

# When Life Takes a Turn – Chapter 0036

“Huh?” Sean was so startled that his mind had drawn a complete blank. He struggled to figure out what tricks the chairman had up his sleeves. He treaded carefully with his words, “Yes, that’s true. In truth, I was only joking with the Carters. I never intended for them to legitimately bring me such a beautiful woman...”

Sean carefully noted the changes in Zayn’s expressions at all times. He was anxious beyond belief—the young chairman’s actions were incredibly unpredictable. His agreement between the Carters, which put three million dollars in their possession, was sworn to secrecy. No information was released to any uninvolved parties, yet the new chairman had somehow caught wind of it. From that alone, he could tell that he had extraordinary capabilities.

Bang!

Zayn slammed the table in outrage. It startled Sean so much that he began to tremble, before stumbling and falling over. “Sean Wilson! How bold of you!”

“S—sir, s—sir, sir...” The color had drained out of Sean’s face, leaving nothing but a ghastly husk. He was shivering excessively. Fear had taken over his entire body. “I was wrong, I was so very wrong. I’m begging you to put me in my place, sir!”

Zayn stared at Sean, sending a chill down his spine. “Alright, tell me what you’ve done wrong then.”

“I...I...” Sean’s lips were twitching as his mind spun into a downward spiral. He could not explain his wrongdoings right away. Well, what had he done wrong anyway? The Carters were just a small, petty family when you looked at the bigger picture. Moreover, their family business did not operate properly, causing their net worth to deteriorate. They could be considered mere bums at this point. Even if he were to sleep with the most beautiful woman in the Carter family, he could opt out of paying them without many repercussions.

“Are you just going to stand there?” Zayn’s gaze grew colder and colder.

Sensing the pressure that was being put on him, sweat had begun to pour from Sean's forehead. He looked like he was on the verge of crying his eyes out. He could not bring himself to come up with a reason, so he could only resort to doing one thing—he shouted at the top of his lungs as he slapped himself multiple times in quick succession, “I was wrong, I was wrong!”

Zayn waited for Sean to finish destroying his face with swollen palm marks before declaring, “Alright, stop putting up such a pathetic performance.”

Zayn waited for Sean to stop before he continued, “I know what you're thinking. You think that the Carters are a bunch of nobodies who just happen to own a company. Even if you were to sleep with Faye Carter and refuse your part of the deal, the Carters could do nothing in retaliation. You think you have free reign to just do as you please, isn't that right?”

“Yes, yes, yes. You know me like the back of your hand, sir. You're incredibly insightful as expected. I know I was wrong!” Sean nodded profusely, even more in awe of Zayn's presence. The new chairman was clearly not a simple man. To his surprise, Zayn was able to read his mind with a single glance.

Zayn stared at Sean in indignation as he spoke, “Sean, you're an industry veteran. How could you be so brainless? It's true that the Carters are a small family, so if you were to shamelessly take advantage of them, there would genuinely be nothing they could do. Despite this, you shouldn't forget that we're currently in the age of information, where everything is readily accessible at the touch of a screen. Any piece of information could be easily spread online, especially on social media. On the other hand, you're the director of Violet Vision. Should you see yourself involved in a scandal, Violet Vision's reputation would be on the line! Its market value would drop promptly after. Would you ever be able to shoulder such a mighty responsibility?”

Every carefully crafted sentence that left Zayn's lips progressively turned Sean's skin ghostly white. “Sir, I shall drop the deal at once! I promise that I won't jeopardize Violet Vision's reputation.”

“Hmm.” Zayn nodded. Meanwhile, Zayn's phone—which had been lying on the table—chimed to notify him of a text message. He had set an image of Faye as his phone's wallpaper. Sean had noticed it in passing and could not suppress his shock. Why did the person in the photo look so familiar?

“I’m not opposed to the idea of you loaning money to the Carters, but you’re not allowed to have any inappropriate thoughts about Faye from now on. Do you understand?” Zayn asked with a solemn stare.

“I promise that I won’t!” Sean nodded strenuously, only relaxing when Zayn left the meeting room. His entire body was drenched in cold sweat. The new chairman truly was a handful.

When he managed to steady his breathing, he resumed his initial train of thought. As Sean slowly analyzed the events that had happened earlier, he deduced that it held a rather important place in the chairman’s heart. Zayn had even kept him back after the meeting had been adjourned to discuss the matter in detail.

In all frankness, this was simply a trifling matter. To start, the possibility of the company’s reputation being tarnished was very unlikely. The Carters were a small family. Even if they did manage to get media coverage about the whole ordeal, it would not affect him at all. Besides, there was no evidence that could be traced back to him, so he was fully capable of suing the Carters on the grounds of slander with his manipulative tactics. The Carters would only end up losing more.

As a result, it was illogical for the new chairman to punish him for something so trivial. After the interaction from earlier, he did not see the chairman as an ordinary man. The new chairman must have had his own reasons! As an experienced veteran who had been working in the industry for years, it was necessary for him to crack the mystery that was the chairman’s complex mind.

Then, what could have been the reason for the new chairman to do this? Was he trying to further establish his authority by punishing him?

All of a sudden, it all made sense. Sean had it figured out!