**Cutscene – Mara Arrives**

Pro: …!

Pink hair.

Pro: Mara?

Mara: Hey.

Pro: What are you doing here?

Mara: Why’d you leave without me?

Pro: It’s a Saturday, so I didn’t think you weren’t going to school today. I have remedial classes.

Mara: I see. I do too.

Mara: You could’ve told me, though. But then again I guess I could’ve told you.

Pro: Yeah.

Pro: Well, how about you get off me and we can go to school.

Mara: Carry me.

Pro: …

Pro: What…?

Mara: Carry me.

Pro: Wait, but Mara…

She grabs even tighter as I try to remove her arms.

Pro: …

Pro: Really…?

Mara: Really.

Pro: Well, I’m not going then.

Mara: Then I guess we’ll stay like this forever.

We remain like that for a while, seeing which one of us will give in first.

Well actually, I don’t think I could move if I wanted to. It’s not that Mara’s heavy, but I’m not exactly the strongest person out there…

**Neighbourhood Road 1**

Sensing the shaking in my legs, Mara slides off my back.

Mara (neutral disappointed): Boo.

Mara (neutral pout): I guess I’m too heavy, huh?

I let out a sigh.

Pro: Actually, you could probably afford to gain a few pounds.

Mara (neutral neutral):

She pauses, considering my words.

Mara: …

Mara (neutral hehe): Hehe.

Mara: Not bad, coming from you.

Mara (neutral smiling): Well, that’s enough idle chitchat. Let’s go!

And just as if it were a regular weekday, Mara and I head to school.

The roads are empty, undoubtedly because the students that usually occupy them are still asleep in their beds. Strangely enough, however, I can’t say that I envy them, and I know exactly why.

Although her antics were a little bit bothersome, I can’t deny that being with Mara makes me pretty happy.

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: By the way, why did you walk by my house if you didn’t know I have remedial lessons? Wouldn’t it be quicker to go straight to school?

Mara (neutral thinking): Mmm…

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I guess I had a feeling, you know.

Pro: I see.

Mara (neutral neutral): And besides, even if you didn’t show up, I’d just go to school and nobody would know about it.

Pro: Oh, I guess that’s true.

Mara (neutral disappointed): Yeah. Going to remedial lessons kinda sucks, though. When do yours end?

Pro: At lunch, I think. How about you?

Mara (neutral sigh): Same.

Mara (neutral neutral): …

Mara: Hey, Pro.

Pro: What’s up?

Mara: Wanna do something after?

Pro: Like what?

Mara: Dunno.

Pro: You ask me to do something when you don’t even know what that something is?

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Yup.

Mara (neutral ouch):

I smile and gently flick her on the forehead.

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: Sure. Make up your mind, though.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Yay.

**Intersection 1**

We keep walking, and eventually we reach the intersection.

Mara (neutral smiling): I’ll meet you back here after classes, okay?

Mara (waving smiling\_eyes\_closed): See you!

Mara (exit):

Mara dashes off, and after watching her go I continue my way to school with a slight smile on my face. School on a Saturday doesn’t seem so bad anymore.