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Embarrassed, the Lewis family excused themselves from Ruby's house earlier than they planned.

They had initially planned to stay for lunch, but that was before the humiliating call from Ted's superior. Of course, no one except Ted suffered the worst blow. After practically having eggs thrown at his face, he could not bring himself to stay here for even a second longer!

Too ashamed to stay for the meal, the Lewises fabricated an excuse and fled.

Zayn waited until their silhouettes vanished into the distance before bursting into laughter. Faye, too, came very close to giving out a guffaw.

Only Ruby seemed unamused. "Is it that funny to you? He might have been fired by Violet Vision, but at least, he has the heart to improve and be useful and become a success! He's already miles better than you just for having those qualities, Zayn Larson!" she snapped sourly, "You, on the other hand, could never hold any job for a self -respecting man. Instead, you can only work in real estate! You're an embarrassment to our family!"

Her outburst puzzled Zayn. Since when was going into real estate a humiliating profession? He personally thought it was not too bad a job, at least, any money he earned was from his earnest work and merits. He was not doing anything illegal. Based on that metric alone, his job was already way above those who operated in grey or even black areas.

"Come on, Mom. Being a real estate agent isn't embarrassing at all. I'm still earning money through honest means anyway!" Zayn retorted pointedly.

"oh, who knew that a doormat could talk back?" she clapped back "Real estate isn't exactly doing very well these days, so tell me, how much do you even earn in a month? Face it. A job that can't earn you tons of money is automatically a humiliation!"

Zayn was hard-pressed to answer Ruby, given her extremely skewed values. In the end, he just remained silent.

After Zayn had disappeared into the kitchen to prepare their lunch, Ruby yanked her daughter to a corner with an expression that could only belong to a Nosy Nancy's. "Who knew the chairman would be so rich, huh?"

Faye knew exactly what was brewing in her mother's head. "Please, Mom. Get rid of that thought. He would never like me."

While the bitter words left her lips, a pang of desolation and despair about her circumstances stung her chest.

"Well, let's not dismiss it as impossible yet!" Ruby said, "You must have more faith in yourself, Fifi! Look at you. you're beautiful. Way more beautiful than many of those so-called celebrities, anyway. You have a sexy figure, you're educated and intelligent, and you're graceful and simply alluring. Every man who has ever laid their eyes upon you wants you. And since the chairman of Violet Vision is a man, I'm sure he fell for you at first sight, too. Just like every other man."

Her mother's words rekindled the last ember of her dying hope though she ultimately shook her head with a mirthless smile.

"No, no. It won't work. Didn't you hear what Ted said? He's the city's most popular bachelor! He could just beckon to no one in particular, and all kinds of women would flood into his arms. How could someone like that even notice a woman as nondescript as me? Then, there's the fact that he's the chairman of Violet Vision Media Corp. That means there are always gorgeous female celebrities around him. I'll never stand a chance. Ever!"

Ruby sniped a glance at Zayn. After making sure he was not eavesdropping, she raised her voice and rebuked, "Now, now. That's hardly a certainty. Your mother knows what men think, and she can say this confidently: it's precisely because the chairman has seen enough of these loose wildflowers around him that it makes women like you—women who are prim and proper wife material—so intriguing!"

"Besides, weren't you the one who said it yourself? That day when you were in the Violet Vision office, he didn't even touch you...yet he still lent you a hefty sum of three million dollars. Without any conditions or bonds, at that! Doesn't that imply that he has feelings for you?"