\*$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 realize that I’m still a little tired from yesterday. Hanging out and talking with Lilith for the entire day was surprisingly draining, and apparently a night’s rest wasn’t enough for me to recover.

Mara (neutral smiling):

Mara shoots me a knowing look as I yawn.

Mara: Tired from yesterday?

Pro: Yeah…

Mara (neutral curious): What’d you guys end up doing?

Pro: Uh…

Pro: We went to see a movie, and then we walked around the mall…

Pro: Wait, didn’t I text you all this last night?

Mara (neutral hehe(: You did.

Pro: Why are you asking me what happened, then?

Mara (neutral earnest): I wanted to hear it directly from you.

Mara (neutral curious):

After letting out a sigh, I proceed to tell Mara about everything that happened. She asks about every detail, from what type of clothes that Lilith likes to what I ordered at the café.

Mara (neutral wishful): I wish I could’ve seen her though.

Mara: She’s really pretty, so she’d probably look good in anything.

Mara (neutral fufu): Don’t you think?

Pro: Huh…?

Pro: Yeah, I guess. Maybe.

Mara (neutral expressionless): Maybe? That’s no good.

Mara (neutral earnest): A real man is never indecisive, Pro. Learn to assess information and come to a conclusion quickly and efficiently!

Pro: Yes ma’am.

Mara (laughing laughing):

After a pause, we burst out laughing.

Mara (laughing recovering): Ah…

Mara (neutral curious): I wonder if she’d consider doing cosplay. There are a lotta characters that I think would suit her.

Pro: For some reason, I don’t think she’s the type of person to do something like that…

Mara (neutral neutral): You never know.

Pro: I’m pretty sure about this one.

Mara (neutral thinking): Hmm…

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I guess you’d have to do, then.

Mara (excited excited): Wanna try cosplay?

Pro: Huh?

I freeze up, suddenly afraid that Mara will force me into dressing as one of her favourite characters.

Mara (neutral happy): Just kidding, just kidding. The look on your face was amazing.

Mara (neutral fufu): You wanna try, though?

Pro: Definitely not.

Mara (neutral sigh): Okay, okay. What a shame.

**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.