



THE MOST SUCCESSFUL LITERATURE WORK OF UTKIR KHASHIMOV

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ABSTRACT

"Between two doors" is one of the greatest novel in Uzbek literature, it narrates about life of Uzbek nation in the years of second World War and after that. In novel unforgettable characters' lives are described, the difficulties they had gone through and catastrophes of the war. Due to great skill of the writer all the happenings in the book seem real. The main reason why it is named "Between two doors" is it is about the path that people go through from birth to death.

The book was written within three years by great writer from 1982 to 1985. Due to immense talent and his simple way of writing, every reader sees themselves glued to the pages of the book, grasping their heart to see what is going to happen next. The novel starts with the description of starvation in Uzbekistan in 1930s, it that time one of the main characters --- Robiya --- was a young girl, living in Samarkand with her father after the death of her mother. Being a teacher by profession, Samadov took Robiya to Tashkent to start a new life. They moved into Husan дума's house, who later became father to Robiya and his wife her mother. Samadov was a decent person and he wanted wholeheartedly that Uzbek children would be educated and knew their great ancestors and their own honorable history very well, which was not nowhere near as described in Soviet books, the system which showed Uzbek nation as barbaric tribes before the invasion of Russia. His brave actions were accused by devil people who had had some conflict with Samadov beforehand and after a few years he got arrested. This had a great impact on Robiya and she made this realization for herself " I could not understand if they said somebody grew up in one day; the day I was separated from my father, I felt like I grew up by ten years. Indeed, I understood that sudden sadness could make a young child turn into an adult in one day". Robiya, who was now all alone without neither father or mother, was brought up by family of Husan дума. Black aunt, as she was referred in the book with kindness --- Husan дума's wife--- and Kimsan, his son, treated Robiya very well. With the passage of time, Robiya and Kimsan both grew up and Kimsan fell in love with her. He first did not know how to articulate his feelings but after Robiya was asked by a few suitors, one of them is Orif, who was deeply in love with Robiya, he made up his mind to tell his love and Robiya felt the same way as him. While they were on cloud nine from their happiness, they heard the news that the war broke out, which would turn

everything upside down. Kimsan asked to go to the front according to his own will, which was the sign of a braveness and protecting his country from the enemy and he left.

Within five years of war, people's lives got 100 times more challenging; there were no more weddings, laughter, holidays. The streets were full of children starving to the death, the heartbreaking cries of women who received blue letters with the death of their children, husbands informed. The life was full of misery. One of the unsent letters Kimsan wrote to Robiya he said: "Robiya, the war is not a game, it has been only three months since I am participating in it, yet I saw the real life at one moment a person is alive, but in a glimpse of an eye he might be killed by the enemy. I have been thinking how difficult to bring up a person, and how easy it is to kill him" One day postman brought a letter informing that Kimsan was lost in war, at that time some people used to spread rumor that if there was not any message from the soldier participating in the war, then they went to the enemy side cheating his own country. Especially, Umar zakunchi --the nickname was given because he once practiced the law--, accused Husan дума in front of people of being the father of a traitor without any proof. But with the passage of time, this turned out to be nothing but imputation. Years passed by, however, there was not any message from Kimsan, yet Robiya continued waiting patiently in hope he would appear one day, although she was proposed many times by suitors, she refused all of them even after a few years passed since the end of war. When she was nearly 30 year old, her adopted mother asked her hand for her own brother Shomurod, who came from the war with a sore in his leg. When Robiya heard this, she was more than shocked, as Shomurod was married before and he had a son called Muzaffar from his first wife--- Ra'no. But when Shomurod was in war, Ra'no was cheating on him having relationship with Umar zakunchi. Even worse, after Shomurod came back from war, she continued her relationship with this dishonest man and one day Shomurod found out about this and tried to kill her but she and Umar zakunchi were able to escape, leaving Ra'no's baby who was too young behind. Shomurod brought up Muzaffar with too many difficulties. Robiya agreed to marry him for the sake of Muzaffar because she could be a good mother for him and her mother knew it. Over years, Muzaffar grew up and Robiya bore another child called Omon, both of them became decent people. Black aunt, Kimsan's mother waited for her son for years until the days of death, however, he didn't come back. Because he was killed by the enemy. She would cry in sorrow: "Kimsan, my dear son, if only you had come back, I would agree if you did not have your legs or arms, if you were a disabled person, I would look after you, your father died his eyes open waiting and waiting for you. If only I could hear your voice only once, my child".

Ra'no's fate is one of the most tragic one, after betrayal of her family, she could not be happy with Umar zakunchi who was dishonorable man and only interested in Ra'no due to her beauty and wealth. She was not accepted by her own son when she found out he was alive after eleven years; Umar zakunchi had told her that Muzaffar had been dead. And the girl which she had from Umar zakunchi who was very similar in character to her father did not respect her mother at all. Although Robiya had a caring family and brought up two children, she was not fully happy either as she had been waiting for Kimsan all of these years. Thinking about so many different fates while I was reading book again and again, I was questioning myself constantly why their life was so miserable, why they encountered so many trial and errors? To be honest, I could not even blame Ra'no at some point, as she was living single and Umar zakunchi put a lot of pressure on her, tricking her with his sweet words. But I had kept

one thing always in mind if there had not been war, there had not been no way that Zakunchi would try to be with her, since she would have had Shomurod by her side protecting her. Robiya could have married to Kimsan and born their own children and Black aunt, who was referred by young Muzaffar with love with this nickname, would not have spent her life in sorrow. Having thought over and over I did not have anyone to blame but the war. The war was the main cause for so many lives to be destructed and felt immense hatred towards it in my heart.

Conclusion

I realized that the war had not only affected the lives of those directly involved, but also had a ripple effect on their families and loved ones. It tore apart relationships, caused immense pain and suffering, and shattered dreams and aspirations. Reflecting on this, I understood the importance of peace and stability in creating an environment where individuals can thrive and build successful lives and businesses. It made me even more determined to contribute towards creating a world free from conflict and violence. In conclusion, the stories of Ra'no, Shomurod, Robiya, and others highlighted the devastating impact of war on people's lives. It reinforced the need for us to continuously work towards peace, to value human lives above all else, and to build a society where everyone has the opportunity to pursue their dreams and live fulfilling lives.

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