**Classroom**

Afternoon classes go by as usual, and when we’re finally dismissed I quickly pack up my bags and head towards the door, ready to go home and relax.

Teacher (neutral stern): Pro.

I freeze, knowing full well what’s gonna happen next.

Teacher (neutral neutral): Wait here.

Teacher (exit):

Barely able to keep the sigh from escaping my mouth, I nod and return back to my desk, unsure of what exactly I did. I don’t think I fell asleep in class today, and if I did I definitely don’t remember it.

I watch as the rest of my classmates trickle out of the room, wishing that I was leaving with them. Hopefully I won’t have remedial classes tomorrow…

Teacher (neutral neutral): So…

Teacher (neutral disappointed):

I gulp and hold my breath, much to Ms. Tran’s disappointment.

Teacher (neutral curious): Relax, I’m not mad. Have you completed that career form?

Pro: Um…

Truth is, I totally forgot about it.

Teacher (neutral disappointed):

Pro: I haven’t really been able to come up with anything.

Teacher (neutral sigh):

She sighs.

Teacher (neutral disappointed): Try to get it done soon, alright? It’s not really urgent, but it would be in your best interest to finish it as soon as you can.

Pro: Yeah.

Teacher (neutral sincere): How’ve you been holding up recently? Doing okay?

Pro: Um, yeah.

Teacher (neutral smiling\_slightly): That’s good. Now, because you didn’t hand in your career form, you’re gonna help me carry these back to the library.

Pro: I have something to do though…

Teacher (neutral skeptical):

She eyes me skeptically, knowing full well that I usually go straight home after school. Today is different though, and Mara would probably get mad if I made her wait again.

Teacher: Like what?

Pro: I’m doing something with a friend.

Teacher (neutral sigh):

After another few seconds of scrutiny, Ms. Tran gives up and sighs.

Teacher (neutral disappointed): Alright, alright. I guess I’ll do it myself.

Teacher (neutral expressionless): If only your double didn’t skip out today…

Pro: My… double?

Teacher (neutral neutral): Mhm.

Teacher (neutral thinking): Actually, maybe you’re his double.

Oh, she means Asher.

Teacher (neutral neutral):

Pro: He might be sick.

Teacher (neutral disappointed): Is that so?

Teacher (neutral sigh):

She lets out another sigh, and a small part of me starts to feel sorry for her, but not sorry enough to stay and help.

Teacher (neutral disappointed):

Pro: Well, I’d better get going now…

Teacher (neutral annoyed): Fine, fine. Enjoy your weekend. And Pro…

I instinctively freeze.

Teacher (neutral smiling\_slightly): If you have enough time to go watch a baseball game, you definitely have enough time to fill out a career form.

Teacher (neutral laughing):

She laughs at the surprise on my face.

Pro: Yes ma’am…

Teacher (neutral smiling): Yup, yup. Get outta here.

Teacher (exit):

Not needing to be told twice, I embarrassedly edge out of the classroom.