**Classroom**

When the dismissal bell rings I get up and start to pack up my bag, but I’m interrupted by Asher.

Asher (neutral smiling): Hey.

Pro: What’s up?

Asher: So…

Asher (neutral grinning): You got to put up posters with Prim, huh?

Pro: Um, yeah.

Asher (neutral smirk):

A smirk starts creeping up on his face.

Pro: Yeah. We got assigned to put up posters together.

Asher (neutral skeptical): Assigned, huh? You sure you didn’t pick her to be your partner?

Asher (neutral smiling):

Pro: It’s true…

Pro: Wait, how did you even find out? I didn’t see you anywhere.

Asher (neutral smirk): I have my ways.

I unintentionally imagine a lonely Asher stalking me.

Asher (neutral cheerful): Anyways, it looked like you were enjoying yourself, though.

Asher (neutral smiling): Not that I blame you. Prim seems really nice and sweet.

Pro: Yeah, she is.

Asher (neutral happy): Yep.

Asher (arms\_crossed skeptical): So? What’s really going on between you two.

Pro: Nothing at all.

Pro: We just happen to run into each other occasionally.

Asher (neutral sigh): Sure, sure.

Asher (neutral curious): But are you interested in her?

I stare at him blankly for a few seconds, trying to process what he just asked me.

Pro: Um, no.

Pro: How did you come to that conclusion?

Asher (neutral smiling): Hey, you might have a chance. Just saying.

Asher (neutral thinking): Actually, maybe not.

Asher (neutral neutral): She has this childhood friend, Mick. I’m not sure how close they are, though.

Pro: Huh.

My phone buzzes, saving me. I’ve never been so thankful for what’s probably a notification for some random game.

Asher (neutral curious):

Pro: Oh, well, I gotta go now.

Pro: See you later, Asher.

Asher (neutral smirk): You don’t think you can get away, do you?

Pro: I have to go, though.

Asher (neutral neutral): ...

Asher (neutral sigh): Alright, alright.

Asher (waving smiling): See you later, then.

Pro: Yeah. Bye.

Asher (exit):

As I exit the classroom, I check my phone and see that the notification was actually a text from none other than Mara. I’ll have to thank her for rescuing me.

Mara: *Wanna do something?*

I think for a second before typing out my response.

“Yeah, sure.” **OR** “Maybe not today.”

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It wouldn’t hurt to hang out with her today, especially since I didn’t get to see her this morning.

Pro: *Yeah, sure.*

Time to get my daily dose of Mara, I guess.

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Pro: *Maybe not today.*

I’m pretty drained, and to be honest all I want to do is go home and sleep. Hope that she won’t be too mad at me tomorrow.

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