

DAVID SIDE 1

We are in the massive group audition rounds of the highly televised reality singing contest “Star On the Rise” . Hosts of the show, ZAC, and BEA, are interviewing and auditioning the contestants. As DAVID’s number was called out, he accidentally bumped into HONEY which made her quite smitten upon first contact. She watches his audition from the side.

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BEA

Hey *pogi!* What’s your name?

DAVID

David Caballero.

BEA

So, what’s your story?

DAVID

Well.. I’ve been singing at the church since I was a kid.... that’s my whole life in a nutshell.

BEA

Party.

DAVID

This competition wasn’t part of the plan, but this felt like a calling... a sign from God. Love you Mom and Dad if you are watching!

HONEY

(to herself) Oh I’m definitely watching.

BEA

They must be so proud of you.

DAVID

So proud! They’ve always believed in my talent for music. So in many ways, I’m here because of them. I want to make them proud. Like super proud. Everything I do is to make them proud. Yeah... proud. (beat) and a trip to the homeland sounds pretty nice...

HONEY

(to herself) Take me with you..

BEA

Well let’s pray you have what it takes, go on.

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DAVID SIDE 2

We are at DAVID'S Church

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MARK enters slow clapping

MARK

Encore! Encore!

DAVID

Mark!?

DAVID gives MARK a hug

MARK

How you been, singer?

DAVID

Same ole, nothing much to report here. How about you Mr. World traveler?

MARK

Well, I just had the best year of my entire life on a soul searching journey across Asia! Feeding elephants in Thailand, surfing in Bali, riding the bullet trains in Japan, ..But I just missed your parents so much I had to come back. Oh, and maybe you too I guess. *(lifts a bag of Filipino goodies)* And I brought pasalubong!

DAVID

Great, that's why my parents love you more than me. Did you travel with your folks?

MARK

(sarcastically) Always, can't get enough of them

DAVID

Remember, *(in Nestor's voice)* "Exodus 20:12 Honor your father and your mother..."

MARK/DAVID

...That your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

MARK

Yeah I know, I'm grateful I can use my folks for free flights!

DAVID

Mark.

MARK

Sorry.

(beat.)

They share a laugh

DAVID

Welcome home, my friend. It's good to have you back. I missed you.

MARK

Mabuhay!

DAVID

(laughs) What?

MARK

Mabuhay! the aloha of the Philippines! I was thinking about you and wished you could have spent the last bit of my trip with me to the homeland. You would never believe how amazing it was. I think I might move there next year, I have a rich aunt that lives in Makati.

DAVID

Really?

MARK

My Aunts house is huge, and she is usually abroad 11 months of the year traveling, so I am basically house sitting-You should come live with me.

DAVID

You know I can't do that. I can't just-I have responsibilities here. Son of a Pastor, remember?

MARK

How could I forget "Slayer of Giants"

DAVID

Seriously, I can't pack up and go wherever I want like you.

MARK

Come on! Wouldn't you want to visit the Phils? find out more about where you came from?
Experience something new?

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