

# ***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 non-confident 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 50-paged 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 ultrasound 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.

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