**Home Station**

Mara doesn’t feel like walking all the way back, so we decide to take the bus to the station instead. She doesn’t say much during the ride, and I realize that she hasn’t mentioned Lilith once today.

As we get off the bus, she pulls on my sleeve to get my attention.

Mara (neutral smiling): Hey, hey.

Pro: What’s up?

Mara: Wanna take a little detour?

Pro: Hm? Where?

Mara (neutral hehe): You’ll see, you’ll see!

Guess it couldn’t hurt.

Pro: Alright, let’s do that then.

**Playground**

We walk back towards our homes, but as we get closer Mara changes direction and guides me through a series of side roads.

Mara (neutral smiling):

Pro: Hey, Mara, are you sure we know where we’re going?

Mara: Of course. Just wait a bit.

After a bit more walking, we find ourselves at a small playground where we used to play. It’s been repainted since the last time I’ve seen it, but apart from that nothing has changed.

Pro: Wow, this brings back memories, huh?

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Right?

Mara (excited excited): Hey, Pro, I wanna go on the swings…

Mara (excited neutral):

However, Mara stops suddenly.

Mara (neutral neutral): Isn’t that…

I look over and notice the small, solitary figure sitting on a swing

Mara (exit):

Prim (shy down):

It’s Prim. Again.

Prim (exit):

Mara (neutral fufu): Well, well…

Mara: What are you waiting for?

Pro: Mara…

Mara (neutral neutral): Hm?

Pro: It’s not that I dislike her or anything, but whenever I’m around, she seems really uncomfortable. I don’t think she’s too fond of me.

Mara: Oh, I see.

Mara (neutral thinking):

Mara pauses for a second to think.

Mara (neutral neutral): Well, that’s that. Let’s go home then.

**Intersection 2**

We walk back the way we came, and before we go our separate ways Mara turns to face me.

Mara (neutral worried\_slightly): …

Mara (neutral nervous): Guess you kinda messed up with those two, huh?

Pro: Sorry. After all your efforts…

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): It’s fine, don’t worry about it.

Mara (neutral neutral): Seems like we’ll be hanging out a lot more, huh?

Pro: Yeah, seems so.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): If that’s the case, then I don’t mind so much.

Mara takes a few steps forward before turning to face me.

Mara (waving smiling): Well, I’ll see you tomorrow then!

Mara (exit):

And she dashes off.