

## Closure

Sonja: “I did exactly as you told me to! I sat and talked to him. I asked him everything that was on my mind! Everything! Things like why he married me in the first place knowing that he is not going to be a good husband? Why he ruined my life! Why couldn't he be honest about himself and who would marry me now since I have two children and I was once married to a gay guy!!!”

Sonja stopped to take a breath and all she heard was Roy munching on his celery bits noisily....she continued nevertheless,

Sonja: “ I told him, Roy! I told him that he ruined my life. I was happy as Larry going about my own way...he had to pursue me at all cost! He spoilt it all by marrying me and made me live with a family that judged me and hated me! And you know what he said?! He said he did not marry for the reasons I think he married me for. He also said I was impatient and rushed into the divorce! All he wanted was a closure from the other place and that I had to spoil it all! So it is all my fault now!”

Sonja laughed out loud! Really faking it to catch Roy's attention away from his salad bowl.

Sonja: “ Can you believe it, Roy?! It is my fault!”

Roy stopped his munching, took his glass and sipped his Sauv Blanc slowly....Sonja waited a moment...she knew he won't hold back any snide comments! She reached out and grabbed her glass and took a big gulp of her Rosé...in anticipation...  
Roy put his glass down and went back to eating his celery chunks noisily...

*Roy must be really hungry! Poor boy! Sonja decided to continue.*

Sonja:” Yes! Exactly! He said that! And... He enquired after the friends I had during the divorce!”

Roy stopped munching and looked up with a quizzical look.

Sonja: “Yes..you know, Larry? The guy whom he thought I was having an affair with while I was still married! Yes, that one! And about Kimberly and Yaliz! I was like why do you care! Anyway, I told him I am not in touch anyone anymore...and you know what he said? He said – (Clearing her throat and changing her voice) ‘Don't you think something is wrong with you, Sonja! If everyone is not being your friend anymore...it shows that something is the matter with you!’ The nerve of

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this f- frog, Roy! He has the nerve to turn it all back to me! He wanted me to know that the cow of his sister is now getting married! I asked him that as well! I asked why did that gorilla put her name on my divorce papers? Wasn't being divorce once enough for her? And you know what he said? It seems the lawyer told him to do so! You mean to tell me that if the lawyer told him to jump in front of a train, he would jump! I wish his lawyer had said that!!"

Roy stopped eating his celery....took a deep breath...

Sonja:" Yes! Exactly!"

Roy reached out and started picking the prawns from Sonja's plate since she is not eating them...Sonja was getting very impatient at Roy's lack of response....

Sonja: "And..wait! this gets better...he finished off saying...he wants the jewellery that was bought during the wedding back! It seems he bought some jewellery for the children years ago and he wants them back so that HE can give it to his children as his gifts...!!? He also said he wants me to return the wedding necklace that his father gave me for the wedding! It seems it was meant as a gift for the daughter-in-law! Now that I am not the daughter- in- law, I should return it! What a low life orang utan!"

Roy chocked! Sonja passed him his glass quickly! He took it gratefully!

Sonja: "What is this trend these days? Wanting the return of wedding jewellery that was given as gifts after a divorce! MEN asking!! Can you believe it, Roy? What kind of satisfaction do they get? I tell you, Roy, this low life f- frog will get his closure when I throw his stupid jewellery onto his rotten face! To think that he already taken a 100 thousand dollars payout! Only women take payouts!! I had to buy my freedom from him and his family! Shameless goons!"

Sonja was seething now with anger! Roy stopped eating and drinking. He looked straight into Sonja's fuming eyes...

Roy: " Did you know that Britain has just legalised gay marriages?"

Sonja nearly fainted!

Sonja: "What?!"

Roy: "Yes...they were the most recent country to come on board and legalise and accept gay marriages."

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Sonja: “So??!! ROY!! If you think this is funny, it is not! If you think what I have gone through is funny, it is not!!”

Tears welled up under Sonja's eyes!

*How can Roy be so insensitive? I went to a shrink, did everything he told me to; including sitting through a fruitless conversation with the bloody-Ex!! All because I took his words seriously when he said I needed a closure in my life! After all I have said, he is filling me in with world gay news?!!*

Roy passed her a serviette. Sonja took it abruptly and looked away.

Roy: “You see, Sonja, Britain is the just one of the 16 countries in the world to recognise the freedom to marry and legalise gay marriages. It took 13 years to garner the support of 16 countries in the world to recognise and legalise gay marriages! But you know something, Sonja, you married this gay ex-husband of yours in the year 2000; You married him knowing very well that he is a gay man; you bent over backwards to put his needs first and you put up with all the nonsense that his family put you through...you did that for seven years...and you bore him two children, locking his innate sexual orientation into a closet forever and making him look the man his family wanted him to be in the eyes of this bloody society; You married a gay man and legalised that marriage a year before any of these 16 countries created a revolution! As far as I am concerned, you were the first to legalise gay marriage in a country that was completely anal about homosexuality until just very recently. Sonja! You are a Revolutionary! A great Revolutionary for us, Gays!”

Sonja was shocked beyond belief!

Sonja:” Ro-y!”

Roy: “Listen Sonja! Before you ask me why this guy is doing this, why he is doing that, how come he can do this and how come he can do that, just remember, you married a gay man! He IS going to blame you for everything...of course; he IS going to ask you back for jewellery! He will ask you back for make-up too! Of course, he will tell you that everything is wrong with you! How can you even forget that he is a woman himself!! Of course, he would be a BITCH forever in your LIFE!! Why do you expect him to change now when he was never different from the start???”

*Despite all that revolutionary drama talk, you are actually telling the truth...and it hurts...why does it still hurt? It still hurts in all the places like*

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*my heart, head, eyes and stomach whenever I think of the man and the pain this marriage and divorce has put me through!!*

*I am never going to get rid of my ex-husband and his family! They are forever going to be in my life, sapping, draining my blood out of me by asking for some crap jewellery, wanting Skype time with the children to talk to the chimpanzees and baboons, taking the children out of school for family weddings, and annual holidays and much much more! No one's life can be more screwed up than mine right now. All because I married the first guy who proposed and believed that I deserved a good life by being married.*

Sonja wanted to walk over and cry incessantly on Roy's shoulder! But Roy is not going to tolerate any emotional break down from her. Not now when she has seen the shrink and all! She had to just suck it in...it's her karma...

Sonja: "So when...when does this closure begin to take effect, Roy?"

Sonja could barely be heard...she looked so dejected and defeated....Roy almost felt sorry for her...

Roy: "The closure will happen when you open your mind, Sonja. When you open your mind to the next chapter in your life! Close this chapter for crying out loud, woman!!! Close it!

Sonja: "I am trying, Roy!"

Roy: " IF you are trying, then it will close by itself! Now! You have wasted good money ordering this Seafood Penilil don't know something that I can't pronounce! You have not even taken one bite of it! Can I eat it?"