

The loud bang of an explosive went off behind me. It wasn't much, just a flash bomb, but it was enough for me to get away. I should probably introduce myself. I am Mira Lille, and I am gifted with an unusually high IQ. I also have a twin brother, who I'm trying to save right now. The government is trying to get me and my brother in for testing because we are the only ones who have powers. My brother, Kano, has super strength. Unfortunately, he's not as intelligent as I am, so a group of officials got him two days ago. I need to save him, but I have no lead to where he is.

"Put your hands where we can see them and surrender Mira," an officer pointed his gun at me. "You're surrounded."

I needed to think fast. "Who are you officer? What's your name? It doesn't seem fair that you know mine and I don't know yours."

"Don't act smart. The government's not going to hurt you."

The light caught the badge on his chest. "Officer Crane?" The glint of his wedding band stood out to me and the redness in his eyes betrayed his streak of sleepless nights. His accent was strong. "I bet your wife and kid are in Brooklyn right now. It would be a pity if...well I'll let you dwell on that." My heart broke at my words. There was no way I would ever do something like that, but the officer didn't know that.

He dropped his gun. "Just go, I can't let you touch my family."

I let out a deep sigh. I was lucky that they did not know my capabilities. If they knew about my limited powers, my threat would have been useless.

I started running toward their van so that the officers inside couldn't see me, and I hid myself, using some rope to tie myself to the underside of the vehicle.

"No, they start the tests in two days. We need to capture the girl by then, but they'll start them either way." the officer inside spoke.

I had very little time left. If they got us, we were done for. I dozed off, with that thought buzzing around my head.

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"...yeah, I have to go feed the boy. Want to come?" This was my chance. Blinking the sleepiness away in my eyes, I crawled out from underneath the van and followed the men. We went down a long hallway and, at last, they opened a white door. I could see my brother...except he had pale skin, baggy eyes, and seemed exhausted. I couldn't stop the gasp that came out of my throat. The two officers turned sharply and noticed me, even though I ducked into the corner.

"Come out," he growled.

There was no turning back. I pulled out my pocket knife and tucked it into my jeans. "Okay, you got me," I put my hands up and made my figure small. I raised my voice and widened my eyes to look naiver.

"I just," I sobbed. "I want to see my brother. I don't care what you do with us, but I just want to be with Kano!" I could see the officers' eyes soften.

"Get in the room girl."

I reached into my pocket and gripped the knife. As I walked by the first officer, I bent down to “tie my shoes” while made a shallow cut on the officer’s ankles. I didn’t cause a serious injury; the cuts would heal in few days, but it would hurt and slow him down. When I got to the second officer, I tapped him on the shoulder. “I can go in here, right?”

“Um...yeah...you can go inside. Your brother’s there.”

I immediately threw my arms around the man’s neck and buried my head into his shoulder, leaving myself in a vulnerable position, but I had faith in my plan. I reached around his neck and dug into his pressure point. After I let go, the man collapsed to the ground. The loud thud alerted the other officer, but it was already too late. I raced inside the room with my brother and shut the door behind me..

“Mira? Mira, is that you?” He laughed weakly and hugged me.

“Eat. You look like a zombie. Are they not feeding you?”

He started munching on the snacks. “I got some stuff from you yelling at me all the time.. I didn’t eat the “drugged” food.”

“Looks like I *did* rub off on you.” I smiled.

“Mira, are those footsteps?” He asked, a few minutes later.

The heavy stomping of boots filled my ears. “You good? We need your powers. Judging by the sound, there are 15 men. They don’t know, right?”

Kano nodded.

“We’re going to let them take us. I can take some people out by their pressure points. When they relax, use your powers to knock out as many people as possible.”

Just then, the door slammed open. “Follow us,” a woman commanded threateningly.

We followed the soldiers and let them capture us. I clung to the two men who looked the strongest. After 20 minutes, Kano and I locked eyes. I knocked out the men in a matter of seconds. Kano gathered up his energy. *THWACK!* I could hear the groans of people being thrown like dolls. They tried to get out their guns, but we had the element of surprise. With five people still standing, I stood with my brother and let them circle us.

“Mira, NOW!” Kano yelled.

I picked him up with the last of my strength and spun him as his last punch hit everyone with one blow. We stood standing, with people around us. Time stopped for a moment. “Kano, we need to go.” I grabbed his hand and started to run out.

“We survived another day, Mira.” Kano whispered as we snuck out.

“Yeah, we did. We’ll always survive. *Together.*”