**Home Station**

Prim and I part ways shortly after finishing our buns, Prim to her home to practice, and me to the station to meet Lilith and Petra.

Lilith (neutral neutral):

When I arrive I find Lilith already there, her unmistakable height and hair colour drawing stares from the people passing by around her. She doesn’t really seem to mind, though, and instead looks around nonchalantly, maybe a little bored.

Lilith (waving curious):

When she sees me her face lights up ever so slightly and she waves beckoning me over.

Lilith (neutral curious): It’s you.

Pro: Hey.

With a touch of gratification, I note that I’m still taller than her, although not by much.

Pro: Where’s Petra?

Lilith (neutral annoyed): Late probably. As always.

Pro: Oh, I see.

Lilith (neutral neutral):

Pro: Um…

I look at Lilith’s outfit, noting with a hint of self-consciousness that it’s pretty fancy. I, on the other hand, am wearing a t-shirt and jeans, which I don’t think is necessarily unstylish but it definitely makes me feel out of place.

Pro: Should I have worn something nicer…?

Lilith (neutral confused\_slightly): Hm? No, I think you’re fine.

Lilith (neutral curious): Why do you ask?

Pro: Oh, no reason.

The two gears in my head whirl desperately, trying to quickly and naturally change the topic.

Pro: By the way, where are we going? You mentioned a coffee shop.

Lilith (neutral neutral): There’s a small coffee shop that nobody really knows about around here.

Pro: Like a hole-in-the-wall?

Lilith: Yeah.

Pro: Oh, that’s pretty cool. How did you find it?

Lilith (neutral thinking): Um…

Lilith (neutral neutral): I just did, I guess. And I’ve been going there ever since.

Pro: I see.

The conversation starts to die, but thankfully Petra arrives to save the day, bounding in happily and without a care in the world.

Lilith (neutral annoyed):

Petra (waving grinning): Hey!! Mornin’!

Lilith: It’s past noon already, though.

Petra (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Is it? Sorry, sorry, I slept in and almost for-

Petra (neutral geh):

She stops abruptly when she sees Lilith’s expression, her cheerfulness replaced with remorse.

Petra (embarrassed embarrassed): My humblest apologies.

Lilith (neutral sigh): It’s fine.

Lilith (neutral neutral):

Petra (neutral hehe): Hehe.

Petra (neutral curious): Wow, you’re pretty dressed up today.

Lilith: Am I?

Petra: Yeah. You seem really grown-up and mature.

Lilith (neutral curious):

Petra (neutral fufu): Right Pro?

Petra (neutral disappointed):

Pro: Huh?!? Uh, yeah, maybe…

I shy away from Lilith’s curious gaze, looking at Petra instead who, in contrast, looks at me with something I can only describe as disappointment.

Petra (neutral skeptical): Jellyfish.

Pro: What does that even mean…?

Petra (neutral curious): It means…

Petra (neutral thinking): Mmm…

Petra (neutral expressionless): It means that your will is like a jellyfish’s, um…

Lilith: Tentacles?

Petra (neutral curious): Yeah.

Petra (neutral fufu): It means you’re weak-willed, indecisive, and noodle-like.

Pro: Noodle-like…?

Petra (neutral happy): That’s right.

Petra (neutral skeptical):

Lilith (neutral confused\_slightly):

Pro: Is that even an insult?

Petra (neutral pout): Who knows?

Petra (laughing laughing):

Lilith (neutral confused):

We glare at each other for a few seconds before breaking out in laughter, thoroughly confusing our tutor.

Petra (laughing recovering):

Lilith: Um…

Petra (neutral smiling):

Lilith (neutral confused\_slightly): You guys are pretty close, huh?

Petra (neutral thinking): Are we?

Petra (neutral curious): I think we just like to joke around.

Pro: Yeah.

Lilith (neutral worried\_slightly): I see.

She looks at us both oddly, her expression unreadable.

Lilith (neutral sigh): Well, let’s going I guess.

Petra (neutral geh):

Lilith (neutral neutral): We’re here to study, so don’t joke around too much.

Petra (neutral smiling\_nervous): Right. I forgot about that…

Lilith (neutral annoyed): …

Lilith (neutral curious):

Apparently done with Petra’s antics, she turns to me instead.

Lilith: Um…

Lilith: Are you ready to start?

Pro: Oh, yeah.

Pro: Please teach me well.