**Batting Cage**

We show up a few minutes before 10:00, finding a few baseball team members already there. Unsurprisingly Petra spots us as soon as we walk in, a slightly confused smirk on her face.

Prim (shy eek):

Petra (neutral smirk): What’s this? Did you guys come here together?

Prim (shy embarrassed\_blushing):

Pro: We ran into each on the way.

Petra (neutral fufu): Is that so?

She looks towards Prim, who nods rather vehemently.

Prim (shy down\_blushing):

Petra (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): You guys are awfully chummy for complete strangers.

Prim (shy embarrassed\_blushing):

Petra (neutral curious):

Pro: Well, it’s not like we’re *complete* strangers. We’ve talked before, and stuff.

Petra: Hmm…

Petra (neutral neutral): Ah well.

Prim (shy eek\_blushing):

Petra (neutral smiling): Come over here, Prim, I’ll introduce you to some people.

Prim (exit):

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Grabbing her by the hand, Petra leads Prim off towards a group of girls I believe are first years, leaving me behind.

A little disappointed, I turn around and head towards the vending machines just to have something to do.

Kari (neutral curious): …

It’s Kari. And thankfully, she seems to be her usual, laid-back self.

Kari (neutral neutral): Hey there.

Pro: Oh, hey.

Kari (neutral amused):

She glances over my shoulder, a slightly amused expression starting to form on her face.

Kari: You came in with Prim, then? And Petra stole her away from you?

Kari (arms\_crossed sigh): How sad. Although it serves you right.

Kari (arms\_crossed annoyed): Lilith’s already been gone for a few days, and you’ve already found someone to replace her? I can’t believe you.

Pro: …

Kari (arms\_crossed neutral):

Pro: I’m sorry…

Kari (neutral smiling): I’m just kidding, don’t worry. In fact I should be the one apologizing to you.

Kari (neutral neutral): Um…

Kari (neutral nervous): Sorry about giving you a hard time before. I probably should’ve acted a bit more maturely.

I stare at her, shocked.

Kari (neutral embarrassed): …

Kari (neutral annoyed): You know, it’d be nice if you at least tried to hide your surprise.

Pro: Oh, right. My bad.

Kari (neutral sigh): Seriously…

Kari (neutral neutral): Well, Petra told us everything you told her. Wasn’t much, but I guess it’ll do for now. At least we can rest easy.

Kari (neutral curious): Oh, it looks like more people are here. A lot of them are in our year, so you should go say hi.

Pro: In our year? Are there a lot of second-years on the team?

Kari: It’s a pretty even split actually. But today it’ll only be first and second years.

Pro: Huh? Why’s that?

Kari (neutral neutral): That’s just the way it is.

Pro: I see…

I glance behind me, noticing with a touch of anxiety that the place seems a lot more crowded now.

Pro: Um…

Pro: Am I the only guy here? Did you guys by any chance invite Asher, or someone…?

Kari (neutral amused): Petra was going to, but I stopped her.

Pro: Huh…?

Kari (neutral laughing):

Kari starts laughing at my expression before going to join her friends.

Kari (waving smiling): Have fun.