**School Roof**

Thankfully Ms. Tran was too tired to notice that I was having a hard time concentrating, and when lunch rolls around I sneak out before she can catch me.

Petra (arms\_crossed annoyed):

After getting a little lost, I find my way to the roof. Petra’s already there, and it looks like she’s been waiting for a while.

Pro: Hey.

Petra: What took you so long?

Pro: I, uh…

Pro: I got lost.

Petra (arms\_crossed skeptical): …

Petra: Seriously?

Pro: Yup.

Petra (neutral sigh):

Petra sighs disappointedly.

Petra (neutral frowning): I don’t think I expected much from you, but geez…

Petra (neutral expressionless): I even tried to get out of class early, only to have to wait for you to find your way up here.

Pro: Sorry…

Petra (neutral smiling): I’m joking, I’m joking.

Petra (neutral neutral): Well, kinda.

Petra: Anyways, that’s not why we’re here.

Pro: Oh yeah. Why did you wanna talk?

Petra (neutral stern): What did you and Lilith talk about yesterday?

Pro: After the mixer?

She nods, and I explain to her what happened, giving her every detail I can remember about our conversation.

Petra (neutral thinking): I see.

Petra (neutral worried): I figured that something must’ve happened in the past for Lilith to be that wary around guys, but now that I know for sure…

Petra: …

Petra (neutral groan): Ah, I definitely messed up then. Asking her to go with us.

Petra (neutral drained):

Pro: Well…

Petra: It’s in the past now, though.

Petra (neutral skeptical): Is that all you talked about though? And you then went and ran off with this childhood friend?

Pro: Um, yeah.

Petra: …

Petra (neutral sigh): Well, that’s that.

Petra (neutral worried): Anyways, about this morning…

Pro: Lilith seemed a little off, right? Like…

I stop, the words I want to say not coming to mind.

Petra (neutral neutral): Like she was hiding something.

Pro: Yeah.

Petra (neutral worried): She’s always been aloof, but today was definitely different.

Pro: Like the headband.

Petra (neutral thinking): Well, there’s that, but also her behaviour’s changed a little. She seems almost…

Pro: Almost…?

Petra (neutral worried): Almost meeker, I think. She’s pretty tough, right? And a lot of the time she seems independently strong as well, like a lone wolf.

Petra: But today, it felt like she didn’t sharpen her fangs or something…

Pro: I see…

Petra (neutral skeptical):

Petra stares at me, the wheels turning in her head.

Petra (neutral neutral): After school today, could you go talk to her?

Pro: Talk to Lilith? Why me?

Petra (neutral curious): I feel like if she were to open up to anyone, it’d be you. You talked to her yesterday too, right?

Pro: Oh, I guess.

Pro: Alright, I’ll go. After school, right?

Petra (neutral neutral): Yeah. She usually leaves around ten minutes after school ends, so you should be able to catch her.

Pro: Okay.

Petra (neutral geh):

Petra starts to say something else, but we’re interrupted by the arrival of a bashful first year couple, apparently wanting to use the roof for reasons unknown. The girl calls out to Petra, having recognized her.

Petra (neutral thinking): Um…

Petra (neutral smiling\_nervous): Well, this is a little awkward. You go on, I’ll clear this up.

Pro: Oh, alright. You gonna be okay?

Petra (neutral smiling): Of course.

Pro: Alright, see you.

Petra: See you.

I turn to go, more than ready to escape this situation.

Petra (neutral neutral): Oh, and Pro?

Pro: Yeah?

Petra (arms\_crossed skeptical): Don’t you dare forget.