

## I have to come across stronger

**Chaunte:** I had a supervisor at the very beginning who tried to take advantage of situations and I was very young at the time, so I never really said anything, I never came out and wanted to basically tell on him. I'm a very strong Christian so I believe you know what comes around goes around and God will always take care of it.

A year later the same guy that tried to take advantage of me ended, he was taking advantage of other airmen and he actually got put in prison so he was taken care of. Another situation, I had a supervisor who was just...he was hateful. He was always mean, he was very hard on me and I took even though I was successful at my job I had won many awards early on in the Air Force, I did a very good job, so I knew I was confident in my job and I kind of ignored him and one day I finally snapped and I told him, "Would you treat your wife, your child, your grandmother, your aunt...any of these women in your life would you treat this way? Because I am somebody's daughter."

It's the way that many try to come across very hard I think, or they come across as condescending and they're going to try to lure you into their bedroom. It is a lot of times one spectrum to the other and it's a learning process. The biggest thing for me that has been a struggle is walking into get a job now and finishing my degree and having my accolades, all of my accomplishments and feeling like I am an E6 in the United States Air Force and walking into a room with confidence, I've had troops, I've had people that I have taken care of and now walking into get a job I feel at times that I am looked at...I'm judged quickly. You know whether it's because I am a blonde, to I have done my make-up to I'm in a dress. You know it depends on who's doing the hiring process. I feel like as a woman it's so hard to either you deal with jealousy and insecurities or again you deal with a man who is trying to sleep with you. There's no in between and you realize that it has to be you and I have to come across stronger.



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