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House Arrest || TetsuTetsu x Listener

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**The audio starts with the sound of a vacuum going. Listener and Tetsu are inside the common room of the dorm, cleaning. The vacuum turns off.**

**(Long, angry sigh)** I can't believe our whole class gets to train with pros today while we're stuck here cleaning up everyone's mess!

Ah?! ... Oh come on, I don't contribute to the mess THAT much. **(grumpy little growl)** What? I mean- I know I need to clean up after myself when I cook and stuff, but I don't hear you complaining whenever I cook for YOU!

**(pause)**

**(playfully smug)** Heh, that's what I thought~ You like my cooking!

**(thump as he flops down with a groan)**

Ugh man...this stinks. Being stuck on house arrest...**(huff)** Mr. Vlad's been hanging around 1-A's teacher too much, he's picking up on that ruthless nature.

**(pause)**

Huh?! I was *not* picking fights for no reason! That guy was talking out of his ass! Saying all kinds of mean shit about our class! I couldn't just let that slide! **(huff)** Riot would never let me hear the end of it if I didn't stand up for our classmates, even *if* it got me into trouble.

...Hm..you...didn't have to jump in though, you know. Like...I appreciate it don't get me wrong, but I woulda been happy to take the punishment on my own...now you're stuck in here with me too.

**(pause)**

"Make it up to you?" Heh...yeah I can do that. **(thoughtfully)** Lemme think! What is it that you always talk about again? I swear I remember you mentioning how you wanted to go somewhere on break... Oh right! The cafes around town!

There's this new one that just opened, it's like...red panda themed? Fatgum showed it to Riot an' me when we were on patrol last week! They have tons of boba and coffee flavors and like.. these little Dorayaki with red panda faces on 'em, apparently they're pretty good! Not to mention fancy fruit parfaits too with these tiny chocolate pandas for decoration.

And a portion of the money goes to helping those furry little guys out y'know? So...not only do you get tasty treats, you get to help some animals! It's a pretty sweet deal in my opinion!

**(pause)**

**(feigning annoyance)** Yeah yeah, my treat I know~ I'm not just gonna offer to take you out and not pay, what kinda man would I be if I did that?!

**(Soft huff)** Welp, I just about cleaned every surface in the entire common area by now.. Everything's all vacuumed, and I assume you got all the trash right? Heh, good! This place looks a lot nicer than it did an hour ago, that's for sure!

Sometimes I forget dust even exists, until it builds up on everything.. Ugh. Cleaning's such a pain... But it's one of those things that's gotta be done. At least I had your company here.. Sucks that you got in trouble too but I can't say I'm complaining. Heh.. Having you here makes this less of a house arrest and more of.. I dunno.

**(A little shy)** Uhh.. Huh?! A date? No- I wasn't gonna say that or anything..! I meant- I meant uh.. Like a hang out. Heh.. Are you TRYING to get me flustered?! I can see that cheeky grin of yours! You can't hide it from me! **(huff)**

And besides...this would be a pretty lame first date! **(amused laugh, playfully sarcastic)** Oh yeah, nothing like having to clean an entire dorm building from top to bottom together for two days to sweep someone off their feet! Ha!

Ya know... If I WAS actually to take you on a date, you'd uh.. deserve a lot more than cleaning a dorm! I might not look it, but I'm actually pretty romantic! ..

Ah?! What's that look for? You don't think I can be romantic? .... hey! I could if I tried! I've actually put thought into it before, like.. you know, taking someone out. On a date...

**(A little flustered but trying to sound confident)** I ah- yeah! ... Well, I dunno! I guess like.. **(embarrassed whine)** I've always liked the idea of taking a person I care about to a really nice restaurant.. or a cafe.

Somewhere we can just order somethin' tasty and then just.. sit and talk! Face to face, no distractions just... us. Together.. getting to know each other.

Like.. really *know* each other. I wanna learn about their hobbies and their favorite foods, what they like doing in their spare time and what kinda music they listen to... I wanna know what their favorite movie is, and all about their family and their quirk and.. their struggles.. things that make them happy, things that make them sad..

Heh... I guess I just want someone to really bond with. I'd spoil the hell outta them!

Huh..? **(A little embarrassed)** yeah, yeah! I know I got all sappy outta nowhere! Just.. forget I said all that, okay?

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Eh- huh? You didn't mind it? You *liked* hearing all that? Well..! Don't go saying stuff like that or you'll make me all.. flustered!

**(Soft huff)** ... I mean, I'm glad you think it's romantic. Maybe someday I'll get to take someone out like that.. and maybe if I'm real lucky, it'll be the person I uh...

**(Embarrassed, defensive)** oh shut it! I don't have a crush on anyone..! I just..! I dunno...I kinda like the thought of having someone like that I guess.

**(low sigh)** My parents are....really in love with each other. Treat each other great, like...heh, my mom? She is the *CENTER* of my dad's world y'know? He's always doin' sweet stuff for her...buying her little stuffed animals, remembering her favorite foods and knowing just how to cheer my Mom up when she's having a bad day.

My mom is like...the *expert* at making my dad's favorite foods. She always makes his bento and puts a little note inside for him...and they always spend time together when they can! Haha one time? I even saw her just grab him while they were doing dishes and she just started dancing with him. Right there in the kitchen!

**(thoughtfully)** And I see....how happy it makes my dad. Like, his eyes just light up and he looks so...soft when he sees her...and I dunno. It kinda makes me want that for myself. Find that one special person that I can connect with like that...

**(pause)**

I mean...it doesn't have to be...eh 'traditional' like that though? Hm. I care more about the person inside more than the outside if that makes sense?

**(pause)**

Heh, I knew you'd get it. You always seem to understand me really well y'know that? I really like that about you... Always so perceptive about the people around ya and stuff. You really pay attention when I'm talking to you, like.. You actually care about the stuff I'm saying!

Makes me feel special. **(Soft chuckle)** Ahhh, anyways.. Guess we're all done for tonight. Cleaning isn't my favorite way to burn off dinner but hey...at least it's done! Maybe we could just spend the rest of the night hanging out! Our classmates won't be back for a while... which meaaans, we got the switch all to ourselves for a bit!

C'mon! Let's play some Smash. Loser has to vacuum the entire common room tomorrow?

**(pause)**

Hahaha! You're on! You better get ready then cuz I'm not gonna hold back!

**(fades out and fades back in after a bit)**

**(groan)** Ahhh man, when did you get so good huh? I think you've been spending too much time hanging out with that Kaminari kid... You know, the electric one that kinda looks like pikachu.

**(pause)**

Huh?! Hey now. I'm lots of things, but I'm *not* a sore loser. You won fair and square so...vacuuming's on me. **(stretch)** Ugh...man.. Why did I have to make that the losing condition.. Heh.. Guess that's my bad.

Hey uh, just...throwing this out here. I know everyone's gonna be back soon...do you wanna like, grab something to drink and head up to my room? I don't think I'm ready for Monoma's rants today. Heh, I had a long enough day as it is...

**(pause)**

Haha! Glad we're on the same page. Even with Kendo running interference, he can be kind of a lot and I don't think I can manage it right now. Last thing I wanna do is get kicked out of UA for like..stuffing his head inside the couch or something.

C'mon! We just went shopping the other day so there should be plenty of drinks to choose from. Let's go take a peek!

**(Footsteps as they walk to the kitchen and open the fridge)**

Hmmmm let's see here.

Milk, apple juice, sports drinks...water...ah-HA! C'mere you! Heh, Lychee soda~ One of my favs! Which one are you feeling huh?

Ooohh nice choice! Looks like you got the last one too heh, don't worry, I won't tell anyone.

C'mon let's get outta here...I think I can hear Monoma's big mouth already! Hah.

**(footsteps as they head over and hit the button for the elevator. A ding and in they go, elevator doors closing and it moves)**

Did you manage to get your work packets done already?

**(pause)**

**(admiring)** Ha! Man you're fast. I might have to ask you for some help. Cuz that English stuff? Oof...it always gets me. It's those damn VERBS! They always trip me up, ugh.

**(elevator ding and doors open, footsteps for a bit, door opens)**

After you! You can just sit wherever you like.

**(Footsteps and shuffling)**

Haha! You always pick the bed huh? Is it cuz of all the pillows? Yeah..thought so. It is pretty comfy. I dunno, I've always been like that, ever since my quirk showed up. Gotta have lots of pillows to keep in the warmth. It's...kinda hard to regulate my temperature sometimes.

**(footsteps)** Alright you, scootch over. **(shuffle as he sits, can cracks open and he takes a sip)**

Ah, gotta say this is a pretty good way to end the day y'know? Even though I'm pretty sure this shirt will forever smell of lemony cleaning products..

**(low sigh)** Again...I really am sorry that I got you in trouble too. But...heh, I gotta admit I'm excited to take you to that cafe though. I think you're really gonna like it. **(taking a sip)**

**(pause)**

**(he chokes on his drink)** W-wait huh? What did you call it?!

**(pause)**

**(insistent)** No no you don't get to say "oh nothing!" I heard that! What did you say?

**(pause)**

**(flustered)** I...uh...I mean. If...if you'd be alright with it being a uh...um..a date...then yeah. I'd love that.

**(shy huff)** I don't wanna like...assume or anything but um...does this mean that you...like me? Cause you know-! Uh.. When people go on dates it usually kinda means-

.... **(laughs)** Hey! Don't make fun of me! I just wanted to...y'know...make sure. I don't like it when things aren't clear. Miscommunication sucks! Leads to all kinds of problems, you know..?

**(slightly flustered)** I mean...I like you too...and I don't know what's gonna come of this but, yeah. **(gently)** I just...want to make sure we're both on the same page.. heh..

**(slight shift)**

**(small nervous noise)** Uh..yeah...no this is okay. You're always leaning on me anyway, but I guess now it feels a little...different? Not in a bad way, heh..just..it's nice.

**(slow inhale, sigh through the nose)** Hm..Y'know..I never really noticed how like..small your hands are compared to mine...S'cute. Doesn't mean that you're not badass though, heh...I have a couple of scars to prove it. You're just...really amazin' know that?

Oh come on, don't say that. Don't go downplaying your strength, silly. Sure, I know there's some pretty crazy quirks between class A and B, but yours.. I dunno. I guess yours just takes the cake for me! Especially the way you use it, like you really know what you're doing with it.

So not only is it such a cool, strong power... How you USE it goes to show just how hard you work and train. So don't you dare say stuff like "Oh it's not that strong..." Cause it IS.

I mean, look at me for example. I have a one trick kinda quirk.. I can just turn my skin into steel. On the surface, tonsa people would say that sucks! But you've seen what I can do on the field! So...don't let that quirkist junk mess up your way of thinking okay?

**(gentle)** You're an amazing person...and you're going to be an amazing hero too. That I know for a *fact*..and I can't wait to see it. You're gonna be one of the best out there.

**(pause)**

Heh, you're welcome.

**(little bit of quiet between them with the room ambience and him sipping his drink)**

Hm? Oh! You're all done with your drink? Here, I'll take it. Gotta go down and throw mine out anyway. There we go. Up there on the desk so I don't forget it. Guess we should uh.. Probably head to bed right? We have a pretty early morning tomorrow with the joint training.

Heh..! Yeah, that's tomorrow morning.. Did you forget? Nah it's okay, I'm usually the one forgetting everything, so I'm not gonna judge ya. Well.. Here, why don't I walk you to your room before I toss these?

Sounds good..? Awesome. **(Footsteps)** Here, after you! **(Opens up his door)**

**(Door closes, Footsteps as they walk down the hall)**

So....I was thinking maybe we could go this weekend? I know you said that you weren't going home and I was planning on hanging around too.

Yeah? Great! What time do you think? I was thinking around...two or so? That way we miss the lunch rush and we can just take our time.

Maybe after we can go walk at the park nearby? They have this cool little place where you can feed the fish an' stuff! Sound like fun? **(shy laugh)** Cool, cool.

**(Footsteps stop)**

Welp, here we are. I'll uh...I'll let you get some rest... **(hopefully)** And I'll see ya tomorrow? Maybe we can pair up for training? Heh, we're going up against 3-A again so we're definitely gonna have to be on top of it!

I'll make sure to have your back against that explosive bastard.. He fights dirty.

Yeah! Awesome, we're gonna ROCK! **(laughs, speaks gently, his voice adoring)** I'll see ya then...sleep tight okay? G'night..

**(footsteps away)**