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Zayn's expression darkened. This man was unbelievable! "What, you're saying you're above the law?"

Skyler laughed. "Good, good! You're catching on. This is my turf, dumbo, and I'm the boss around here I am the law!"

He sounded so domineering when he asserted his rule that his five companions joined in on the boisterous cackles. In an instant, the air was filled with a terrible mire of lawless tyranny, causing many of the onlookers to back away in fear.

"Hey, isn't that Sky Lord? Why are you here?"

Suddenly, a man had walked forward from the crowd of people.

It was Howard Carter. He was looking at Skyler with pleasant surprise on his face.

Skyler, too, was a bit bemused at his appearance. "Howard? Didn't think I would see you here, punk."

Howard stepped forward and lit up a cigarette before passing it to Skyler. "What's the matter, Sky Lord?"

"Nah, nothing big. Just two blind dumb*sses provoking my baby girl. Of course, I'm gonna teach them a lesson!" he answered smugly.

Seeing that Howard knew him lightened Faye's mood. Instantly, she stepped out from Zayn's shadow and said, "He's your friend, Howard? That's great news! Please tell him that this was all a huge misunderstanding."

Ruby was quick to chime in, "Oh yes, Howard, what a great coincidence that you know our guy. Tell him it was all just a funny stroke of misfortune, it's all a misunderstanding!"

Skyler's expression darkened as he furrowed his brows. "You know them, Howard?"

Faye and Ruby trained their hopeful eyes on him. They felt as though much of their panic had subsided the moment he appeared. It initially felt like there was no way out, after all. Since Howard appeared to know this thug, he could put in a good word or two and probably put this whole thing to rest.

When Howard finally understood the situation they were in, an unreadable expression shadowed his pate. Ignoring Faye and Ruby's eager looks, he shook his head and denied with a smile, "You're joking, right? of course I don't know them."

Faye was the first to erupt exasperatedly, "How could you, Howard Carter! I'm your first cousin!"

"What are you talking about, Howard?" Ruby added hotly. "We're your relatives!"

Skyler frowned and turned to him. "What's this?"

"Well, Sky Lord, they are my relatives all right. But you don't have to pull your punches for my sake, just give them whatever it is they deserve," Howard replied, chuckling. "I was never close to them anyway."

Skyler understood his implication and cackled. "You're an interesting kid, aren't you? If they aren't your favorite relatives, then I'll go all in!"

"Suit yourself, Sky Lord," A twisted smile played on Howard's lips as he stepped aside, taking up the best position to watch Faye and Zayn suffer.

He loathed the both of them with every fiber in his core, he always wished the worst upon them. How could he possibly want to save them? Besides, Skyler Moore was infamous for his shameless arrogance. Even if Howard were to plead mercy for those two, Skyler was likely to refute it. Why would a shrewd, cunning man like himself risk crossing Skyler?

Skyler raised his head and straightened his back, causing his bloated belly to be lifted as well. With the same arrogance he displayed since his debut, he commanded, "Get on your knees and apologize to my right hand woman right now, or else I'll crush your legs into dust!"

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Everyone thought that Zayn was doomed. A useless failure of a son-in-law who had provoked the ire of a gangster that was the sort of thing that basically sealed one's fate.

Once again, the Carters were about to suffer another blow to their reputation.