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# Behind A Philippines Smile - Against Her Will » A Friend In Need / More Than Friends » Girlfriends: Carina - Part One Of Two



## Synopsis

Every girl has a story....There was no use complaining about life hiding under the cover a mango tree in the torrential downpour. Although I felt bitter and even spiteful sometimes, questioning God for making my family miserable when we were good, honest people while the corrupt politicians and the drug lords rolled in piles of money. I had resigned myself to my fate. I had no choice but to live the life I was given to its fullest, even though it wasn't the life I had dreamed of. At least, I could still daydream, imagining myself living in a large house made of concrete with glass windows and carpeted floors, with soft mattresses on real beds in bedrooms instead of coarse mats, with a shower and of course, with a television, maybe two. I imagined myself having my own business, a boutique perhaps, and traveling to places I had learned of in school, riding an airplane and oh my lord I want to go one an airplane. I stopped as I realized there were men approaching, three of them, talking and laughing together. One of them I recognized as Rick, the son of Ramon, who lived not far from us. The other two I had never seen before, though they seemed like Rick's friends. They looked just as old as him, too although one of them, the one with the backpack, was much taller. The other guy had the fairest skin of the three and he was wearing earphones. All three of them walked in the rain as if they didn't care about it at all, the water trickling down their skin and drenching their shirts. "Well, well, look who's here," Rick said as they reached the tree. My tree. I would have said "Eh, Rick" but as I saw the look on Rick's face, I froze, a lump forming in my throat. He was drunk and his eyes bloodshot. The stories of the things Rick and boys did when they were drunk, none of them good to girls. I'm in so much trouble!...This is how just one moment in life can change everything for a girl here in the Philippines and the love and understanding Carina finds in the forbidden arms of her best friend.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the second book I have read by Rose Cuzzion. It is great to see how quickly she is growing as a writer. The first book was more erotic, but not really my cup of tea. This book gives us a better understanding of what it is like to be a woman in the Phillipines. Some of it can be pretty heart wrenching, but I think it is very good reading for anyone that might be considering a philipina wife. It is a quick read and well worth the time.

Sad, sad story but author did an excellent job. Salamat po!

Good store plot. Would like to see more of RoseS stories.

Confusing stories that have no ending. Very disconnected

This is not really what I would call a book. It's a short story. It turns out that this is only part one of a two part story, so it leaves us to have to buy part two to find the conclusion to the story. It's too expensive for what you get. It would be a better deal if part two was offered free; to those purchasing part one; but that's not offered. The writing was amateurish. I don't plan to buy part two. It's not worth paying extra for. It's such a short story it should have been sold complete.

At 50 I have been to ph many times. I am engaged to a Filipina age 40. I knew a lot of this stuff I read in this book. I have always treated Filipinas with respect.

As mentioned in the title. It often is such a sad situation for what is tolerated. And what true love is

not.

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