

When Life Takes a Turn – Chapter 0099

Pleased, Ted nodded and feigned another few coughs again, this time as a hint to Zayn to refill his drink. Seeing the man ignoring him altogether annoyed him, but before Ted could squeeze in a few stern words, his phone rang.

When he pulled it out and glanced at the screen, a smile blossomed on his face. “Aha, looks like my superior has decided to give me a call. He must be thinking of promoting me.”

With that, Ted turned on the speaker and let everyone hear his conversation. “Hello? Sir? Oh, what a coincidence! I was just about to call you!”

Ted was grinning from ear to ear, obviously extremely pleased with himself. He even managed to find a window of time to raise his eyebrow at Zayn just to squeeze in a moment to gloat.

A middle aged man’s voice boomed from the other side, “Are you free to talk? I have an important matter I need to discuss with you.”

His words were a shot of vim and vigor. Ted was so galvanized that he could not stop his voice from quaking a little. “Oh, of course, I am! I’m very free right now! If there’s anything you need from me any important task requiring skillful hands I’m all ears!”

A few days ago, his superior had hinted about promoting him to a managerial position, and Ted had been waiting for that windfall ever since. Finally, his spending 30 thousand dollars on his superior was bearing fruit!

The best part was how opportune this call was to have his boss call him while he was talking about his career in his aunt’s house! This was a golden opportunity for him to squeeze in one last moment to show them who he was!

Ruby and everyone else in the room listened closely with bated breath. Matthew and Diana, his parents, could not stop their grins from cracking across their faces. They were truly proud and gratified by their son’s clout.

The superior's voice rang out again, but it sounded grimmer than anyone had expected. "Listen, Ted. The higher-ups are tightening their regulations lately, and, uh ...You're only a high school graduate, you know, which gives you a precarious position that I—sorry to say this—doubt is safe from scrutiny. So, I'll return all 30 thousand dollars to you when I have the chance, and you, uh...don't have to show up for work starting tomorrow."

Since Ted had his phone on loudspeaker mode, everyone in the room became the audience to the superior's words. Zayn aside, the sudden turn of tables baffled everyone in the room, though the one who seemed the most flabbergasted was Ted himself.

He was shocked out of his wits as his mind raced. 'How could this have happened?' Zayn nodded to himself. He was pleased with Sean's executive ability, at the very least. He had only just given his directive and already the new order was spread within the company. Not bad.

As soon as Ted recovered, his erstwhile shock turned into panicked horror. "But, sir, you must be joking, right? I've just started this job. Why am I being fired?!" he cried out, "Didn't you guarantee me that my job in Violet Vision will always be secured?"

Ted's actions during his plea were very animated, and indeed, he ought to be. He had only just bragged about his career, and almost immediately, his superior had called him and told him he was fired right in front of everyone. How embarrassing was that?!

"It's a directive from the higher-ups. They are scrutinizing employees to ensure that no one like you is hired into this company through nepotism and bribery. It really is out of my control."

"But you told me...You promised—"

"I didn't promise you jack!" the other side snapped, cutting his sentence short. "Ted Lewis, I'm warning you: make sure your tongue behaves. If you rat me out, I'll make sure you won't live to see another day! Besides, do you honestly have no idea just how lacking your abilities are? Do you really think you and your pitiful capabilities would make you a viable member of Violet Vision?"

“Alright, I’ve wasted enough time talking. This is all I wanted to say. I’ll transfer the money back to you. Meanwhile, your job is to come to the office later to pack up.”

Just like that, the call ended.

Ted was still holding his phone despite the silence. He looked harrowed, as though he had just witnessed his mother dying right in front of him.

The looks on his parents’ faces were also rather interesting... to say the least.