

Character Sketch

Youth Pastor Mary

(Mary is Luci's mother, Sheila's classmate who is the pastor at their church and leads the Sunday School Sermons. Sheila approaches Mary because she is worried about the manner in which Luci has been behaving lately because of familial issues. There is also a suspicion of bullying at school, which Sheila communicates to Mary. Hence, Mary believes it is necessary to document her sessions with Luci for safe keeping.)

Age: 32 years old

Sex: Female

Educational Background: Schooling - St. Aloysius Public School, Bangalore

College- St. Tresa's Women's College, Bangalore

Degrees: B.A. Psychology Honors

Masters in Counselling Psychology

Masters in Theology (M.Th)

Ordained by St. Patrick's Church, Bangalore in 2019 (One of the youngest female pastor to be ordained)

Marital Status: Single

Current Occupation: Teacher at Little Garden Primary School and Pastor at Eva Maria Church, Primrose Road, Bangalore.

Pastor Mary is a wilful and intelligent woman who is often approached by parents for counseling their children as she is a strong figure in their church. She is well known for her efficiency in handling children with behavioral issues and mental health. She is the author of 'Christ: My Best Friend' and 'Teenagers and Faith: Christianity, Spirituality and Self'. She is a close friend of Sheila D'souza whose daughter Luci Mathew is undergoing a lot of recent changes.

Childhood: Parents were devout Christians. She grew up in Bangalore and was exposed to what could be understood as the mixed culture of Christianity which evolved through modernisation and time. Her parents' ideologies did not match with her beliefs and spirituality that she perceived through christianity. These differences have molded her into understanding and studying better parent-child relationships. She grew up with a vision to help children and teenagers to understand spirituality along with religion and hence took up the field of Theology.

Luci Mathew

Age: 12 years old

Sex: Female

Educational Background: 7th grade, Andrews International School, Bangalore

Luci Mathew is undergoing a lot of recent changes with respect to her parents getting a divorce, her mother remarrying, change of locality and her onset of puberty. Her mother is concerned about how she is crying almost every night and is very quiet and distant compared to the cheerful child she used to be. Her mother hears her talking to someone at night and is worried about the same. She is taken in for counseling by the Youth Pastor for this reason. Luci does not know how to navigate around the traumatic episodes she is facing. First, she has to deal with her parent's divorce and the pain of not being able to see her father everyday. Second, she has moved into an entirely new school and neighborhood as an onset of her mother's remarriage. Third, she is being sexually abused by her step-father about which she does not know who to approach or find solace in. Finally, she has begun her menstrual cycle and does not know how to deal with her hormonal changes. She eventually becomes friends with Sakhi who is a supernatural force that is a part of the house and she changes as a person thanks to her presence.

Sakhi

Age: 14-15 Year old

Status: Dead

Educational Background: 9th grade, Andrews International School, Bangalore

Sakhi is the ghost of the girl who used to live in the house that Luci moves into. She is the step-father's daughter from the previous marriage. She died a tragic death (suicide? rape?) which has caused her soul/spirit to remain in her previously inhabited room. She was sexually abused by her father. She tries to protect Luci by being there for her in every way possible. She is a ghost who is helping Luci in terms of finding her inner self by living through her.

Sheila D'Souza

Age: 34 year old

Educational Background: Schooling - St. Aloysius Public School, Bangalore

B.Com

M.Com

Sheila is Luci's mother. She is a house wife and her maiden family is settled in South Bangalore. She studied in the same school as Pastor Mary and were good friends who lost touch as time passed. They reconnected at the new church she joined as she moved to North Bangalore because of her new marriage. Sheila is mild and timid woman who succumbs to the decisions put forth to her. She is mostly ordered around and finds it hard to stand up for her self in her relationships but seem to have a very supportive maiden family. Her first marriage was abusive as her partner Mathew would take out all his anger and frustration on her and would have no concern for the

fact that their child was seeing all of this growing up. When the physical abuse and mental torture got out of hand, her parents interfered and took an initiative to get her and Luci out of his house through a divorce which freed her from her misery. She then started taking part in many clubs around Bangalore and got more involved in her church near home. She took up calming activities like gardening and pottery. She had always been interested in art but was drawn to take up Commerce by her parents because of their family business. Now that she was free she went on to explore her creative side that her ex-husband suppressed. That is how she met her new husband, through a support group that promoted art therapy. His name is Moksh and her parents were delighted that she got a new beginning irrespective of his religion. They got married. Sheila tried her best to make Moksh and Luci get along and thought it was going well. It was a whole new shift for Luci and in the process she lost her shine which caused Sheila to worry. That is when she approached Mary to counsel Luci.

Moksh Sharma

Age: 40 years old

Educational Background: B.Arch and M.Arch

Moksh is an Architect who is also a Widower. He is the father of the deceased Sakhi. He comes into the lives of Sheila and Luci as a gentleman who is willing to take up another family despite all that he has gone through in life. His wife passed away due to cancer. His daughter allegedly killed herself.