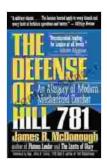
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On April 1, 1945, the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines, landed on the shores of Okinawa. Their mission was to capture and hold Hill 781, a strategically important hilltop that overlooked the island's capital, Naha. The Marines knew that the battle for Hill 781 would be tough, but they were confident that they could defeat the Japanese forces defending the hill.

The Marines quickly captured Hill 781, but they soon found themselves under attack from all sides. The Japanese forces were determined to retake the hill, and they launched wave after wave of attacks against the Marines. The Marines fought back bravely, but they were outnumbered and outgunned. By the end of the first day, the Marines had lost nearly half of their men.



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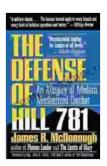
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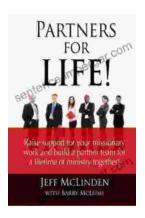
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