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I am sure you and many other Marines of ranks much higher than mine and my fellow sisters at arms were aware that this type of harassment was happening online and I feel like you tried to sweep it under the rug. I feel you purposely ignored this and I do not believe you were totally unaware of this. And I believe your actions are too late.

Am I one of the Marines that was exploited? I hope not, but I don't know. I do

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