

disagreeing with her mother. It meant that he forgot what was he about to say and her mother was often appeased with it. To add more awful taste in Nenita's life, his father lost his job and whenever her parents starts arguing, his father would just utter his famous line to halt the heating argument.

Being the man in the family, her father must be able to provide for them but since the events in their life has not been well to them, it resulted him to become or to feel inferior from his wife since his wife was originally wealthy. The father's attitude of saying less words is also showing that being man in their family is not easy for he always have to understand and carry the burden of their life, especially carrying every blame of his wife throwing at him.

Halo-Halo in the Heart

Nenita, being a young girl, also feels admiration for a boy, just like other girls of her age. Her feelings for a Spanish-Chinese mestizo boy living in an "almost mansion" is as colorful and sweet as Halo-Halo. The boy that got her heart this feeling is Manolito Ching, the only son of the richest man on their street, Alexander Ching.

One day, she was able to get inside the Ching's mansion because of Manolito's humble invitation. Manolito was showing her his ice shaver and she demanded Nenita to stay in the kitchen to make a Halo-Halo. The tempting ingredients such as the *macupuno* and the red jelly went to Nenita's throat but her and while savoring all the flavors in her mouth, Mrs. Ching caught her and called a thief. She tried to explain herself but Mrs. Ching did not stop of accusing her. Manolito saw the whole thing but did not do anything to stop his mother. That incident only made Nenita realize her real status. She realizes that it would impossible for Manolito to like a girl like her because.