

Senem's Journey to a New Beginning
Modified Version
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Chapter 4

Senem took Hasan from Emine. She held him close. She rocked him in her arms and kissed him on the top of his head. Tarkan came to her side and hugged them both. Ruth went into the bedroom to call 911.

Emine slid to the floor and sat there. Her face looked scared, like a caged animal. Her eyes were wide with fear.

Detective Sanchez and Officer Watson came quickly. Detective Sanchez knelt by Emine. "We'll need to take Miss Bahar into custody. She's in shock. I'll call for an ambulance."

Officer Watson said, "We'll have more information about Miss Bahar tomorrow. We'll notify you when we've located her boyfriend. I'm sincerely happy that you have your son back safe and sound."

When everyone left, Senem, Tarkan, and Hasan went to bed. They slept together. The bed was crowded but comforting.

"Wake up," Tarkan said. "It's a beautiful day. Let's call Turkey. We need to tell our families the wonderful news. But first, my son, let me give you a big hug."

"Daddy!" Hasan said. Senem watched them with a smile on her face.

They called their families in Turkey. Everyone was relieved.

"That's one less thing to worry me," said Senem's mother.

"What do you mean, Mama?" asked Senem.

“It is nothing for you to bother about.”

“Mama. Tell me.”

“It is just some earth tremors. There were a few small ones west of the city, and in towns almost as far as the coast. I hope it isn’t getting ready for a big one.”

“You worry too much,” Senem said.

Detective Sanchez phoned. He said that Emine was not responding to questions. Also, they found Alex and arrested him. Alex said the kidnapping was all his idea. He wanted Emine to marry him.

Senem felt very sad for Emine. She told Ruth, “Is so sad. Emine did wrong thing, but she is good person. I am very scared about her. If she get deported to Turkey, it will be bad for her. I think Turkish court will not be easy with her. Maybe she will go to jail for long time. I don’t know what the criminal law say is punishment for this crime.”