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The story of a resilient mother, bravely rebuilding her life in Istanbul while caught between fighting for her children, and her own personal life, I Am Mother has won the hearts and minds of millions of viewers around the world.

This heartrending and emotional drama is led for two seasons by stars **Özge Özpirinçci** (Woman, In Love Again) and **Demet Akbağ** (Winter Sleep, Scorpion).

The series also features **Metin Akdülger** (The Gift, Persona) and in season two, **Engin Öztürk** (Fatmagul, The Protector) and **Nesrin Cavadzade** (My Wonderful Life, Forbidden Apple).

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Season 1

This classic Turkish Drama about a resilient mother's relocation, confronting trauma, and bravely rebuilding in Istanbul is led by Özge Özpirinçci, who is joined by stars Engin Öztürk and Nesrin Cavadzade for season two.

Karsu is a woman in an unhappy marriage. Her husband Reha, is an abusive man and useless father, and when Karsu gives birth to their third child, she realizes that she can't take care of all the children on her own. She sends her three year old son, Kuzey, to Istanbul to stay with her mother Filiz for a while. However, on the journey to Istanbul Kuzey goes missing. After three years of searching Karsu happens upon Kuzey on a trip to Mersin. Karsu is relieved to be reunited with her son, however, Kuzey who now goes by Deniz does not recognize her and develops an intense anger towards Karsu for trying to separate him from Ozan, a man he now considers his father.

Karsu has to fight to win her son back, whilst dealing with a cheating husband, a strained relationship with her mother and two potential love interests.

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Season 2

In season two of I Am Mother, new conflicts await Karsu, who has a complicated relationship with her new boss. When a jealous cousin shows up looking to rebuild her own life, things threaten to spiral out of control.

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Karsu – Özge Özpirinçci

Karsu is a 30-year-old woman who has been worn down by a period in her life that began with her father's death during her adolescence and continued when her sister controversially married their stepfather. Despite the emotional turmoil, she has always remained strong. Karsu got married hoping to leave the bad years behind, but she could not find the peace she was looking for in this relationship either. Doing everything to give her three children a good life, Karsu must be her own hero. As her life completely falls apart after the disappearance of her son Kuzey, she does everything she can to get him back.



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Filiz – Demet Akbağ

The 50-year-old Filiz is known for her beauty, but her strong and dominating personality also characterizes her. When her ex-husband Adnan runs off with her eldest daughter Irmak, she transforms into the person she is now; bitter and vain, obsessed with appearances above all else. Although she acts tough to everyone around her, she is very fragile. She always pretends to be happy to hide this fragility. Although she does not get along with her daughter Karsu, she secretly loves her very much and cannot stand to see her hurt.

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Atilla – Metin Akdülger

35-year-old Atilla is the son of a famous mafia boss. He has followed in his father's footsteps to continue the empire he built, but when his father is arrested, he wants Atilla to move away from the criminal world. While trying to get away from his dark past, he meets Karsu. Although Atilla tries to stay distant from everyone, he cannot resist Karsu's beauty and strong personality and begins to have feelings for her.



A man with a mustache, wearing a light-colored jacket over a button-down shirt, is holding a black smartphone to his ear and talking. He has a serious expression. The background is a blurred green and blue.

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Reha – Necip Memili

40-year-old Reha is the son of a wealthy family. After marrying Karsu shortly after they met, Reha could neither be a good husband nor father. Reha, who has an inferiority complex, has always been secretly jealous of Karsu's strong personality. He always considered himself superior to Karsu because of the money he had. Karsu has started to feel distant from him thanks to his unstable mood, sudden outbursts of anger, and lack of fatherly qualities.

A close-up portrait of actor Engin Öztürk, looking slightly to the left with a serious expression. He has short, dark, wavy hair and a light beard. He is wearing a dark, possibly black, button-down shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and blue.

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Bora – Engin Öztürk

The head of a major holding company, a tough, strong-willed man shaped by circumstance. Bora once lived a vibrant life in London, but the sudden death of his brother changed everything. Forced to abandon his dreams, he returned home to take over his father's company, a role he never wanted.

Leaving behind the life he loved, Bora became hardened, his warmth buried beneath duty and grief. Despite this, he successfully grew the company into Turkey's leading food brand. He keeps his guard up, and even those closest to him find it hard to break through his emotional walls.

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Hasan – Uğur Yücel

Hasan is a powerful mafia boss, feared and respected in equal measure. Widowed years ago, he raised his two sons alone, hardened by a life on the dark side. After a police raid lands him in prison, Hasan vows to leave crime behind and keeps his word.

As a strict and authoritarian father, he initially clashes with his son Atilla, but everything begins to change when they meet Karsu and her mother, Filiz. Though Karsu and Atilla can't be together, a new chapter begins as Hasan starts a relationship with Filiz.



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Adnan – Levent Can

Adnan is a 60-year-old famous businessman. He is a narcissist who chases after young and beautiful women. He falls in love with and marries Irmak, the daughter of his second wife, Filiz.

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Deniz – Sarp Kaan Altınçapa

7-year-old Deniz is Karsu's son. Born Kuzey, he disappeared when he was 3. He lives a happy life with Ozan, whom he thinks is his father. When Karsu finds him and takes him away from Ozan, he is traumatized and develops a great resentment against Karsu.

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Tılsım – Mina Akdin

9-year-old Tılsım is Karsu's eldest child. Her parents' unhappy marriage has turned her into an unhappy child. She becomes even more aggressive and jealous when her missing brother, Kuzey, returns home.



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Selin – Miray Yeral

Selin is Karsu's youngest child at the age of 3. Selin, who is very fond of her father, is caught in the middle of the chaos that grows even more when Kuzey returns home.

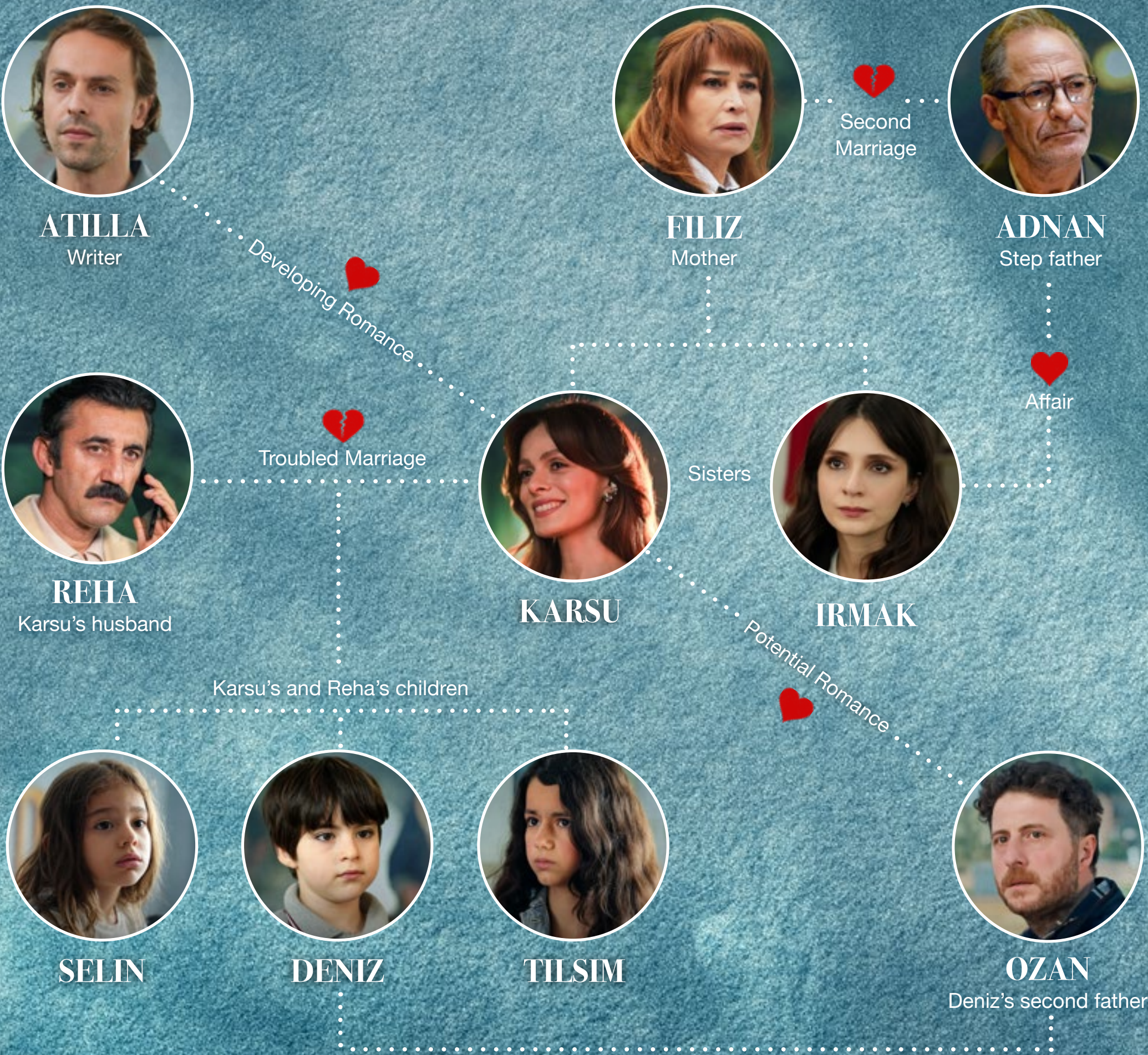
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Irmak – Meric Aral

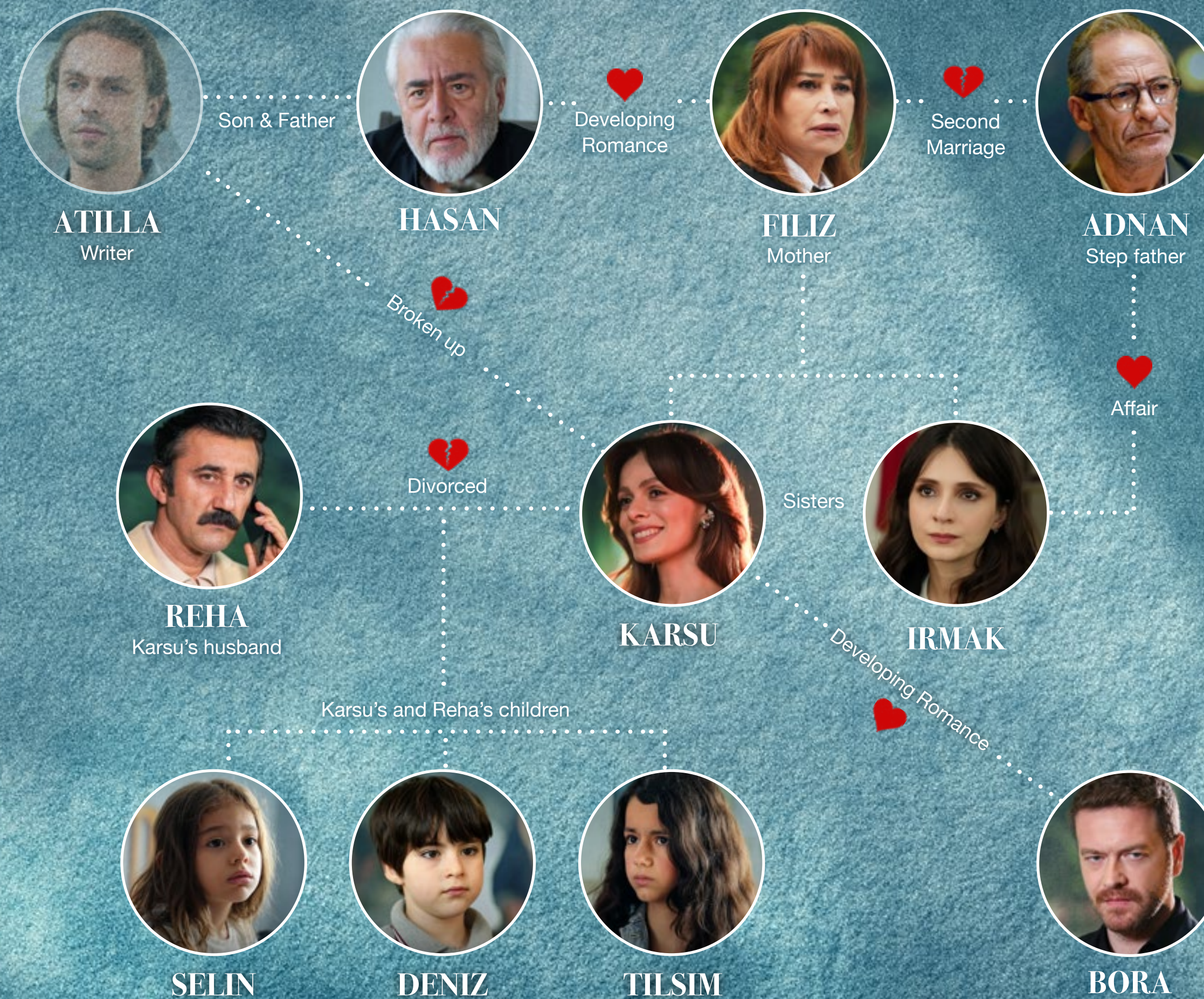
Irmak, Filiz's eldest daughter, moved into a wealthy life when her mother married Adnan Harunzade. But over time, Adnan's interest shifted toward Irmak, and she eventually ran away with him. After many hardships, Irmak is now rebuilding her life with her mother and sister.



Relationship chart – Season 1



Relationship chart - Season 2



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