

Character Profile: Lieutenant Benjamin 'Bo' Mercer

Name: Lieutenant Benjamin "Bo" Mercer

Age: 24–26

Rank: Lieutenant

Assignment: Special Operations Division — Project Eclipse

Reports To: Colonel Dolores Calibur

Character Description

Bo is the type of man people trust almost immediately. He is disciplined without being cold, confident without arrogance, and strong without intimidation. He carries himself with the quiet professionalism of someone who understands that leadership is earned through service, not demanded through rank.

Bo represents the best qualities military service can produce: honor, loyalty, self-discipline, responsibility, sacrifice, and integrity.

Physical Description

- Male
- Mid-twenties (24–26)
- Athletic build
- Military posture and bearing
- Clean-cut appearance
- Makes others feel safe simply by being present

Personality Traits

Charismatic, respectful, loyal, protective, patient, compassionate, humble, dependable, emotionally intelligent, and a natural leader.

Core Belief

"Strength isn't carrying someone through life. Strength is helping them stand on their own feet."

Relationship with Masha / 13

Bo begins as Masha's fellow officer and trusted teammate. Friendship slowly develops into something deeper, although romance is the last thing on Masha's mind during the events of the story. Bo never pressures her and simply remains what he has always been: her friend, her partner, and her safe place when the world begins falling apart around her.

Relationship with Colonel Dolores

Bo respects Dolores deeply as both a commanding officer and mentor and admires her willingness to protect those under her command.

Relationship with The General

Bo respects the General's accomplishments but grows increasingly uncomfortable with the direction of Project Eclipse.

Internal Conflict

Bo is caught between his oath, his commanding officer, his closest friend, and his conscience.

Sample Dialogue

"You don't owe anyone perfection, Masha. You just owe yourself another tomorrow."

"Being strong doesn't mean carrying the world by yourself."

"A good soldier follows orders. A good man knows when he shouldn't."

"You don't have to fight this alone. You never did."

"If you fall down, I'll help you back up. Standing up after that part is yours."

Director's Notes

Bo is not the stereotypical action hero. He is the emotional anchor of the team and represents the person Masha could become if she learns to trust people again.