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Chapter 50 Elder daughter, Anat (2)

Anat's husband was selected by her father. He was by far the best pilot within his father's subordinates. He had visited her home often when Anat was still young. Shy-Rock liked young officer not only for his skill and sense as a pilot but also because he was the same Ashkenazi.

Shy-Rock was a worshipper of genealogy. He was steadfast in his belief that the Jews were the Chosen People. In addition, he believed that the Ashkenazim were the "Jews of the Jews." For him, the Sephardim from Iberian Peninsula were one step below Ashkenazim. The Mizrachim from the Middle East and Caucasus were second-class citizens. The new immigrants from Russia in the 1990s, even they claimed to be Jews, were the third-class citizens. Shy-Rock doubted them whether genuine Jews or not.

Shy-Rock, complete Ashkenazim, called Russian immigrants as "Mafia". It was a derogatory word for unidentified people. At the same time, he was afraid that their solidarity was stronger than Ashkenazim.

Though, the complete Ashkenazim felt kinship to the white Russian Jews than to the brown Mizrachim, who have the same skin color as the Arabs. For Shy-Rock, the rating of the superiority of Jews was Ashkenazi, Sephardim and then Mizraphim (Arabic Jews) in brief. Pure Arabs like Palestinians were out of the question. He believed that it was absolutely necessary to inherit the Ashkenazi blood for Israel future. Therefore, from early days, Shy-Rock had his eye on the young pilot as the husband of Anat.

Anat also had a favor for the excellent pilot when she grew up. She confessed to her friend that she was in love with him. But she didn't understand herself that she was mercenary and her decision was only the reflection of her father complex. Once she became the wife of a promising officer, she would be able to send an extremely comfortable life as long as she was living in the small military society. Anat learned it from the life of her parents.

She didn't place too much importance on hard work or effort. Her dream was to find a good partner in marriage life.

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