\*$falling\_dream

**Bedroom**

Again, huh…

It’s strange. Before last week, I’ve never had that dream, but now it’s become almost a common recurrence.

My heart rate slows down as I fumble around for my phone, wanting to check whether or not I can sneak a few extra minutes of sleep in.

Ah. If I don’t get up now, I’ll most likely be late for school. Unfortunate.

I guess I probably wouldn’t have been able to fall asleep again anyways. Not after that.

**Kitchen**

Mom (neutral smiling): Oh, I was just about to go and wake you up. Good morning.

Pro: Morning.

Mom (neutral neutral):

I sit down at the table, where, as always, breakfast waits for me.

Mom (neutral worried\_slightly): You look tired. Did you sleep alright?

Pro: Oh, uh…

Pro: Kinda.

Mom (neutral thinking): You went to bed really early last night, too.

Mom (neutral worried):

Pro: Yeah, I was pretty tired.

Mom looks at me concernedly for a few moments.

Mom (neutral smiling\_worried): Don’t push yourself too hard, okay?

Pro: Okay.

Mom (neutral frown): Actually…

Mom (neutral smiling\_nervous): When it comes to school you could probably push yourself a bit harder.

Pro: Ah…

Mom (neutral sigh): Who’s gonna support me when I retire?

Mom (neutral smiling):

Pro: Uh…

Mom (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I’m just kidding. Just do your best.

Pro: I’ll try.

Mom (neutral smiling): Alright.

**Front of House**

After I finish eating, I hurriedly get ready for school and head outside, where, as per usual, Mara is waiting.

Mara (waving happy): Good morning!

As cheerful as ever, I see. I smile in spite of myself.

Mara (neutral smiling):

Pro: Hey.

Pro: It still surprises me how energetic you are every morning.

Mara (neutral hehe): Hehe.

Mara: Early to bed, early to rise.

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: I go to bed pretty early too, you know.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Not early enough, apparently.

Pro: Yeah, I guess.

Mara (neutral thinking):

Mara eyes my hair, deciding whether or not it requires any attention today.

Mara: Mmm…

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I think it’s fine.

Mara: Let’s get going, then.

**Neighbourhood Road 1**

As we walk to school, I find that I’m still somewhat mentally drained from yesterday, even though I didn’t actually do much. I guess staring at numbers can really tire you out.

Mara (neutral smiling):

Mara shoots me a knowing look as I yawn.

Mara: Tired from yesterday?

Pro: Yeah…

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: Wait where’d you end up going yesterday? At the coffee shop.

Mara (neutral thinking): Well…

Mara (neutral neutral): You guys were taking forever, so I went home.

Pro: Actually?

Pro: You could’ve at least texted me to let me know…

Mara (neutral thinking): Oh…

Mara (neutral hehe): Hehe.

Mara: Sorry, I forgot about that.

Mara (neutral neutral): But you looked like you were enjoying yourself, so I didn’t wanna interrupt.

Mara (neutral fufu): What did you guys talk about?

Pro: Uh…

Pro: The baseball team.

Mara (neutral neutral): Oh, I see. Anything else?

Pro: Um, not really.

Pro: Wait, I texted you what happened last night. Did you not see it?

Mara: I did.

Pro: …

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I wanted to hear it from you, though.

I let out a sigh, and as we continue to walk I realize that I left out something crucial.

Mara (neutral curious):

Pro: Oh yeah, afterwards…

Pro: Lilith asked me if I wanted to hang out again, and then we exchanged numbers.

Mara: …

Mara (surprise surprise): HUH!?!?

Mara (neutral earnest):

Before I can react, Mara swiftly grabs my phone and enters in my password.

Mara: …

Mara: You’re right…

Mara (neutral pensive): Maybe I should save her number, too.

Pro: What? Why?

Mara (neutral wink): That’s a secret.

Pro: Huh…?

Mara (neutral neutral): Anyways…

Mara (neutral pensive): I’m so proud. Pro, getting a girl’s number? *Our* Pro? And a really good looking one too?

Pro: …

Mara: I never thought I’d see the day…

Pro: Yep, that’s right. Your Pro is growing up.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Yeah…

Mara (neutral neutral):

Mara stares at my phone for a few more seconds before handing it back.

Mara: Here you go, sir. I’ll let you have this.

Pro: Thank you. Although it was mine in the first place.

Mara (neutral curious): What do you mean? Everything you own belongs to me.

Mara: Your phone, your house, and especially your wallet…

Mara: Right?

Pro: …

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I’m just kidding. Kinda.

Mara: Come on, we’re gonna be late at this rate.

**Intersection 1**

We continue to talk as we head to school, and before we know it we arrive at the intersection that we usually part ways at.

Mara (neutral neutral): Well, we’re here again.

Mara (neutral smiling):

Mara skips a few meters away before turning back to face me.

Mara: Hey, Pro.

Pro: What’s up?

Mara: Let’s do stuff again this week.

Pro: Sure. When?

Mara (neutral thinking): Mmm…

Mara (neutral neutral): I’m not sure. We’ll see, I guess.

Pro: Alright. Let me know then.

Mara (neutral happy): Will do!

Mara (waving happy): See you, Pro!

Mara (exit):

And with that, she spins around and trots off. What a lively girl.