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Pro: So…

Mara (surprise surprise):

Pro: ...wanna explain exactly what you’re doing?

Mara (neutral panic): I’m…

Mara avoids my gaze, not-so-discretely trying to shake my hand off her shoulder.

After walking for a bit to see if the person following us would continue to follow me, I turned and hid behind a corner, and once they came around I grabbed their shoulder to confront them.

However, it turns out that our stalker was Mara, who probably saw Prim and I leaving as she arrived at my school.

Mara (neutral embarrassed): Well, you see, we were supposed to do something today, but instead you went off somewhere with Prim...

Pro: Did I not text you that I was just walking her home…?

Mara (neutral panic): Um…

Mara (neutral smiling\_nervous): You did, but…

Pro: But?

Mara: …

Mara (neutral expressionless): Alright, alright, I’m sorry, I’m sorry.

Mara (neutral pout): I just wanted to see how you two interact with each other. You never tell me anything, so of course I’d get curious.

Pro: I literally tell you everything.

Mara (arms\_crossed hmph): But you suck at giving out details.

Mara: So it’s your fault.

Mara (surprise ouch):

I stare at her in slight disbelief before letting her go with a sigh, making sure to flick her on the forehead.

Mara: Ow…

Mara (neutral worried\_slightly):

Pro: I guess you wouldn’t know this, but Prim has a stalker.

Pro: You really scared me, you know. Thank goodness it was only you though.

Mara (neutral worried): A stalker?

Pro: Yeah. He sent her notes or something last night.

Mara: That’s really creepy…

Mara (neutral worried\_slightly): I guess that’s why she didn’t seem too happy today, though.

Pro: Yeah…

Mara pauses, taking in the gravity of the situation.

Mara: Are you still gonna go to her practice tomorrow?

Pro: Yeah. Probably.

Mara: …

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Alright. If that’s what you’ve decided, then I’m fine with it.

Mara (neutral fufu): Anyways, you agreed to do anything with me today, right?

Pro: Um, I don’t recall…

Mara (neutral frustrated): No weaseling out of it.

Pro: Yes ma’am.

Mara (neutral fufu): So, with that in mind, today we’ll…

I brace myself, preparing for the worst.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): ...be going to your place. To study.

Pro: …

Huh?

Mara (neutral neutral):

Pro: Why?

Mara (neutral curious): Don’t you have a test tomorrow?

Pro: I mean, I do, but why would you voluntarily choose to study when you could’ve chosen anything?

Mara (neutral thinking): Well, I thought about it, and if you don’t do well in school then my get-rich-quick scheme kinda just goes down the drain.

Mara (neutral hehe): Just kidding. Partially.

Mara (neutral smiling): I’d feel bad if you were to fail your test.

Mara: And besides, I don’t mind what we do. As long as we do it together.

Mara (neutral embarrassed\_blushing):

Mara’s words make me blush, and she notices it before I can hide.

Mara (neutral bashful\_blushing): …

Mara (neutral embarrassed\_blushing): Well, we should get going, huh? No point in standing around.