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Subject: Re: Something Bad Happen? No worry! Just sue a company!

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Quote:I disagree... half-life is not such a bad way to live... assuming you are a Free-man.

warranto, you're a bad, evil human being... and I laughed my ass off at that.

Quote:Part of my bioethics course was on the justification of Personal Directives (living wills)... and its surprising how tough it can get to make the right choice when someone's life is in your hands and what their wishes may be at the time their life is threatened and what their life would be like after.

I remember that part from a Bioethics course I took back in high school- and now I'm almost certainly going to face just that sort of situation in the coming years. It's one thing for it to happen suddenly, like in this case, but we're talking long and drawn out- alzheimer's, to be specific. I already know what the decision will have to be; it's already been discussed and agreed upon... but I've got no delusions that it's going to be any easier when the time comes because of that. Whenever there's a strong emotional attachment, that changes things- many beliefs and opinions that we hold as sacred have a way of switching themselves around when we run into terrible choices and just can't let go.

H O W E V E R . . .

That's never an excuse for just brushing aside one's own responsibility. You make your choices, and you live with them- and if those choices bring about terrible consequences, then you man up and fucking deal with them. If there's any shred of humanity in you, then no amount of money will ever make the pain go away; blaming others is no better than crawling inside a bottle , and has the added impact of dragging others- often people innocent and uninvolved- down with you. Denial is a stage of grief, and part of a perfectly normal coping mechanism- but clinging to that denial and relying on it for support can only do greater harm. If that's whats happening than I pity the poor bastard for not having the courage to face reality- but if he's actually drawing some sick satisfaction from it, then he is beneath contemptible.

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