**Classroom**

Classes actually end up being pretty interesting today, interesting to a point where I feel a tinge of disappointment when the lunch bell rings.

Asher (neutral playful): Not bad today, huh?

Pro: Yeah.

Pro: What’s up?

He pulls his chair over and sits down.

Asher (neutral curious): You doing anything after school today?

Pro: Actually…

Pro: I am, sorry.

Asher (neutral thinking): Oh?

Asher (neutral grinning): Doing something with Prim? You were with her this morning, right?

Pro: …

Pro: You’re kinda creepy.

Asher (neutral sarcastic): Ouch…

Asher (neutral grinning): A bunch of people saw you guys, you know.

Pro: Yeah, but it’s like you know everything.

Asher (neutral thinking): Well…

Asher (neutral playful): I guess I’m well informed.

I stare at him skeptically.

Asher (neutral expressionless): …

Asher (excited grinning): Anyways, what are you guys doing?

Pro: Oh. I’m going with her to her practice. For piano.

Asher (neutral thinking: I see.

Asher (neutral skeptical): So like, are you just gonna watch her practice, or…?

Pro: Uh…

Pro: Actually I dunno.

Asher (neutral curious): Where is it?

Pro: Uh…

Pro: I’m not sure, actually.

Asher (neutral thinking): Hmm...

Asher (neutral neutral): You could bring manga or something I guess.

Pro: Yeah, cozying up in a corner reading manga in front of a bunch of other people doesn’t sound the most enjoyable…

Asher (neutral smiling): Or you could study.

Pro: Nope. Won’t work.

Asher lets out a sigh.

Asher (neutral sincere): Or you could try to meet people. I’m sure you’re not gonna be the only one there, right?

Pro: Ah…

Pro: That sounds kinda pointless, though.

Asher (neutral sincere): Well, you never know. Putting yourself out there can lead to some interesting results.

I start to protest, but then I remember that’s exactly what happened with Prim.

Pro: Maybe. But it’s pretty far, so even if I did make a few friends I wouldn’t really be able to see them.

Asher (neutral sigh): I guess.

Pro: And between that option and reading manga, I’d probably choose manga.

Asher (neutral neutral): Of course.

Asher (neutral curious): What are you reading now?

We end up talking about manga until classes resume, with Asher asking me for recommendations throughout lunch. It’s a little odd talking to him about something like this, but it’s also refreshing to find that he’s not strictly a social butterfly.

I guess people can enjoy all sorts of things.