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A few minutes of walking later we arrive at the destination Mara had in mind.

The library.

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: This is where you wanted to go…?

Mara (neutral smiling\_nervous): Well, we fooled around a lot yesterday, so I figured we could try to study a bit today to make up for it.

Pro: Fair, I guess.

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We head inside, and after we find a table we sit down and relax, weary from the walk. I glance around and notice that there are students everywhere, all of them concentrated on whatever they’re studying.

Mara (excited excited):

In contrast, before we even start studying I catch Mara eyeing the manga section, and I can’t help but join her. The library has quite a selection, and spending an afternoon reading manga sounds a lot better than an afternoon hitting the books.

Mara (excited ouch): We can’t, Pro…

Mara’s words draw my attention away from temptation, and we quickly get our books out before we give in.

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: What are you studying?

Mara: Math. How about you?

Pro: Same.

Mara (neutral expressionless): Math is hard, huh? I failed my last test…

Pro: Yeah, I don’t think I did too well on my last test either.

To be fair, Mara’s school is a lot harder than mine, and she could probably easily pass all the tests that I fail.

Mara (neutral smiling): Well, we’re in the same boat then.

Pro: Yeah…

Mara (neutral neutral):

We start studying, but I find that despite the studious atmosphere, I can’t seem to focus. I look over at Mara and see that she’s concentrating, so, not wanting to disturb her, I force myself to start the pages of equations that sit before me.

Mara (neutral curious):

After an hour and a half or so, Mara realizes that I’m not really doing anything.

Mara: Wanna go outside for a bit?

Pro: Hm? Oh, sure.

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Mara (stretching satisfaction):

We head back through the front doors, and when we get outside Mara sighs in relief.

Mara (neutral smiling\_nervous): It’s kinda suffocating in there, don’t you think? You can't make any noise or people will look at you funny.

Pro: Yeah. Still, it’s a good place to study.

Mara (neutral smiling): I guess so.

Pro: You were really concentrating, huh?

Mara (neutral neutral): Was I?

Pro: Yeah, you were.

Mara (neutral smiling\_nervous): Well, I did just fail a test…

Pro: Oh, right.

Mara (neutral neutral):

We watch as two kids chase each other around with wooden swords.

Mara (neutral wishful): Must be nice, huh…

Pro: We were that age not too long ago, you know.

Mara (neutral expressionless): But now everything’s gotten busy, and we can’t run around with swords anymore.

Pro: Well, we could…

Mara (excited excited): Do you wanna?

Pro: …but I don’t think it would be the best idea.

Mara (neutral expressionless): Boo.

Mara (neutral wishful):

Mara watches them for a few more minutes longer before stretching and turning around.

Mara: Let’s go back inside.

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However, when we arrive back at our table we find it occupied. In the ten minutes or so we were outside, the library has become almost twice as busy, and all of the tables are in use.

Mara (neutral smiling\_nervous): Um…

Mara: Let’s call it a day, then?

Pro: Yeah, let’s do that.

Mara (neutral smiling): Yeah.

Mara (neutral neutral): Wait, isn’t that…

I do a double-take when I realize what Mara’s pointing at.

Mara (exit):

Prim (fidget worried\_slightly):

Prim is also at the library. She glances around nervously, looking for a seat, but like us has no luck in finding one.

Prim (exit):

Mara (neutral fufu): Well, have fun then. I’ll wait for you outside.

Pro: Wait, Mara…

Mara (exit):

Mara sneaks away, and when I look back at Prim I find her looking right back. We stare awkwardly at each other for a few seconds before she tentatively heads over.

Prim (surprise eek):

Pro: Hi there.

Prim (shy shy): Hello…

Pro: We’ve run into each other quite a bit recently, huh?

Prim (shy down):

Prim nods quietly.

Prim (shy shy): I come here sometimes.

Prim: To read.

Pro: Oh, that makes sense.

Of course it makes sense. Libraries. Books.

Prim (shy curious): Why are you here?

Pro: I was here with a friend, but she just left.

Prim (shy shy): Oh, I see.

Prim (shy down): …

Prim (shy worried\_slightly): Do you have a lot of friends?

Pro: Oh, uh…

Pro: Not really.

Prim (shy smiling): Me neither.

Prim (fidget shy):

I’m not quite sure what I should say after that, so we stand in silence for a bit. After a few seconds, I realize that the ball is in my court and attempt to continue the conversation.

Prim (surprise eek):

Pro: It’s really busy today, though.

Prim (shy shy): Yeah, it is.

Pro: What kind of books do you usually read?

Prim (shy down): Oh, um…

Prim (shy shy): Usually music books.

I desperately search through my limited knowledge of music for a response.

Pro: Like… sheet music?

Prim: No…

Prim (shy down): History and stuff.

Pro: Oh, I see.

Zero points.

Prim (shy embarrassed): I also like reading fiction. And manga.

Pro: Oh, I like manga too.

Prim (fidget shy): Manga is good.

A person behind Prim gets up and starts to pack his bag, so I decide to point it out to her.

Prim (shy curious):

Pro: Oh, someone’s leaving. Over there.

Prim (shy worried\_slightly):

Prim turns around to check and then glances back at me uncomfortably.

Pro: Don’t worry about me, I should probably get going anyways.

Prim (shy shy): Oh, okay.

Pro: I’ll see you later then.

Prim (arms\_behind shy): Yeah, see you.

Prim (exit):

Mara (neutral fufu):

Prim then goes to secure the empty seat, and I leave to meet up with Mara again. I find her waiting just inside the library doors with a suspiciously knowing grin on her face.

Pro: So how much of our conversation did you hear?

Mara: Conversation? With who?

Mara (laughing laughing):

It only takes a few seconds for her to burst out laughing.

Mara: Sheet… music…

I sigh, and eventually Mara calms down.

Mara (laughing recovering): Sorry, but you were so awkward I couldn’t help it.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I’m done now, so let’s go home.

Mara (neutral neutral): Actually…

Mara (neutral smiling): I’m kinda hungry. Wanna go for dinner?

Pro: Sure. Where?

Mara (neutral thinking): Um…

Mara (excited excited): Remember that diner near home? Can we go there?

Pro: Sure.

Mara (yay yay):

Mara happily pumps her fist and heads towards the door.

Mara: Let’s go then!