

## Character List and *Pride and Prejudice* tie-ins for *Unmarriageable*.

### BINAT FAMILY

**Mr. Barkar “Bark” Binat:** Alysba’s father. Based on Mr. Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*: “The patriarch of the Bennet family, a gentleman of modest income with five unmarried daughters. Mr. Bennet has a sarcastic, cynical sense of humor that he uses to purposefully irritate his wife. Though he loves his daughters (Elizabeth in particular), he often fails as a parent, preferring to withdraw from the never-ending marriage concerns of the women around him rather than offer help” (Sparknotes)

**Mrs. Kushboo “Pinkie” Binat:** Alysba’s mother. Based on Mrs. Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*: “Mr. Bennet’s wife, a foolish, noisy woman whose only goal in life is to see her daughters married. Because of her low breeding and often unbecoming behavior, Mrs. Bennet often repels the very suitors whom she tries to attract for her daughters.” (Sparknotes)

- Five daughters:
  - o **Alysba:** 30-year-old English literature teacher at the British School of Dilipabad.
    - Based on Elizabeth Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*: “The novel’s protagonist. The second daughter of Mr. Bennet, Elizabeth is the most intelligent and sensible of the five Bennet sisters. She is well read and quick-witted, with a tongue that occasionally proves too sharp for her own good. Her realization of Darcy’s essential goodness eventually triumphs over her initial prejudice against him.”
  - o **Jenazba:** Develops a relationship with Fahad “Bungles” Bingla.
    - Based on Jane Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*: “The eldest and most beautiful Bennet sister. Jane is more reserved and gentler than Elizabeth. The easy pleasantness with which she and Bingley interact contrasts starkly with the mutual distaste that marks the encounters between Elizabeth and Darcy.” (Sparknotes)
  - o **Qittyara**
    - Based on Catherine Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*: “The fourth Bennet sister. Like Lydia, she is girlishly enthralled with the soldiers.” (Sparknotes).
  - o **Marizba**
    - Based on Mary Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*: “The middle Bennet sister, bookish and pedantic.” (Sparknotes).
  - o **Lady**
    - Based on Lydia Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*: “The youngest Bennet sister, she is gossipy, immature, and self-involved. Unlike Elizabeth, Lydia flings herself headlong into romance and ends up running off with Wickham.” (Sparknotes).
- Mrs. Binat’s siblings:
  - o **Nisar and Nona Gardenaar**
    - Based on Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, “Mrs. Bennet’s brother and his wife. The Gardiners, caring, nurturing, and full of common sense, often prove to be better parents to the Bennet daughters than Mr. Bennet and his wife.” (Sparknotes).

## DARSEE FAMILY

**Valentine Darsee:** Friend of Farhad “Bungles” Bingla, originally condemned by Alysba for his seemingly snobbish ways, but ultimately may not be as insufferable as she originally believes.

- Based on Fitzwilliam Darcy from *Pride and Prejudice*: “A wealthy gentleman, the master of Pemberley, and the nephew of Lady Catherine de Bourgh. Though Darcy is intelligent and honest, his excess of pride causes him to look down on his social inferiors. Over the course of the novel, he tempers his class-consciousness and learns to admire and love Elizabeth for her strong character.” (Sparknotes).
- Sister:
  - **Jujeena Darsee:**
    - Based on Georgiana Darcy, “Darcy’s sister. She is immensely pretty and just as shy. She has great skill at playing the pianoforte.” (Sparknotes).
- Aunt:
  - **Begum Beena dey Bagh:** great benefactress and patient of Farhat Kaleen
    - Lady Catherine de Bourgh, “a rich, bossy noblewoman; Mr. Collins’s patron and Darcy’s aunt. Lady Catherine epitomizes class snobbery, especially in her attempts to order the middle-class Elizabeth away from her well-bred nephew.” (Sparknotes).

## BINGLA FAMILY

**Fahad “Bungles” Bingla:** A wealthy entrepreneur who develops a relationship with Jenazba.

- Based on Charles Bingley from *Pride and Prejudice*: “Darcy’s considerably wealthy best friend. Bingley’s purchase of Netherfield, an estate near the Bennets, serves as the impetus for the novel. He is a genial, well-intentioned gentleman, whose easygoing nature contrasts with Darcy’s initially discourteous demeanor. He is blissfully uncaring about class differences.” (Sparknotes).
- Sisters:
  - **Sumeria (Sammy) Bingla Riyasat**
    - Husband: **Sultan “Jaans” Rivasat**
  - **Humeria (Hammy) Bingla**

## FRIENDS & ACQUAINTANCES

**Syeda Shireen “Sherry” Looclus:** Alysba’s friend, an Urdu Language Literature teacher at the British School of Dilipabad.

- Based on Charlotte Lucas, “Elizabeth’s dear friend. Pragmatic where Elizabeth is romantic, and also six years older than Elizabeth, Charlotte does not view love as the most vital component of a marriage. She is more interested in having a comfortable home. Thus, when Mr. Collins proposes, she accepts.” (Sparknotes).

**Jeorgeullah Wickam Sahib:** A handsome lawyer assigned to Alysba’s legal case.

- Based on George Wickham, “a handsome, fortune-hunting militia officer. Wickham’s good looks and charm attract Elizabeth initially, but Darcy’s revelation about Wickham’s disreputable past clues her in to his true nature and simultaneously draws her closer to Darcy.” (Sparknotes).

**Farhat Kaleen:** A very distant relative of the Binat family, recently returned to Lahore from England.

- Based on Mr. Collins, “a pompous, generally idiotic clergyman who stands to inherit Mr. Bennet’s property. Mr. Collins’s own social status is nothing to brag about, but he takes great pains to let everyone and anyone know that Lady Catherine de Bourgh serves as his patroness. He is the worst combination of snobbish and obsequious.” (Sparknotes).
- Children:
  - **Fatima:** 18-year-old daughter
  - **Musa:** 15-year old
  - **Isa:** 7-year-old