

visualize himself back with his family, he thought a lot about how Parik had always come out the winner every time they had played backgammon back in Tabriz. Of course she cheated, but how did she do it?

I know my father tried hard to please my mother and break up her rigidity with words of endearment and with the bouquets of multicolored carnations he brought home once in a while. But did it help?

My dad brought the beginning of a new life for my mother, but was it well received? They were both struggling to adjust, each in a different way.