**Front of School**

The rest of the morning goes by without any major incident, and as soon as lunch starts I manage to leave without anybody noticing. Or at least without me noticing anybody noticing.

Remembering my commitment to Mara, I send her a text before heading towards the shopping district. It’s actually pretty far, so to give myself the highest chance of making it back before classes resume I, reluctantly, break into a run.

**Shopping District**

Mara’s already there waiting by the time I arrive, which is a little strange since her school is farther from here than mine.

Mara (neutral geh): Uwah…

Mara (neutral neutral): You look horrible.

Pro: I…ran all the way…

Mara (neutral worried\_slightly): I figured…

She waits for me to catch my breath before continuing on.

Mara (neutral thinking): Anyways, we don’t have much time, so maybe we should split up. I’ll call you if I find anything good.

Mara (neutral curious):

Pro: Huh? Are you sure?

Mara (neutral neutral): I mean, I’d prefer to accompany you to make sure you don’t make any poor decisions, but finding a present for Prim takes priority.

Pro: Oh, yeah. You’re right.

Mara (neutral curious): Do you have any stores in mind?

Pro: Um, not really. Actually, maybe.

Mara (neutral neutral): I see…

Mara (neutral smiling): Well, regardless of whether or not you have any ideas, we should probably get started.

Mara (waving smiling): If you find anything you think might be good let me know, okay?