia has her third newborn

When Sonia left the hospital after giving birth to her third child baby, her hubby was worried she would also be needed to put in a warm-ray glass case. But doctors said nothing and so they reached home happily until Day2 confirmed the family that yes, the third daughter needed to be cased with warm rays as well.

When that ritual was over, there weren't any bigger challenges for the family any longer. While the mother looked after the new daughter, her remaining daughters attended school, waded up through their grades and finished their daily homework and studies punctually.

When Sonia's first two daughters were in high school, her third daughter stepped into schooling life for the first time.

So as a mother, Sonia's work was not only to look after the household and meals but also to drop their children at school and

pick them up. It had become routine work for Sonia and she accepted her life happily.

For years Sonia helped her children to drop and pick them up from school until when it was time for her first daughter to enter university and she decided to simplify her life.

Sonia's First Daughter Enters University

Sonia's first daughter named as, Sylvia was excited to attend University. She had appreciated its compounds and interior as well when she went there to give admission test earlier and got herself admitted, after being selected, with the help of her Dad.

Sonia became acquainted with the bus route and traveled to and fro from home by bus. She met many challenges on the way but overcame them all. There was competition and politics all around. But she survived them all and thrived and graduated triumphantly.

She had many friends among classmates too. She attended their birthday parties and they were invited to her birthday. So far so good...

Sonia's Second Daughter Enters University

After a year had passed, Sonia's second daughter who they loved to call, "Sicily" entered university life.

Both the elderly sisters went to the University together and Sylvia was happy for the company.

Sicily was more outgoing and had more friends than Sylvia. As years glided by, it was time for Sicily to graduate. And she did gracefully. Her parents gave her a big hug and had a small family celebration.

Yes, Sicily herself reflected on her life's milestones and she agreed with herself that she covered a big milestone this time.

Sylvia Finds Her Soulmate

Sylvia wanted to do a Masters in her field of interest and accordingly applied abroad to Canada's Universities. It was not long before she got an offer letter from a reputable university in Canada. And she proceeded with the formalities until she was able to make her first flight abroad.

It was hard at first as it is with every student to get accustomed to university life. But gradually life got better for Sylvia and she fell into pace with her studies and academic life.

She became acquainted with a guy in US, through a third party, who she later realized to be one of her old High School friends and by and by they became closer and decided to get married after Sylvia's master's graduation. Soon they came home for the great ceremony. They were back in their country and the marriage ceremony was a gorgeous one. They left for Canada again, taking with them the sweet memories of the ceremony.

On reaching Canada, Sylvia and her new hubby found work in reputable positions in accordance with their fields of expertise and life fell together happily for them.

Sicily Marries off

Sicily graduated from her University and found work in the city. Through her service, she became acquainted with a guy, for whom she fell in love. The guy would be leaving for Canada soon. So they decided to get married and the guy would then be applying for Canada for her would-be spouse.

Having that settled, preparations for the marriage ceremony were done with great pomp and show. There were glowing lights all around. The food served in the buffet was the best. Cultural shows were organized. Everything was smashing great.

So Sicily got happily married to her hubby. They went partying for days together until it was time for her hubby to leave for Canada. Sicily would be joining him in a year's time when all the formalities would have been carried out. That special day did arrive. Her parents were happy for her but they knew they were going to miss their second daughter as much as they did for their first-born.

Third Daughter Enters University

Sonia's third daughter named as, Synthia completed O-levels and A-Levels gorgeously under University of London.

It was not long before she was attending the same university in the city as her sisters did.

Things went well at the beginning for Synthia. But somewhere in the middle, her heart did not get along with her university. On top of that, she felt lonely at home without her sisters. She missed all the fun and chatter she had with them. She would do anything to turn back the clock to have all that fun and laughter back in her life. That is how she reached a decision – an important decision in her life.

She started applying for universities in Canada in her field of interest until finally the grand day came joyously when she had an offer letter from a reputable university.

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Accordingly, she started taking daily actions towards her dream. Finally the day arrived when she would be confronting student visa at the Canadian Embassy. She answered all questions smartly in the interview at the embassy and earned herself the gem visa.

She started taking preparations for leaving the country. She went shopping with her Mom and bought suitcases. She packed them and weighed them.

The great day she would fly approached. Her parents were heartbroken to depart from their little daughter as well. Sonia started crying at the airport. Her hubby hugged her little girl several times.

Synthia said goodbye lovingly and promised them to be back during vacations. She was excited about her journey and to be in the same nation as her sisters.

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Yes, she would excel, of course, like her sisters. She would do a masters and find her soulmate. It was obvious she was following her sisters' footprints in the sands of time.

Sonia and Hubby Experience Emptiness

Sonia and hubby after returning home from the airport, cried together and held hands.

They found solace and comfort in each other. They missed all their daughters definitely. But that is how life is. Now they needed to socialize more with friends and relatives. Mourning over their daughters would only keep their spirits down. That is exactly what they did. Just like the two of them experienced romantic moments at the early stages of their life, they went to the beach and spent time in the nature environment with flowers, grasses and trees.

Somehow they cheered up in each other's embrace and company. They reminisced the old times and it seemed to them those moments had returned again. They felt blessed and thanked Almighty God for everything in their life. They would be united with their daughters during vacations and have grand dinners.

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But that can wait. They found life in each other's company. And that was important.

Good work Sonia!! You did a great job as a wife and mother. You deserve credit for showing your daughters their life directions and how to embrace life. Really Sonia, I as an author, would like to give you extra credit. So wonderful and graceful of you!!

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