

THE OTHER SIDE

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Characters: Mina, 8 year old granddaughter.  
Phil, 70 year old grandfather.  
Ron 24, works at the restaurant.  
Setting: Park and then Restraunt  
At Rise: An old man walking towards the park and his chest is in serious pain. He sees his Granddaughter and he deals with the pain.

(PHIL walks in slowly grabbing his chest.)

Grandpa!

MINA

Mina!

PHIL

(Hugs Phil.)

It's so nice seeing you again!

MINA

PHIL

It is nice seeing you too Mina! Where are is your mother, Mina?

MINA

Mommy and Daddy were late to work because they woke up late.

PHIL

Ok.

MINA

Grandpa?

PHIL

Hmm?

MINA

Mommy has been really mean to me.

PHIL

Is that so?

MINA

Yeah! Lately she's been taking all of my toys and coloring books! Can I live with you instead?

PHIL

(Laughs.)

Sure you can Mina. But are you sure? Your mother and father will really miss you.

MINA

I guess. Alright, Grandpa. Can we go to that restaurant?

PHIL

Of course! It has been a while since we last ate lunch together

(They are walking.)

MINA

Grandpa! You are so slow!

PHIL

I'm sorry Mina, I am having a painful time walking.

MINA

Alright, Grandpa!

MINA

Grandpa! Are you sure you're alright?

PHIL

Yeah, I'm fine, just go on up there I will meet you there!

MINA

No! I'm staying with you, Grandpa!

(PHIL holds MINA'S hand and walks. They walk into the restaurant and sit down.)

MINA

What are you going to order?

PHIL

No, Mina, I can't eat this food.

MINA

Why?

PHIL

Because I'm sick

Mina:

Why are you sick?

PHIL

I'm not going to ruin the mood right now, but I promise I will tell you at some point.

MINA

Ok, Grandpa.

(He fiddled the napkin on the table. Wondering if he should tell her.)

MINA

So Grandpa. Today I was upset because Cindy pulled my hair during class.

PHIL

Mina-

MINA

And she took my crayons! Can you believe that?!

PHIL

Mina-

MINA

And she spilled paint on my new shoes you bought me! I was so mad! But-

MINA!

PHIL

Hm?

MINA

There's something important I should tell you.

PHIL

What is it, Grandpa?

MINA

Mina, you know I love you right?

PHIL

Of course, Grandpa!

MINA

This is hard for me to say.

PHIL

I'm not following, Grandpa.

MINA

I don't think I'll be around much longer.

PHIL

You mean you're moving?

MINA

In a sense.

PHIL

Where are you moving to?

MINA

(Sighs heavily.)  
PHIL

RON

Hey, Mr. Lindon! Long time, no see!

PHIL

Oh, hey Ron!

RON

Oh, you brought the little one? I keep forgetting what her name is.

PHIL

It's Mina.

(MINA shyly waves.)

RON

What will you guys be ordering today?

MINA

I'll have the scrambled eggs and cut hot dogs and oooh! Grandpa! Can I have the milkshake?

PHIL

(Nods.)

Of course you can!

RON

And what are you getting today?

PHIL

Nothing. I can't eat.

RON

Are you sure? I'll just bring you water.

PHIL

Sounds perfect!

(Ron disappears.)

MINA

Grandpa! You still haven't answered my question! Where are you moving to?

PHIL

To somewhere far away.

(MINA cries and puts her head down)

PHIL

Mina, no matter where I will go, I will always love you.

MINA

If you really loved me, you wouldn't be moving!

PHIL

(Sighs, voice cracks.)

I love you Mina, but I can't ever visit you and you can't ever visit me. But I will always love you.

MINA

It's not far! I want to move with you!

PHIL

No matter what, I'll always love you the same.

(MINA smiles weakly.)

(Ron comes with food.)

RON

Here is your food. Enjoy, you guys!

PHIL

Eat Mina, it will make you feel better.

MINA

I'm not hungry.

PHIL

Mina, please eat! I want you to eat.

But Grandpa-

MINA

No buts, Mina. Eat!

PHIL

(Mina eats.)

Are you sure you don't want this, Grandpa? It's really good!

MINA

(Laughs.)

I can't eat food like that Mina.

PHIL

Are you sure, Grandpa?

MINA

I'm sure, don't worry about me. Eat up child!

PHIL

(MINA finishes her food.

(PHIL pays and they leave the restaurant.)

Hey, Grandpa?

MINA

Hmm?

PHIL

Can I hold your hand again?

MINA

(Smiles brightly.)

Of course you can.

PHIL



(They hold hands and walk away.)