

THE HIDDEN HUMAN POWER, MOVES EVEN MOUNTAINS

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Abstract

The Sanazar family, lived in a beautiful city of Syria, in Aleppo. Mohamad runs a department store. A young student, named Sibel, fell in love with him. Soon, they will get married and will create their enviable four member family. The Arabic Spring of 2011 will leave its dark marks everywhere, by turning everything upside-down. Mohamad passed away, leaving at the Mercy of God, his wife and the twins, Massa and Omar. At that hard moment of her life, Sibel was invited to discover her hidden, human power, to stand by her twins' side, like a rock. They settled in Turkey, dreaming for a better life. No matter the obstacles she met, having like a strong weapon her optimism and her longing for a brighter life, she will achieve her aims. Hugging her hidden human power, Sibel will be a model and inspire her kids, Massa (whose name means Marjoram) and Omar (whose name means Life). Massa's dream to become the best psychologist will come true. On the other hand, Omar will turn out to be a well-known lawyer, fighting for a fair society, where will prevail Equality and Justice, for all walks of Life.

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The Hidden Human Power, moves even mountains, in the Heart Charmer.

Sometimes, the way that life treats us, makes us feel the luckiest human beings, upon this Earth. On the other hand, there are times, when, the hardships unfolded suddenly, urge us to discover our unknown hidden power so as to achieve our every aim.

The hidden human power through Melina's novel, *The Heart Charmer*, a bilingual novel, Greek-English, can work wonders. All parents feel a great sense of responsibility, when it comes to their kids.

Therefore, they are willing to do everything possible so as to remain the protective Veil of their kids' dreams. In Melina Papa's novel, *The Heart Charmer*, Sibel, a young pretty woman, had to dig inside herself, to shed light on her hidden, unknown, power after

her Heart Charmer's (named Mohamad) death.

Through characterization, Papa communicates, this young woman's iron power and willing to start the journey on the edge of the unknown, with all that entails. Her ultimate aim is a peaceful future life for her innocent kids.

At the beginning of the novel, Sibel was left all alone, as her husband passed away, in this cursed Arabic Spring of 2011. Therefore she should double her role, by standing by her kids' side, being a father and a mother, at the same time. Melina does say,

" Sibel wanted to believe that maybe Mohamad was resting in the bedroom and that everything she was living was a nightmare. She searches every inch of the bedroom, but in vain. The house did not fit her. She goes out ignoring the crazy weather and the heartless fire, shouting his name out loud.

She hoped that Mohamad would listen to her and, holding hands, would return to their warm nest. Unfortunately, Mohamad did not respond to her call.

Her soul trembled like a leaf in the wind. The weather was crying with

her. The soulless fire killed so many human lives, leaving so many orphaned children at the mercy of God. Her exhausted legs led young Sibel to her small house. This time, she won't get drunk thanks to the scent of the red rose that Mohamad used to bring her. But that last rose will kill her whole psychic world. She will return to her angels, the most precious thing left in her life. Dark thoughts were biting her soul.

The present situation called on her to double the strength of her soul and to protect in any way her kids, as her responsible husband, their adored, unfairly lost father, would do. He also called on her to double her hands and caresses for their children. To sweeten, even for fractions of a second, the bitter tear that was planted there, in the depths of innocent, childish souls".

Sibel's longing for a better future is so strong that she will dive into the unknown, no matter the price. They will move to Turkey, where they will start from scratch. She will use all her Might, in order to move her kids'dreams one step further.

Their names are symbolic ones. Massa means Marjoram, a flower, which aims to scent their lives forever. Omar means Life. That's why this strong

young woman, believes that a safer and brighter future life, does belong to them. Melina does say,

“So it's time for her to turn her heart into stone. To fill the suitcases with a few essentials and unlimited strength and endurance. To start the journey for a peaceful future. After many attempts, she will find a trafficker to transport them to Turkey. The money he asked from Sibel was not little. But, even the wolf takes advantage of the situation! Sibel rocked her mind. She had to pay as much as they could to live. But she also had to put aside some money for her children's future needs, because she knew it like the bread she was eating that her life from now on would not be paved with rose petals. She would be a mother and father, on the edge of nowhere. Life stung her like a sharp blade. The night felt sorry for her and choked on her silent tears. Every time she laid down and tried to sleep, even for a while, Mohamad (Saint's name), the Saint of Her Heart, appeared as a gentle caress and advised her for every next step. She opened her arms wide, to wrap him forever, and to get warm from his breath. She begged the Almighty to let this magic live in her forever”.

Although, by settling in Turkey, the situation that unfolded in front of

them, wasn't so easy, all three of them (mother and kids) kept on trying and hoping. Melina does say,

“She wanted her children, the hope of her life, to see life as a fairy tale with a wonderful ending. One of the necessary requirements for their integration in Turkish society was language learning. The Turkish language is not one of the easiest. Sibel firmly believes that the power of will can overcome any obstacle. She will be next to Massa and Omar, a gentle caress on their backs, to continue their lives with dignity. Sibel studies with her children every day and in a short time, she reaps the fruits of her wonderful efforts”.

Sibel's strong desire to survive is drawn in her eyes. Independently of the difficulties that she met, she will always be, by her kids'side, like an encouraging aura for their next steps. She will fight with all her Might, with aim to emerge stronger than ever! Melina says,

“At their home, they had everything. It was not a few times that they asked Sibel: - Mum, when will we return to our favorite house? - To this one which is bathed by the Sun, the King of Heaven? To the house of our heart, with the shutters looking at the eastern

hill? Where, we collected the most beautiful flowers? With those flowers, you and our dad decorated our curls. And we, in return, planted honey kisses on your cheeks. Then Sibel's eyes drizzled, needles pierced her soul. Tenderly she answered: - Maybe my hearts, at some time we will return to our warm nest, stronger than ever”!

Sibel strongly believes that her kids, with innocent souls, do deserve to enjoy to the most, this divine gift, called Life. So, by hugging tightly her hidden, strong power, will be always there, to pave their path with rose petals or at least, to move away the harmful thorns. Soon, she will reap the fruits of her longing and insistence for a better life.

Massa will turn out to be the best psychologist, the magic wand for the injured human souls. It is her strong belief that, if the cells of a society are healthy, this society will be eternally sane.

On the other hand, Omar will become a great lawyer, having by his side, his girlfriend Niki, of Greek descent. Both of them will go on trying to well-dress the society where they live, with the transparent veil of equality and justice, for every human being!

Sibel's desire and willing to live, will send to her arms, like a divine gift, her ex-lover, Nihal, on her birthday, just to color her life from now on. Melina does say,

“The joy came to triple when Nihal knocked on the door, holding a bouquet of red colored carnations in his hands. He knew that Sibel loved the carnations, which scented the atmosphere.



Sibel opens the door. With great pleasure, she will invite Nihal inside. At first, she didn't recognize him, but

when his wish resonates in her heart, it was ready, to come out of her chest. Her eyes were laughing out loud. In their memory, the happy moments of that age, when both of them crossed their eyes at the desks, began to dance. Sibel, red as a poppy, shone brighter than the stars. She looked like the brightest star, struggling with the waves, to get ashore, and never to be lost, from the eyes of Nihal's soul”.

Some events intrude into our lives and shake us for good. But we can take advantage of these hardships, as they urge us to bring into surface our inner, hidden power.

In conclusion, Melina Papa, through her novel titled, *The Heart Charmer*, invites every one of us, to believe in his/her inner power. It is her firm belief that, once this inner power used wisely, does really work wonders and moves even the mountains!

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