**Classroom**

Despite having the entire afternoon to prepare myself, I can’t help but feel nervous when the school day ends. I still have an hour and a half before I have to be at Lilith’s place, though, so hopefully by then I’ll be able to exterminate all the butterflies in my stomach.

Teacher: Pro. See me in my office.

Right. I skipped half the day today.

Hopefully my punishment won’t take too long…

**Teacher’s Office**

I find Ms. Tran at her desk, reading over a particularly long form. When she notices me, though, she puts it down, giving me goosebumps.

Teacher: Explain yourself.

Pro: I slept in.

Teacher: You slept in.

Pro: Correct.

She looks at me skeptically, perhaps a little unsettled by my frank response.

Teacher: Well, I guess that’s that. As for your penalty this time…

Teacher: I’ll defer it till after your math test. Quite frankly, you need all the time you can to study.

Pro: Oh. Alright.

Guess I dodged a bullet.

Teacher: Don’t count yourself lucky, though. You’ll have to do more than usual on your day of reckoning, like interest on a loan.

Oh. Maybe not.