

Orphan's Karma

A twenty-six year old man lived on the streets since he lost his sister. He never had a place to live or a constant neighborhood. He was always looking for his young sister who had been taken by force from him when he was just six. They'd been separated when an old couple adopted the three-year-old girl while the brother stayed in the orphanage crying the departure of his beloved sister before he skipped the same day looking for the last smell of his family. They were a happy family living in a big house and a stable life. Then the tragic road began when their parents were killed in mystery and the children were sent to the orphanage by the uncle so he could take over the big house after losing his own house to gambling. The kids spent six month together before the couple came to adopt Sarah. Adam spent ten years sleeping under the sky's dark waiting the mercy of strangers to offer the rest of their food.

In fact, Adam became homeless at an early age. After eight years of sadness and loneliness, the fourteen-year-old boy met a young, charming girl named Sonia who used to bring him food

from her house and take long conversations with him until they became friends. After a few months, the girl moved on with her agent dad to another country, leaving no contact since Adam had no modern gadgets on him. The demons of search took over Adam's head again and the old, casual life rose back as he lost the only comfort he ever had since Sarah's adoption.

Months were passing fast, and the condition was the same. He had no clue of Sarah's location. While looking for his sister, Adam found their parent's house, and the memories made him feel peaceful and more confident to find Sarah if he asked his uncle. Unfortunately, the awful uncle, in a straightforward way, kicked him out with no mercy, fearing that he'd ask to stay there. The young man continued his path, believing that he'd find the light in the dark world filled with black clouds and red evil eyes. One day, he met some young kids protesting for their rights of studying and getting identity papers. The kids were cool with him as they invited him to join their protests, but he wasn't interested as he already knew the result... "Even my uncle kicked me out. Why would strangers give us what their children have?" Adam told the others.

The kids were generous with Adam; they gave him some food and clean clothes, welcoming him to stay with them as long as he wished. He told them his story and about Sarah and they explained their situation against the authorities... Different stories and situations, but it was close enough to feel the solidarity between the two sides. After forty-three days with his new friends, Adam noticed a familial old man getting out of the building and decided to follow him to his house. He asked Rayane to bring him his bicycle and he accepted to do so, just before Adam started following the black car. Rayane asked him how their lives were and Adam didn't reply, he just smiled ironically...

"In life, you suffer then you try your best to stop suffering, but in fact trying not to suffer will make you suffer more, and when you realize that it will make it even worse and if you're still trying to stop it, you're suffering is the worst," he said after a deep breath.

"How shall we deal with it?" Rayane asked. "Accepting your destiny," Adam replied. "Should we suffer forever?" he asked again.

“If you don’t suffer and feel pain, you’re a soul with a dead spirit.

Adam went in a hurry to follow the old man.

Hopefully the traffic was blocked. The boy reached the old man’s house easily and stayed there all night. Adam had no idea about who the man was but felt the need to follow him. The next morning, the same black car went out of the garage, but the old man was standing in the yard with an old lady, Adam recognized the view; he had seen this couple before. They seemed to be the same couple from ten years ago... They were looking toward the car the same way they did when seeing Sarah the day she was taken away.

He couldn’t hold himself long before ringing the man’s bell. Unlike his uncle, the two elders welcomed him and heard what he had to say after he introduced himself as Sarah’s big brother. Then Abraham apologized and pointed his ignorance about his existence (the orphanage told him she hadn’t any member of her family but she believed that her brother was still alive). The couple invited the young man to stay with them. They were happy about his presence because Sarah left the house and went to participate

in a music casting.

The talented girl succeeded and qualified for “best pianist kid” completion. She played a melody she created a long time ago. After qualifying, she invited her adoptive parents to see her performances and Lisa asked Adam to go with them as a surprise for their daughter and prepared him well with class clothes. The day did come, and Sarah entered the stage... She saw her parents and between them a boy... She got a strange feeling about him. She felt dizzy. The unknown boy suddenly acted like a monkey... Adam used to call her “monkey”. A strong warm hit Sarah’s chest...

“It’s him... Adam. Finally, he’s here,” she murmured. Sarah played a sensational melody and everyone got frozen. She attracted all the ears to the same magic moments they had. The entire crowd praised her and Adam started screaming, “She’s my sister. She’s my little sister.”

Sarah ran toward her brother and hugged him in the middle of everyone’s applause, and the old couple cried. Adam and Sarah were reunited after ten years of the tragic separation, and life was peaceful again. Abraham sent Adam to a

school specialized for those who started later in their education program and made sure that he'd success and become armed enough to take his place in ruling his private company. So he did...

Adam succeeded deservedly and became the co-CPO after almost ten years of hard work; Abraham gave up for cancer and passed away. Sadness took over the feelings of the two siblings. A few weeks after Abraham's death, their uncle came to the house after seeing Adam on TV leading a charity event. The uncle told them about losing the family's house in gambling and begged Adam to let him live with them, but after everything they endured because of him and his suspicious position in his parents' death, Adam declined his request, realizing he will only bring problems and cause troubles.

"All of this isn't yours. I'm your uncle and I deserve my piece of the cake... You killed the man to get everything to yourselves, you two bastards. You're profiteers," the drunken uncle yelled in the yard. "We're not kids anymore! You can say whatever you want," Adam said calmly.

"Indeed, you're a grown man now, right! You profited from your sister. She owns all of

this. You're a homeless getting benefits just because you were her brother once..." Adam stood speechless.

"My brother isn't a profiteer; you're the one who took advantage of our early ages to take everything of us... And now you're here to share our house for the damn reason that you're our uncle. He came to you and you fired him. He's your orphaned nephew you should've protected us and taken care of us after our parents passed away.

Our religion... God told every believer to show mercy towards orphans, but you've shown greed and cruelty. You sent us to the unknown road. I was lucky for getting adopted, but Adam lived in hell and now, after he took the opportunity that God gave him and spent years of efforts, you just come here and ask for your part. God gave you the chance to fix your mistake when Adam came to you asking for help, but you made it worse. Maybe if you helped, we'd have helped you... I have three words, no more. Enjoy orphan's karma."

Orphans are the shining light in the darkness; they are the trust of God... It costs nothing when we treat them as we must and show them

mercy when they need. When you act right to an orphan and show mercy, God will show you the right path. But if you contempt orphans and act badly, you've chosen the bad path. That's orphan's karma.

Equality Needs Revolution

Equality needs revolution. Omar, Rayane, Jasmine, and Sonia were leading a group of kids with no origins of knowledge, Omar and the rest of the group never met their biological parents, nor did they get the chance to be adopted. The leaders used to live together since they were young and they've grown like brothers and sisters; the same homeless lady breastfed the four of them when they were babies.

Growing up as nobodies ... with no rights, identities, or even official names, the kids grew up hating the government with its careless position about their issue. They've sworn to make a change in the future and change the situation for the next generations. Kids abandoned by their parents is common nowadays and can happen to any child; abandonment isn't the fault of the babies; their parents are the ones who should get the punishment. In this life or the afterlife, but surely they will...

In their adventures on finding ways to feed themselves, Omar and Rayane found many kids in the same situation and the group was getting bigger day after day. At the same time, they pre-

pared ideas to fix their lives, but it never was that easy. A high-ranked agent in the Special Forces used his position and won the right to adopt Sonia after his wife saw the girl walking in the street and stalked her for a while. The kids felt more injustice around their heads and got frightened about the possibility of losing their freedom, thinking that Sonia got kidnapped by authorities, but it wasn't enough to kill the determination they had as they continued increasing their numbers before starting the operation... a revolution to make everyone equals. Asking for the right to have an identity so they feel like a human being... Begging to get the chance to study like every other kid in the country. No hearing ears...

“We’re the children of Algeria.” “We’re not Algeria’s enemy.” “Equality is our right, not a dream.”

“Human being, not a monkey... Stop treating me like a dog.”

Omar had anemia and needed a specific treatment, but the way the kids were living made his condition worse. After two years of battling the disease, he passed away under tragic cir-

cumstances because of the absence of medical care and poor nourishment. Rayane and Jasmine stocked together with the group, making sure to make Omar and Sonia proud of them when they made the dream a reality.

After years of silent essays, they decided to be more serious and make noises to make people hear their voices. All the kids screamed with one voice : “We need equality. Equality needs a revolution.”

“We grew up... in number and age. It’s time to put the balance to our side... Many of our brothers and sisters were lost or have died. Most of us can’t read or write. I promised Omar we will make it before passing away with a smile, and keeping that smile on his face is our duty. Our union will rise strongly by us,” Rayane added. The real steps have begun in front of the government castle of Republic, but still, no one gave any attention to them while they were living a normal life... No one will give it... Selfishness is the definition of the word ‘human’. The week saw an end with still no progress in the process, and the kids started feeling down. Giving up became an option.

But just before the break down, a new kid

joined the march despite not being affected by the same problem. He brought a dose of hope with him even though he was only a kid like them with another story on his shoulders. The kid's name was Adam... He lost his little sister many years ago when she was adopted, and he kept looking for her. He didn't stay long before he continued his searches, but he left a great atmosphere behind. Rayane made a good friendship with Adam since he joined the crew. Adam left when he followed an old man in a black car and never came back. The mentality Adam brought with him never faded from the crew as they fought for many years without letting go of their beliefs. Finally, the kids found a way to talk with the Algerian nation using a TV channel named *Twin Thoughts* where Sam's new friend worked. After hearing the voices of innocent kids from different generations standing together for many years without letting go, it became a national affair... All the channels started covering the news but, unfortunately for them, it was more business. The light finally rose and we could see the end of the tunnel.

Adam, who became a successful young man after reuniting with his sister and her adop-

tive family, heard about the case and remembered. The flashbacks hit his head back and he used Abraham's entourage to help solve the problem. Adam went further and managed to guarantee that all any kid will ever need (education, health care, homes, etc.) will be offered. The news talked about the glorious hero who changed the lives of thousands of children across the country, then Adam went to meet up with Rayane and the rest to announce the good news. At the same time, Sonia who got adopted by an agent after watching the news, also used her dad's power in the military services to convince them to take some of the kids to the military training grounds. That was the day the crew felt equal. Indeed, equality had risen in that blessed day. Rayane and Jasmine were in tears, crying for not having Sonia and Omar by their side.

Adam arrived with Sarah to meet the crew, but he suddenly froze in his place after seeing Sonia hugging Rayane and Jasmine. She was the same girl he met when he was young.

Seeing Adam again decreased Sonia's sadness after hearing about Omar's death, and after a few months, the two lovers got married with presence of everyone from the crew. I'm glad to

see my beloved children smiling back. Omar's smile is the cutest... Yes, while you want equality... equality needs a revolution.