

BANDAID: POLC88 Assignment One

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INT. CONVENTION HALL - DAY

A brightly lit military convention hall. Rows of weapons and vehicles. Identical camouflage uniforms everywhere.

Major Guy, late 40s, unenthusiastic, stocky man marches forward.

By his side, a slender, geeky early 30s man. This is **REGINALD** but nicknamed "**MINOR**" by Major Guy.

MAJOR GUY

Minor, twenty minutes. That's it.

MINOR

Just keep an open mind, sir.

Major Guy stops. He seeing a group of slumped people surrounding a photo booth like room.

MINOR (CONT'D)

What's that?

Getting a glimpse. A sign saying "**bandAid: ONE CONVERSATION**". They look beside them, seeing an empty stand in front of the booth.

Suddenly, as the pair begin to leave. A late 20s slender, business casual man runs at them. This is **SAM GOODWILL**.

GOODWILL

Major Guy right?

The pair stop. Minor nods his head.

GOODWILL (CONT'D)

Amazing, I was hoping you'd show up. Welcome to bandAid.

GOODWILL (CONT'D)

Question, trend of recruitment declining why Major?

MAJOR GUY

People don't want to join the military.

GOODWILL

Exactly. Our country is losing its purpose so they numb it down. They fight online. They go nowhere. So they go to therapy.

The pair are confused. Goodwill notices, and opens his phone.

GOODWILL (CONT'D)
Watch this.

He opens up the bandAid app.

GOODWILL (CONT'D)
(talking to the app)
Hey, no one seems to understand my
passion.

CHATBOT
That's a shame. Looking at your
social media activity, I have
linked your loneliness to women
action stars. You should join the
air force-

Goodwill hurriedly mutes the chatbot, deeply red from
embarrassment. He looks over at the pair.

GOODWILL
BandAid offers a solution. One that
promises community. Purpose. An
enemy. Just with the need of your
social media data.

GOODWILL (CONT'D)
But really, the data is just for
creating long-term ideological
commitment in them.

MINOR
What if someone blames the app for
what happens to them in combat?

GOODWILL
They'll blame a one man AI mental
health app?

Major Guy laughs, reaching over for a handshake from
Goodwill.

MAJOR GUY
I like your thinking! Give me your
card and we'll be in contact-

Suddenly, a loud ruckus. A crowd of the previously slumped
people begging to sign up at the recruitment panel opposite
the booth

Goodwill laughs, hands Major Guy his card.

GOODWILL

Looking forward to working with
you.

He leaves the aghast, shocked pair as they watch the crowd.
He gets a phone call.

GOODWILL (CONT'D)

(on the phone)

Yes?...Great so Beijing's on
board?...Amazing, how do we access
their social media apps?