

Mother Like No Other

It was 7 in the morning. Mumma woke me up. "They have come to search the house, get up." What happened after that everyone knows. Everyone is writing about Mumma, I thought I should too (Maha!)

There has always <sup>been</sup> some difference between my thinking and Mumma's.

My thinking perhaps doesn't match hers and we might have argued about it as well. I always used to ask Mumma, "Mumma why do we lead a life like this? Why don't we live well leading a normal life?" Mumma used to say, "Beta, I like staying among the poor and working with them.

but when you grow up, you live as you want to." Still I used to feel bad.

I used to say that you have given many years to every one. Now take out some time for yourself and live comfortably. I was also unhappy that Mumma didn't give me time. Most of her time used to be for people, not for me.

In my childhood I used to live with a "chacha" from the Union and his family. They had children, we used

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to live together. But when I used to remember Mumma I would ~~hold~~ <sup>hug</sup> her sari and cry. I remember even today I was ill, ~~and~~ Chaachi came to me and caressed my head, I had thought it would ~~be~~ Mumma. I suddenly blurted out "Maa". Then when I opened my eyes I saw it was Chaachi. I spent less time with Mumma only in my childhood.

When I came into the 6<sup>th</sup> standard then I started staying properly with Mumma. Maybe that's why we don't understand each other so well even now.

I have seen her working the whole day, without caring for herself, without eating, without sleeping, fighting for others, doing things for others. I feel bad when Mumma doesn't take care of herself. When she used to have a case, ~~then~~ Mumma used to be quite ~~upset~~ <sup>worked up</sup>. I used to think that this is her profession. Why is she getting upset ~~at~~. I have said this ~~also~~ to her. She used to say if we don't think about this, who will?

I have heard on the News, ~~that~~ someone was saying that ~~&~~ such

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people ~~say~~ <sup>claim</sup> that they are working for adivasis, but ~~that~~ they only put on a show. Their children go and study in the USA. Maybe they don't know about me, that I have studied in a government school in a workers basti in Hindi medium. And I always used to fight with Mumma that you yourself studied in English medium, and educated me in Hindi. It's a different matter that I learnt to read and speak English on my own because I was interested to. When I came to the 12th standard, I insisted on being enrolled in the English medium course of the NIOS because I wanted to.

Mumma is being called a Naxalite. I don't feel bad but I just feel people ~~are going mad~~ have gone mad and without ~~knowing the reality~~ they have got into the

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habit of saying anything without even knowing the reality. I am not affected by what people say or what the police says because who can know my mother better than me?

If fighting for the rights of adivasis,

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fighting for ~~the rights~~ of workers and peasants  
fighting against repression and exploitation  
and giving up one's whole life for them  
is being a Naxalite, then I guess  
Naxalites are pretty ~~nice~~ good!

~~Let~~ Let people say whatever, I am  
proud to be her daughter 😊

Mumma always used to tell me 'Beta  
I haven't earned money, I have  
earned people', and yes she is right.  
I can see that.

I love you Mom.

Maysa  
06.09.2018

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