

APPENDICES

Title of the book: Pieces of Life

Data 1: "I Am a Hero"

"Crang..."

"Mmmphh... Again?" I sighed and directly took the pillow to cover my ears. I hid inside the wool blanket.

So warm, but it wasn't warm enough to warm up my heart.

5 It happened in several times; my parents quarreled and snapped each other. They were arguing about something that confused me. My mom said that daddy had another woman in his life. She said it because daddy always came home late since last month.

"You must have had an affair outside there. Someone told me that you were **10** dating with another woman at atmosphere café last night!" Mom screamed loudly, at the same time she appointed daddy's nose.

"I never have an affair with anyone! Last night I had a dinner with Ms. Lucia, she is the director of Multifashion Company, and it produces woman wears and their accessories. I wanted to make some deal with her related to our business, that's all!"

15 Daddy spoke more loudly.

“ Ah...it’s such a bullshit reason. Last month my friend saw you walking around with that woman in Istana Plaza, and two weeks ago too. It means you had been three times gapped with the same woman. Isn’t it enough to make distrust you?”

5 “ Yeah, yeah, yeah, okay it’s up to you! I have already being mad at my job; don’t try to add my problems anymore! I just want to take a rest now!” Daddy went to bedroom and blow up the door; today I heard mom said that she was going to divorce my dad.

When I heard that, I cried out loudly inside my heart. I really didn’t know **10** why they had to get divorce. Problems of adults are very complicated. I wonder who that woman is. Deep in my heart I was sure that my father would never did such an affair, he was not that type of person who liked to cheat on others especially his own wife and family.

(Saturday night)

15 When I was hanging out with my friends at a mall, I saw my dad at a restaurant with a woman. I assumed that that woman is the one whom has made both my parents quarreled last time at home. After some time, my dad left. It seemed that he wouldn’t go home nor went back to that restaurant again. Without considering the consequence I will face latter on, I straightly went into the **20** restaurant and talked to that woman.

“ You are such a distractive woman! Do you know that you are the cause of my parents’ divorce? You want to make my family falling apart! Why do you do that to our family, especially my mom?” I told that woman emotionally.

Then in a minute, she explained that she is not having an affair with my
25 father moreover she said, “We are only a partners in business and I am going to explain everything to your mother about our relationship”.

I felt relieved and asked her to come to our house and ask her to explain everything to my mom that instant.

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(At Home)

“I am very sorry for what had happened to you, I just want to explain

5 everything that has happened in the past three weeks. I really don't have anything with your husband; I an only his business partner, we are working on a project that we have some agreements to make”.

My mother asked, “ If you really are doing business with my husband, why do you have to meet him so often?”

10 “When we are at Istana Plaza, we were discussing about the right location to open up a boutique; then at atmosphere café, we were making sure the agreement and the rules, more than that I am engaged and will get married soon”.

Finally my mom understands the situation and there is no more misunderstanding

15 between my mom, my dad and Miss Lucia.

“I am so sorry for what happened in your family”, said Ms. Lucia.

“I am the one who should apologize for misunderstand you and my husband as he don't tell me that he is planning to have new project and ill cooperate with your company” apologized my mother.

20 Then the two of them drifted into a very a long conversation till dawn and they became friends.

Once my father comes home, my mom told my dad of what has just happened that afternoon.

Daddy asked, "How can Miss Lucia come to our house?"

Mom smiled and said. "it's all because our lovely and precious daughter."

"Yes, I'm a Hero" I smiled proudly.

Then my mom and dad made up and saying sorry to each other then we had dinner together and chatted during dinner time along with some jokes about **5** that matter. "It was the happiest moment and very delicious dinner with my parents and it will stay the same forever", I told myself.

My mother told my father about her misunderstanding. My mother thought that he was having affair with someone else. But she finally knew that the woman was only her husband's business partner and she was not having an **10** affair with her husband.

When my mom is talking about her gladness feeling, dad was interrupted her.

"Oh, my dear, I feel guilty to you. You are the kindest woman I ever known. I can't lie anymore"

15 "Actually I am having an affair with another woman. And right it's Lucia. But she told me to appreciate your feeling. She said that you are honest and I can't betray you like this" he said.

Mom was shocked and she remains silence for few hours. And dad feels guilty for what he has done. Many times he told his regret but mom was still in **20** silence. And me, shocked, didn't know what to said anymore.**

Data 2: "Hallucination in My World"

It was a calm morning on 11th September, 2011. The sun shone brightly. My name is Paul. My parents and I went to WTC to visit Bob, my uncle. He worked there as a marketing of Foretec, Inc. His office was just a small office but cozy. There was a comfortable sofa where you could take a little nap when you **5** were tired. It happened so fast. The building was suddenly shaking. It was a tremendous and terrified shaking. I saw people screaming outside, running randomly nowhere, panic. They said "GOD, HELP!!"

We were scared too, we leave the office hand in hand so we would not separate each other. I had a headache because of the crowded and panic **10** people. People ran nowhere who wanted to leave the building too suddenly, I separated with my parents and Bob.

I came across the fireman and asked him if he saw my parents and uncle. I showed him family's picture from my wallet. But he asked me to leave from that building immediately and found my relatives outside, maybe they had already gone out first. When I was out of the building, I still couldn't find them because of too many people and the crowd was terrible.

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It was a Monday morning, I woke up at 7 and directly prepared my breakfast. I had to prepare it as simple as I could since I lived alone without my parents. I miss them very much, they have never come back since that damn day.

20 Ting, Tong (the bell ringing). "wait a minute!" I said. When I opened the door my coffee cup fell of my hand. I felt just very shocked, meeting the two people in front of me.

“Mom? Dad?” asked me.

“Yes, dear. Why are you looking us like that, like you are looking a ghost.”

Mom said.

“But...but...Oh My God! I must wake up. It is just a dream!”

“No, no dear. You aren’t in a dream”. Said dad.

“well, come in, come in. What you want to drink? Asked me.

“lime honey tea, dear. Just like usual. “ Mom said.

“I want a cup of coffee for a wonderful morning day.” Said daddy.

I am still confused am I dreaming?! But I know for sure that Mom’s favorite drink is lime honey tea and dad usually starts the day with a cup of a **10** coffee. But all happens just so suddenly. I had to leave my parents because I had a class that I could not pass anymore because of my attendance was finish at Econ Class.

“Mom, dad, I must go now to campus, it’s ok? “ I asked.

“ Yea, yea...just be careful and study hard today ok? “ Mom and dad said.

15 Then I went to campus with a strange feeling. Mom and dad suddenly appeared and they didn’t feel like missing me. Like they have just gone for an hour but no it has been two years. Didn’t they realize it? But the weird thing was when I arrived at home, the drinks were still in the dinning table. Mom and dad didn’t drink it.

20 Cafeteria always looks full, all students must queue to get today’s food. After waiting at a long time, now this is my turn, but suddenly Robert came and occupied my position.

“Hey, I want today’s food, be quick!” he said.

“Hmm, by the way, it is my turn, queue please.” I said.

25“Hey!! What’s the problem with you don’t you know who I am?” he said

"I know, you are Robert, but...but..." said me.

"So, just move and shut your mouth!" Robert threatened me.

When Robert pushed me, he made my food drop. I hate him because he always behaves as he wishes. He is a devil. The worst thing that he has done to me is hiding my assignment at basketball field.

5 "Are you okay?" someone at my back asked me.

"I'm okay, but my food...,ooohh..." I said.

"Hmmm, I can share my food with you, by the way, my name is Tommy, what is yours?" Tommy said.

"My name is Paul, nice to meet you Tom." I said.

10 After that event, I became closer with Tom. Sometimes, he visited me but because we were in the different faculty, Tom and I usually met at lunch time at cafeteria. We became best friends. We always shared our problem and he knew about my weird parents' appearance which sometimes they were gone like gone with the wind. Because of my weirdness so Tommy gave me an article **15** about Dr. David Collin. He is the best psychologist in New York. It is said in New York Times Magazine.

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It was very hard to make appointment with Dr. David Collin, but finally I got it.

The appointment took on Monday 14th March. I told him everything about **20** my weird parents' appearances which looked very real. I told that sometimes I saw mom talking with dad at the parlor but sometimes they were just gone like the wind. The weird thing was sometimes I could hear their voice inside my head.

After listening my story, Dr. David made a conclusion that maybe my sick was Schizophrenia because the symptoms were hallucination and hear the

25 voices. After explaining about Schizophrenia, he gave me a medicine to eliminate the hallucination when it came.

Day after day, I became better. My parents never come again. Yes that was so sad but, I had to face it that they were just my hallucination. But I become suspicious too because after that I have never met Tommy again. Because my condition became better and better so Dr. Collin advised me to decrease to drink **5** the medicine but I still have a consultation with him, he wants to know my health progress.

I have never met Tommy again, so I think that Tommy was just my hallucination too. My day was like a cloudy day not a sunny day, like I lost a part of my life.

10 “Tom? Where have you been??” asked me surprisingly.

“Sorry, sorry my friend, I was so busy with my assignment and exam” he said.

“How is your condition now? Did my article help you?” He said.

“wait, wait, I need to go to the toilet first.” I said.

In the toilet, I took that medicine again, I was just still wondering whether Tom is the real one or the fake one. I know the consequence if Tom is just my

20 imagination, I must lose my best friend in the world. Frightened, I went out from the toilet and “OH MY GOD...”

“TOM, you..you...I mean...YOU ARE REAL?”shouted me. “Yeah, this is me, I am human and alive. Why don’t you believe me?” He asked me.

25 “No, no I believe you but I just want to make all clear. I have lost my parents and I won’t lose my best friend too.” I said.

“Yeah...yeah...I know what you mean, sorry because I said that you didn't believe me.” He said.

I told Tom about everything that he had missed because of his busy activity in his faculty. I hugged him and thanks to God because he still smile at **5** me and gives me a best friend who still cares for me in this world. He knows my feelings of loosing my parents because of that I said that God still smile to me.

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I don't have couragement to see the WTC building because I'll remember with my parents and uncle who are still missing. When I had to go to the public library I would turn my way and I was afraid if I am in crowded place. Tom asked **10** me to face my fear. Tom accompanied me to the WTC building and gave my parents and uncle a bunch of flower. Tom invites me to the crowded place. Maybe it was hard for the first time but as the time run I have couragement to stand in the crowded place. Now I can go shopping alone and go to the theater.

I never forget to give progress to Dr. Collin. He said that my development **15** is very good and I can stop taking my medicine. Now I am not afraid anymore to see my parents' pictures and go to WTC building, even though I still miss them so much. Deep in my heart, I believe, I knew that they will always watch me from heaven and I believe someday I can gather with them again in heaven.

20 Every time I see the sky, I always thank to God because He still cares of me he gives me a wonderful best friend in the world with an accidentally met. Without Tom, I maybe rotten man now. **