

I find myself walking to Strings with a bounce in my step, partly because this is the last class of the day, partly due to a certain genshin-obsessed girl who plays the violin and sits two seats away. I tug somewhat self-consciously at the hem of my shirt before entering the classroom, shooting a quick hello to Mr. Dandrea, who's standing at the door. Jenn isn't here yet, but Claire Shin, a.k.a short Claire, is already seated and chatting with her bestie Emma. "Heyyy Elijah," Claire says as I sit down, three spots away from her. She's the concertmaster, I'm fourth chair. And she never lets me forget it.

"Sorry, Jennifer isn't here yet," she tells me with mock sympathy. "Try not to be too disappointed." "Shut up," I mutter. She smirks.

Of course, this has to be when Jenn arrives. "Hello," she says, poking short Claire's shoulder affectionately. I look on. Seeing them so friendly makes me a bit jealous, even though Jenn obviously doesn't have feelings for short Claire. Besides, what can I do... she probably doesn't even like me back. But I decided I can't just sit there and expect her to like me, so I strike a conversation, "Hi, how was your day?" I ask jenn.

"Ehhhhhhhhh" she replies. That eh made my heart flutter. How can she just be so cute without trying?

"Alright class, it's time for tuning!" Mr. Dandrea shouts, that broke off my dreams of jenn. The class started off with playing time machine, everything was going great until.... The romantic era, I heard Jenn playing the most beautiful sounds, really romantic.. I can just imagine us being together on a romantic date.. OOPS, WHAT AM I THINKING??? I have no chance with her... but I want her so bad. What should I do?

I desperately need to make Jenn mine. she could be taken by some other dude who knows when. But how? I spin several times in my room after school, thinking of a strategy. I suddenly remembered that there is a beach dance in school soon this Friday. I can ask her out to the dance!! And if she says yes then at the dance she can get to know me more and maybe even like me back! I'm so excited, but the big question is really will she say yes to go to the dance with me? I hesitate; what if she says no? But I push that thought away. If I want her I have to give this a shot. First I decided to ask Claire and Emma for some advice for asking Jenn out.

I text them on Discord. *I know claires gonna tease me like crazy, but do you think jenn would say yes if i asked her out? Also, how shud i do it?*

Claire's reply is immediate. *YES FINALLY SOME CLIJAH MOMENTS <3*

Emma answers only minutes after. *Idk. like maybe? Good luck*

Get down on one knee, Claire texts. Then whip out a ring and confess your love!

I roll my eyes and turn off my phone. Well, that was helpful. The next day, I woke up early to prepare for IT, I am nervous. I put on my best casual outfit, and brings a batch of flowers, I also prepared many xiao and fu hua stuff, because that's one thing I know for sure-Jenn loves random Genshin stuff. I hope the things I brought satisfy her and she will say yes. I decided I will ask her out in lunch. The day goes on normally with a few compliments on my fit. But at lunch I WAS NERVOUS AS HELL. I awkwardly went to Jenn's table and said "heyyy Jenn, do you have a second to talk with me right now?"

“Sure?” Jenn said, in a confused tone.

“Soooo, you know the dance this Friday?..” I asked, I am so nervous, my face is blushing a little already but I think my whole body is trembling right now.

“Yes? What about it?” replied Jenn.

“W-w-will you..... Go to the dance w-with mmme?” I awkwardly asked finally, also pulling out the flowers and genshin stuff I prepared for her, now my face is a tomato already and my heart was beating like crazy, that was soo embarrassing, I thought.

“Uhh, sure! Why not!” Jenn said embarrassingly finally after thinking for a while, she also takes the gifts I prepared for her, and her face is blushing a little. O M G!!!YESSSSSSS, I can't believe she actually said yes! I thought to myself, I guess all my hard work paid off.

“Great! Then let's meet at the entrance of the school.” I said, trying hard to not sound too excited. “Ok sure, but my parents won't be able to pick me up because they're working so is it fine if I stay at your house after the party until they come?” Jenn replied. My gosh... I felt butterflies in my stomach, my crush said yes and now she is even going to be staying at my house?!?!??!?!?I?I?I?I? That's such a miracle come true! I thought to myself.

“Oh yeah, Of course!” I said, already thinking about the “date”, and what outfit I should wear. It's going to be soooooo romantic and cute.

“Thanks, bye! See you at the party.” Jenn said, snapping me out of my daydream, “Also, I like your outfit today!” she said while giving me a little wink. THAT WAS SOOO CUTE!!! And she complimented me?????? Wow, today is my lucky day! I thought, while waving bye to her. After going home, i knew immediately what to do. PREPARE FOR THE DANCE TOMORROW.,