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Jack said, "You shouldn't think about those things. In fact, you should focus on improving your health. If you have the time, you should go jogging daily. Do you hear me?"

Bella shook her head. "Jogging is so boring! I don't want to do it."

Jack pretended to look stern as he asked, "Do you want to get better or not?"

"I can do yoga!" Bella wriggled around, pressing her chest against him. She laughed softly and asked, "What do you think of my figure, Big Bun? Do you like it?"

He wasn't too pleased with the subject and didn't want to continue in this vein. She seemed to notice how he felt and said coquettishly, "Alright, alright. Don't get mad. I promise to go jogging, but..."

"But what?"

She leaned close to him and whispered, "But you have to do it with me and talk to me. That way, I won't be bored. What do you say?"

She blew on his ear, and the ticklish feeling made him uneasy. She even wriggled in his arms mischievously, her soft and supple skin making his face flush. His breathing sped up.

Jack said awkwardly, "Don't be like this, Bella. There are other people around!"

Bella was unfazed. She continued teasing him until he agreed to jog with her. She even sneaked a few kisses on his cheeks and lips before they left the infirmary. She looked very satisfied.

After she was done with her IV drip and on the way back to her dorm, she clung to Jack, occasionally sneaking a kiss or two. Her eyes were filled with happiness. It was as if Jack was her whole world.

He knew this was likely a trap she was setting for him but couldn't bring himself to reject her he enjoyed the feeling of holding her in his arms and being affectionate with her, too. Unlike Phoebe's silent grace, Bella was filled with vivacity and enthusiasm.

Bella didn't hurry upstairs when they arrived at her dormitory. She stared at Jack, her eyes gleaming with determination. She looked like she had something important to say.

Jack noticed this and asked, "Is there anything else?"

She bit her lip and lowered her head slightly, saying lowly, "I have a serious question for you, Big Bun. Do you have a crush on anyone?"

He didn't immediately answer. He had a feeling he knew what she was getting at.

Sure enough, Bella waited briefly for Jack to respond. When he didn't, she hesitated and played with the hem of her shirt nervously before saying, "If you don't have a girlfriend, Big Bun, can we... Can we try things out for a while? Like an actual couple. What do you think?"

Her gaze was resolute. It was clear she wasn't joking. She couldn't afford to joke around anymore, anyway. She was afraid of scaring him off.

Jack looked her in the eye and sighed softly. "You should stop joking with me."

She returned his gaze firmly before disappointment flickered in her eyes. Then, she laughed. "You're smart, Big Bun. I guess you're lucky you were prepared for it. I was just joking with you."

She waved at him and cheerily returned to her dorm. Jack watched her and smiled bitterly before turning and leaving.