**Classroom**

Yet another Monday goes by, and by the time we’re dismissed at the end of the day I find myself wishing that I skipped and stayed home. Ms. Tran would probably kill me the next day, though.

Well, at least the day’s over. I get up and stretch, ready to go home and relax…

Asher (waving smiling): Hey.

Asher (neutral smiling):

Pro: Oh, hey.

Pro: What’s up?

Asher (neutral curious): Remember that project?

Geh.

Pro: Oh yeah…

Pro: Sorry about Saturday, I had remedial lessons.

Asher (neutral neutral): Don’t worry about it. When do you wanna do it?

Pro: I dunno.

Asher (neutral curious): You free today?

Pro: Ah…

There it is. Might as well get it over with, I guess.

Pro: Yeah, I am. How about you?

Asher (neutral neutral): I’m free too.

Pro: Oh, nice. Um…

Actually, if Asher comes to my place to work, then I won’t have to walk back after we’re done.

Pro: Wanna come over, then?

Asher (neutral curious): Sure, that’d be great. Will your mom be okay with it?

Pro: Yeah, I think so. She probably won’t be home, anyways.

Asher (neutral happy): Oh, okay. Let’s get going then.

**Practice Diamond**

Asher and I quickly pack up our stuff and leave, ready to get our project over with as soon as we can. We pass by the baseball diamond on the way home. There are a few people there, but I pay them no heed until Asher points them out.

Asher (neutral neutral): Hey, they’re from our school.

Pro: Actually?

I take another look, and realize that some of them indeed look familiar, which means…

Asher (neutral yikes):

Lilith (neutral neutral): It’s you.

Ah, that makes sense.

Asher (neutral neutral):

Pro: Oh, hi. You guys have practice today?

Lilith: Yeah.

Lilith (neutral suspicious\_slightly):

Asher (waving smiling\_nervous):

Lilith glances at Asher, who, after a moment’s pause, tentatively waves at her, to which she curtly nods back.

Lilith: Hello.

Asher: Hey…

Asher (neutral sigh):

She turns back to me.

Asher (neutral curious):

Lilith (neutral neutral): Um, about yesterday…

Lilith (neutral embarrassed\_slightly): …

Asher (neutral surprise\_really):

Lilith: Are you free tomorrow?

Pro: Oh, um…

Pro: Sorry, what was that?

Lilith (neutral embarrassed): Tomorrow…

Lilith: Are you free?

Pro: Uh…

Pro: Yeah, I think so.

Lilith (neutral embarrassed\_blushing): Then…

Lilith (neutral surprise):

Petra (neutral grinning): Whatcha guys talking about?

Asher (neutral curious):

I start in surprise as Petra appears out of nowhere, as intrusively as always.

Lilith (neutral annoyed):

Petra (neutral curious): Oh, Asher.

Asher (waving smiling): Hey, Petra.

Lilith (exit):

Asher (exit):

Petra glances between me and Asher, trying to figure out why we’re together. However, she apparently wasn’t able to come up with anything, so she pulls me to the side and whispers in my ear.

Petra (neutral embarrassed): You know Asher??

Pro: Yeah, we’re friends.

Petra (neutral surprise): Really?

Pro: Yeah…

Petra (neutral neutral):

She glances back at Asher, and then returns us to the conversation.

Lilith (arms\_crossed annoyed):

Asher (neutral curious):

Petra (neutral smiling\_nervous): Sorry about that.

Petra (neutral curious): So? What were we talking about?

Lilith: Nothing.

Petra: You sure?

Petra (neutral smirk): You weren’t talking about… that?

Lilith (arms\_crossed annoyed\_really): Petra...

Petra (neutral laughing): Sorry, sorry.

Lilith (arms\_crossed avoidance):

Petra (neutral smirk):

Petra turns to me with a mischievous grin.

Petra (neutral wink): Free up your schedule tomorrow, Pro.

Pro: Oh, okay.

I glance at Lilith, who’s avoiding looking at any of us.

Petra (neutral neutral):

Pro: Well then, we’d better get going. Got a lotta stuff to do.

Asher (neutral neutral): Ah, yeah, that’s right.

Pro: We’ll see you guys later, then.

Petra (neutral grinning): Oh, okay. Bye!

Petra (exit):

Lilith (exit):

The two teammates continue towards the diamond as we walk off. I wonder what that was all about…

Asher (neutral smirk): If only Petra didn’t show up, huh?

Pro: Yeah…

Pro: …

Asher (neutral laughing):

Asher laughs, and I feel myself blushing in embarrassment.

Asher (neutral grinning): She’s a good girl though. She can just be a little, um, eager I guess.

Pro: Just a little…?

Asher (neutral smiling): Just a little.

Asher (neutral curious): Well, anyways, you and Lilith have gotten really close, huh?

Pro: Um…

Pro: Yeah, kinda.

Asher (neutral smirk): Look at you.

Pro: Let’s just get to my place and do the project…

Asher (neutral playful): Alright, alright.