

The difficulty of “ Women in Khaled Hosseini’s Novel a Thousand Splendid Suns”

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Abstract

These research states an effort towards highlighting the difficulty of the woman named Mariam who suffers because of her prohibited social position and Laila.. This research mainly emphasizes on the communal behavior with the improper unsuccessful women. Mariam started her natural life with “harami” status; continue to suffer for individual identification, hurt, tolerates as assaulted women, moved out of the world by dragging herself out of the lower grade attached with her. The research evaluates Mariam’s strength, fights and struggle in her determined journey to conquer appropriate ending.

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Introduction

Khaled Hosseini’s study “A Thousand Splendid Suns” represents explanation about girl domination and demotion. This situation projects accurately the difficulty faced by women of afghan in a male-controlled Community situation by the following vicious behaviors perceptions and discriminations. It Portraits how men determine their manly power and hence complete their desires by torturing Women. The next side, it affectively describes the situation of women tolerating vicious behavior indorsed on them. This study exposes the real side of male-controlled nation through the barriers handled by the harami” female. In Afghan countries male-controlled situation, males completely enjoyed the power on women, either it can be their wife or any stranger, a female must follow with all the given instruction to her. And if both Mariam and Laila failed to follow their order or try to disrespect them then they can go suffer from violence, torture, murder. The two female characters endure badly from harassment, torture for their children’s future. The two women provide Aziza and Zalmai the authority to stay in an arrangement that is not in their hand . Afghan women have been continuously dealing with gender perception for years. Writing about the life of Mariam the author rises the problem of women’s rights , and many other discrimination. The long route of difficulty and struggle against cruelty turned out to be a great loss for the Mariam. Mariam was an illegal child of a rich man jalil; she suffered a lot from domination and harassment

During her life Mariam experienced hardship, obstacles, violence and various tests when she tried to make her comfortable into the culture and decided to live her own life and respect at the similar time.

She was an illegal kid of a great businessman Jalil. She is known to be subordinate, inferior women in community background, governmental and financial orders. Mariam used to belong from a inferior rank of females and was not allowed to do anything according to her choice, so she felt herself as useless women. Her mother always used to say that “there is only one talent a women like you and me need in life, and these things are not taught in school; it’s this thalamus. Tolerate”. Belonging from a lower class society Mariam adjusts to suffer impassively and decides to surrender to the male-controlled principles. After understanding domination, deprivation she decided to fight with the male dominating domain to privilege her missing identification. Mariam cultivates world-defeating innovatory, women overcomes “unlawful starts “to get a genuine end”.

Review of literature

Ahmad and kranti in 2017 studied & Representation of “Women in Khaled Hosseini’s famous novel “A Thousand Splendid Suns” and found that fiction has been a particular average to plan the human spirit, human moods, requirements and determinations, observed and unobserved shared Events in existing form. A writer presents his or her legacy what he or she notices and observes happening around the public atmosphere with a determination and a outlook. Khalid Hussein, the Afghan novelist being an experienced and mature enough, his perception and his Opinions regarding social rules and performs which are mostly male-controlled .Violence against women is an old thing and afghan women are an important part of it. This present research examines the dynamic subject of Afghani women’s experienced as narrated in the story “A Thousand Splendid Suns” by Khalid Hosseini. The broadsheet in the light of novel tries to claim, how the Male-controlled defeat and downgrading and determined situations of battle have increased the cruelty on women in Afghanistan.

Shihada in 2019 studied and represented “Women as Nation in Khaled Hosseini’s famous novel A Thousand Splendid Suns “and detected that A country can be considered as having governmental submissions signifying a Independent and clear ground those draws up the diverse people having a shared Individuality. R C Young the famous writer defines nation as “a larger establishment to which its inhabitants essentially belong without their choice; the country becomes an vacant space in which all rules of possible credentials can be filled: sex, culture , language, , history, the plot / according to the Benedict Anderson, country is “an fictional governmental municipal” and thoughts ties the-members of a country without consultation or reach to each other and irrespective of Discrimination and corruption through “a profound, parallel companionship. This logic of Companionship achieves the logic of country and inspires the citizens to fight for Country and hence inspires the essence of patriotism into them. Shameem in 2014 studied & reported that basharat shameem living on the power: women in Khaled Hossein’s famous novel “ A thousand splendid Suns” is an important account which carries to front the struggle of Afghan women who have stay alive below the weakening shades of male-controlled cruelty and war? This study tries to claim, in the light of Hosseini’s novel, how the patriarchy and determined Circumstances of battle have increased the domination on women in Afghanistan. However, in the opening of this study, one needs to make it strong that the area of this paper is not to standardize Afghanistan or its women by any means. It is a myth which has become a repetition when it comes to

any educational or non-educational discussion about Afghanistan. Afghan women are not a similar group in any way. There are various connections like the course, society, area belonging, or ancient situation which the Afghan men and women step like their equivalents in any corner of the world. This study Emphases on how the distinctive old conditions, in the form of battles and battles that Afghanistan has now been managing with for almost a half of period, have brought painful practices for its women. Siddiqui in 2008 studied and “fictional work of khaled Hosseini” “A thousand splendid suns” and it converses the duration governmental Islam, address matter of Islamic Radicalism demonstrates the authority of patriarchy and shows the Western plan to provision Building of Islam. It shows how the outline of Islamic radicalism re-describes political Islam as a lengthy Formation, concurrently; it presents Esposito’s understandings on the symbol of governmental Islam in the West. Furthermore, this study explores the dominated Living of women concentrating on a considerate the misogynist tries that downgrade women.

Illegitimate Beginning

Mariam’s bad day started when she observed by Nana. She is defined as an Untouchable and The motive behind her mother’s unhappiness, dissatisfaction, dissatisfaction and disgrace. This study starts with an aggravation term, severely told in hindrance through Nana, when Mariam smashes a valuable treasure. Nana grabs from her hand, slogs her near and furiously says: “This is my prize for everything I’ve suffered. An heirloom-breaking, awkward Small harami”.

Mariam was an innocent child, and was unaware of the word harami. ,Mariam consider it as an abusive word given by her mother anger and. She became the target of cruel behavior since she was a child and it continued for life time . mariam decides to fight against her disrespect. After few days she realizes that “harami” word was an abusive word. She was an unwanted child who did not have valid right to the things which others were enjoying , such as family, friends, home. Mariam , an unwanted child of a inferior caste mother, is always Stopped from achieving her dreams. According to mariam “freedom “ was getting education , learning things, playing ,etc. her passage of hope finishes when her mother tried to stop her from achieving her dreams. What’s the logic behind educating girl like you? “What’s the sense schooling girl like you? It’s similar shining the spittoon and you will never acquire knowledge in those schools”. Jalil was the rich man who was concerned about his status. He lived his life freely without thinking about his daughter. This happened due to the cultures humanity behavior to the illegal child that jail acted in this way. “Hosseini’s” representation of truths helps to show that in countries of Afghan wedding are not related with affection and love, it is related with the violence. Wedding is considered as pressure and agreement in Afghan. He forced her to get married with Rasheed, a man equal to her father’s age. Mariam’s agreement was a formality.

Mariam’s Journey as a Battered Wife

Rasheed tortured Mariam to an extent and continuously used to say how she needs to be. He States that he wants to look after his wife, but tends to control her. Mariam used to get fear of rasheed’s mood swings and his imprudent nature that often leads to violence, torture, beating, etc. His wildness is

clear from his powerful activities perform towards Mariam when he forced her to eat hard stones as a revenge for not cooking food according to his choice. He pushed fingers inside her mouth, then pushed the tough stones and forced her to eat it. Mariam thought that after marriage her life will be sorted, Khaled Hosseini describes how the culture edifies and points attitude towards gender. Rasheed receives hate from Mariam by his cruel behavior and he did not know when the oppressor extremely practices viciousness, dominated rebellion against the central to protect the beloved ones. Mariam again become alone, when she fails to give birth to a child. The baby was a sign of hope and a purpose of removing trouble from her life. Mariam failed to give birth to a child which reduces her status to servant. He never tried to realize Mariam's difficulty of losing the kid. She suffered a lot for this particular child who gave her extreme happiness for a while. Mariam is sad because of her child's death and this child was the only reason of living a better life

Male domination in the countries of Afghan Culture is noticeably showed in Rasheed's manner and bad behavior with Mariam during her miscarriage. Rasheed had continuous mood swings. "With continuous dissatisfaction, Rasheed had developed more isolated and angry. Mariam tried everything to please him .The domestic abrasion turns to abuse and this way tortured Mariam emotionally and tangibly. Mariam without uttering a single word tolerates the violence caused by her cruel husband because she could not raise voice against rule fixed by the men community. In afghan culture women worth is observed according to her reproducing capability, and capabilities to tolerate the male child. Azizah a famous activist describes that giving birth to a son means "eternity" because son is the only Power to move forward with the family and the part of the females in the parental culture. Rasheed used to control Mariam and laila for the entire life until they stop themselves from the male-community. They must follow his orders like mood swings, his food taste, maintain hygienic, mistreatment, violence, and tolerating as if both of them were hopeless. Rasheed did not consider them as humans. Women are known as male's belonging. Rasheed explained laila that a female's work is to serve their partner. This is a clear sample of male community suppressing women .Mariam used to tolerate violence and did not complaint about anything which killed inner strength in her. Mariam's exhausting journey from an illegal child to an isolated wife shows the depressed dilemma of females in a masculine culture. She was considered as a "harami" people puts Mariam in a lower caste society and her infertility punished her part as a woman and place her in low caste society. Mariam was just like her mother sacrificing for others, who never dreamt of living her own life. Her mother taught her to keep patience as it was the only option in male society. These inferior status women were disrespected and made them realized about their capabilities. They lack the strength and courage to fight with the male society and kept blaming themselves to keep their emotion with them. Mariam live her life accepting the fact she is "harami" and the culture will never agree with her. Therefore she admits the life she was living. She was convinced that this was her destiny and she need to live her whole life with this. She never objects on Rasheed bad manners. If he misbehaves while she serves him food she feels shame for that.

The stupid Rasheed behaved badly with her. It was not an easy way for tolerating him talking in such a bad way, bearing his insults. She used to think herself as a servant. After completing four years of marriage she realized how much tolerance power a women have.

Rasheed disrespects her by abusing her and beats her badly. Mariam's life can be set as a sample of other Afghani women who is living their life in fear. Rasheed did not support of anything that Mariam does. He always claims that Mariam has given him nothing in this relationship, unhealthy food, bad behavior, etc. She started to fear thinking that Rasheed will think of marrying Laila and avoid Mariam. Rasheed already started to ignore Mariam. He insulted her in a way by telling that your father also had affair with three ladies.

Legitimate Ending

She started opposing when Rasheed hits Laila and beats up her up. In a male dominating society, it is difficult for the women to come forward and raise their voice but these two female's has set an example for the other women . Rasheed became anger when he knew Tariq came to meet Laila. He mashed both of them and thought of killing them. Rasheed hits Laila badly and during this time Mariam decides to fight against the violence and she raised the spade high as much as she can. She did this out of the frustration and this was the first time she decided to make her life change.

Conclusion

Khaled Hosseini's famous novel "A Thousand Splendid Suns" is a cover-up of woman fight against domination, Abuse and bad behavior. It describes the study starting from the unwanted child to a powerful women and her realization of women's rights. Mariam tolerate her husband behavior and at last resolve the issues by slaying him to save her loved ones. The paper is an effort to describe the gender discrimination in the male dominating society.

" A Thousand Splendid Suns" is a true illustration of the afghan culture , describing the facts that had Ruined women's rights and their dreams. In this story, it's the women who suffered alone, have no way of getting education, no dreams, no right to speak , steeping back from her desires. The novel clearly highlights the life and background of afghan women.

In "A Thousand Splendid Suns" , the society of male dominating is explained and their behavior with the Women. The saddest part is Mariam birth as a unwanted child due to which she suffers a lot in the culture throughout her life. What Khaled Hosseini tries to represent in the novel is a very serious case on the hardship faced by the women of afghan and also for the other women's. Females are suffering from hardship in afghan countries. The paper explains to inspire women in living her own life, fulfilling her dreams and develop an inner power to fight for them. The violence and disrespect faced must be confronted and fought back with all her strenths. Mariams strength and courage sets an example for other women.

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