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Faye jolted as the blood drained from her face. She paled and her expression was caught between a grimace and embarrassment.

Zayn creased his brows as he looked toward where the voice was. It was a depraved-looking man who was making his way toward them with a smirk. He made eye contact with Moses amidst everything, looking obsequious.

Moses had not come into the hotel right away just now because he had stepped away to make a call to look into Zayn. His probing did not disappoint him. In fact, it was a huge surprise to him!

Faye was not married to 'someone.' Her husband had gotten married into her family instead! This husband of hers was a loser and was rather infamous in Waltz City for that very fact. A lot of people knew him. Moses also found out that Faye was not close to her husband because the man had done plenty of things to embarrass her in recent years.

To be honest, he was elated when he heard the news.

This was a chance sent by the heavens. He still had high hopes of winning Faye. After all, a gem like her was rare everywhere. It did not matter even though she was married. Youngsters these days were open-minded, and cohabitating couples were more than common. Truthfully, dating and being married seemed to feel the same. Moses did not have a virgin complex, so it would be wonderful if he managed to court Faye!

Certainly, there was no way he would keep this piece of information to himself.

From Faye's reaction, she was not quite ready to let her ex-schoolmates find out about it. If it came from someone else's mouth, however, it would embarrass her and prompt her to resent Zayn. Moses would then have the opportunity to take advantage of the situation.

That was how the scene just now came by. Moses dropped the bomb through a flunkey's mouth.

"What?"

"Did I hear it right? Faye got her husband to marry into her family?"

"Shocking... Isn't Faye the most gorgeous thing ever? Why is she getting someone to marry into her family? With what she has, she could marry any successful businessman she wants!"

People began to talk, the discussion growing more heated than it had been earlier, and their gazes toward Zayn changed in nature.

Faye was mortified. She really regretted coming with Zayn. 'Faye, oh, Faye. Did a donkey kick your head? Why would you ask Zayn to come along? Isn't it great now? You're getting embarrassed now!'

Their homeroom teacher coughed and tried to mediate the situation. "John Holmes, stop with the nonsense. Nobody gets married into families anymore in this era."

The perverse-looking John chuckled. "Teach, I'm not making this up. Faye's husband did marry into the family. Why else do you think she wouldn't introduce him?"

Faye kept quiet. She wanted to maintain a natural expression, but it was too hard, and she simply could not do it.

Noting Faye's reaction, the group understood that John was speaking the truth and that this man beside her was her husband who married himself off. The discussion broke out louder with more mocking and gloating.

John supplied the details in the midst of this, citing how useless Zayn was as a man who had married into his wife's family and could not get a job. When he got to the funnier bits, it amused a good number of people and the mood livened up, except that it was still torture to Faye.

Zayn wore a dark expression as he stood up to say, "Are you guys done? Shut your trap if you are!"

He was loud. In addition to his seriousness, it intimidated a lot of the gossipers and they stopped their teasing.

Zayn continued to say, “Yes, I married into Faye’s family, but I’m not a loser! What’s between me and Faye isn’t something for you to comment on either!”

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John laughed. “Right, you aren’t a loser. Losers can find themselves a job, but you can’t even get one. Hahaha...”

His guffaw caused others to laugh as well while Moses was already roaring with laughter.

Just when Zayn wanted to say more, Faye tugged at his shirt and glared at him with a pale face, puncturing all of his vehemence.

Seeing that he had achieved the effect he wanted, Moses clapped. “Alright, alright! Don’t cross the line, guys. We should stop now. Faye’s our long-time friend. Whatever she’s chosen, it’s her business. We should be supporting her instead of mocking her.”

Since he held a significant status, everyone else kept quiet since he had voiced out his opinion.

After a slight pause, Moses stood up and said with a grin, "It's been so long since we've gathered. I asked all of you to be here tonight because I was thinking about having a reunion for us to reconnect. Secondly, I'd also like to let all of you know that you can call me if you face any challenges in the future. I'll help however I can."

The old schoolmates hooted in delight and adored Moses even more. The single ladies, especially, wore sparkling eyes and were dying to throw themselves at him.

Moses continued to speak, "Alright, I know that a lot of you quite like Cristian, so I've invited him over tonight to sing for us and sign a few autographs. I hope that you guys are happy with the arrangement."

"Holy sh*t! Moses, did you really get Cristian to come here?"

"Whoo! Terrific! Moses, I love you!"

"Moses, let me bear your children..."

"That's amazing! You mean the hotshot Cristian who sang 'Happy', right?"

"Yeah, what other Cristian do you have in the showbiz?"

“This is over the top! We’re talking about a celebrity! An appearance like this has got to cost hundreds of thousands of dollars!”

“Money’s not an issue now. This is a matter of pride. Moses is awesome!”

The news dropped like a revelation to the group. Everyone, even the homeroom teacher, was ecstatic as they called their families to ask them to come over and watch the singer. This was a noteworthy moment, and they were going to look so good when they recorded a clip and uploaded it to their social media.

Moses was pleased by his schoolmates’ response. This was something he had prepared a long time ago. It was by chance that he got to know Cristian. Combined with his friend’s acquaintance, he got to ask Cristian over with a lower price, accomplishing this reputable feat!

Moses also knew that Faye liked Cristian. When the latter came to sing, Moses would surely earn Faye’s favorable impression. As for the loser Zayn who married into her family? He was trash, an unworthy opponent

Faye turned in anticipation when she heard the news. There was finally some color to her blanched face. On the other hand, Zayn was puzzled. What was going on? Moses had booked Cristian? What a coincidence... He had no idea how many Cristians there were in show business and was unsure if it was a similar sounding name, so he asked curiously, “Is the Cristian they’re talking about the small-time star who acted in ‘The Priest’?”

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Zayn's question was posed to Faye, but the people around them heard him and widened their eyes. "What? You don't even know Cristian?"

"Goodness, no way! Don't you know who Cristian is? Faye, does your husband come from Mars?"

"Hold on, what did he say just now? Cristian's a small-time star? Ha, hilarious not! He isn't that capable, but he's pretty capable of shooting his mouth off."

People around them started to mock him and stared at Zayn like they were looking at some idiot. Cristian's female fans, specifically, did not have even an inkling of positive feelings for Zayn. They thought that he was ignorant and arrogant. How dare he call Cristian a small-time star? Although he had been caught up in a scandal half a year ago and kept a low profile now, he was still a celebrity who ordinary people could hardly meet.

Faye seethed and pinched Zayn. "Can you please talk less? Don't you think you have embarrassed me enough?"

Zayn looked back at her innocently. "I was just asking if it's the Cristian who starred in 'The Priest.' How's that embarrassing you?"

“Are you talking back?” Faye glared at him. “Which young person wouldn’t know about Cristian? And you called him small-time. What are you doing if not embarrassing me? I knew that I shouldn’t have brought you along!”

Zayn rolled his eyes, feeling rather exasperated and helpless. “I wasn’t wrong. Cristian is a small-time star, one who’s past his fame, too. If he sees me, he’s going to have to bow down to me.”

The man was not boasting. He had just met Cristian two days ago and clearly remembered that Cristian looked like he was about to burst into tears at the end of their encounter. If Cristian saw him now, he would probably have to kneel down and beg for Zayn’s forgiveness.

Ah, who would know that this world was so small sometimes? Who would have thought that Zayn would be seeing Cristian when he was attending a school gathering with Faye?

In spite of it, Zayn’s honesty seemed like the face of shamelessness to Faye. Others who heard him were laughing uncontrollably, deeming him as a lunatic.

“Hey, hey, quiet down, guys. I have something to tell you!”

A plump woman stood up with a clap to announce loudly, pulling everyone’s attention to her instantly. She continued to say, “Faye’s husband, who married into her family, said that Cristian is just a small-time star, one who’s gone past his fame, and that Cristian

would have to be deferential toward him when he sees him! So... all of you have mistaken him just now. He's no loser. He's a secret mogul! Even Cristian has to show respect to him, hahaha..."

Her tone was taunting. She even glanced at Zayn in mockery when she finished.

The rest of them broke out in a guffaw at her words, making the hall incredibly joyous in the blink of an eye. Moses was startled before a chuckle escaped him, and he hooted with laughter with tears collecting in his eyes. Zayn was a fool. There was probably something wrong with his brain for him to even say something like that! Faye, too—her taste was really something to have selected someone like this to marry into her family!

Faye flushed instantly. She could no longer stand Zayn. If there was a crack on the floor right now, she was going to bury herself there and then without any hesitation. It was humiliating! What sin had she ever done in her past life to have to marry Zayn? Right now, Faye's eyes were red while her nose seemed pinched. She really wanted to cry.

Taking in how she looked, Zayn went silent and heaved a long sigh. He had already maintained a low profile. Why were there always idiots provoking him? He could not help feeling like he attracted drama and caused chaos wherever he went, just like

people said.

Zayn held Faye's hand and said seriously, "Fifi, don't fret. I won't embarrass you this time."

Unfortunately, Faye did not believe him at all. She flung his hand away and barked, “Don’t touch me. I’ve had enough!”

With that, she stood up and left, leaving Zayn to call out, “Fifi, where are you going?”

“It’s none of your d*mned business!” Faye made a beeline to the washroom without turning back.

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Zayn remained as the gathering’s laughing stock after Faye left. Nonetheless, he was, of course, unaffected by them. Not only was

he not angered, but he also smiled meaningfully. He was rather interested now. What would these people look like when Cristian came later?

His calm composure, to them, became the sign of shamelessness, and they were further peeved by him.

Moses received a call at that moment and sprang up, looking surprised and giddy. “You’re here? Okay, alright. I’ll come out to welcome you right now!”

Hanging up, he took a deep breath and flashed a grin at everyone. “Good news, guys. Cristian’s here and he’s coming right up.”

“WOW!”

“The celeb’s here!”

“I’m sooo excited!”

The mood peaked as everyone got ecstatic over the arrival of the singer. Zayn was the only one shaking his head in discretion, thinking that these people were boring. Was there a need to look like they were meeting a deity when they were, in fact, only seeing a small-time star?

Moses went out to welcome Cristian though not before glancing at Zayn in contempt.

A short moment later, a group of people appeared at the entrance. Practically over a hundred people were escorting a young handsome man inside, and who else would it be if not Cristian who Zayn had met not too long ago?

Cristian had recovered his sophisticated charm now. He looked fresh and clean with thick bangs covering his forehead, going for a youthful popstar aesthetic. Other than

him, his manager, Shannon, assistant, and two bodyguards from the other day were present as well.

Cristian looked radiant with his bright smile. Faced with the admiration of so many people, his initial glum mood was finally perking up. Since he offended Zayn and got blacklisted by Violet Vision, he had been in a slump. He had been frustrated, even lost sleep, and felt incredibly awful. He had thought that his career was coming to its end.

He wanted to apologize to the chairman of Violet Vision. He would do it even if he was asked to get down on his knees and bow in acknowledgment for his mistake!

Alas, the chairman was elusive! Cristian did not even have the chance to see him. His manager had pulled a lot of strings in these two days but failed to contact him nonetheless. They were also blocked by Sean.

Cristian was immensely regretful about the consequences today. If he were given an opportunity to start over, he was never offending that common-looking young man again!

Sigh... If he had not offended the chairman of Violet Vision, he would not have come to sing here for a mere couple of hundreds of thousands of dollars no matter how badly he was faring.

Obviously, Moses had no idea about this. When he welcomed Cristian and stepped into the venue with him, he felt enlivened it was like his stride was boosted- at the sight of so many admiring and impressed faces.

“Cristian, it’s great that you’re able to make it to sing for us. It’s our honor to have you!” Moses fawned over him.

“Ha, Mr. Belon, you’re too kind,” said Cristian, keeping up with his uppish appearance.

It was undeniable that he was pretty good-looking. Women were flocking and pushing to get themselves closer to him, shouting his name. If it were not for Cristian’s bodyguards, they would probably have pounced on him by now.

As they chatted and entered the hotel, Moses made a sharp turn in their conversation and his tone turned teasing as he announced, “Cristian, I’d like you to meet someone before you sing.”

“Oh, who’s that?” Cristian was curious.

As Moses faked a cough, the grin on his face widened. “This is my friend’s husband who married into her family. He told us that you’re a small—time star just now, and that you’d be deferential toward him when you see him and not dare to act up in front of him...”

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Moses could not hold it in and guffawed first after he said the words. The rest of his old schoolmates followed, the chorus of laughter loudly bubbling through the hotel.

Cristian was taken aback. He did not join in the laughter, suddenly feeling a sense of foreboding. “Mr. Belon, where’s this person you mention?”

Moses jabbed a finger. “There, that’s him.”

When Cristian’s eyes followed Moses’ finger, he saw a man dressed casually with his legs crossed sitting on a chair and munching on some nuts. There was no one around him and he looked lonely by himself.

Despite that, the man did not appear awkward or upset by his situation. Instead, there was an easy smile on his face like he was unfazed by any of it.

Cristian felt a tremor run through him when he got a clear view of the man. His eyes bulged and he could not believe who it was!

Was that not Violet Vision’s chairman who he had just met two days ago? Why was he there?

Cristian dared not trust his senses. His first instinct was that his eyes were playing a trick on him. The chairman of Violet Vision was a man of great prestige. There was no way he was mixing around with these commoners.

Shannon, his manager, was equally shocked by the sight of him. They both saw the same disbelief reflected in each other's eyes when they exchanged glances. Then, they were struck by delight, surprise, terror, anxiousness, and all sorts of complicated emotions.

They were certain that the person munching on nuts over there was Violet Vision's chairman, but they could not figure out why they were meeting him at that location. Was this a coincidence or was the man forcing them into a corner?

For a moment, the star and his manager were quite nervous.

As the group witnessed Cristian and Shannon's roller coaster of emotions, they thought their celebrity guest had gotten angry. Moses was quick to try to remedy it. "Haha, it's a joke. I was just joking. He's out of his mind. We can ignore him."

Moses simply ignored Cristian and whispered to his manager, "Shannon, what do we do now?"

Shannon let out a wry chuckle. "What else could we do? We go there and greet him! Hopefully, this is just a coincidence..."

Suddenly, Shannon's eyes glowed when she recalled something. "I think it is a coincidence. From the looks of it, Violet Vision's chairman keeps a low profile and these people don't know about his status. We must show our reverence and humility and work with him to wow these people! If we play our cards right, who knows? We might break through this dead end and sign with Violet Vision Media Corp!"

Shannon's words thrilled Cristian. He nodded vigorously and composed himself before briskly walking over to Zayn.

"Eh, Cristian?" Overcoming his surprise, Moses gave chase.

The others gloated in Zayn's anticipated misery, assuming that Cristian had been offended and pinned the blame on him.

"Faye's husband is going get his butt kicked, haha!"

"One's misfortune comes from careless talk. I really don't get it. Faye's got everything going for her, so why did she get an idiot to marry into her family?"

"He's clearly a dimwit for even saying what he did. Serves him right. He brought all this trouble on himself."

“Just you wait Grab the popcorn. The show’s starting.”

The crowd chattered as they followed Cristian.

When the star arrived before Zayn, he took a deep breath and did something that baffled everyone else.