

Analysis of Some Nicknames in Tahir Malik's “Shaytanat”

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Annotation:

In this article, some nicknames mentioned in the works of Tahir Malik are analyzed.

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Even in works of fiction, choosing names for characters requires some consideration. In some works, the name of the hero is an important tool for revealing the idea expressed in the work. Because some names used in the work of art help to determine the artistic and aesthetic intention of the writer. In Uzbek literature, names that reveal character traits and create meaningful laughter are often found in comic works of Tahir Malik, Abdulla Qadiri, Abdulla Qahhor, Said Ahmad and other writers. Our skilled writers try to create unique images by establishing a commonality between the life, fate and psyche of the hero and his name.¹

In addition to names, nicknames can also be used in works of art. Names, nicknames and nicknames were created due to the need to separate and differentiate a particular person from other people. A nickname is an additional name given to a person jokingly or mockingly because of some characteristic. Also, by changing it for a specific purpose the received name is also a nickname. In works of art, it is used in addition to a person's name for various purposes, or a nickname can be used by itself. Of course, nicknames can also have aspects related to the idea of the work as a means of revealing the character of the hero.

The well-known Uzbek writer, one of the founders of Uzbek literary fiction, Tahir Malik, in his work “Shaytanat” revealed some of the characters' characteristics by giving them nicknames. Let's analyze some of them.

¹ M. Yoldoshev, Z. Isakov, Sh. Haydarov. Linguistic analysis of literary text. T., 2010, p. 49.

One of the episodic characters in the work is the nickname of Kenja, the owner of the video bar Porridge. When Asadbek entered, he did not sit down, but stood at the door. When he heard the master's angry voice, he hurried inside².

We know that when everyone hears the nickname of porridge, the name of food comes to mind. It is indeed. It is not for nothing that this person was given this nickname. This nickname is very suitable for a person who looks plump. This character, who found the pleasure of life in food, is one of the close servants of Asadbek.

The dictionary meaning of this word is explained as “liquid, thick or ground food, grain boiled in water or milk, cooked grain or food prepared from it”. In addition, earlier in Russia, it was one of the main dishes in the life of peasants³ it is called

... Jalal, nicknamed, was first tied to a tree by his neck... Asadbek himself ordered to pull Elchin's arm. He tightened his grip a little more. Is that all? Yes, now that he is so soft, should he try to lick even if he is not satisfied? After winning his wife honestly in gambling, he will do whatever he likes!⁴

As mentioned in the excerpt from the work, this nickname is suitable for a person whose character is prone to luxury and life. One of the main characters, Shilimshikh, rapes and murders the wife of Elchin. Since he has done this work several times before, Asadbek assigns it to him. It seems that this person who does not have a bone for women should be called by this nickname.

From the etymological point of view, *Slimy* is soft and sticky like glue. But Elchibek is disappointed; His taste was sour, as if he had eaten something dirty and slimy (Asqad Mukhtar). Comparing this quality with the Uzbek words muqoz, shilim, it is clear that the basic function for them is shil - part; but such a verb is not reflected in the dictionaries. Actually, this verb probably means to create a sticky substance. The quality of slime is formed by adding the suffix -shi to the verb formed with the suffix -shi; later the sign of hardness of the vowels i disappeared: [(shil + im = slim) + shi = shil-im-shi] + q = slimish > slimish.⁵

The nickname of Zelikhan, the main character of the work, was “academic”. The reason for this was that he would think carefully and then get down to business. His difference from others is that he definitely took into account the mentality of people. When necessary, he would easily enter and leave large offices like any other office manager. He used to say arrogantly to the guard at the door and say “yes, are you sitting?”⁶.

Academician is a high academic title in some countries. In the Republic of Uzbekistan, academicians are elected at the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Academy of Arts of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The title of Academician is awarded to scientists and creators of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Academy of Arts of the Republic of Uzbekistan and other scientific and educational institutions, as well as to certain individuals.⁷

²Tohir Malik Shaytanat (1-kitob). – Toshkent: “O‘ME”, 2018. 414 pages.: 74.]

³ <https://uz.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bo%27tqa>

⁴ Tohir Malik Shaytanat (1-kitob). – Toshkent: “O‘ME”, 2018. 414 pages.: 202.

⁵ Etymological dictionary of the Uzbek language (Volume I).

⁶ Tahir Malik Shaytanat (Book 1). - Tashkent: “OME”, 2018. 414 pages.

⁷ https://uz.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akademik#O%E2%80%9898zbekiston_Respublikasi_Badiiy_akademiyasi

In the explanatory dictionary of the Uzbek language, this word means "true member of the Academy of Sciences; it is interpreted as the title of a scientist, writer, artist, sculptor, etc., who was elected a member of an academy"⁸.

In addition, the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan to liberalize the activities of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan and ensure its effective development was also adopted. "Take into account the decision of the General Assembly of the Academy of Sciences to terminate the institution of correspondent membership in our country, to terminate the existing institution of correspondent membership of the Academy, to elect existing correspondent members of the Academy to full membership of the Academy of Sciences and to grant them academic titles".⁹

In fact, this hero, who did not know anything about the mullah, was nicknamed "*Karimulla*" ironically. As mentioned in the passage, he takes the nickname "mullah" with two small surahs.

Very old, aged; The word mullah, meaning old, is a person who received education in the countries of the Middle East and Central Asia; it is used in combination with the word meaning religious figure, scholar. Both of them expressed the concept of an old religious figure in a general sense. If we talk about the character of the character in the work, this name does not suit what he does. Therefore, this nickname was given to the hero in a sarcastic way.

In another image of the work, Sobitkhan glared at the stranger. As he was used to being addressed as "Old Brother", "Khojiqori Brother", it seemed to him that a man two or three years older than him would call him "Brother".¹⁰

In contrast to the above-mentioned "Karimulla", this hero, who knows the activities of the mullahs well, was not given this nickname for nothing. He knew Mullah inside and out, and his voice could not be better heard among the readers. That is why almost many people called him to some measures.

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