

When Life Takes a Turn – Chapter 0075

Faye raised her head suddenly, and without concealing her emotions, swung her hand hard and struck Zayn on the cheek.

“Just shut the hell up, Zayn Larson! I’ve had enough of you! I’ve told you over and over again that I don’t want you to plague me with troubles. But you never listen, do you? This is your petty way of getting vengeance against me, isn’t it? You have the gall to claim you can prevent me from suffering any injustice, but what do you have that could guarantee that?!”

The blow was uncannily sharp—so much so, Zayn was too bewildered to react.

The rest of the room did not waste time before indulging in schadenfreude. Some of them clapped, including Howard himself. All the fear and panic he felt before was gone, replaced by an expression of genuine mirth. Zayn was such an enormous moron, was he not? He was so brainless that he did not even know how someone as stupid as himself could not possibly have ratted him out successfully. In fact, Howard thought that Zayn’s eagerness only served to clear him of any suspicions!

George banged on the table again. “Alright, that’s enough. All of you, quiet! I’m asking you one last time, who took the money and what was it used for? Stand up right now and confess to your crime. If we get all 1.5 million dollars back, I’ll consider a pardon.”

That was what he said on the surface, but everyone knew it was impossible.

Howard’s head shrank into his neck again. No matter what happened, he had to continue claiming innocence. It was then when Hector suddenly spoke up, “Say, where’s Thomas?”

Thomas Carter, Faye’s brother, had always liked family gatherings of this kind. Today was the only exception.

“He’s at school, studying for his test,” Waine replied.

“Studying? Oh, really? I would bet the truth is something very different!” Hector rebuked, his tone hinting at dark designs. “We’ve all seen what Thomas is like! Since when has he ever done any actual studying?”

Ruby was immediately annoyed. “What’s that supposed to mean, Hector? One moment you people claimed there was a double agent in the family who helped themselves to 1.5 million dollars, and now you’re bringing my son up?”

“From what I know about Thomas, he’s gotten into trouble by ignoring his studies to spend time gambling, hasn’t he?” Hector added, “And of all the casinos he could visit, he picked the one Gordon Hayes owns...”

Just like that, everyone in the crowd understood what he was implying. Hector was mounting a case against Waine as the possible culprit.

It did not take long for Waine and his family to catch on as well, and Faye was particularly horrified.

“What is the meaning of this, brother? Just say what you mean to say! Are you suspecting me as the one who siphoned that 1.5 million away?” Waine argued testily.

“Isn’t it obvious enough? Everyone knows what kind of man your precious Tommy is. He’s a little scoundrel whose hobbies consist of fighting, womanizing, drinking, and gambling,” Hector sneered. “He’s even taken to borrowing money from online loan sharks, hasn’t he? Please don’t insult us by thinking you can pull the wool over all of our eyes.”

Faye was quick to counter, “Uncle Hector, have you any concrete evidence that proves that we stole the money? Thomas might be a little wayward, but he’s just a young man who’s still confused. And his habit of borrowing money online is already long past him! We’ve even cleared the debt he owed! And that’s not counting the fact that all of you have kicked me out of the board of directors the day before yesterday. How could I possibly still possess access to the company’s funds?”

Howard rose to his feet and snickered. “It’s precisely because you were kicked out of the board that you have motive to do something so heinous! You wanted to get revenge on the Carters by embezzling that money! You might have lost your privilege, but your father retains his, no?”

Faye was seething from the man's accusation. "Howard Carter, don't you dare make unfounded accusations against me. I never planned any revenge against the Carters, and no one instructed me to take a cent from the funds!"

Waine and Ruby, too, were so exasperated by the turn of events that they leaped to their feet and launched their most blustering rebuttals. Unfortunately, a family of three was no match for the extended Carter clan and their salvos of savage, rage-filled censures. They were quickly becoming victims to the majority as their combined strength proved to be insufficient.

The more the Carters debated, the more they believed the narrative that Faye vindictively stole such a crucial amount of cash to get back at them. Howard even started floating the idea of reporting them to law enforcement and sending the family to prison.

Just then, from the main entrance, a large group of tall, muscular brutes sauntered into the shop. The one leading them was none other than Gordon, the same man who shared a meal with Zayn just two days ago.