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Chapter III

THE MODE OF NEW DESTINATION

On the next day the three started their new journey for their new destination. He wrote a letter to his father in which he begged apologize them for leaving home but he had no option. Village life was not a new thing for Sunetra, she restarted her carrier as a teacher with the help of the villagers they started a Girl school which might became a supportive mansion for girl who were in need of education. On the next academic session the school open/ inaugurated with a simple but carefully planned ceremony. She had a responsibility of daughter but she skillfully handled it. Time management was her inner skill she looks after the daughter as well as Sunay and the recently started school. The struggling period was full of efforts but a kind of satisfaction for both.

Teacher has to play a major role in the development of society as well as in the life of students. For this noble profession the teachers must have vision and that is present in Sunay and Sunetra which is beyond sight and innovation, which is work load. Many of their relatives, friends and close associate mocked at their decision of starting a new school at new place. According to them they were wasting their time and energy on shabby weaklings. But they ignored and continued their task. They concentrated their favorite work of teaching many advised them to run private coaching classes in urban area with which they could earn much more for themselves. But the spirit of teaching and making new generation never keep them away from their dream. For building great things great labors are necessary without it cannot achieve anything. According to them opportunities in life could not come someday in vague and distant future. They spent their time, money and efforts to complete the task. There are frustrations, annoyances, challenges, pains and disappointments but their passion and spirit allow them to complete their work.

Two years passed in the primary establishment of the school, the response from villagers and besides villages was very good. The school had two devoted teachers in the name Sunay and Sunetra, Gautam was another fellow who help them in the maintained. The start of her school was as easy what she imagined, many difficulties, problems and obstacles came in their way. But in defensive technique they faced and own them. In such way the first batch appeared for 10th class of state board examination. She was very happy because it was a result ten years hard work. Their school became a reputed school with reputed staff with the donation of villagers and government grants they established best building for their school. Their daughter passed 4th standard exam on the same year with 100% scoring she qualified the scholarship exam simultaneously. Sunay's parents were not happy with this simple life of their son and daughter-in-law. Many times they were insisting them to leave the place and join in their family business.

But Sunay and Sunetra, were fixed on their task and they ignore what other were saying. When the result of S.S.C., declare all the people became breathless, first batch gave hundred percent of passing and many of them scored more than seventy percent. Then all the villagers appreciated the couple for their hard work. They were very because what the dream they saw became true. The school building changed its shape, the number of student increased, and the staff also. Then they applied a proposal for junior Arts and Science College. Within three month the education office permitted them to start the junior college in the same premises. Sunay

became the principal really golden day's with silver wings came in to the life of Sunetra. Their daughter and their school were developing and to saw the process was became a wonderful experience to both. Sunetra had a tight schedule, paid her duty to her home and then to school. As responsible mother she was taking care of her Simona. Sunay and Sunetra had a special dream for their daughter and they were attempting hard to fulfill their abject. The couple of teacher is a true representative of their teacher generation. Lived in a village with her husband, Sunay Jadhav for more than eighteen years was a period of examination and hard work. The people around them looked at them as an ideal teacher.

On one day without saying anything or leaving any note for Sunetra, Sunay disappear from home. At first she ignores and thought that he would be back after completing his work. But he did not come up to night. Then she and Simona became worried. They searched Sunay everywhere. after two days they receive a letter from Sunay in which he told them that he was leaving home and returning to his family. They had a great shock which Simona couldn't bear the life of partition from her father. But the fact was very different her father left her and her mother, it was the reality. The search for Sunay was then stopped and Sunetra became speechless and bore herself in to her school work and caring for Simona. Her responsibility and duty was increased and without mistaking in it she was doing all the things for her and their daughter's sake. Number of people asked her to meet her husband and talk with him. But she said, "It is his desire to leave us without any quarrel or difference? Then why I shall become an obstacle in his life? The responsibility of daughter he knew very well so why he left we? Without a single word." (write about change). She became very strict than ever. She decided she will not wait or wish to make it all better. She threw herself in work and became busier improving and enhancing school in unique way. After that incident she never depend on any one to tell her what to do and not. She realized the real fulfillment by working in her own way through lives possibilities. Her life became a great promise, responsibilities increased. She never allowed pinning her hopes on outside factors over which she had no control. She accepted the life as it came to her and passionately by working diligently. Every woman's life experiences are not happier but Sunetra's life story became unsolved problems, work to reach her goals, and to work to bring her dreams of life. Life is precisely what she chooses to make it. With her effort she makes it extra ordinary. Her philosophy of life was "things will begin to get better means to her. The pains and frustrations will start to ease when she have something solid and positive".

Uncommon forgiveness became a characteristic of her nature. "To err is human to forgive". She left to blame Sunay for his irresponsible attitude, accepted divinely and her wounds given by him hurt which were beyond imagination. Many women had forgiven their husbands for unfaithfulness for their happy and stable family life and they had happy marriage. For a woman like Sunetra is a grand and glorious thing to rise above the pains. It was not easy to forgive but the consistently recommended. The reward forgiveness was the futility of harboring a grudge which made her unthinkable. There is a great misunderstanding about forgiveness is that when we forgive, all forget but she never forgets anything. The woman who forgives her husband's philandered is not asked to forget his weakness but rather not to let the negative behavior direct their lives, mangle their lives, mangle their relationship and stand in the way of building their emotional bridge but to express forgive there was no one standing to ask pardon. Forgiveness is a part of process that begins with suffering and ends as its final and long range goal with event of reconciliation but here no chance of reunion was left or expected from Sunay. Forgiveness depends on the situation and the people involved, it is a restoring of self worth with offender.

The most valuable experiences are often the most difficult experiences. The biggest challenges bring out the best in you and compel you to make your best even before. Difficult situations are not fun yet by working with one's own style which require your strength and value. Even though hard work is not fully appreciated or immediately rewarded, it still brings important values of yours life. The experiences of dealing with challenges can produce a lifetime of beneficial dividends. When you know you have done it in the past you also know you can do it again. That is the essence of true confidence. The difficult experiences give you an opportunity to practice persistence. Persistence is a quality which is always demanded. Though your efforts may not pay off immediately, they will pay off persist and know that are growing stronger and stronger. She carefully considered each commitment before making it.

Seconds, Minutes, Hours, Days, Months and Years were passed in the same routine for Sunetra. Happiness from her life was far away. Simona passed her 12th exam and scored 89%. The whole village gathered to congratulate her. Everyone said that she was a daughter of village and all had great pride for her. Her father Sunay did not pay any need to congratulate. It was a thing which hurt to Sunetra and Simona. From that time Sunetra decided to forget him and as per she decided she did in future. She was courageous women who had faced the most critical situations in her life. She lost her sister and parents when they died and left this earthly world. But her agony increased when her brother forget her hundred percent when she made him able doctor. It was the first shock who made her to think all time. Her heart was always numb in the memory of Kuldeep. Later her marriage brought happiness and change in her life but she was so much fortunate who could enjoyed married life with a partner like Sunay, the chain of unfortunate events were following her all times. Her life became a chain of happenings unimaginable events. Always she became restless and thought for future.

After a long period of hard work they became able to shape the new school of new village. Both had done at their best to acquire the best through their efforts. At that time she was experiencing a certain satisfaction about herself and from her spouse. She was very grateful to Sunay who involve and made complete efforts to fulfill her dream of establishing a school of their own. In those days what she was experiencing was very different types of feelings; she was restless why she couldn't imagine. She was microscopically she was observing all things her home and her school. But became very anxious, she was disturbed. When she tried into the heart of her dearest husband he couldn't guess anything. But she realized he was avoiding her and not speaking clearly. Always he became silent whenever she asked him to do anything. She observed that he was hiding in some thought. She questioned him what would be the reason but he did not need to answer her query. In life they had not earned much money but she made so many efforts with which they were recognized as a perfect match in the society. They became a symbol of idealism in their area.

She was not sad in the bad time in her life but when Sunay disappeared from home without any cause, she couldn't bear the agony which was offered by him. She remembered the flashback of thousands of incidents which made her to weep, think and rethink. H.S.C. result of Simona became a cause of all the remembrance.

Sunetra was ready to send her medical college for education but Simona was neither interested in medical sciences nor in technical branch of engineering. So mother and daughter decided that she would take admission for Bachelor of Science at senior college and university education began. She completed her graduation in biology with seventy nine percentages. The same event happens when she sends a letter to her father about her academic progress. No

congratulations and no appreciation from Sunay. Again Sunetra remembered all the past incidents. Now she decided she would admit her daughter for M.Sc. in chemistry but Simona was interested in zoology so she did not insist her likings on her and very easily she got admission in zoology Dept of university (add name). Simona left the home. Loneliness came to Sunetra. She tried to involve in her school work but whenever had leisure she became very sad with her past memories. When her Simona left home totally she broke herself. It was a cruel punishment to live without her.

Simona was a hard worker and brilliant who became dear to all the staff members. She passed her M.Sc. with eight percent. She was first merit in the university examinations of that year. At that time she did not care to write a letter to her father who was ignoring her and her academic progress. After completing M.Sc. she discussed with her teachers and decided to appear for research fellowship. She again started her study and join classes where she got perfect guidance of reputed persons. In the month of March she appeared for CSRI and qualified it. Now she had choice to choose the place where she would start her research work. She was accepted to Marthwada University, Aurangabad. Sunetra became very happy what she had objected for her daughter was on the way success. She was busy in her school activities. Due to growing age, suffering many health problems many times she became unconscious. Diagnosis was done by doctor who asked her to take rest and not to think so much, with some medicine she had to pass the remaining life. The fear of her mind was increasing day by day. As a teacher, mother and women she was panic about the things happening in the world. For a mothers heart it was very difficult to sustain the changing attitude of new generation. Live-in- Relationships, love affairs and extra marital affairs she was observing in society and think over that. The changes, problems and crisis which she was observing made her sad. The social condition might harm to anybody anytime, she knew very well. She was over conscious about her daughter. What was happening in Indian society she aware?

Sunetra was always carrying fear for her daughter and about her future. In her sleep also she had dreams about her and the nights became sleepless for her. Simona was an apple in her eyes and source of living life. Her apprehension increased when Simona started her research work. But she had no other option than to allow her to complete her task. Simona was then matured and to live away from home became familiar for. She was admitted in the university hostel as research fellow. Her days were the days of happiness because she was awarded scholarship and she was a not a burden on her mother for research expenses. Days were flying with a great speed. Mother was busy in her work and daughter was in her. The first was very difficult for her any how one year passed in hard work. She had no time to go to meet her mother. Only letters became a source of communication between mother and daughter. That communication made them friends of one another. But Sunetra had doubt as her daughter was hiding something from her. So she decided to meet her and took leave from her school and start for hostel.

When she reached there she found that one day before her Simona got married with a boy named Milind Jadhav who was working as technician in their laboratory. It was brutal shock for her. In her life she had faced many challenges and difficulties but it was a very situation. With the help of hostel warden and when not found her, lodged complaint of missing in the nearest police station. On the next day, police officer presented Simona before her. Sunetra was surprised with the new gaze of her daughter. She could not visualize the things happen which she never imagined. She became helpless she was breathless, When she heard the love story of

Simona and how she was trapped in the trap of Milind. He was not a man of good character. He already flirts with number of girls. He belonged to schedule caste. It was his game to trap the girls in his love trap. He thought Simona was a beautiful and brilliant girl, no one was there to make obstacle in his way. With cold head he made plan to love her and then to marry. First he spread his magic net of love. When she was in his entrap he married her in the temple of city, Aurangabad. Then he took her to his home where Simona saw his mother, father with unemployed two bothers and grandmother who were living in single rooms with him. The dreams which he had shown to her were all false. She could not have a single glass of water to drink. No one talk with her. She realized reality. But she had no way than to surrender him. At night his father drunk too much and quarrel with his mother. The use of worst words, worst behavior and lowest culture she observed. It was very difficult for her to live in a single room with all such unkind people. Any how she passed the night there and only thinking what wrong she had done on that day. When she saw she had done wrong by marrying a man on wrong time. But she had no excused. She was only remembering God and requesting him to make her free from his clutches. Fortunately the police searched and she could take her feet of that house. The police arrested him and threatened Simona to follow the mother's instructions.

One most tragic episode in the life of Sunetra was added in her life story. It was fearful incident in her life which she never imagined. To control herself became very difficult for her. She requested the police to help her in arranging an advocate for consultation. Milind had already made papers for their court marriage and he presented false papers in police station, she had to complete the formal procedure for divorce. Sunetra anyhow made all arrangements. Simona was shocked with all the false practice made by Milind.

Any how she handled the situation and left the place with Simona, for her to save the daughter was only object. Simona realized what guilty she done I her life and her mothers. After completion of the procedure Simona got divorced from the affair and legal separation from the man who molested her. But this stroke made Sunetra very sad. Her daughter's sake she was alive. Simona did not bother for her so the darkness came before her. The things hurt her and she decided to live alone. A new beginning came to her after leaving the home of non loving husband. She got a divorce a year later, and fresh life, left Ph.D.work in zoology. The bitter experience in her life made her mother worse than death. For Simona it became a curse, her life changed. The educational qualities which Sunetra was expecting was then lost. Ordinary life and ordinary job became the fate of intelligent girl. The small mistake in her life became a big crime for which the whole life she has to punish. The suffering in future Simona was written by the hands of destiny. The chain of her misery started from that point. Without fathers shelter was already flew and the so called marriage became a stigma on her forehead.

She searched long for job but without any use. Certain emptiness came in her life. She became frustrated. At home she was alone when her mother went to school. Then Sunetra advises her to complete the professional course for teaching job B.Ed. in the month of June she appeared for the CET and passed in that exam and got admission in Govt. B.Ed. College at Nagpur. She completed her one year course with the best scoring of 89% and became second merit in the list of university. She and her mother stayed in touch writing letters and visiting with each other. After the declaration of result she applied in many nearby schools but could not get the job opportunity. At many places she was rejected because she was not able to donate the particular which the management expects from the candidate. She realized the reality that how

the life was difficult and how she will get the opportunity of getting job. Her mother was a silent observer and became witness of her daughters struggle.

On one day Sunetra was reading a news paper and she read advertise of teachers post in biology in girl's school in Mumbai of and the name of principle was recognized by her it was the name of friend's husband. She thought for some time and made a plan to meet her friend and the family. She realized the real condition for acquiring jobs in the field of education. In her life she adopted certain principle and never misused her weight for wrong deeds or black deeds. For the sake of daughters life she compromised with her principles.

Directly she went to meet him with Simona and both requested him and presented their need of job. They accepted what the conditions for that teacher ship. After giving formal interview she was selected by the interview committee. Later she received formal order of probation period and was asked to join within seven days. Sunetra was very worried because Simona got job in Mumbai but where she would live? Accommodation became a big problem before both but her friend solve it. The society who was running school provides one room kitchen flats for the working staff. One of the teacher shifted in the own flat system so Simona got a chance to stable herself in new life. Sunetra was happy and sad at a time because her dearest daughter was leaving her for the sake of job reason to sad and happy because she was settling in her life she became a school teacher in Mumbai in private school. Before getting that job she applied in many when

Yesterday was past and tomorrow is the hands of hard worker and blessing of Almighty and today is gift to everyone like Sunetra. She accepts Gods judgments. Though it may be favourable or unfavorable. His spirit triumphs and prevails. God has wide planed network of entire people of the world. Everyone's life has been well planned by God and we are only to wait for each event to unfold before us at regular intervals of time. She intend to live it to the fullest extent is her philosophy. She was not bothering of yesterday and wants to enjoy the moment for which she devote her life. Life becomes simpler to a great extent when she entered in that town. If she comprehend charm of praying for the families daily bread and enjoying it when it arrived. Yesterday of worrying and tomorrows bread is going to be fresh and good. The past was not so much good and not so much bad. Retirement blues was one of the off shoots of wishing for the past back. After retirement of twenty five years of service and a major share in developing an educational institution achieved a position of respect in the town. All students, ex-students and staff members had arranged a farewell ceremony. The main hall was full of students, executive members and respected citizen in the town. It was that moment which she never imagines. Her school is first love and for a long period she served there. A grand function was organized, many students express their emotions and feelings for her, according to all Sunetra madam was not only their teacher but their mother and guide also. They described many evidences in their school life. For ex-students she was like goddess of wisdom and became a constant source of inspiration for them. Her colleagues also express their love and respect for. The society members expressed their feelings and noted her devotion in the field of education. Many times the reference of her husband came. She was honoured by offering shawl, bouquet of rose flowers and coconut fruit. Conspirously the management had made a change in their society's statutes to delete her name from the managing body. She became sad with this bitter experience. She retiree and turned into a scholar. She decided she will study in comparative literature of Marathi and English.

Sunetra retired, she enjoyed free time, reading, walking, and socializing with their neighbors. Sunetra's life changed. Somehow, her free time expanded, while her interests shrank.

A strange feeling started to creep up inside of her, and she knew the word for it: loneliness. She'd never imagined she'd have something in common with this old Professor from the Swedish movie *Wild Strawberries* that they'd seen on one of their visits to Simona's. Sunetra couldn't make head or tail of it. The Professor was having dreams in which his dead wife blamed him for her own adultery and death and his son for all of his own mental and financial troubles. In one of the dreams, an unpleasant looking man informed the Professor that a jury found him guilty, and the verdict was capital punishment. Capital punishment? Death?

To Sunetra's it was Sunay's behavior offers her surprise, it was loneliness. Loneliness!? Of course, they knew, from reading newspapers and attending obligatory party meetings, that in a capitalist society man is a wolf to his fellow man. *Homo homini lupus*. They had an image of a pack of lonely wolves howling in their dens. What a depressing society must it be if loneliness seems worse than death? No wonder this Professor was so upset. Thank God in our society loneliness doesn't exist: a man is a friend, comrade, and brother to his fellow man. One for all, and all for one.

All of these topics had been discussed at supper time. Simona just said that she loved the movie and that tomorrow she was taking them to see another foreign movie, *The Road*, or *La Strada* in Italian. Sunetra and Lucy said enough was enough. "You go see this Fellini movie with your friends. We want to see a new Soviet comedy, *Bootleggers*. They laughed non-stop at the comic situations, the splendid acting of the three comedians, and their skillful use of the gags coming from the silent movies. It was a relief to watch *Bootleggers* after *Wild Strawberries*. It was only after Lucy's death that Sunetra began to understand the anxiety of this Swedish Professor. It turned out that loneliness finds you no matter where you live, the Soviet Union or Sweden; that it stays with you forever and ever, becoming your friend, comrade, and brother; and that in a way, loneliness is like death: since nobody cares about your existence, you almost feel like a non-entity. It was dead-silent in the morning when Sunetra awoke and didn't have anyone to say "hi" to. It was even worse at night, with not a single sound coming from outside. Nobody cared about how well or how tired he looked. Nobody brought him chicken noodle soup or hot tea with lemon when he had a cold. Nobody was interested in his subtle feelings about the colors of fall leaves, or his thoughts about a poem that wondered if any human being is capable of truly, deeply understanding the soul of another human being. Gradually, Sunetra stopped bathing, cleaning, cooking, or fixing things that broke; she stopped going out at night, for fear of slipping.

On the ice or having a stroke or heart attack on the street--nobody would even notice she didn't come home. She moved to one room where he slept, ate, read, and watched TV. Days, months and years were passing in the town where she had established the school became unknown to her. The staff with which she worked either retired or left the place by shifting themselves in the cities for their children. Her own school was becoming unknown to her. Isolated life came to her with which she was not familiar. Only to bear new lifestyle became her fate. She was a silent observer of the changes happening in her life and around her. Always she wrote letters to Simona. Frequently they talk with one another. Two- three times she went to Mumbai but could not settle her with it. Whenever vacation Simona came to stay with her. But again the same situation she had to face.

From a long span of time, Sunetra had no news from Sunay's residential address, on one day a registered envelope was delivered by postman of the village, which disclosed the news Sunay's premature death by a sudden heart attack before five months. When she read all the papers she couldn't control herself. She came to the news of husband's death. She became

unconscious. For a long time she was lying on the floor. It was tragic experience and she was alone. Up to evening she was laying. She was without water and food for two days. She had no courage to say about to Simona. Lastly she telephoned her and told her about father's death. It was shocking news for Simona also. She also lost her courage. She loved her father very much. She remembered many occasions which she experienced with her father in the childhood. She realized what would be her mother's condition. She went to school and submitted the application for five days medical leave and left Mumbai for her town.