

FROM “ZEPHYR”

ROSS tries to convince ELLE why he intends to enlist.

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No listen. ...Listen! This isn't just a one-time thing. This is isn't about what happened in New York. I been thinking about this a long time. A long long time. Way back when I was a kid and my Grandpa would tell me about Korea. ...I'm ready. (*excited*) A couple months ago a bunch of us prospective recruits were invited to hear a guest speaker. They took us to this park and we did some PT to warm up. I was in dress clothes and clogs cause I wanted to look nice for the speaker. So we start drilling and we're waiting for him to get there and I'm sweaty and uncomfortable. ...We finish and form up again and all of a sudden I hear this high pitched screech. And for like two milliseconds I'm standing there in my head thinking, "What is this? What is this?" And four big drill instructors come out of nowhere! And *that* turns out to be the guest speaker! And we got IT'd for *three hours straight!* And I'm telling ya, that was the biggest mental block I've ever had put in front of me in my entire life! And I loved it! I *loved* it! Nothing can compare to being screamed at by this huge person. Screamed about how to do something *right*. Nothing less, nothing more. That feeling. That was the first time I ever felt that and it let me know what boot camp would be like. And I discovered my mental capabilities. Right then and there. Sky's the limit. Sky! Go on! Scream! Scream bloody murder in my face! I *want* it. It cleared my mind, Ellie. ...It just *cleared* my mind.