**Front of School**

We return our tools and thank the gardening club again once we finish, deciding to meet at the front again after we get ready to leave. Asher and I are the first ones out, followed by Prim, Lilith, and finally Petra.

Asher (neutral smiling):

Prim (shy neutral):

Lilith (neutral neutral):

Petra (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Ah, it feels nice to be clean again…

Prim (shy curious):

Asher (neutral curious):

Petra (neutral smiling): So, what are we doing now? Wanna get something to eat?

Prim (shy shy):

Petra (neutral curious):

Lilith (neutral worried\_slightly): Sorry, I should probably go home. I promised my aunt I’d help her move some stuff around.

Asher (neutral smiling\_nervous): I have some errands to run, so I’ll also pass…

Petra (down disappointed): Oh…

Lilith (neutral neutral):

Asher (neutral curious):

Petra (neutral curious): What about you two?

Prim (shy worried\_slightly): Um…

Prim thinks about it for a few seconds before answering.

Asher (neutral smiling):

Petra (neutral excited):

Prim (shy shy): Sure.

Pro: Same.

Petra (neutral grinning): I guess it’ll be the three of us, then.

Pro: Yup.

Prim (shy confused):

Petra (neutral worried\_slightly):

She turns to Lilith, suddenly uncharacteristically reserved.

Lilith (neutral curious):

Petra (neutral down): Um…

Lilith (neutral smiling\_slightly):

Prim (shy curious):

Petra (neutral worried): Will you be there at practice tomorrow?

Prim (shy smiling\_eyes\_closed)

Petra (neutral curious):

Lilith (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Of course.

Petra (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Okay.

Lilith (neutral smiling):

Prim (shy smiling):

Petra (neutral smiling): See you, then.

Lilith (waving smiling): See you.

Prim (shy curious):

Asher (waving smiling):

Petra (waving grinning): C’mon Prim, let’s go. Bye Asher!

Prim (surprise surprise): Huh?!?!? Petra…!

Petra (exit):

Prim (exit):

Asher (neutral hehe):

Petra pulls Prim down the sidewalk, but I stay behind to briefly chat with my fellow second-years.

Lilith (neutral curious):

Asher (neutral smiling): They’ve become pretty inseparable, huh?

Pro: Yeah.

Asher (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): It’s kinda heartwarming, don’t you think?

Asher (stretching yawn):

He lets out a yawn, stretching his arms into the air.

Asher (waving smiling): Well, I should probably get going. See you guys.

Pro: Oh, see you.

Asher (exit):

He heads after Prim and Petra, turning left at the first intersection.

Lilith: Um…

Lilith (neutral smiling\_nervous): I should probably also go.

Lilith (neutral smiling): I had fun today. Thanks.

Pro: Oh, no problem.

Lilith (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): I guess I’ll see you later, then.

Pro: Yeah, see you.

Lilith (exit):

After one last wave, Lilith turns and heads the other way, and once she’s out of sight I trot after the first-year duo, wanting to catch up before I lose them.

**Front of Convenience Store**

We end up paying a visit to the convenience store, deciding to save both time and money instead of going to an actual restaurant. None of us really mind though – red bean buns after physical labour are really good.

Prim (shy eek):

Petra (neutral wow): Wow, you finished yours fast.

Petra (neutral curious):

Prim (fidget down\_blushing): I was hungry.

Prim (shy eek\_blushing):

Petra: You wolfed down both of yours before Pro and I finished one…

Prim (shy embarrassed\_blushing):

I finish my first bun, the second one looking a lot less appetizing.

Prim (shy bambi):

Pro: Um, Prim, do you want this one? I don’t really feel like eating it.

Prim (shy disappointed):

She reaches out happily, but after a brief moment of reconsideration she retracts her hand reluctantly.

Prim: It’s alright. I should probably leave room for dinner…

Prim (shy shy):

Pro: Oh, okay. No problem.

Guess I’ll save it for later.

Prim (shy curious):

Petra (neutral smiling): Oh yeah, Prim. Last night I saw a video of your sister again.

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What?

Prim (shy worried\_slightly): My sister…?

Petra (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Yeah, I was scrolling through videos and one of her competitions popped up. She’s really good, huh? Seeing her play really inspires me.

Prim (shy disappointed): Yeah…

Petra (neutral curious):

Pro: Um, what are you talking about? Isn’t Prim’s sister a student?

Petra (neutral confused):

Petra looks at me oddly, unknowingly about to drop a bomb.

Prim (shy disbelief):

Petra (neutral curious): You didn’t know? Prim’s sister’s a professional pianist.

For real…?

Prim (shy worried):

I look to Prim for confirmation, and she nods slowly.

Prim: She is.

But isn’t her arm broken…?

Petra (neutral confused):

Prim (shy down): Um, I should probably go now.

Prim (shy smiling\_worried): Today was fun. Thanks.

Pro: Wait, Prim…

Prim (exit):

Petra (surprise panic):

But she doesn’t wait, instead turning around and running away.

Petra (neutral neutral): …

Petra (neutral worried\_slightly): Did I say something…?

Pro: Well, you did, but I don’t think it was your fault…

Pro: Never mind that, though, shouldn’t we go after her?

Petra (neutral worried): Um…

Petra (neutral worried\_slightly): If we both go then she might feel surrounded. I think only one of us should go.

Pro: Then…

My first instinct is to chase after her myself, since I’ve met her sister and can more or less guess what’s going on. However, Petra’s closer to her and likely knows her better, and by extension is probably the better choice…

Go after her.

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Petra (neutral neutral):

Pro: I’ll go.

Petra: Why you?

Pro: I don’t know if this is the right thing to do, but…

Petra (neutral curious):

Pro: But I really think I should go.

She stares at me blankly, leading me to think that she doesn’t approve.

Pro: Um…

Petra: …

Petra (neutral sigh): You’ve really grown up, huh?

Petra (neutral smiling):

Pro: Huh? What’s that supposed to mean?

Petra (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): Nothing, nothing.

Petra (arms\_crossed skeptical): Why are you standing around? You just made that declaration, so stand by it and go after her.

Pro: Oh, right. I’ll see you later then.

Petra (arms\_crossed grinning): Get going. And text me what happens this time.

Petra (neutral smiling):

She pushes me in the direction that Prim ran off in, giving me a physical boost forward.

Petra (neutral happy): Don’t you dare back down at the last moment, okay?!?

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Let Petra go after her.

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Pro: I think you should go.

Petra: …

Petra (neutral worried): Are you sure?

Pro: Of course I’m sure.

Petra (neutral neutral): Alright.

Pro: What are you waiting for? Get going.

Petra (neutral smiling\_nervous): Oh, right.

Petra (waving smiling): I’ll see you later, then. I’ll text you what happens.

Petra (exit):

I watch her as she sprints off, a little regretful but knowing that this is probably for the best.

Hopefully she’ll be able to reach Prim.

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