**Bedroom**

Despite sleeping straight through the night, I wake up feeling as if I didn’t sleep at all. Prim’s pained face is the first thing that comes to mind when I open my eyes, making me want to close them and drift off again.

Mara (neutral curious):

The second thing that comes to mind when I open my eyes are the eyes that peer back into them.

Mara (neutral smiling): Good morning.

Pro: Mara…?

Pro: What time is it?

Mara (neutral thinking): Well…

Mara (neutral smiling\_worried): Let’s just say that we’ll be able to take out time today.

Pro: Sorry…

Mara (neutral smiling): It’s okay, don’t worry.

Mara (neutral worried\_slightly): More importantly, are you alright?

Pro: Um…

Mara: Prim?

Pro: …

Pro: Yeah. How’d you know?

Mara (neutral smiling\_worried): Well, Lilith just came back, so nothing’s probably happened yet.

Mara (neutral sigh): And knowing you, you’d only get this worked up about a cute girl, so…

Pro: Yikes.

Mara (neutral hehe): Kidding, kidding.

Mara (neutral worried\_slightly): So? What happened?

I tell Mara about everything that’s happened with Prim recently, starting with my encounter with Iris in the music store and covering everything up till yesterday’s conversation.

Pro: But in a way she was right. I don’t really have a reason to be this invested in her, but I still went ahead and stuck my nose in her business.

Mara (neutral worried): Well…

Mara (neutral thinking): …

Mara (neutral neutral): Actually, I’m gonna hold my opinion for now.

Pro: Huh? Why?

Mara (neutral smiling): You’ll see.

Mara (neutral curious): Anyways, you should probably get out of bed soon.

She grabs both of my hands and leans back, slowly pulling me to my feet.

Mara (neutral smiling\_eyes\_closed): There we go.

Mara (neutral smiling): Get changed and then go eat your breakfast, okay?