

A FAMILY OF THREE



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Introduction to Tina's Family

Once a wealthy family of four, Tina's Dad was hit by a heart stroke and was unable to survive. It came as a shock to Tina's family. The challenges the remaining three face would never make things for them the same.

First of all, there were arguments over the home they lived in the little village with Tina's Uncle. They demanded rights over ownership of their home. Tina's mother tried to fight away but they were continuously threatened even by neighbors.

It was time. Yes, it was time that Tina's mother knew she had to take a giant leap with her daughter and son. She knew in order to survive properly, their family needed to take that leap.

Tina's mother was considering leaving the village and coming to town where a once upon a time good friend lived. She was thinking and taking a little help from her and make her surviving family thrive.

Tina was three and her brother was a year old. Tina learnt to live on little from an early age. Yes, her family moved to the town and stayed in Tina's mother's friend's home for a while. Her friend helped Tina's mother to buy a cheap cottage, chicks and a calf. Soon Tina's mother was rearing up poultry in the outside of her cottage.

She would feed the chicks and calf. The chicks slowly grew up to hens and cocks and the calf to a small cow. The hens started laying eggs – some of which she kept for her family and some she sold off. The small cow having grown up, Tina's mother bought a bull to partner with her. A calf was born and the cow started milking. Tina's mother sold much of the milk and kept a little for her family. She was learning to rear up poultry farming fast.

About her children, Tiny now 12 and her brother, 10 were attending school. It was a school with low tuition fees which

Tina's mother could only afford. Both Tina and her brother studied hard and earned scholarships which further alleviated the family's money problems. Tina was more ambitious than her brother. She announced that she was going to be a school teacher. Having gone through so many money struggles with her family, Tina knew she had to stand on her own feet.

How Tina establishes herself

Soon she was appearing in secondary school exams under her District's Board and she performed well, having prepared well to the best of her ability.

Two years later, she was appearing in higher secondary school exams under the same Board and she made it gracefully once again.

She started going to a girl's college and kept up her spirits, studying hard.

She made friends in the three years' time and was soon visiting her friends' homes and spending time with them watching cinema, eating *chotpoti* and enjoying at the town's fair.

But she did not neglect her studies. It was a top priority for her.

After three years, she had a prestigious honor's degree. Now Tina craved for a master's degree as well. Remember she had decided to be a school teacher.

A friend was going to the city and she decided to accompany her for higher studies. They stayed together in a university hostel in the city and attended classes. Tina's mother was happy with her daughter's progress in life and sent her money from time to time. With time and perseverance, Tina earned a master's degree.

She decided to start tutoring school students which would help her to earn money for a while and further aid her in earning her B.Ed and M.Ed degrees which were necessary to become a school teacher.

By now Tina had a large circle of friends. She enjoyed life with the hopes of a teacher's career at the back of her mind.

Her brother hadn't shined like her much in life but stayed with his mother back in town, helping her with farming and poultry.

After earning her M.Ed degree, Tina looked enthusiastically for a reputable school where she could start teaching students. Her

mother back home, kept pressurizing her to find a husband for herself. But Tina refuted.

She told her mother to do that for her while she established herself, being a teacher.

Never losing enthusiasm, every day she set out in the city looking for reputable schools and dropping her CV's.

It was not long before she got two interviews in two different schools. She decided to attempt both and see which would be better for her.

Interview 1 came and went. She answered the board of teachers' questions cautiously, skillfully and knowingly. Interview 2 came and went as well. She did equally good in the latter.

Her heart went out for the latter as she liked the school and its premises better.

In fact, as if by telepathic connection, the second school responded positively first. And Tina knew her first hurdle in her quest of a teaching career was over.

She rented a small home with her best friend in the city with her savings and started giving lessons at the school. She was going to teach Arithmetic and Science.

Meanwhile, as she became more and more dedicated to teaching students, she grew up knowledge-wise and as a woman. Her best friend was going to leave her small home that she shared with her to get married. So Tina asked her mother and brother to come over and live permanently in her small home. She didn't want to stay alone in the middle of the city.

Her family came accordingly and she arranged for her mother and brother to attend a handicrafts school where they would be making handicrafts. She paid for their initial training. Soon mother and brother were earning money. Her mother had

contacted earlier with the town's matchmaker about finding a husband for her daughter. He now responded that he had found someone suitable and made arrangements to meet them in a nearby park in the city.

Tina was always busy with studies and career all her life. She did not mix with guys that much. Now that her mother told her of the suitor that the town's matchmaker had found for her, she felt utterly nervous. Anyway, she knew she could manage this side as well having gone through all the struggles in life.

After all, Tina was a very pretty woman. Only she never bothered about her looks and that is why guys were even more attracted to her.

Letting down her shoulder-length dark brown hair and opting for a sky blue *salwar kameese* set, she dressed herself, preparing to meet her possible soul mate.

Tina's New Family

The park they were supposed to meet was not far from their home. Yet they decided to meet there for security of their home.

The man was tall, dark and slim. Tina eyed her possible hubby and looked away. Both the families talked together until they decided that the man and woman should have a private conversation and asked them to sit on a nearby park bench.

They agreed. The man and Tina were equally shy. For minutes they stayed silent, sitting side by side. It seemed awkward and Tina badly wished the man would speak up. Finally he said, "I have heard that you are a school teacher. Where do you teach?" From there on, a lovely conversation followed and Tina decided, yes this could be her ideal soul mate. The man was already head over heels in love with the woman he had just met.

They went back to their families, laughing and talking. And both the families knew instantly, the two had clicked.

More conversations on phones and meet ups verified that Tina and her man were meant for each other.

Soon invitation cards were sent out to both the families' friends and relatives and a gorgeous wedding took place. Tina earned the good book of her in-laws. Her original family kept staying in her small home while she moved on to her in-laws' place and began life afresh with her hubby. She continued her teaching career and her in-laws let her. She liked her in-laws in that they supported all her views and opinions.

Soon Tina and her hubby were moving to a new area in the city because her hubby got transferred to that area and Tina changed schools and continued teaching.

It was not long before Tina found herself pregnant. So she started working part-time giving rest to her mind and body.

Nine months later, she gave birth to a beautiful daughter. She had taken maternity leave from her school. She took great care of

her baby daughter until it was time to join her job again. She kept a full time maid at her home to babysit her child while she was away from home.

She had regular dinners with her hubby and gradually their daughter started to grow up. They had enough friendship with their landlord's family. And they helped each other in times of need.

Tina, being a teacher, which the landlady came to know asked her to tutor her second child daughter. Tina felt she could manage the time to tutor her for an hour or two.

So with both the savings of Tina and her husband, their family thrived and they started sending their daughter to a good school while Tina continued her teaching career.

Conclusion

Tina, as a child, had been deprived of so many wonderful things, especially after her Dad's loss. Yet it was this tragic event that motivated to embark on her career and find a soul mate and give her all to their daughter.

Girls like Tina are rare in that she learnt taking giant leaps from her Mom and how they help someone get so established in life, chalking out a good work/life balance.

I, hereby, leave the reader to imagine a life for Tina's daughter and how she, like her mother, would like to be career-oriented, have a romance as she grows up and win her soul mate's heart just like her mother did and shine further like a bright star high up in the sky for all ages to come.

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