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There was once a pureblood witch who admired a young Muggle down the lane. She was plain of face and from an odd family. He was rich and handsome. So she decided to do something to attract him.

With cauldron and herbs, she made a potion of love. Then she offered the young Muggle a drink.

Soon the young Muggle was besotted with the plain, but odd young witch, and they wed. After a time, he realized his error, but not before she was carrying his heir.

The child she bore was powerful yet thirsted for more. From Hogwarts he journeyed seeking and searching for knowledge untold. He was evil to the soul and he cursed them all,

"Run, run, as fast as you can!

You can't kill me,

I'm the snake faced-man!"

Dumbledore followed him into the world where he gathered the Order. They all trembled in fear as they saw his ghastly green mark. "Stop him!" he shouted. "He is evil and will kill us all!"

The Order tried to catch him, but the snake faced-man flew past them shouting,

"Run, run, as fast as you can!

You can't kill me,

I'm the snake faced-man!"

When he came upon the Potters, "Stop!" they called out. "You must die!"

But the snake-faced man killed them both. As he seeped into the mist, he shouted,

"I've run from Dumbledore,

I've run from the Order.

Run, run, as fast as you can!

You can't catch me,

I'm the snake faced-man!"

The Potters' son started to chase him. Just behind him were Dumbledore and the Order.

Next the snake faced-man met the DA. "Stop!" cried the DA. "We want to kill you!"

But the snake faced-man answered,

"I've run from Dumbledore,

I've run from the Order,

I've run from the Potters' son.

Run, run as fast as you can!

You can't catch me,

I'm the snake faced-man!"

So the DA started chasing the snake faced-man, along with the Potters' son, the Order and Dumbledore.

Down in Hogsmeade, the snake faced-man came upon some Aurors in the Three Broomsticks. When they saw him, they cried, "Stop! We want to kill you!"

But the snake faced-man called back,

"I've run from Dumbledore,

I've run from the Order,

I've run from the Potters' son,

I've run from the DA.

Run, run as fast as you can!

You can't catch me,

I'm the snake faced-man!"

At that, the Aurors joined all the others who were chasing the snake faced-man: the DA, the Potters' son, the Order and Dumbledore.

The snake faced-man ran past a spy in his midst and called out to him,

"Run, run, as fast as you can!

You can't catch me,

I'm the snake faced-man!"

The spy thought the snake faced-man needed to die, but he sighed, "I do not feel like running. Besides, I think you have the right idea. Purebloods should rule."

The snake faced-man had only gone a few more steps, but he was growing tired.

The spy saw the Aurors, the DA, the Potters' son, the Order and Dumbledore running toward them. So he said to the snake faced-man, "Come and I will make you a potion to make you strong."

"How do I know you will not kill me?" asked the snake faced-man.

"If you torture me, I won't be able to kill you," the sneaky spy answered.

So the snake faced-man drank the spy's potion, and the spy brewed him more of the same. Soon, the spy tired of the snake faced-man and knew he must be killed, "You better drink this strengthening potion if you want to stay strong."

The snake faced-man drank the potion, but he continued to grow weaker.

"Take this potion, it is even stronger," said the spy. So the snake faced-man drank the foul mixture.

But as soon as he did, from around the corner came the shout, *"Avada Kedavra!"*

The spy turned smugly upon them all: the Aurors, the DA, the Potters' son, the Order and Dumbledore as the mist settled around. With a sly sneer, he said, "Run, run as fast as you can, but without me you could not kill the snake faced-man!"