

A Moment in Anger and A Lifetime of Regret in The Select Novel, Aawadi of Anna Bhau Sathe

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Abstract: Human life is very beautiful. It is supposed to live happily with co-operation and understanding to each-other. Many a times, people make a small mistake which may result in destruction of whole life. Precaution is always better than cure. Once if committed the mistake only option remain to face the consequences or surrender before the situation. It is very serious that people understand the mistake after committing the mistake. It is troublesome. So, we have chance to say think before act. In the select novel 'Aawadi' the character named Nagu Choughula commits a murder in a anger of his own sister, who was beloved of all family members, she had beautiful serene smile on her face looking like blooming flower, her name is 'Aawadi'. After Aawadi's murder Nagu got punishment of 14 years of imprisonment where he suffers a lot. Even co-prisoners and criminals were also hating him due to his rarest and cruel crime. He used to think after imprisonment and coming out of prison he will live his life happily. After serving the sentence when he comes out of the jail, his trouble did not end. His death was waiting for his life in the form of Dhanaji. Nagu ran for own life from the family, people, society and village till his death. Nagu Choughula while staying in prison for 14 years, surrounded by high walls, he understood the value of freedom there. He felt pity for himself and Aawadi and determines not to commit such mistakes and become optimistic about living life happily again with family members. But the exact opposite happens. Not only family members hated him but also friends, relatives and villagers strongly disliked him. He ran throughout his life for survival and life but finally unfortunate thing happens. A mistake ruined his whole life.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Nagu Choughula the character, whom around whole story moves, when he comes out of the prison after 14 years of his imprisonment. He had killed his own sister named Aawadi. He had got imprisonment for 14 years. After serving the sentence when he comes out, he sees his death in the form of mad man named Dhanaji. He starts running away to save own life.

Dhanaji was the husband of Aawadi and brother-in-law of Nagu Choughula. Aawadi ran away with Dhanaji and married with him. Nagu was against their relation. By keeping that anger in mind and to teach the lesson to Aawadi and Dhanaji. He makes a plan with Saraja. He sends Saraja (Saraja is another sister of Nagu) at Aawadi's home to bring back her on the occasion of Gauri festival at Saraja's house at Nandgaon. Aawadi was unaware about the Saraja and Nagu's plan. Aawadi was innocent and just thought that my sister and her family members forgotten everything and accepted me with my decision and called me for Gauri festival at her home and later Saraja will open the road for her of her father and mother. She was missing them and her home. Also, she wanted to meet mother and father and open the way for her lifetime. She stepped out of Dhanaji's home leaving her only son at husband Dhanaji, requesting him to take care of son and come at Nandgaon to take her back the next day of Gauri festival. But unfortunately, Saraja deceives and betrays Aawadi. Saraja makes Pura Poli for Gauri Festival as it is common especially at festival in Maharashtra State. Saraja takes Aawadi out of the house in the evening by saying to offer a food to dead father-in laws in remote place. Saraja was walking briskly, behind her literally Aawadi was running and guessing why is she hurrying that much? Saraja straight



come under a big mango tree where a deep darkness had till then spread. It was lonely place and darkness spread all around. Saraja put the worshipping plate of offerings kept down, burn the Camphor and bowed down as a mark of respect. Immediately after from the damp shadow of tree Nagu came out with a glittering sharp axe. When Aawadi saw Nagu with an axe she frightened and asked her sister What is this Akka? Saraja replied ruthlessly 'You are wicked who has smeared the reputation of your natal home-this is your sin .Now, face the consequences. And seeing the anger and trembling hand Saraja hides herself behind the mango tree. Aawadi requested Nagu to leave her and offer a gift a life. But interference of Saraja between both of them that don't excuse her, Nagu gave a strong blow of an axe on her neck, Aawadi died on the spot. Both Buried hurriedly Aawadi there.

In anger people lose control over their mind and conscience and commit the mistake. Nagu Chaughula is the best example in the novel "Aawadi" who struggle for life. After releasing from the prison when he came out of the jail, he saw his death in the form of mad man and started running from the place. Nagu was travelling by bus to go to his village, again he found his death was travelling along with him in the same bus in the form of Dhanaji. Dhanaji was trying to get opportunity to kill the Nagu. When Nagu was in the jail for 14 years, Dhanaji was waiting for him to his release to take the revenge. Nagu was imprisoned for 14 years as a punishment for his crime. He couldn't take free breath. He used to think that after 14 years of time people may forgot everything, my mother, my father, (Tatyaba Chougule), all my relatives, villagers may forget till now, also I will convince them all and once again I will live my life peacefully and happily. But he had forgotten to Dhanaji the husband of Aawadi, who was waiting from last 14 years to take revenge of his wife. Nagu had killed Aawadi and destroyed the Dhanaji's beautiful and lovely family life and made one year old son orphan. Nagu's cruelty snatched one year old son's mother off forever. So Dhanaji was behind Nagu.

Nagu was in terrific fear and wanted to run away from the Dhanaji to save himself. On every bus stop when bus use to stop Nagu was trying to get off the bus and run away but the situation made him helpless. Finally, bus reached in the Islampur bus stop and Nagu get off the bus and literally ran towards the house of his old friend Pandu Wrestler. Nagu was wishing that he will take into the house and save but the crime committed by Nagu was rarest rare and everybody was known about it in the whole region and had bad publicity about him. So, his friend Pandu also didn't help him but listening the fact that Dhanaji pursuit him, Pandu allows Nagu by one door and informs to go out by another door. As it was dark night Nagu could escape from the incident. His running continued even his didn't help him due to his sin and cruelty.

Tandulwadi is Nagu's village. He ran towards Tandulwadi in the same night only. But at the next moment by understanding the life-threatening fear of Dhanaji and his possibility of coming to Tandulwadi in search of Nagu, Nagu straight went towards the mountain to hide, relax and decide further plannings. In spite of coming out of the prizon after 14 years, he couldn't stay in the own village with family. Even he couldn't take a breath of free, fresh air and enjoyed outer world outside of the prizon. It proved one wrong action destructed the whole life of Nagu. In fact, Nagu felt life is like punishment due to the running again and again from the death.

While being in a mountain and hills regions in one moment Nagu was feeling little safe but in the next moment he was worrying and thinking about Dhanaji. He has thought that at any moment Dhanaji will arrive then how to deal with him. He used to become restless throughout the day. After sunset and falls darkness Nagu enters in the village by hindning himself and taking care that nobody will identify him. He knock the door and calls mother to open the door. After opening the door Bayabai light up the lamp. Bayabai felt like crying looking him after 12 years. Nagu's father was asleep in the veranda, all the children woke up. Saraja sat huddled behind the door.

"When did you get out? Bhagubai asked

"Today only, how are things? Is everyone doing well? Nagu asked calmly.

"Everyone is fine" Bayabai replied

"When was Akka released?"

"It has been four months"

"Did she go to Nandgaon?"

"Yes, but her husband didn't let her into the house."



The children were startled when they saw Nagu. Instead of joy all felt sorry by seeing Nagu.

“Mom, wake up Abba.”

“What for? Aba replied waking up “What I do if I got up? I say, why did you come to this house? What should one call you -you, who are dagging the family name and reputation into the gutter?”

After reading the above conversation closely. It comes to know that nobody in the family liked Nagu’s arrival. Everyone hated him and disliked his arrival. Children frightened. Sarla sister was refused into her husband’s house by her husband. His father Tatyaba Choughula asks him why did he come in that house and said that he had tarnished the reputation of his family. It is very terrific. Nagu’s one action led his whole life into danger.

After meeting all family members Nagu went in the mountain and hills region to hide himself and to save from Dhanaji Ramoshi. Day and night Nagu was hiding in the mountain and Dhanaji was in search of him. Dhanaji was mad in the memory of his wife Aawadi, Initially he had thought that Nagu will be hanged due to Aawadi’s murder but he got imprisonment of 14 years. So Dhanaji had decided if not government I will hang him. So Dhanaji was behind Nagu to take revenge of his beloved wife, Aawadi.”

Subhadra, Nagu’s little sister used to go into the mountain regions with carrying food for him. It was the only hope to survive Nagu. Subhadra was very young when Nagu had killed Aawadi. Subhadra use to provide food to Nagu in Tatyaba’s absentee. It was Subhadra’s daily routine of providing food at noon. Tatyaba was against of providing food to Nagu. One day Tatyaba saw that Subhadra is carrying food for Nagu. Tatyaba got angry took her to home and beaten up by whip very badly. From that day Nagu didn’t get food from his family. As a last attempt to convince to all family member and especially Tatyaba his father he went to his house at dark. But his all efforts gone in vain. He didn’t get help from his father. Meanwhile Subhadra informs Nagu that someone scattered hairs and having long beard is coming towards our backyard door. By identifying it as a Dhanaji, Nagu ran away in the forest.

He was running in all direction to save. He has repented of his deed. He had done it in anger but throughout his life he was running to escape from the death. He was helpless. He was saying sorry to Aawadi in the mind. But one must inevitably reap the fruits of one’s actions. He understood the wrong deed. By running continuously, he came under the exact big mango tree where he had killed his own little sister. By remembering Aawadi he bowed down and touched his forehead to the land and pleaded earnestly to Aawadi saying that please forgive me. Excuse me! I committed the mistake. I will not do the such mistakes again. I am really tired of running for life. Meanwhile Dhanaji, who had hidden behind the mango tree, came ahead with a sharp axe and kills the Nagu. Nagu screamed Aawadi, Dhanaji also shouted Aawadi and touched the land by his forehead. Finally, Nagu got the result of his wrong deed which makes us think first before any action.

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