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A Thousand Splendid Suns

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This Is What It Means To Be a Woman In This World

“Learn this now and learn it well, my daughter: Like a compass needle that points north, a man’s accusing finger always finds a woman. You remember that.”

This is what it means to be a woman in this world

A mother, daughter, or wife

Be reasonable for your husband

Just a pretty face for your husband

Enough with the crying

Smile for your husband from under the cloth of your hijab

Such an ungrateful young bride

Smile as you watch him shove one of the other wives

This is what it means to be a woman in this world

For your children, bear a smile

Say it!

Swallow your foolish, youthful pride

Say you love him

Then everyone is happy!