

The Agonizing Quest of a Daughter for her Biological Mother in Jaishree Misra's "A Scandalous Secret"

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Abstract

As one of the world's oldest civilizations, India has left behind a rich cultural legacy. The culture and ethics of India are unique. Every generation treasures the traditions that their predecessors have passed down to them, passing down their culture to succeeding ones. Indians still adhere to their own traditions and civilizations despite the numerous alien cultures that have impacted them throughout history during invasions. In India, maintaining family ties and upholding traditional traditions is very important for women's standing. The family is regarded as being of utmost importance in India, and every Indian woman is innately strong and unselfish. She will prioritise family values over her own. Over the centuries, there have been significant changes to women's position and roles in India. In the past, most Indian women's responsibilities were limited to taking care of their homes and family. Women's position significantly fell during the Middle Ages. Women began to speak up and fight for their rights and equality in modern times. Piety, purity, domesticity, and submissiveness were considered to be the four cardinal virtues of "True Women" according to the society. The concept centred around the woman as the focal point of the family and as "the light of the home."

Women have been one of the priority groups of cultural preservation. Women in India now participate fully in all areas such as education, sports, politics, media, art and culture, service sectors, science and technology, etc. One of the main aspects of women purity is measured in many culture is based on the woman's virginity and it is a symbol of her family's honour and her own moral character. Sexual activity outside of marriage, or even the suspicion of such activity, is often seen as a stain on a woman's character and can lead to social ostracism and even violence towards her. In traditional Indian society, a woman's virginity was seen as a symbol of her family's honour. Any deviation from the prescribed norms of sexual behaviour was seen as a threat to that honour.

Indian contemporary woman writer Jaishree Misra began her literary career in 2000. A significant bestseller in India, "Ancient Promises" by Jaishree Misra has been translated into German, Greek, and Malayalam. It spent several weeks at the top of best-seller lists in Indian newspapers and publications. The seventh book by Jaishree Misra is titled "A Scandalous Secret". A novel about a teen girl from UK has been searching for her maternal mother to know about the reason of given for adoption. The protagonist of this novel Neha who is in pursuit of her dream to join at Oxford University unfortunately discontinued her studies in the middle and returned to India. After few years later, she married Sharat Chaturvedi. Despite their blissful marriage of seven years, they have never had a child. Neha Chaturvedi was startled when her daughter Sonya in Orpington sent her a letter that bearing a British postage stamp. The tragic story of Neha Chaturvedi's withdrawal from her Oxford University degree was revealed in A Scandalous story Novel, which was told in 45 chapters under suspicion.

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Neha's spouse, Sharat, is one of Delhi's most well-known and recognised individuals. From early in the morning till late at night, Neha is very busy giving instructions to her maids and overseeing the preparation of her home for a big party. Despite their seven-year marriage and the fact that they have never had children, they are nonetheless very

happy and devoted to one another. They are incredibly busy with their daily activities and spend the most of their time hosting and attending parties with a select group of well-connected or notable individuals. They always have excited and free guests who feel welcome to attend the events thanks to the sumptuous arrangement, which puts

their visitors at ease and assures that there won't be any media trouble. Neha's mind used to be able to handle a lot of guests, but today's party has left her feeling rather dizzy and unable to focus on anything, which is not how she normally functions. Even though she felt like something was ripping through her from the inside, she just smiled and passed everyone around. She went inside once more to retrieve something from the hidden almirah compartment, and what she found inside was a letter bearing a British stamp that had come that morning and gone unnoticed. This letter was written by Sonya, Neha's daughter, who currently resides in Orpington with Richard Shaw and Laura, her foster parents. Both of Sonya's adoptive parents adore her. After discovering her birth secret, she is unable to handle the hurt that Sonya's loving parents are not her biological ones and that they have revealed the truth that Sonya was adopted. While adopting Sonya, her parents only learned that her mother is Indian, that she withheld information about Sonya's father, and that she has no desire to see her daughter again in her life from the social worker. For the first time in thirteen years, they will be cut off from one another. It hurts that Estella doesn't care about their breakup; it's like pouring more fuel to Sonya's grief. Sonya wrote a message to Neha Chaturvedi about herself and stated that she hopes to meet her soon out of interest to learn more about her birth. Even with Estella, Sonya did not discuss the subject of writing a letter to Neha; the only person who was aware of it was Priyal, who lately learned more about India while looking for her maternal parents. When Sonya told her parents that she wanted to see her maternal mother. Robert and Laura are concerned about Sonya's leaving for India. Sonya was aware of all the factors that made her loveable mom feel threatened when she left to look for her biological mother. Laura was unable to comprehend the need for this visit and thought it was needless to wait to meet the lady who gave her up for adoption. She also knew that Sonya, being a young girl, would not be able to forgive her maternal mother for her heartless deed against a newly born child. Sonya is well aware of the repercussions of her decision to contact her maternal mother. Sonya, however, is interested in learning more about her birth because the information provided by her adoptive parents is so pitifully scant. Everything was ready for Estella's grand eighteenth birthday celebration, which will take place at the Orpington gardens. Sonya arrived at the scene dressed in traditional Indian garb and appears to be a Bollywood actor. Sonya's parents were both shocked when they saw her dressed in an Indian costume, but instead of

expressing their anxiety or keeping it to themselves, they expressed their admiration for Sonya's stunning appearance. Sonya is able to empathise with her parents' concerns and assured them that it is only for a fancy dress.

As Richard claimed that he would drop both Sonya and Estella, she arrived at the party with him. Sonya's boyfriend, Timothy, was also invited to the celebration, and everyone came together to rejoice. All of Sonya's friends admired her stunning appearance as an Indian princess. Before leaving, Richard waved to Sonya and Estella and wished them luck, saying, "Have fun, girls, and be good!" Timothy's face brightened as he turned to meet Sonya. After a drink in the middle of the celebration, Tim acted a bit aggressively towards Sonya, but she shrugged and turned away from him. Sonya waved her hands in greeting as Chelsea Brigham-Smith approached the gathering. Sonya thought Chelsea would be the appropriate person and wanted to chat more about her upcoming trip to India before leaving for the country because Chelsea was the one who had previously informed her about the Adoption Register. She had recently gone through the process of looking for her own birth family, so speaking with her will provide Sonya more information that will make it much easier for her to locate her mother. When Sonya approached Chelsea and told her about her trip to find her birth parents, Chelsea was terrified to learn who her biological parents were and felt grateful to God that they had placed her for adoption. Chelsea then asked Sonya if her parents supported her decision to look for her birth mother. Sonya claimed that although they are currently a little perplexed, they will eventually submit to her wishes. She continued by responding to the query by saying that Estella would be joining her rather than Tim.

After finishing the night's festivities successfully, Sharat disclosed that there are many opportunities for him to become a member of parliament and that doors are opening from one of the political parties. Sharat's only current concern is that, despite their fortune, they do not have any offspring to pass it on to. After the party, Neha appeared worn out and dull, but she kept completely silent. Neha responded that she was considering travelling to Ananda in the Himalayas for a week when Sharat questioned if anything had gone wrong as a result of her dullness. Sharat also mentioned his desire to travel to Lucknow for a few days to obtain someone's blessings and requested Neha to accompany him. Sharat approved of Neha's vacation as a break because he was aware of how much she enjoyed spending her

time there casually. Neha walked to her bedroom after Sharat had already left the house and looked in the direction of where she had hidden the letter. Since receiving the letter, she has not read it again, and she has been unable to relax or get a good night's sleep. Just took the letter and holding it on her chest she started to weep and felt like a teenager thinking about that day her pregnancy test showed positive and thrown the kit inside the dustbin and rushed out of the toilet flashed in her mind. To escape from the current situation before moving to Ananda she visited her parents. After a conversation with her parents about the party and Sharat future plans in politics she moved from there to Ananda as she already planned. Through her first social worker, Sonya learned a little more information regarding the fact that her mother is of Indian descent and her biological father is Anglo-Saxon. Chelsea, an adopted child, and Sonya began to discuss Chelsea's biological parents and her visit to meet them more frequently. Chelsea said she feels fortunate to have been adopted and that meeting her original parents has given her a feeling of comfort.

Now that Sonya had turned eighteen, she went to the Registrar General to seek additional information about her birth records and disclosed that her biological mother is Indian and that she had previously attended Oxford. Sonya was more wounded than anybody else so far when her biological mother left her to the social worker right away after her birth and never returned to England to find out what happened to her baby. Shaw and Laura began the conversation with Sonya by telling her that Tim would make a better spouse and that inviting him along would be a wise decision. Tim is a pleasant and nice man, and Sonya is unsure of why she isn't more interested in him despite the fact that they have been close friends since they were in elementary school. Only with Estella, Sonya made the decision to travel to India to see her birth mother. They had both arrived in India, and a man was waiting outside with a sign with Sonya's name. Sonya began to get into the cab, and as she did, she observed a woman entering with a baby in her arms. Sonya was quite upset by it, and she is unsure of the cause of her internal throbbing agony. Once they arrived at Mahajan's house, everything was set up for their stay. Mrs. Mahajan made all the arrangements for them, and she announced during their meal that if they wanted to go somewhere else, she would provide a car and a driver. The driver would be Keshav, the son of her house driver, to whom she had been giving money for his education. Keshav is a good driver, but he would only be available on weekends. They both had plans to visit Sonya's

mother Neha's home on Prithviraj Road today. Sonya suddenly experienced a rapid spinning in her brain. She was now getting near to the moment she had been daydreaming about. She was unable to bear the idea. They board the auto-rickshaw for them after their meal. When they exit the car and turn into the road, the house appears to be a palace. They approached the guard with great reluctance and explained that they were there to meet Ms. Neha Chaturvedi. The maid then admitted them inside and made them seat comfortably. When Sharat arrived at the house, he noticed the two girls seated in the living room. He wanted to know why they were there. One of the girls claimed that Neha Chaturvedi was the reason they arrived. She is not present, according to Sharat, and he cannot assist them if necessary. He further clarified that he has been attempting to reach her for the past two days, but her phone is unreachable, so he does not know when she will return. Both girls abruptly jumped up, with one saying, "Let's get out of here," and the other following suit without speaking to Sharat. The moment they left Chaturvedi's residence, Sonya started crying. She had managed to control herself up until that point. When Estella patted her buddy on the back and told her not to worry, she added, "We can come back in two days to see her." They acquired her phone number and somehow let the butler guy know they were Neha's old friend's daughters. Infuriated by Neha's absence, Sonya immediately broke out and yelled loudly. Neha might not know when they will arrive, Estella tried to reassure her. But Sonya burst when she admitted that she was aware of my impending meeting with her and had written about it in the letter. Estella, who was bewildered, questioned Sonya if she had ever said anything like this to her and if she was attempting to indicate that she was purposefully ignoring her. Sonya claimed that Neha had not responded to her letter, so she was unsure if she had gotten it or not. Sonya became angry and saddened upon learning that Neha was intelligent and that she had a wealthy lifestyle here, yet that Neha had given Sonya up for adoption and had never looked back. Sonya and Estella know for a fact that Neha purposefully avoided visiting her after getting the letter. To calm Sonya down, Estella said that she may have been married off to a wealthy guy in an arranged marriage and may not have had the opportunity to inform him about your birth because she may have been afraid she would lose everything due of the orthodox culture in India. If her husband and kids found out about Sonya, she would be afraid of losing their love. In her current state of misery, Sonya declared that she would tell

Neha's husband everything, but Estella chose not to follow her. Estella merely joined Sonya in order to assist and encourage her in learning the circumstances surrounding Neha's birth; however, what Sonya now intended to do Neha was cruel and merciless. Sonya asked Estella to give her advice on what to do next as Estella patiently explained to her that her intention was not to ruin anyone's life. This was not you, Sonya, and you are not looking like who you are because of your disappointment and rage. To help them unwind, Keshav took them on a short sightseeing. Estella was extremely laid-back and admired Keshav for his intelligence and demeanour. They converse informally, but every time Sonya meets Keshav, she gets a little irritated. Estella recommended that we go back to Mahajan's house before deciding when to see Neha.

Sharat was irritated by the reason why these two girls had come to visit Neha and more troubled by their behaviour. He attempted to call Neha to inform her of the visit of these two weird girls, but this time the phone started to ring and Neha's voice answered. Relieved, Sharat stated he had been attempting to contact her and asking about her since yesterday. Neha responded that she was alright and inquired about Sharat's parents' health. He retorted that they were fine but upset due to their regular health difficulties. The phone once more died before Sharat could tell anyone about the two girls. Neha at Ananda's began practising yoga and receiving massage therapy to unwind. She thought that staying at Ananda's would be a way to avoid meeting Sonya. Neha got the chance to speak with a participant at Ananda's who is non-threatening and kind by nature. He introduced himself as "Arif," and because he is quite astute, he could tell from Neha's English accent whether she was from posh India or Britain, which surprised Neha. Neha learned that Arif is a retired lawyer from Los Angeles during their lengthy conversation, and she was at ease speaking with him. Neha thought Arif's company helped her feel a little better. On one of the treks, Neha felt her head spinning and her face turning pale when Sharat called to let her know the two girls had visited their home. Arif took note of this from a distance and urged Neha to share any concerns she might have while also promising Neha that he would keep them to himself. Neha began telling Arif about what had caused her to give up on her lifelong dream of attending Oxford University when she felt the need to let go of all the unpleasant secrets she had kept inside of her for so long. Neha has been preparing herself since she was a little child to enrol in Oxford University, which is not only her desire but also her parent's

dream. Neha's father threw her a party for both her eighteenth birthday and the admittance letter from Oxford University, and all of her family and friends gathered at the airport to see her off to England. Neha made a friend named Simon when she first started college, and the two of them went through the application process at Oxford University together. They quickly grew close, and their friendship group expanded when Clare and Nicki were added. Simon is a social person, thus they had a lot of friends. Once courses started and students started joining organisations and clubs, life at the university become very busy. Simon began to trail Neha most of the time and expressed interest in staying with her, but Neha was very aware of her mother's warning to be cautious around guys, which always made her nervous. Alastair Henderson served as a departmental tutor and currently works for the BBC as an anchor. Neha frequently attends Alastair's courses on Tuesdays, and she anticipates an intriguing lesson due of his attractive appearance, keen gaze, and amused-yet-serious demeanour. Neha felt so enraged with Alastair in each class that she eventually fell in love with him. Neha was dizzy and weak, and she found it difficult to focus on anything else. She began to follow him about the college, keeping an eye out for him. Neha did not visit her relative in Leicester as instructed by her parents because she still had work to do and the university wasn't off for the holidays. That day after class, she discovered a note with the simple signature "Alastair" in the library at 7 pm. Neha is waiting impatiently for the two hours to end while she and her pals are unable to eat or hear anything. Neha kept her pals in the dark about the message that Alastair had given them. Everyone headed to the Oxford Union bar after dinner, and Neha excused that she need to complete her assignment. Neha politely declined Simon's offer of assistance and invited him to enter the pub with the other patrons. After everyone had left, Neha prepared for her meeting with Alastair. Neha recently ran up to the library but is unable to locate Alastair, but a few students are dispersed across the building. Neha at first assumed it was a practical joke pulled on her by her friends, but after a little while Alastair entered the library, and Neha simply followed the room that was a little ways away. Neha simply left that location and returned to my room after he had completed the hour-long class. There was a commotion and a desire to return to the cramped space where Alastair took the class. Nearly all of them left the library, so I simply pushed my way into that room and quietly tapped on the door. After few minutes Alastair opened the room with

book in one hand and a glass of whisky on another hand. He seemed surprised when he spotted Neha and asked whether she had left anything behind. Neha walked forward, closing the door behind her as she begged him to come back into her life so they could speak in person. Alastair took a step back after realising what Neha was trying to say. With the anticipation that Alastair would shove her, Neha moved forward and gave him a close hug. However, this did not occur. Alastair declared after the encounter with the irritable face that it had gotten out of hand and to forget about it. Because she is so much in love with him, Neha begged him to marry her. Alastair turned down her offer and left, making it impossible for Neha to return for several days. While Alastair was away from Neha for some other work at the BBC, despite Neha's repeated attempts to rekindle their romance, Alastair refused to meet her and was unwilling to hear from her. Months later, Neha learned that she was expecting a child. When she approached Alastair, she told him about this and pleaded with him to accept her love and get married soon so they could live happily ever after. Alastair announced his intention to wed the woman with whom he was already engaged and instructed her to visit the hospital to have the baby. Neha's heart was torn by Alastair's words, and she wanted to keep the baby since she saw it as a symbol of the love she had for him. Despite her inability to gain his affection, she is content to raise Alastair's child. She met a social worker with her friend's assistance and lived at her friend's house till the baby was born. She felt so enraged following the birth of the girl child that she is currently unsure of what to do. It is not easy to raise a child as a single parent, and she is a very young woman, therefore the social worker advised her to give this child to childless parents and start over. Her Indian family and the culture in which she was born and raised do not support women having children before being married, so she agreed to give the child up for adoption. Neha only touched the infant once after it was born and then gave it to the adoption agency. Neha quit her dream programme at Oxford University and went back to India out of homesickness. She then carried on with her studies in India. She married Sharat at her parents' suggestion. Neha just revealed to Arif what has been bothering her for so long while crying. She claimed that the young woman who came to meet her at home was indeed her daughter. She is at a loss for words with her, and if Sharat finds out, she would forfeit the love and confidence he has shown her for so long. Finally, Neha turned to face Arif. His facial expression

betrays his concern for her. Arif is able to comprehend that what happened to her was not her fault because Alastair purposely put herself in that situation by coercing Neha into doing what he wanted. Therefore, Arif urged Neha to try to remain composed in trying circumstances. He advised Neha to tell Sonya about everything so that she would know why she had to make such a difficult choice. She exchanged her email address and phone number with Sharat in order to visit her house before leaving India before leaving Ananda. The time has come for Neha to go back home. Sharat set up a vehicle so that he could securely get back home. After this little separation, Neha and Sharat were delighted to see one another again. Once reached Mr. Mahajan's house, Sonya and Estella ate dinner and went to bed. Sonya can't sleep since she feels drawn to Keshav and is waiting for their early excursion to depart together. She is contrasting Tim's inner qualities with those of Keshav, although Tim never felt a magical desire for him. The following morning, Sonya had arranged for Estella, Keshav, and her to visit Neha at home. When they arrived at the location, Sonya asked Keshav to go speak to the security guard in Hind. Keshav said that it would be best if both of them went because foreigners are welcomed everywhere and are treated like VIPs. Sonya and Estella exit the vehicle and approach the guards, asking if Neha Chaturvedi was at home. When the security man nodded, Sonya tightened her grip on Estella's hand out of fear. This time, the guard instructed them to remain outside and then handed the phone to Sonya after calling Neha to tell her that someone had come to meet her. She answered the phone while holding it with shaky hands. Neha recognised Sonya and asked if they could meet outdoors by the duck pond in the Lodhi Garden, which is a short distance from her house. Three of them went to meet Sonya after she acknowledged they would be meeting outside. Neha was able to conceal her leaving the house at home. She was thinking about the conversation between Neha and Alastair as they were walking towards the park. "Together? There is no together! Why do not you get it that it was a mistake – one night stand! It's as simple as that: the oldest tale in existence. You hurled yourself at me, and I gave in. Neha started strolling in the direction of the park. While calling the young girl by her name, Sonya, Neha approached her and felt a strong want to approach the child, but she pushed herself to remain where she was. Neha then started a dialogue with Sonya about the things the young girl wanted to know. However, the young girl became quite unhappy and irritated at Neha's response. Sonya claimed

that my parents had provided me with scant knowledge about my adoption and that I was eager to learn more. Neha told Sonya that she had no other option. Sonya retorted fiercely, "That's what I thought. That's how I consoled myself for years, up until I recently got the social worker's report. You had the option to keep me with you when they provided support to look after me because you are an educated woman who is studying in Oxford, looks smart and bright, and is well-off, but you had given me up and you never turned around to ask how I am doing. Sonya started crying as she said, "Just gave me up and simply came here to live a very comfortable life." When Neha approached Sonya to beg her, the girl had already retreated. Sonya started crying, and her friends hurried over to grab her from that spot and lead her to the gate. Neha was helpless and stood there until they left, unsure of what to do. After seeing Neha, Sonya felt that she was not a girl who had adopted on purpose. She also felt that Neha was not an eighteen-year-old girl from an Indian background, who was at the time of her childbirth, and who was fifteen years younger than her adopted mother, making it difficult for her to keep the child with her before marriage. Sonya stopped crying as soon as she saw Neha. Keshav took them on a tour of Delhi to get them out of this predicament. Keshav recommended going to a disco in between to help Sonya recover from her depression. Sonya declined to participate and advised Estella to go ahead. Without Sonya, Estella is not interested. Sonya afterwards declared she will join. Estella assured Sonya once more that we must go on this outing or else we will return home. Going to a disco, according to Keshav, can help individuals get out of this mental rut. They both agreed that they needed to change their clothes but that it would be impossible for them to travel back and forth through the congested streets. Keshav recommended that since his friend Gopal's house is nearby and we can buy new clothes there while travelling, we should go there and get ready. He took the automobile to the side road leading to the servant quarters, where Gopal and his mother were living. Sonya has a unique experience seeing the other side of a basic living, but she is no longer concerned by it. At Gopal's place, they hosted a freaking disco. Sonya was drawn to Keshav by his sympathetic expression, and they now want some private time together. After a while, Gopal invited Estella on a trip to see India Gate, and they soon left. Sonya and Keshav had a private space to express their feelings and emotions towards one another once they had both moved on from that location. A short while later, Gopal and Estella arrived at the

house, and the four of them got ready to head out to dinner. They all had a great day and a great time at the supper. As they were returning to Mrs. Mahajan's house, Keshav urged Sonya come tomorrow alone to the city mall. When Estella asked Sonya if she slept with Keshav while she was out, Sonya replied that she didn't. Estella urged Sonya to exercise extreme caution. Sonya assured Estella not to worry since she knows the motivation behind her concerns. Neha's phone rang as she and Sharat were returning from Jasmeet's birthday party and heading home. Immediately, the smile left Neha's face. She abruptly ended the call and claimed that it was a sales-related crank call. He was really concerned about Neha's rapid changes in attitude and behaviour. Neha declared she would like to take a nap when they got home. Sharat sensed something was off, so he quietly walked upstairs and took Neha's phone, scrolling through the calls it had received. He can see that the majority of the calls came from his number or from known individuals, but only one call came from an unknown number at the same time as Neha's face changing and from the same number when they were both driving back to their house. Sharat called both numbers in order to identify the caller. One phone is ringing, while on another, a man's voice spoke to Neha by name. Without saying anything, Sharat hung up the phone. He cannot place that male voice, and he wonders why Neha was reluctant to answer the call in front of him. Sharat was deeply shaken and steadfast in his marriage for the first time since he married Neha. The following morning, Sonya went to the mall by herself to meet Keshav; during their talk, Keshav inquired about her mother Neha's future plans. I simply want to meet her and get things over with, Sonya said nothing. There, my loving parents are waiting for me, so I don't have any plans for Neha. For her own comfort, Keshav added, you can leave her just as she had abandoned you when you were a defenceless newborn, and she should pay for it. Sonya stated that I had no plans to do that. Then you take me to the UK along with you, Keshav abruptly remarked. Sonya got puzzled for a moment and asked Keshav what. He said that Sonya should take him to the UK right away because he wasn't prepared to lose her. We have so many technology at our disposal to communicate with one another, according to Sonya, and we need to learn more about one another. Then, since there is no immediate urgency, we make a decision regarding our future. Keshav, however, is unpersuasive and unwilling to listen to whatever Sonya has to say. Keshav, you only have two choices: you either marry me and

live with me in India, or you may take me with you to the UK. Sonya began to chuckle as soon as she heard Keshav's plan. Sonya started to giggle at what Keshav said when all of a sudden he became so enraged. He began shouting, "You cannot cheat me," in a high-pitched voice. If you don't take me with you or get married and stay in India, I'll call Neha and make a big deal out of our relationship. I've already called her once and will call her again. Keshav is acting very aggressively towards Sonya and won't listen to anything she has to say, despite her attempts to calm him down. Keshav's menacing demeanour and threatening tone of voice alarmed Sonya. Sonya kept her tears and dread under control and left. When she gets home, she tells Estella everything that transpired with Keshav today. Sonya is still having trouble believing Keshav's response, but Estella claimed she already had doubts about him, which is why I cautioned Sonya to be wary. We must stop him from using your problem to generate money, and we should allow him to threaten Neha in this regard. Neha should be contacted about this so that we can meet her. Both of them phoned Neha, who told them to return home because Sharat is away from the station. The following day, Sonya and Estella went to Neha's house to let her know about Keshav's plans. Both of them went into great detail about everything that occurred after they met Keshav, and Keshav is well-aware of Sonya and Neha's connection. Now that Sonya is refusing to accompany him to England, he is using Neha as an opportunity to draw attention to himself. After hearing what Sonya and Estella had to say regarding Keshav's motivations, she remarked that it was not your fault because many people in India were doing it on purpose for their own gain. So long as I figure out how to control him, you two should remain calm. However, I'd like to share with you my response to your question from our first meeting, "Why did I give you for adoption?" It was my fault because I slept with an older man when I was just eighteen years old and fell in love with him. He is not ready to accept me, even after I told him I am pregnant. I don't want to abort you because I believe it is a sign of our love and he might come back to me when you are born. Both did not happen in my life. During the seventh month, my friend and her mother helped to stay at their home till the delivery and they helped to give for an adoption. I felt at the age of eighteen having a just born kid. Neha can hear the car sound and sudden visit of Sharat made her shock and same for Sharat also he can recognize the same two foreign girls who he made in the absence of Neha and now they are in conversation with Neha without his knowledge.

Neha approached Sharat and said I would like to introduce one girl who is my daughter. It is a very very old story when I was eighteen years and I did not have the courage to reveal this to anyone in my life. I understand that would come as a tremendous shock to you, but it is the truth. Neha is now pleading with Sharat to pardon her for keeping this information from him. Sharat is shocked and unable to trust what Neha has told him right away, but he wants to take action right now and capture the blackmailer who is causing problems for Neha and the foreign girls. After learning in secret that Neha was expecting a female child before their marriage, Sharat left the area right away and went to the hotel because he did not know how to show his feelings towards Neha. Sharat said he would think about it and left the room without looking at Neha because he could not bear the thought of being in the same room as his wife. Neha is afraid that if the blackmailer tells anyone about this secret, it will undoubtedly reach the media, which will ruin Sharat's reputation in society. While watching Sharat leave, Neha sat still with tears simply streaming down her cheeks. When Sonya finally gave her the opportunity to explain herself, she knew she should be happy about it. She also felt some comfort when Sonya acknowledged and understood the terrible choice she had made so long ago. The phone rang again, and this time it was Arif calling Neha to talk with her. He said that he had also phoned her yesterday, but there had been no response. Neha can now recall that Arif's call arrived from the unknown number while they were in a car together with Sharat. Arif was moved to sympathy as Neha told him everything. After the conversation, Arif decided it would be best to call Sharat and clarify the misunderstandings. In the meantime, Sharat reserved a room for himself at Bangalore's Windsor Manor hotel. It is difficult for him to live apart from Neha because of the prospect of doing so while keeping such a secret from his parents. In order to help Sharat feel a little better, Arif called him at that point and described exactly what had transpired. When Sharat heard this, he felt a little lighter-hearted, but the call abruptly ended. Simply by staring at the phone's display, Sharat felt a little sense of satisfaction that Arif was the one speaking with an American accent. In order to resolve the call from the blackmailer, Sharat is only considering how much he should disclose to his friend Ashok Mitra, the inspector general of the Delhi Police. Before leaving Delhi, Sonya and Estella had a small itinerary that included some sightseeing in Agra. After having a drink with a friend back home in Delhi, Keshav was dozing off

on Gopal's mattress when his phone called. He received a call from none other than Assistant Constable Daulat Ram warning him about the threats he had made to Sonya and Neha. When Gopal asked what had happened, Keshav's hands were shaking with dread and he was unable to respond. Estella and Sonya are getting ready to head to the airport in Delhi to board the aircraft to Kerala. Sonya contacted Neha to say goodbye before she left. Neha wished her a safe voyage and they both apologised to one another for the events in their lives. After saying their final goodbyes, they both hung up the phone. Sharat had stayed in Bangalore for more than a week in order to experience loneliness. Sharat began to read more literature, which gave him a peculiar sense of strength to deal with whatever challenges real life presented. Sharat's recent reading of a few books led to a total shift in some of his opinions. For the past week, he hasn't phoned Neha, and unsurprisingly, she hasn't called him either. When Sharat made the decision to go back home that evening, he could see Neha approaching him in the garden. He halted and froze as he caught sight of Neha. Sharat believed he had full control of the situation at this moment. He moved deliberately in Neha's direction, taking her in his arms and holding her there as if he wouldn't let go. Neha expressed her gratitude to Sharat for coming back and forgiving her and felt guilty for keeping such important secrets to herself. It is only my fault that I kept this a secret from everyone, even my friends and parents, and I don't know how I could possibly tell you about it without endangering our friendship. They both began to giggle with each other as they were both liberated of their heaviness. When Sonya arrived at Heathrow Airport, she hurried up to Richard. Upon seeing one another, Richard and Sonya were delighted. Estella and Sonya were chatting away, informing Richard of all the latest developments in India. Richard and Sonya arrived at him with a hearty greeting from her mother after dropping Estella off at home. During their dinner together, they talked about meeting Neha and her circumstances as she was placed for adoption. Tim had called Richard to ask if he was home, Richard recalled. Sonya was simply looking through her phone to find a message to tell Tim she got home safely. Neha refused to respond when Sharat urged her to contact Sonya and questioned whether she was still mourning Sonya. Sharat advised Neha to visit England so they could fully meet. After all these years, Neha thought it was not a good idea for me to go looking for her. She needs to focus on her schoolwork at this time, and she is only now feeling relieved after learning

about her adoption and birth circumstances. She might not want to see me again, even though I know you are telling her this with good intentions. It's possible that her parents don't want me around her. Sharat questioned why they would send her to India to meet you if they didn't want her to see you. Better yet, spend a few days there to show your kid that you genuinely care about her. Go there to make arrangements and then come right back to me. Neha sent an email in response to Sharat's request, and Sonya reacted by saying that she had also tried to contact you. It's great that you got in touch with me initially. You are welcome to come and see me whenever you want; my parents are fine with it. Neha travelled to Oxford University when she arrived in England to meet Sonya. Neha constantly worries that a trip to England may bring back sad memories. She may instantly recognise certain familiar objects once she exits the Oxford train station. She began to confidently go in the direction of Wadham College. After visiting the ancient structure, she is able to recall the old memories. She introduced herself as a former student of the same college who was looking for her old professor Alastair Henderson, who taught us poetry, to any young lady that crossed her path. After hearing the name, the girl's face went blank, and she claimed she would phone another to ask about the man. She gave it to Neha and explained that he had a waning poetry career, a failed marriage, and a route map of Alastair Henderson's house. Neha can relate to Alastair who was struggling in Oxford and had a broken marriage. The idea that divine justice had been served should be music to Neha's ears. Sonya had not expressed any interest in learning about his biological father, and Neha was glad that Alastair was completely unaware of Sonya's existence in Oxford. Neha had never mentioned Alastair's name when Sonya had visited Delhi, nor had she revealed any of his details on his birth certificate. Now that Neha had experienced a huge sense of comfort, she moved on to the meeting location where Sonya had advised her to spend only a little amount of time thinking about my kid.

Conclusion:

In this book, Jaishree Misra depicts two young girls, a mother and a daughter, who, in their teenage years, are easily led into trouble by their blind faith and lack of understanding of the intentions, the true nature of men, and the repercussions of what will happen in the future. Instead, they simply give in to their lust and turn their lives into great miseries. In addition, Alastair, who used Neha for his own pleasure and didn't

care about her love for him; instead, he ruined her dream of studying in Oxford by getting her pregnant, made her life miserable, and caused her great suffering by keeping the fact that she gave birth in England a secret from those around her. Sonya, a different character who lives in England and is the daughter of Neha, was devastated to learn that her parents, who had shown her so much love and care her entire life, were not her biological parents. Sonya, who had hurried to India to ask her biological mother questions about her birth, had become involved with a blackmailer boy there. Jaishree Misra shows there are some good hearted male characters like Richard Shaw, Sharat, and Arif who respected the female character's feeling and helped her to come of the situation and accepted her once again without any resentment .

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