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Chapter 192: Substitution

Lorelie smiled happily at Muriel's repose in Adam's chat.

"So she's basically the GOAT of Water Sphere then?" Adam asked.

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): 😊]

[Banguela007 (Vinox 3): The what?]

[Handsome3horns (Vinox 2): Did he just insult Muriel? I think he insulted her.]

[OfficialRowena (Oceana 7): 🤔, he certainly has some balls, imagine insulting someone who your lover is a huge fan of right in front of your lover.]

[LadyErkath (Oceana 7): 🤔]

[1000yearsofdeath (Earth): They don't know what GOAT means, the streamer just shot himself in the foot. Kekeke.]

[Prestigious3horns (Vinox 2): It has a meaning?]

"What do you mean, goat?" Lorelie asked with suspicion as she moved away from Adam and turned to look at him with narrowed eyes.

"It was a compliment, compliment," Adam said quickly as he held up his hands in defence.

[1000yearsofdeath (Earth): Look at the streamer panic. Kekeke.]

"Explain quickly," Lorelie said, still looking suspicious.

“It’s an acronym. On Earth, goat is used as an acronym meaning Greatest Of All Time. What I was saying was that Muriel is the greatest Water Sphere player of all time.”

“Oh,” Lorelie said in understanding before settling back into her position of leaning against Adam with a smile.

[1000yearsofdeath (Earth): Wait, that’s it?]

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): I see, so it was a compliment. Thank you very much.]

[OfficialRowena (Oceana 7): Goat, huh? That’s clever. Maybe they should make that the title for top sports stars in the universe.]

[LadyErkath (Oceana 7): It could work. They have been looking for a title similar to Diva for a long time after all.]

[Noobkiller9000 (Earth): Doesn’t really work though. Greatest of all time is given to those who truly are the greatest of all time. However, isn't the Diva title only given to those who are currently the greatest?]

[LadyErkath (Oceana 7): You have a point.]

[Prestigious3horns (Vinox 2): What about GOTT then? Greatest Of Today's Time.]

[Celebrityhunter69 (Earth): GOCT, Greatest Of Current Time?]

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): An interesting concept. I will contact the Universal Sporting Body later and talk to them about this.]

[Justiceistruth (Earth): Did the streamer really just help create a title like Diva but for sports stars?]

[AlamoMatador4thewin (Earth): Yes, yes, he did.]

[Superior4horns (Vinox 3): So you think that Murphy is not a true pro Muriel?]

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): Indeed. Just his actions of trying to show off to Diva Lorelie earlier and now being distracted by Diva Lorelie and her lover is proof enough of that.]

“Lover?” Lorelie said while blushing.

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): Am I mistaken? I apologise if I was.]

“No, no, it just surprised me.”

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): So he is your lover?]

No, we’ll not yet.” Lorelie replied quietly.

[Superior4horns (Vinox 3): Did she just say not yet?]

[Prestigious3horns (Vinox 2): Yup. She basically just admitted that she wants to be the streamer's lover.]

[Tessisdabest (Imperial Down): ...]

[Beczontop (Imperial Down): ...]

[1000yearsofdeath (Earth): His harem is growing. Kekeke.]



“Murphy’s performance since his ejection for the pitch has been nothing short of disappointing.” The sportscaster said.

“Indeed, he is letting himself be distracted by Diva Lorelie far too much,” the former water sphere professional agreed.

“It seems you’re not the only former professional Water Sphere player who thinks such.”

“Oh?”

“Yes, the great Syngnathidae Muriel has just posted a rather scathing comment on Xer-verse about how Murphy is not worthy to be a pro player and that he is obviously just using his player status to attract women.”

“Ouch. Though such a scathing remark is very Muriel.”

“Indeed, viewers make sure to send in your comments, opinions and questions regarding today’s game so that the USNS panel can discuss them after the game.

So what’s the likelihood of the Oceana Abes making a comeback?”

“Close to zero, they are essentially playing with one less player compared to the Oasis Fangs. I’m kind of shocked that the Abes coach hasn’t substituted Murphy out yet.”

“I think the Abes coach just heard you. We can see one of their players warming up on the sidelines while their coach, who is clearly unhappy, is giving them instructions.”



“THE OCEANA ABES ARE MAKING A SUBSTITUTION.” A loud announcement was suddenly made in the arena.

“Finally, I thought they were never going to replace that idiot,” Lorelie said with relief.

“PLAYER YOKI IS REPLACING PLAYER RAN”

“YOU'VE GOT TO BE FUCKING KIDDING ME,” Lorelie screamed in shock as she stood up with a look of disbelief.

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): YOU'VE GOT TO BE FUCKING KIDDING ME.]



“YOU'VE GOT TO BE FUCKING KIDDING ME,” The former water sphere professional said in shock.

“We apologise for that sudden outburst, viewers; however, as you can tell, everyone is quite surprised by the Abes' choice to replace Ran instead of Murphy.

Even Ran appears confused and angry at this turn of events, as he is now openly complaining to the Abes' coach about being substituted.

Any idea why they would substitute Ran over Murphy?”

“I have no idea whatsoever. I mean, Murphy has been off his game all match; that's clear to everyone. The only thing I can think of is that there is some clause in his contract.”

“A contract clause that prevents the Abes from substituting him out? Surely that's not a thing.”

“That's the only reason I can think of.”



“Why the hell did they substitute Ran instead of that fucking idiot Murphy?” Lorelie asked in outrage.

[1000yearsofdeath (Earth): Oh man, she’s really pissed at this substitution. Kekeke.]

[Superior4horns (Vinox 3): I never knew Diva Lorelie could swear like that.]

[Lizziethetruepower (Palaxia): It’s certainly out of character for her.]

[DeverinianLordMalacoss (Deverinian 9): I guess it just goes to show how much of a fan of the Oceana Abes she is.]

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): I’m with Diva Lorelie on this one, it’s a fucking awful decision.]

[AlamoMatador4thewin (Earth): I’m no expert at Water Sphere, but even here on Earth, when a sports player is playing shit, you sub them out.]

“Please explain to me why this is?” Lorelie asked, turning to Adam.

“You're asking me?” Adam replied.

“Well, who else am I supposed to ask?” Lorelie retorted.

“While that's true, you seem to be forgetting that this is my first-ever time watching a Water Sphere match and you're the one who is supposed to be explaining things to me.”

“Oh, you're right.” Lorelie said in realisation as she attempted to calm herself down before saying, “Sorry.”

“It’s nothing to apologise for, it just goes to show how passionate about the sport you are, which I find very endearing,” Adam replied, making Lorelie smile and blush before asking.

“Could there be a clause in his contract saying that they can’t sub him out?”

“That’s not possible, is it?” Lorelie asked in disbelief.

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): Surely the Abes wouldn’t be so stupid as to agree to a clause like that just to sign someone.]

“Well, you did say that Murphy was one of the best Water Sphere players right now and was on form to win MVP this season,” Adam stated.

“Well, yeah, but no team is stupid enough to agree to a clause like that, I mean, a player can’t always have good games.

I mean, even Muriel had off games, no offence.”

[OfficialMuriel (Aqua Primus): None taken as your correct, I had my off games, every player does.]

“Then what other reason could there be?”

“I don’t know,” Lorelie replied while shaking her head as she sat down with Adam again.

“Could it be his relationship to the royal family? I mean, the Oceana Abes are a team from Oceana Seven, and he is related to the royal family.” Adam suggested.

“No way,” Lorelie replied immediately before continuing, “The only time the royal family ever gets involved with Water Sphere is when the Universal Cup is hosted in the Oasis Galaxy. Even if Murphy is related to them, it’s only by marriage because his aunt is the queen and not by blood.”

“Then I got no clue,” Adam replied.

“This stinks, the only chance the Abes had of winning this was if they subbed that idiot out,” Lorelie complained.

“So why don’t we leave then?” Adam suggested.

“Huh?” Lorelie replied with a confused look as she turned to Adam while asking, “But you came here wanting to see a match, and there are still twenty-plus minutes left.”

“True, but I also came here as part of our date, and it’s not exactly a very good date if you're not enjoying yourself. Besides, there will be more Water Sphere games we can go watch in the future.”

“Well, that's true.” Lorelie replied thoughtfully.”

[OfficialRowena (Oceana 7): That’s not a great idea, it would make it seem like Lorelie is a sore loser if she leaves while the Abes are losing.]

“True, but not if they know the real reason she left.”

[OfficialRowena (Oceana 7): What do you mean?]

“What do you mean?”

“I’m not an expert on being a celebrity, but even I can guess there are probably press in the stadium that are dying to interview you, right?”

“Go on.”