**Classroom**

I mull over it for the rest of the day, and once we’re dismissed I pack up immediately, having decided that I need more experimental data. However, Ms. Tran has different plans for me, and instead of heading to the front I find myself trudging to her office.

**Teacher’s Office**

Teacher (arms\_crossed annoyed): So…

She stares at me uncomfortably, studying my face. I don’t think I fell asleep in class too much today. Or at least, I don’t think it was noticeable.

I’ve become enough of an expert to tell.

Pro: Whatever it was, I’m sorry.

Teacher: …

Teacher (arms\_crossed neutral): First of all, whenever you apologize you shouldn’t add “whatever it was” in front, since it shows that you have no idea how you messed up.

Teacher (neutral confused): Second of all, I’m not here to scold you. Why is it that you always assume you’ve done something wrong?

Teacher (neutral skeptical): Or did you…?

Pro: Um, no, I didn’t.

Teacher (neutral sigh):

She eyes me carefully before slumping back into her chair and sighing.

Teacher (neutral neutral): I just wanted to check up on you. To see how you’re managing.

Pro: Oh.

Teacher (neutral curious): So? How’ve you been recently? Have you been able to keep up in class?

Pro: Uh, more or less.

Teacher (neutral concerned): More or less, huh…

Teacher (neutral thinking): …

Teacher (neutral sigh): Well, I guess I can’t really ask for more from you.

Teacher (neutral sincere): Don’t hesitate to tell me if you ever need help on anything though, okay?

Pro: Oh, yeah.

I look at her semi-suspiciously, wondering why exactly she’s being so nice today.

Teacher (neutral smirk): Well, I guess I’ll let you go for now. You have to meet that first-year, right?

Pro: Uh…

Pro: Am I allowed to ask how you know that?

Teacher (neutral neutral): You are not.

Pro: I see.

Teacher (neutral gentle):

She smiles uncharacteristically softly.

Teacher: Make sure to take care of yourself, alright?

Pro: Yeah, I will.

Teacher (neutral smiling): Alright. See you next week then.

Pro: See you.

Teacher (neutral neutral): Oh, and while you’re on your way out…

Teacher (neutral smiling\_nervous): Could you bring these upstairs to the art classroom?

Before I can decline, she dumps a small stack of papers into my arms.

Teacher (waving smiling): Thanks. See you tomorrow.

Teacher (exit):

I leave the office, a bit annoyed that she’s dumped yet another task onto my lap but also a little curious as to what brought on Ms. Tran’s change in demeanor today. Maybe she’s in a better mood because it’s the end of the week?

Well, whatever the reason is, Prim's probably been waiting for a while…

Better not make her wait any longer.