## **CHAPTER 5**

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Mikaya's POV

I mentioned to my grandma what happened and I also informed her that I had to leave for Manila. She felt bad to hear the news because even though they were not on good terms with my Mom, they never fought with my Dad.

I booked my plane ticket online. I wouldn't have wanted to take Sky with me but I feel sorry for my son because it might take me a long time. So I decided to bring him along, Aling Myrna was also with us so that I would have an assistant to watch over him. Even before we left, many things were bothering my mind. I'm nervous, Justine might see me and think Sky as his son. I heard that he has a new girlfriend now and they are planning to get married next year. It's good that he didn't bury himself in the past. So now I will try my best to avoid him because I can't afford to hurt him again because of me. I shouldn't be involved in his life anymore because we have our own lives now.

If it wasn't for my Dad, I wouldn't go back to the place where I was hurt so much, where I was destroyed along with my dreams. We are happy in the province. We have a peaceful life there, my son and I. But that's Daddy, whatever happens he's still my father and no child can forget her parents.

We arrived safely in Manila. My brother Mandy picked us up at the airport with his personal driver. During our trip going home, the two never stop teasing each other. He was very happy with Sky for being naughty.

When we got home, he helped me carry my suitcases upstairs, to my old room. When I went inside, it was as if nothing had changed, all my things were still there and since Sky had fallen asleep during the trip, I put him on my bed, then I changed my clothes.

My baby looks tired from the trip and being naughty with her uncle Mandy.

I got down and went straight to the dining area to drink water when I caught up with Mommy preparing food. She stopped when she saw me.

"Mikaya, my daughter."

She said while crying. I hold myself back because at any moment I will cry. My Mom is a soft hearted person and so am I. I inherited it from her because sometimes even small things make me cry.

"You changed a lot."

Then she hugged me again. I miss her hugs. I haven't hugged him in years. I miss all the things about her. I really miss my Mom.

## "Mommy."

I spoke to her briefly and then burst into tears. I feel like a child while hugging her. After four years I just hugged my Mom like this again.

My Mom and I went to the hospital together. Until now I don't know if I'm ready to see my Dad. I don't know if he has already forgiven me. After all those years, what happened still hurt me but I forgot about it so I was able to start again.

When we arrived at the hospital, we went straight to my Daddy's room. I was shocked when I saw him lying on the hospital bed with a lot of bruises. But according to the findings of the doctors, his condition is good and he can be discharged in a week. We are happy with the doctor's news. I can't wait to tell how stubborn his grandson is. Because I'm sure he'll be happy. He really wants a grandchild but he insists on it to his brother and not to me. That's why he became disappointed with what I have done.

"Dad, your arm, you know you just came from the hospital, right?"

I shouted at him as he picked Sky up. Sky is big and heavy now. He has gained a lot of weight since we came here.

"He is very heavy."

Daddy laughed as he approached us.

"I told you, Dad, he's getting heavier, especially now that my brother Mandy brings him a lot of food every time he comes home. He's being spoiled here."

"Let it go, just for now."

We made the most of that family bonding. We went out with the family. The last time we did this kind of bonding was 5 years ago, it's been a long time, fortunately it happened again today.

The next day my Dad took me to the office. He said that he would give me a position in our company but I did not accept it. It's not that I don't want to, but I don't want to have a reason to stay here in Manila. I'm happy in the province, my son and I have a quiet life there. And one more thing, I also have a business there, I already owned a cafe and it already has five branches in the other town. That business is enough for me so that my son and I can live. I don't want to depend on them anymore.

I was about to leave Daddy's office when his secretary entered.

"Sir, the del Rios are here."

"Escort them to the meeting area, I'll follow."

Then his secretary left.

"You want to come with me?"

He asked me when he noticed that I was watching him.

"No Dad, I'm fine here. I'll be leaving soon."

I smiled and said to him.

"Okay fine, If you need anything just call the number that I gave you, okay?"

I nodded in response. So he has a meeting with del Rio's. Bea Anne mentioned last time that del Rio is the last name of Justine's soon-to-be fiance. It is possible that my Dad would have a meeting today with Justine's girlfriend's family. Of all those who can be business partners, why them? I'm trying to avoid them but it seems like fate is bringing me closer to them.

I was in the parking area when someone caught my attention. A familiar figure. I can't be wrong because even though that back is familiar to me, I still know him very well, it was Justine and he's with someone. He accidentally looked at me when he realized who I was. He quickly walked towards me while I quickly looked for my car so he couldn't catch me. I was afraid to talk to him, I wasn't ready yet. I'm not ready to face him.

"Mikaya."

He shouted as I continued to walk away. It's a good thing that I didn't take Sky with me even though he wants to come with me. Fortunately, he only saw me and not my son. I'm afraid he'll see my mistake. The real reason why I left him.