

The Rescue

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So in my world HBP is not an issue. Dumbledore is still alive and well here. This takes place during seventh year. I suppose its AU then, but I consider everything written by people other than JKR AU. This is a story I wrote after being inspired by Marquise latest drawing.

All canon characters belong to JKR.

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He looked over his classroom and silently took attendance. It had been four days now, and she still was not in class. He had quietly checked the hospital wing on a daily basis, and she was not there either.

It would be easy for the other professors to not notice her absence, as she had taken double classes over the previous year except for Potions. His class ... advanced potions ...was her only class, as well as the beginning of her apprenticeship with him. She had been so excited over it that she declined the position of Head Girl, saying the apprenticeship would require all her time, as well as separate apprentice quarters.

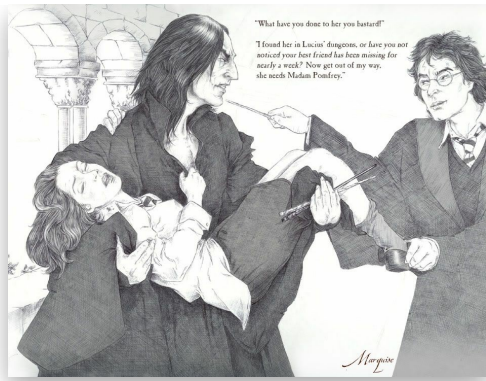
She was also not in the Great Hall for any of the day's meals. He had gone to Dumbledore the prior morning to voice his concern. For once, the old man did not have a gleam in his eye. He said he would send an owl to her parents that would not be too conspicuous, to see if they mentioned their daughter being there with them.

The owl from her parents had arrived just before his class today. There was no mention of Hermione. It had been months now that in his mind she had become Hermione, and not Miss Granger. He now truly felt uneasy. Her friends, however, seemed just the opposite. It was as though they had no idea she was not there. He briefly wondered if they had had a falling out, but he shook the thought out of his mind. He had seen them together over the weekend, and all seemed fine.

The advanced potions class went on as usual. He gave the students plenty of homework, along with detailed instructions, to last them throughout the evening. He wanted them studying, not coming to his office asking ridiculous questions. For he now knew that he must pay a certain someone a visit, a certain person he felt might know just where Hermione Granger was.

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He left the grounds just after dusk. He immediately Apparated to the home of Lucius Malfoy. Yes, Lucius was no longer in Azkaban. The fact of the matter was, he had escaped several months prior, leaving behind a captured Muggle look-alike whose soul had been sucked out by a Dementor. Only Severus and Dumbledore knew this as



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