**CHAPTER 40**

**“Ang Karapatan at Lakas”**

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**Abstract**

The analysis of the Karapatan at Lakas is in chapter 40 of the Noli Me Tangere where the powerful people abuse their power over the Filipinos. Rizal is known for being able to write a powerful and impactful novel in his time that was able to cause the Filipino People to revolt against the Spaniards. In the novel, Ibarra is trying to enter the theatre where he wants to find Maria Clara who is his girlfriend. The Priest is mad because they’re jealous of Ibarra who’s just trying to find his girlfriend. The priest left the venue due to anger and made them stop the event. Two guards arrive to stop the event which the Vice Mayor agreed causing the chaos in which Maria Clara fainted. Ibarra carried Maria Clara to the healers making sure she was safe. These specific chapters made me think and reflect on the current affairs of the country. There were similarities between Sara Duterte's issues and the concerned citizen asking the police who was causing the traffic making way for the Vice President which is Sara Duterte. It caused chaos because the police sued the concerned citizen and netizens of the Philippines sided with that person.

The current affair of the Philippines is very concerning where powerful people abuse their very alarming power. There were a lot of crises in the country, but their priority was getting more power by making their families elected over and over. They didn’t want to fix the broken education system but made it worse by getting the people who did not have qualifications or questionable cases still get top positions. We can see how it was like the Noli Me Tangere where they want the masses to stay ignorant so they don’t fight back on their rights they should know. As a fellow Filipinos, it is our right to be educated and to help our fellow Filipinos to be educated to know what is right and we should make those people in power aware that they should not abuse their power.