**“A Temporary Matter”**

* Lying
* Moving apart
* Disconnected/Loss of connection
* Lost baby
* No/poor communication
* Emotional isolation/trauma

**“Mr. Pirzada”**

* Partition
* War
* Assimilation
* American education system
* Cultural disagreement

**“Interpreter of Maladies”**

* Unfaithfulness
* Disconnected family
* Idealizing the other
* Concealment of the illegitimate child
* Guilt of giving birth to another man’s child
* Separation from ones culture

**“A Real Durwan”**

* Witch hunt
* Scapegoat
* Blame
* Wanting more from life
* Not trusted
* Materialism corrupting moral values
* Greed and jealousy

**“Sexy”**

* Affair/ being unfaithful
  + The man cheats on his wife for a white woman, outside of his culture
* Cultural differences
* Being used
* Wanting different things from a relationship
* Self image and self worth

**“Mrs. Sen’s”**

* Living away from home
* Pressure of family/missing home
* Homesickness
* Mrs. Sen is not used to the american lifestyle
* Separation from family

**“Blessed House”**

* Marrying too early
* Unable to compromise
* Not accepting her because of fear of judgment
* Disagreeing lifestyles
* Disagreements about other’s culture
* Inflexibility

**“Bibi Haldar”**

* Wasn’t treated well
* Loneliness
* Disease
* Not a woman till she has a child
* Mistreated by village people until she gets pregnant
* Societal expectations/loneliness

**“Third and Final Continent”**

* Navigating a new country
* Adapting to american (lifestyle) and his wife