**Kitchen**

Thanks to Asher, we manage to finish up everything we need to do relatively quickly, and a couple hours after we arrive at my place, Asher heads home.

Thirsty from all the hard work I did, I head to the fridge to grab a drink, but as I browse over my options my phone buzzes.

Lilith: Wanna hang out tomorrow?

Even though I expected it to be something like this, I can’t really believe it. I smile in spite of myself while I pour myself a cup of water, and then head back to my room where I’ll celebrate by taking a nap.

**Bedroom**

Mara (neutral neutral): …

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Hey there.

Pro: …

Pro: What exactly are you doing?

Mara (neutral neutral): Reading manga.

Mara is seated on my bed, and scattered on the floor are several manga volumes that she took from the bookshelf.

Mara (neutral pensive): You see…

Mara (neutral expressionless): I would’ve shown myself earlier, but you came home with someone.

Mara (neutral neutral): So instead I decided to hide in here until he left.

Pro: I see.

Mara (surprise ouch):

I pick up a manga volume from the floor and sit down beside Mara, and once she lets her guard down I turn and flick her on the forehead.

Mara: Ow…

Mara (neutral embarrassed):

Pro: That’s what you get for breaking and entering.

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: Ah, I wanted to take a nap too…

Mara pats her lap, a deceptively innocent smile forming on her face.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Come.

Pro: I refuse.

Mara (surprise geh): Huh? Why not?

Pro: …

Mara (neutral hehe): Hehe. Too bad.

Mara (stretching satisfaction):

After another few minutes of reading, Mara finishes up the volume she’s on and gets up, stretching.

Mara (neutral satisfaction): Ah, that was good. Haven’t read that one in a long time.

Mara (neutral neutral): So, anyways.

Mara: Tomorrow you’ll have to walk to school by yourself again…

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): …but to make up for that we can hang out after school.

Mara (neutral smiling):

Pro: Um…

Pro: Sorry, I’m actually busy.

Mara: …

Mara: Really?

Pro: Yeah.

Mara: Doing what?

Pro: Um…

Pro: Actually, Lilith just texted me…

Mara: …

Mara (surprise surprise): WHAT!?!?

Mara (neutral earnest):

Mara snatches my phone and after entering in my password looks through my messages.

Mara: …

Mara (neutral expressionless): Wow…

Mara (neutral sigh):

She gives my phone back and collapses back onto the bed.

Mara (neutral expressionless): That was unexpected. I guess you don’t have as much free time as before, huh?

Pro: Um, Mara?

Mara: Yes?

Pro: Are you okay?

Mara (arms\_crossed put\_out): Of course I’m okay. I just spent the whole day deciding what I wanted to do, and now my plans are useless.

Pro: We can always hang out another day, right?

Mara (neutral neutral):

Mara gets back up.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Yeah. I’m just kidding, don’t worry.

Mara (neutral neutral): Now then, I’d better get going.

Pro: Ah, okay. I’ll lock the door for you.

**Kitchen**

We head back downstairs, and I open the door as Mara puts on her shoes.

Mara (neutral neutral): Well, I’ll be off now.

Pro: You gonna be okay on the way home?

Mara (neutral smiling): It’s okay. It’s not that dark.

Pro: Alright.

Mara (waving smiling\_eyes\_closed): See you, Pro!

Pro: Yeah, see you.

Mara (exit):

As I watch Mara trot to the sidewalk and away I feel a tinge of guilt. I did tell her that we could hang out earlier today, and even though the week isn’t over I still feel kinda bad about it.

Well, she did want me to get to know Lilith. Guess I’ll do something with her another day instead.