**Classroom**

I ended up being late for class because of my trip, but thankfully instead of a scolding Ms. Tran simply told me to take better care of myself and continued on with the lesson.

Despite waking up a little earlier than normal I managed to stay awake throughout, and when lunch starts I realize that I’ve also worked up quite an appetite.

Asher (waving smiling): Yo.

Pro: Hey.

Asher (neutral curious): Why’d you go to the nurse’s office today?

Pro: Well…

I freeze while taking out my lunchbox, cringing internally.

Pro: I’d rather not talk about it.

Asher (neutral skeptical): I see.

Asher (neutral neutral):

Asher takes out his lunch as well and we start eating, making small talk about school.

Asher (eating neutral): Oh yeah, a friend of mine asked me to ask you…

Asher’s friend? Asking for me?

Pro: Hm?

Asher (eating curious): Are you free tomorrow after school?

Pro: I dunno. Why?

Asher (neutral nervous): Do you want to, uh…

Asher (neutral smiling\_nervous): Go to a mixer?

Asher (neutral laughing):

I choke on my food, and Asher laughs.

Pro: Are you serious?

Asher (neutral sincere): Yeah, pretty serious.

Pro: Did you really think I’d accept?

Asher (neutral neutral): Well, no…

Asher (neutral sincere): But it’d really help me out if you could. Apparently there are too many girls, and I promised my friend that I’d find another guy.

Pro: Is that so…

Asher (neutral neutral): Yeah. She’s coordinating it, but she’s pretty disorganized so…

Pro: I see.

Pro: Wait, why does it have to be me? You have a bunch of other friends, no?

Asher (neutral smiling): You were specifically requested.

Pro: I was?

Asher (neutral grinning): Yup.

My averseness starts to give way to curiosity.

Pro: Why?

Asher (neutral playful): You’ll find out if you go.

Ah…

Pro: Alright, fine. I’ll go.

Asher (neutral smiling): Thanks a lot.

Asher: You won’t regret it. Probably.

Asher (neutral neutral):

Asher’s phone buzzes, and after checking it he packs up his lunch and stands up.

Asher (waving smiling): I have to go somewhere, so I’ll see you later.

Asher: Thanks again.

Asher (exit):

Pro: See you.

I turn back to my lunch as Asher leaves, wondering what I just got myself into.