

Summer Dreamcast

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The day is 1999 in Florida, hot and humid. Everet who is a black 25-year-old man with black short hair, and wearing a green sweater with dark blue jeans, had been waiting eagerly to purchase the new Dreamcast game system that had just been released. As he entered the crowded videogame store, and jumped in the back, he saw that he was the 19th person in line. The store was hot and stuffy, making it smell like a gym of wet sweaty clothes, but Everet was determined to get his hands on the new console. However, as he waited in line, he saw that his classmate, James who is a 23-year-old white male with dark brown hair, and who is wearing a blue jacket with white shorts, was also there to buy a Dreamcast system, and he was the 17th person in line! As the line moved forward, Everet started to worry that James would beat him to the last system.

Then it happened. The store manager announced that they had sold out of Dreamcast, and the last one had been purchased by James. Everet was devastated and pissed. He didn't want to wait weeks or months for the store to restock, but he had no other choice. As he walked out of the store feeling defeated, James approached him and invited him to his place to try out the new console. Although Everet was initially suspicious of James' invitation, he decided to accept it. After all, he was dying to try out the Dreamcast. As they arrived at James' apartment, he was very surprised to find that James had set up a whole gaming station with the new console, games, and accessories like the retro nerf gun.

James chosen the game Soulcalibur to play, and they started playing the game together, and Everet was having a great me. As they chated while fighng, James menoned that he had recently started a gaming club with some of his friends, and he invited Everet to join them.

Everet was hesitant at first, but he could see that James was really excited about the idea, and they connued playing Soulcalibur. But then, in the middle of their game, the power suddenly went out. Everet and James heard a frightening yell outside. They looked out the window and saw that the enre city was experiencing a blackout. James tried to call for help because of the power and screaming outside of teenagers, but the phone lines were down as well. Suddenly, they heard a loud banging at the door, and they heard someone talking and they realized that someone was trying to break in.

Everet and James quickly realized that they had to work together to escape the danger. They both barricaded the door and tried to find another way out. As they navigated their way through the dark apartment, James found a flashlight under his cabinet, and he realized that he is glad he's not alone in his apartment. Finally, they found a way out through a window and ran to safety just blocks away from the fire staon where they were greeted by a fireman that is on duty. As they caught their breath, they both laughed and realized how lucky they are from being harmed. Everet had been so focused on not having a Dreamcast system now, that being in a real bad situaon is different than a videogame. They both were very grateful for the unexpected turn of events that had brought them together. As the power came back on and the city started to return to normal, Everet and James parted ways as friends, each with a

newfound appreciation for the other. They knew that they would still have each other's back after this crazy event.