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All they could see was Cristian standing upright as he faced Zayn. Then, with a 90-degree bow, his voice was extremely respectful and humbled as he shouted, "Sir, it was my mistake for behaving like that previously. I'm sorry for being so rude and offending you. I hope that you won't keep the matter to heart and be merciful by giving me another chance, sir."

Cristian was extremely earnest as he said that, his eyes had gone red and he had a sincere attitude as he begged desperately. He was completely different from how he had been cold and arrogant previously. 'If the chairman still refuses to forgive me, I'll get down on my knees without a second thought.'

The crowd had become so eerily silent that anyone could have heard the sound of a pin dropping.

Everyone was stunned and their minds went blank momentarily. They could not believe that whatever had just happened was true. 'Cristian actually bowed respectfully to Faye's husband and even desperately begged for forgiveness? What's going on here? Isn't her husband a useless deadbeat who married into the Carters? Wasn't he unable to even secure a job?

'Why does all this seem so unreal?'

This was especially true for Moses. He was completely shocked as his mind was in turmoil. He was completely unable to understand why something like that had happened. ‘This doesn’t make sense at all!’

Shannon, Cristian’s manager, who stood aside hurriedly bowed as well and said in a n extremely humble manner, “Sir...”

Then, Zayn spoke out to interrupt her, “Please call me Mr. Larson.”

Shannon instantly rephrased her sentence and said, “Mr. Larson, whatever that happened previously was our fault. No matter what it was, we shouldn’t have offended you, Mr. Larson. We hope that you will be merciful and give us a second chance. Is that alright?”

It was at that moment that Zayn raised his head to look at them and revealed a slight smile on his face. “I heard you’re here to sing, aren’t you?”

When Cristian saw Zayn’s smile, he was able to relax his nervous mood a little and hurriedly said, “Yes, that’s right, I’m here to sing today. Is there anything that you would like to ask of me, Mr. Larson?”

Zayn then said, “Then, carry on and sing your songs.”

“Sure, sure!” Then, Cristian probingly asked, “So, sir, have you forgiven—”

Before he even finished his sentence, Shannon instantly nudged him and shot him a look. Cristian trembled and did not dare to ask any further.

It was at that very moment that the crowd was able to regain their senses. They finally realized that this turn of events was real and not part of their hallucination!

For a moment, they were unable to say anything as they gaped at Zayn in shock.

No matter how foolish they were, they would have definitely realized that Zayn was not some kind of deadbeat but a hugely influential figure, the huge owner of a company! Otherwise, why would Cristian, a major celebrity, behave so respectfully in front of him?

In fact, even a person like Moses, who was also the owner of a company, was treated completely differently when Cristian addressed him.

Instantly, everyone’s attitude towards Moses became much colder, and they no longer held the worship and admiration they had for him a moment ago. Instead, some of them even felt that Moses was terribly fake. ‘How could Moses actually flaunt that small amount of profit he made when Faye’s husband, a largely influential figure, has kept such a low profile?’ When he met their gazes, Moses’s expression became extremely ugly, worse than when someone had accidentally eaten something extremely foul!

'For the life of me, I just can't figure out why a major celebrity like Cristian would actually have such a huge difference in attitude towards Zayn.'

Even Fred, who had a run-in with Zayn a while ago, had turned completely pale. As he trembled, he hurriedly ran towards Zayn and lowered his head as he apologized, begging for the latter to forget about everything that had just happened.

Zayn merely waved his hand and chased him away.

At that moment, Faye walked out of the washroom. When she saw a bunch of people surrounding Zayn and frantically currying favor with him, she was stunned.

In her heart, she began to be suspicious. 'Did something happen?'

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"Faye, you're really something else! How could you not have told us that your husband is so awesome?"

"That's right. You've clearly married into a wealthy family, yet you were so modest by saying you weren't. That's just absurd. Were you afraid that we would snatch your husband away from you?"

“That’s what I was saying. Faye used to be the prettiest girl in our school and is perfect, so how could she have been married to a commoner?”

“Exactly...”

The moment Faye walked over, she was surrounded by a bunch of her female classmates who were continuously currying favor with her. This dumbfounded Faye completely since she did not know what had just happened. “What are you talking about? Why don’t I understand a word you’re saying?”

“Look at you, still feigning ignorance. You’re actually afraid that we’d snatch your husband away from you.”

“That’s right. Your husband was so cool just now. Even Cristian respectfully called him Mr. Larson just now. That was so freaking awesome! Speaking of which, Faye, What does your husband do? Why didn’t we hear about it from you before?”

The women began trying to find out more about Zayn’s identity.

However, Faye merely frowned as she wondered, ‘Why can’t I make a single sense of what they’re trying to say?’

Soon, after her female classmates explained things to her in an incoherent ramble, Faye was finally able to understand the gist of everything. At that moment, she was also very surprised.

'After being married for four years, I should be the person who understands Zayn the most. But why didn't I know that he and Cristian knew each other? He even made Cristian call him Zayn politely? This all seems like a dream!'

Faye was very confused at that moment. She then walked over to pull Zayn to one side before she asked with a frown, "What happened?"

"What do you mean what happened?"

Zayn blinked his eyes.

"Stop playing dumb with me!" Faye pinched him. "Hurry up and explain clearly!"

When Zayn saw that she had actually become angry, he stopped building up the suspense and said with a smile, "Didn't I save Jordan once previously? Later on, I met up with Jordan and coincidentally got to know Cristian. Cristian thinks that I'm Jordan's relative, so he was just courteous to me when he saw me just now."

“Is that true?” Faye was slightly skeptical. ‘I can’t shake the feeling that Zayn’s become much more secretive than before. It’s like he’s hiding something from me.’

Zayn then said without batting an eyelid, “Of course, it’s true. Why would I lie to you? Besides, aren’t you the clearest about my background?”

Faye then believed his words. ‘Indeed, I know Zayn’s background very well. He’s just a poor kid from the countryside. I suppose this can only be the reason then.’

Faye then stopped thinking too much about the matter and rolled her eyes at Zayn before she said in a bad temper, “I see you really do know how to put on an act. If Cristian finds out that you’re lying to him, he’s definitely going to hate you.”

“Hehe, would he dare to?”

“What did you say?”

“Nothing, nothing at all.” Zayn shook his head and pointed at Cristian who was singing on the stage and said, “Let’s listen to some music.”

'I must say, as a famous celebrity, Cristian really does know a thing or two about singing. I can see that many people have taken out their phones to record a video of him to send to post on their social media to show off.'

Noticing Zayn's gaze on him, Cristian sang with even more motivation.

After that song, he took it upon himself and loudly said, "Next, I'm going to sing a song called 'Happy' which I would like to dedicate to Mr. Larson and his wife. I wish that their marriage will be everlasting and everloving till death do them apart!"

Instantly, the spotlights were all directed at Faye and Zayn as everyone cast envious gazes at them. This was especially true for Faye's female classmates whose eyes were red with jealousy.

The audience then gave them a heated round of applause.

Faye's face instantly turned red as her heart raced non-stop. Lub—dub...Lub—dub...

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Zayn grabbed the opportunity to hold her hand and revealed a warm smile to her.

Faye struggled for a moment, but when she noticed that she could not break free, she allowed Zayn to hold her hand as he pleased.

‘Speaking of which, this is actually the first time Zayn has held my hand since we were married for so long. It actually hurts a little.’

Then, some people amongst the crowd were happy while some were sad. Many of Faye’s male classmates who secretly loved her could not help but feel jealous. When they saw that their female goddess for many years had finally found her other half, they could not help but feel envious and jealous of Zayn.

This was especially true for Moses, whose eyes had turned icy-cold as he clenched his fists tightly with his teeth grinding against each other.

‘I’ve gone through so much to prepare for tonight’s gathering, even going so far as to bear all the expenses incurred and even inviting Cristian over to perform, just to show off in front of everyone with a huge bang. Then, I was going to win over Faye in one fell swoop and walk the path of the greatest victory in life. Unfortunately, Zayn’s appearance has ruined all of my plans and snatched the fruits of my labor away from me.’

At that moment, Moses’s envy and hatred towards Zayn had reached its peak.

‘I’m clearly supposed to be the one to enjoy everyone’s admiration, yet Zayn ended up taking all of that away. I hate this. I refuse to admit defeat!’

When humans faced extreme distortion in their emotions, they made very extreme decisions easily.

Moses took a deep look into Zayn's eyes and then walked to the side to make a phone call.

"Hello, is this King? It's me, Moses...Here's the thing. Are you free at the moment? I would like to borrow some of your men to beat someone up for me..."

After he hung up, Moses had a snicker on his face as he revealed a cold smile on his face. 'Hmph, Zayn, is it? Just you wait! No one has ever made me feel so much shame in my life before. Your retribution is coming for you right now!'

At that moment, there was a complete turn of events at the school gathering. No one went up to curry favor with Moses anymore. Instead, their eyes were set on Faye and Zayn.

That was the first time Faye actually felt like she was the main character, hence her mood became better because of it, especially when Cristian, the major celebrity had behaved so courteously towards her. All of these made her feel like she was in a dream.

After the school gathering was over and she returned to her car, she regained her senses and exclaimed, "No wonder everyone dreams of becoming a famous and respectable person."

Zayn started the car and had a deep, meaningful expression as he responded, "We can also become famous and respectable people as well."

Faye rolled her eyes at him and said sourly, "Heh, in our next life, you mean?"

Zayn faintly smiled and did not explain much to her.

After they left the resort and drove on another road, Zayn suddenly frowned and took a look at his rearview mirror before an interesting smile crept onto his face.

'Someone's following us.'

Zayn suddenly said to Faye, "Sit tight. I'm going to speed up now."

Faye said, "Why would you drive so fast? It's still early. There's no hurry for us to reach home."

"Someone's following behind us."

“What?!” Faye was stunned for a moment. “Who is it?”

“I’m not sure,” Zayn said, “But it’s likely that Moses sent them.”

“Moses?” Faye frowned and said, “Why would he send someone to follow us? You’re probably thinking too much about this. Moses has an excellent character and is a decent person.”

“I wouldn’t be so sure. I stole his spotlight tonight, so it’s likely that he’s coming after me for revenge because he can’t swallow his pride,” Zayn explained with a smile.

Faye disagreed angrily, “Stop being so petty. I know Moses’s character very well. He wouldn’t do this.”

However, right after she said that, a car suddenly appeared right in front of the road and directly parked horizontally to stop them in their tracks.

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Zayn was able to react quickly, thus he instantly stepped on the brakes.

The air was instantly filled with the sound of his tires screeching and rubbing on the floor, followed by a faint burning smell.

However, even so, Zayn was still unable to brake in time, and he crashed into the car in front of him, causing the other car to have a huge dent in the middle.

Due to the huge inertia, Faye could not help but lean forward, causing her chest to be lacerated by her seat belt.

“Oh, no, how did we end up hitting another car again?” Faye cried nervously.

Soon, the two cars behind them surrounded their car. At the same time, two to three large hunks got out of all three cars and surrounded both Zayn and Faye.

“Where are your eyes? Do you know how to drive? You’ve completely wrecked my car! Get out of the car right now!”

A large and tall hunk slammed Zayn’s car bonnet with a loud bang. He had a very fierce expression on his face, and it was obvious that he was definitely hostile.

When Faye saw this, her face instantly became very pale and she became horribly frightened.

However, Zayn patted her hand and said to her in a gentle voice, “Don’t worry. I’m here.”

Faye looked at Zayn and was a little hateful as she said, “I told you not to drive so fast. Look, we’ve gotten ourselves into trouble again and crashed into someone else. If I’d known, I’d have done the driving.”

Zayn rolled his eyes and was completely speechless. ‘It’s become her natural reaction to be so hateful towards me, isn’t it?’

He then said in a deep voice, “Stay in the car. I’ll go down and settle this.”

Faye nodded her head. After biting her lip, she then added, “Be careful.”

Zayn felt a warmth in his heart instantly and said with a smile, “Don’t worry, I’ll be fine. If you’re bored, you can just take out your cell phone and play with it.”

When Faye saw how confident Zayn looked, she could not help but feel a lot more relaxed. ‘He’s actually giving me a sense of security that’s never been there before!’

After Zayn got out of the car, he sized up his surroundings. ‘There are eight of them altogether, and they’re all large hunks with a domineering and intimidating presence.

Just one look at them is enough to tell that they're hostile and are here specifically for me.'

The large hunk leading them pointed at Zayn's nose and scowled rudely. "You little rascal, do you know how to drive? Are you blind?!"

Zayn was completely unfazed as he took a look at the car behind him. Sure enough, he saw Moses sitting inside. There was a sly expression filled with hatred on his face as he stared at Zayn.

Zayn then revealed a fake smile on his face as he said, "Guys, there's no need for you to put on an act anymore. You guys deliberately hit me."

"What did you say? Try saying one more word if you aren't afraid to die. You're the one who crashed into my car, yet you still dare to say that I'm the one who hit you?" The large, bald hunk's acting skills were absolutely bad. A single look at him was enough for anyone to tell that he was faking it.

The other large hunks began to point at Zayn's nose and scowled as well, spitting out very harsh words. Then, they boldly demanded that Zayn paid them 30 thousand dollars. Otherwise, he could forget even leaving that place.

Their expressions were very fierce as they cracked their knuckles. However, instead of scaring Zayn, Faye, who was inside the car, was horrified.

“30 thousand dollars? Are you guys robbing me? Are you actually telling me that that piece of metal junk you have is worth 30 thousand dollars?” Zayn said in disdain.

“I suppose you aren’t going to pay up if we don’t teach you a lesson!”

“Boys, let’s teach this man here a good lesson.”

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“Boss, leave it to me!” One of the large hunks who had very ripped muscles had a cruel smile on his face. He then cracked his knuckles as he walked towards Zayn, glaring at him with an extremely arrogant expression on his face. “Hey there, boy, be a good boy and pay up that 30 thousand dollars. Otherwise, don’t blame me for being rough on you!”

Zayn looked at him like a village idiot and said, “Fool.”

“What the f*ck! ” The large hunk raised his fist in a rage and was about to swing it at Zayn’s face.

As Faye watched the whole thing very clearly from inside the car, her heart seemed to skip a beat. She opened the door and loudly said, “Stop! You’re racketeering right now! I’m calling the police!”

When the men heard that, the expression on their faces instantly changed. “B*tch, you guys were the ones who hit my car, yet you have the nerve to call the police? Do you even value your lives?!”

As he said that, the bald hunk walked forwards and intended to grab Faye.

However, before he even managed to take two steps, he realized that someone was grabbing his shirt to pull him back. Then, a cold voice followed, “If you dare lay a finger on her, I’ll break your bones!”

The bald hunk did not know why, but when he heard that voice, he suddenly felt nervous and did not dare to make a move anymore.

Faye then rushed towards Zayn’s side and grabbed onto his arm. Her expression was extremely nervous. “Are you alright?”

Zayn shook his head and revealed a faint smile. “I’m fine. Didn’t I ask you to stay in the car? Why are you here?”

Faye lowered her head. ‘There’s no way I’m going to tell you that I was worried about you.’

The bald hunk turned to look behind him and locked eyes with Moses. Then, he spoke loudly, “I’m asking you one last time: are you going to pay up or not? If you don’t, I’m going to break every single bone in your body and all of us are going to take turns raping your wife!”

When she heard that, Faye’s face instantly turned pale as she began to tremble.

However, there was not an ounce of nervousness on Zayn’s face. Instead, he had a look of disdain as he said, “Enough! You don’t have to put on an act anymore. Ask Moses to come out this instant.”

A hint of surprise flashed across the bald large hunk’s eyes. ‘I never expected that he would actually be able to see through it. I’m sure I acted very realistically.’

Faye was also surprised.

“Little boy! What nonsense are you on about?! Who’s this Moses that you’re talking about? You’re trying to stall for time, aren’t you?” The bald hunk’s expression turned extremely dark as he tightly clenched his fists. As he did so, the muscles on his body shuddered and he looked very intimidating.

Zayn had a look of disdain on his face as he chuckled. He then looked at Moses, who was in the car, and said loudly, “Moses, you don’t have to hide there anymore. Come out. I know it was you who sent these men after us.”

Faye was shocked. ‘Is Zayn actually telling the truth? Could Moses have really sent these people to seek revenge? But the Moses I know isn’t like this!’

However, there was no reaction as Moses still refused to leave his car.

Just as Faye thought that Zayn was being oversensitive, Zayn looked towards Moses’s direction and provoked him by sticking out his thumb and pointing it downwards. As he did that, he waved his hand around and had an extremely scornful expression on his face.

When Moses saw that from within his car, he instantly became mad. He was already extremely furious at Zayn, but now that Zayn had humiliated him like that again, how could he possibly swallow that pride of his? As a result, he opened the car door and walked out.

“Zayn, I see that you’re quite the smart one. You actually managed to guess that it was me.” There was a cold smile on Moses’s face. “However, so what if you found out? You’re not going to be able to escape tonight! How dare you steal my spotlight? I think you’ve grown tired of living now!”

Moses had a cruel look on his face as he gave Zayn a death stare. At that moment, he had completely dropped his entire act.

When Faye spotted Moses, she was so shocked that her eyes flew wide open. Zayn then smiled at her and said, "Honey, I wasn't lying to you, was I? I told you that it was Moses who sent people after us, but you just wouldn't believe me."

Faye clenched her teeth. "Moses, why are you doing this? You weren't like this in the past."