

BLOOMU

PART 9

WHILE OLIVIA AND CARA ARE FINALLY ON SOME OF THE SAME PAGE, IT APPEARS THEIR MAGICAL PLANT SUFFERED THE WRATH OF THEIR CONFRONTATION MORE THAN EITHER OF THE TWO COULD HAVE EXPECTED. ITS LEAVES FULLY WILTED AND ITS STEM NEARLY BLACK, THEIR GROWTH-FUELED ARGUMENT SEEMS TO HAVE OVERLOADED THE POWERFUL LITTLE PLANT AND LEFT IT DEAD.

THE TWO SPENT THE NIGHT MULLING OVER WHAT THEY HAD DONE, WHILE ALSO WORRYING ABOUT THE REACTIONS FROM THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY SEEING THEIR MASSIVE NEW FIGURES. IT WAS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO HIDE NOW, WHILE THE BIG VOLLEYBALL GAME WAS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY.

KIARA WATCHED ON WITH HER JAW TO THE GROUND AS THE TWO ATTEMPTED TO WALK INTO THE GYM CASUALLY THE FOLLOWING




AWW, HELL NO! YOU GUYS
GOTTA BE SHITTING ME!



YOU LEAVE THE PARTY
EARLY AND COME HERE THE
NEXT DAY LIKE THAT AND ACT
LIKE IT'S NORMAL?



A photograph of two extremely muscular men from the waist down, standing in a gym. They are wearing light grey sneakers. The man on the left is slightly behind the man on the right. A colorful beach ball is in the foreground on the left. A speech bubble is positioned above the man on the left. The background shows blue gym mats and a white brick wall.

WELL, NEITHER
OF US SAID THIS WAS
NORMAL.



WE'RE STILL
GETTING USED TO IT
OURSELVES.

I COULD BARELY
FIT IN MY DAMN BED
ANYMORE.



THANK GOD
THESE CLOTHES STILL
FIT... SORTA.





I DON'T
THINK THAT'S HOW
IT WORKS.


YOU COULDN'T
HAVE SHARED SOME
OF THAT?



BESIDES, I THINK THIS
MIGHT BE IT FOR US AND
GETTING ANY BIGGER.



YEA, LIKE THAT
ISN'T ENOUGH.

A young Black woman with voluminous, dark, curly hair is looking upwards with a concerned expression. She is wearing a white t-shirt. The background is a blurred gymnasium with a basketball hoop and purple-painted bleachers.

THEY'RE GOING TO
THINK THIS SCHOOL'S BREEDING
DAMN SUPER SOLDIERS WITH YOU
TWO AROUND.




WELL, AT LEAST WE'LL
TRY TO USE YOUR NEW STRENGTH
TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

IT'S ONLY A FEW DAYS
UNTIL THE VOLLEYBALL MATCH,
AND YOU TWO NEED A BLITZ
TRAINING LESSON.



A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a white long-sleeved volleyball jersey with a logo on the chest, black shorts with red trim, white knee pads, and black socks, stands in a gym. She is holding a red, yellow, and blue volleyball in her left arm. In the foreground, the large, muscular legs and buttocks of two Amazon-like figures are visible, partially obscuring the view. In the background, there are blue bleachers and a rack of several similar volleyballs. A speech bubble is positioned above the woman's head.

I'M GONNA NEED TO
MAKE TWO ATHLETES OUT OF
AMAZONS, SO BE IT.

An illustration of two highly muscular women in a gym. The woman on the left has blonde hair in a ponytail and is looking towards the woman on the right. The woman on the right has long brown hair and is looking down. Both are wearing white short-sleeved shirts and black shorts. Speech bubbles are present above them. The background shows a gym with a blue and white checkered floor and a purple railing.

THAT SOUNDED
WAY TOO COOL.

NO WONDER SHE'S
TEAM CAPTAIN.

A close-up portrait of a young Black woman with voluminous, dark, curly hair. She is looking upwards and slightly to the right with a focused expression. She is wearing a light-colored, possibly white, V-neck top. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a gym or a large indoor space with other people in the distance. A speech bubble is positioned to the right of her head.

NOW, LET'S GET
YOU TWO DOING
REPS.

COME ON,
IT'S A SIMPLE
POSITION.

GOT IT.

GOT IT!



GOOD, NOW LET'S
PRACTICE SOME BACK
AND FORTH.

IRIS CREEK UNIVERSITY		
HOME		GUEST
	PERIOD	
BONUS	FOULS	BONUS
FOULS	SHOT CLOCK	FOULS

OLIVIA, HERE!

I GOT IT-
WHOOPS

COME ON
NOW, THAT WAS AN
EASY ONE!





I'M GOING
TO SPIKE IT!

POP!

HUH?

HUH?!



"POP"

OH SHIT.

DON'T
PUNCH IT!

IS IT A FOUL IF THE BALL
IS OBLITERATED?






LIKE THIS!



DAMN, HER
FORM IS GOOD.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF
WE CAN BEND OUR LEGS
LIKE THAT ANYMORE.

MIST CREEK UNIVERSITY			
HOME			GUEST
00:00			00:00
00:00			00:00
00:00			00:00
00:00			00:00



NOT FOR A LACK OF TRYING, RIGHT?

RIGHT!



“WHACK”



THAT'S IT!

WOW!

HOME	PERIOD
BONUS	FOSS
FOULS	SHOTCLOCK

A woman with dark, curly hair is shown from the chest up. She is wearing a white t-shirt with a logo on the left chest. The logo is an oval shape with a blue and white design, possibly representing a mountain or a wave, and the words "IRIS CREEK UNIVERSITY" are written around it. A speech bubble is positioned to the right of her head, containing the text "NOW LET'S SEE YOU GIRLS HIT IT LIKE THAT A FEW TIMES." The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor setting with some structures and lights.

NOW LET'S SEE
YOU GIRLS HIT IT LIKE
THAT A FEW TIMES.




RIGHT.



RIGHT!



TH-THAT WAS
INTENSE.

A woman with dark curly hair, wearing a white long-sleeved volleyball jersey with a logo, black shorts with orange trim, and white knee pads, stands in a gym. She is holding a clear water bottle. In the foreground, the back of a person's head and shoulders are visible, out of focus. In the background, there are blue gym seats, a rack of colorful volleyballs, and a blue padded post. A speech bubble is positioned above the woman's head.

YEA, BUT YOU TWO
DID GREAT. IN THE WORST CASE,
IF YOU TWO PLAY DEFENSE AND
CAN HELP SET UP FOR ME, I THINK
WE'LL BE FINE.



YEA, I MEAN, IT'S NOT
LIKE WE HAVE ANYTHING TOO BIG
TO WORRY ABOUT, RIGHT?



YEA... WELL-

-ABOUT THAT
OTHER TEAM...

WE'VE BEEN HEARING RUMORS
FOR A BIT NOW ABOUT THEM HAVING A
STAR FRESHMAN.





AND THAT'S WHAT HAS YOU SO
SPOOKED? I'M SURE YOU WOULD'VE
BEEN FINE WITHOUT US.



NOT IF THE
RUMORS ARE
TRUE.



YOU TWO-



MAY NOT BE THE ONLY
GIANTS IN THIS GAME.

TO BE CONTINUED