

When Life Takes a Turn Chapter 9

Zayn was smiling, but his face was more contorted than if he had been crying.

The entire scene was ghastly quiet and the spectators were stunned. What was happening?

Many people sensed the hurt Zayn felt in his heart at that moment, and they were sympathetic toward him.

Conversely, Faye was just as cold as before. In fact, she assumed Zayn was putting on an act, so she was even more disgusted by him. "Don't worry. I won't ever be saddened by you for the rest of my life!"

Zayn lowered his head and found himself shedding tears uncontrollably.

Faye sneered without showing the slightest sympathy. Her final words were, "I'll be waiting for you at the divorce attorney's office." She spoke coldly and quickly left, stomping away in her heels.

After a while, the salesperson asked cautiously, "Mr. Larson, would you like to continue with the purchase?" She dared not speak louder as if it might shatter Zayn.

The feeling that Zayn exuded was that of extremely fragile glass that would break at the softest touch.

Coming back to his senses, he said, "Please refund the money then."

"Ah, sure..."

Holding the bank card he got from Faye, Zayn felt that it was heavy beyond comparison. He had no idea how he made his way to the attorney's office when he felt as if his soul had been pulled out of him.

In the office, Faye saw him and did not waste time making small talk. She took out the divorce papers, placed them in front of him, and said with an icy tone, "Sign it."

In his hands, the pen felt like it weighed a thousand tonnes. He wanted to beg Faye to consider not getting a divorce. He was willing to be her slave if that was what it took.

For four years, they had spent their days and nights together. Zayn had fallen irrevocably in love with her.

Faye's name was already written and signed on the divorce papers. She did it without the slightest hesitation. She no longer had any lingering feeling for him.

Zayn felt like he was a joke. He thought that he would be able to make Faye the happiest woman in the world after receiving the inheritance worth seven billion dollars. Instead, he found he was just being delusional.

Faye refused to give him any chance at all.

He took a deep breath. Just as he was clenching his teeth in preparation to sign the papers, Faye's phone rang all of a sudden. "Hello? What? Thomas is in trouble? Alright, I'm heading over right away!"

Faye could not think about the divorce anymore. She walked out in a hurry with a worried look on her face.

Zayn was astonished. Faye's younger brother was in trouble?

He reacted swiftly by chasing after Faye at once. "Fifi, what happened to your brother. Is it serious?"

Faye said anxiously, "I don't know the details of the situation, but Mom said that Thomas offended some big shot and he is being held now. I'm heading over to check out the situation!"

Thomas Carter was Faye's biological younger brother and was still a student at the university. He seldom came home on most days and he would frequently behave recklessly outside. Zayn knew that Thomas would get into trouble sooner or later due to his temperament.

Faye pondered for a moment before she made a call. "Hello, Ethan. Are you free now?"

Zayn had a complicated expression when he heard Ethan's name.

Soon enough, Ethan's voice could be heard coming from the other end of the call. "Fifi, I'm in a business discussion with a client now. However, I can drop everything immediately if you need me."

Faye could not help feeling moved by his reaction.

Ethan had been going after her for many years. In order to stay loyal to Zayn, she had always maintained a distance from Ethan. Judging by the situation now, Ethan was far superior!

She quickly told Ethan about the incident, "Ethan, there's no need for you to come if you're not free."

Ethan feigned being displeased, saying, "Hey! Fifi, how can you say that? What's yours is mine. Your brother is my brother, so I can't just do nothing and not offer to help. I'm rushing over to you now!"

Touched, Faye replied, "Thank you, Ethan."

She hung up the call. Zayn's expression was very unpleasant. He could not stop himself from saying, "Faye, Thomas is in trouble, but there's no need for you to call an outsider for assistance. I'm capable of handling the matter."

Faye's mental state had just cooled down, but upon hearing Zayn's words, her mood was ruined at once. She felt agitated by the sight of him. She ignored his presence earlier because she was in a panic, and now she wondered how the spineless worm got involved.

"Zayn, I notice that you don't have the slightest useful ability in you, but you seem to be perfectly capable of bluffing! It's some big shot that even my dad can't handle, so who are you to handle this matter?" said Faye with a sneer.

Zayn wanted to respond when Faye said impatiently once again, "Shut up. I don't want to hear your voice.

Don't stay with me when we're there later. I don't want Ethan to misunderstand."

Zayn lowered his head, clenching his fists. The excruciating grief made him dig his fingernails into his flesh.

Faye drove speedily and arrived at their destination in less than 20 minutes.

"Good heavens! Fifi, what took you so long? We were worried sick."

At the door, Zayn's father-in-law, Waine, and mother-in-law, Ruby, approached them with concern on their faces.

Faye said, "How's the situation with Thomas? Where are the others?"

Waine spoke through gritted teeth, "The little b*stard was so blind that he failed to recognize a big shot and offended someone from the Larsons. They have him now! They want us to pay a ransom of 1.5 million dollars to get him back!"

"What? One and a half million dollars?" Faye gasped in astonishment.

Waine said with a bitter expression, "That's right. Our Carter family is in a dire situation now, so how can we afford to pay 1.5 million dollars?"

"They're obviously blackmailing us. Can't we just report it to the police?" said Faye furiously.

"Fifi, don't be silly!" said Waine anxiously while he hastily covered Faye's mouth. He looked around the room in fear that someone heard her and only loosened his grip when he was certain they were safe. He said, terror-stricken, "This is the Larsons, the most powerful family in Waltz City with a terrifying amount of influence. They can destroy the Carter family with a snap of a finger! If we were to report this to the police, we'd never see Thomas again. Moreover, against the Larsons, the police will be of no use."

Faye widened her eyes in surprise. "Are the Larsons that powerful?"

Great fear emerged in Waine's eyes. "I suppose you can describe them as being unfathomable."

All of a sudden, Faye remembered that Zayn was a Larson too. Perhaps he and the Larsons... She brushed away the idea as soon as it emerged in her mind! She chided herself, 'What the heck am I thinking? How can that good-for-nothing Zayn possibly be related to the powerful, untouchable Larson family?'

Ruby said anxiously, "What should we do then? We can't report it to the police and we can't afford to fork out 1.5 million dollars either. Can we do nothing but watch helplessly as Tommy is beaten up? I can't do that. I can't do that!"

Faye's eyes reddened as well. She was about to say something when she was interrupted by the roar of a car engine coming from the distance. Soon afterward, a yellow Lamborghini stopped next to Faye after performing a beautiful drift.

"Fifi, I'm sorry for being late."

A handsome, graceful man got out of the car. It was none other than Ethan Capel, making a grandiose entrance. He looked just like a domineering company chairman and drew in the attention of many women around him. Sparks were shooting out of their eyes, including Faye's. Her heart was racing as Ethan did appear rather attractive.

Ruby immediately beamed with joy upon seeing Ethan.

"Ah, Ethan, it's you! Now that you're here, Tommy can be saved!"

The more Ruby stared at Ethan, the happier she was at the sight of him. He was much better than the useless Zayn. She should have allowed Faye to marry him in the past!

"Yes, Mrs. Carter. I immediately pulled out of the deal I was in the middle of after receiving Fifi's call and rushed over as fast as I could." As he spoke, he turned around and proudly glanced at the Lamborghini. The car was actually rented just so he could show off. In reality, he drove a BMW.

Faye's face blushed upon hearing that.

"On right, what happened to Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Carter?" asked Ethan confidently. He still had some very powerful influence in this area. In addition, Thomas was just a university student. He could only offend students from powerful families or some

gangsters at most. How much trouble could he be in?

Nevertheless, his expression changed drastically as soon as Waine told him that Thomas had offended the Larsons!

The Larson family was the most powerful in all of Waltz City! He could not afford to offend them even if his influence grew by a hundredfold!