

In Need of Being Kissed

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Disclaimer: J. K. R. knows all things Harry Potter, and the last time I checked I was not her.

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He looked implacably at her as he walked up to where she sat at a table with a group of friends. He asked his wife, "What do you think you are going to do with that bottle, Madame Snape?"

"Well, Professor, I was just teaching our friends about Muggle spin-the-bottle. You see, it is where you get an empty bottle, place it in the middle of a group of people sitting in a circle, and one person starts by spinning the bottle. Whoever the open end points to gets kissed by the spinner," Hermione officiously answered.

"Must you always reply with such a circumlocutious explanation every time you open your mouth? With so many of your aficionados present, the very ones you call our friends, surely you don't need a game to get kissed. All you had to do is say so, and I would have been more than happy to help you in this endeavor. Allow me to show you," Severus said as he pulled her to him, pressing his lips to hers in a smoldering kiss.

Pulling away for a much needed breath, she looked up at him. "I didn't ask for an officious comment from you, Professor. But since you show legerdemain with your mouth, I will have to take you up on it." Hermione pulled him back down for another heated kiss.

Suddenly embarrassed by the rambunctious plaudits and whistles from everyone in the group, causing her cheeks to become rubicund, she buried her head into his chest. He, on the other and, looked very pleased with himself, according to the smirk he was giving everyone.

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A/N: House points and chocolates go to beawesley2, pookah, and annietalbot for betaing this, as well as holding my hand through the whole thing. You ladies are my saving grace.

The word list (swiped from the past week's list from dictionary.com).

1. rubicund
2. officious

3. implacable

4. circumlocution

5. aficionado

6. legerdemain

7. plaudit

.....Words with Definitions.

rubicund \ROO-bih-kund\ , adjective:

Inclining to redness; ruddy; red.

officious \uh-FISH-uhs\ , adjective:

Marked by excessive eagerness in offering services or advice where they are neither requested nor needed; meddlesome.

implacable \im-PLAK-uh- bull\ , adjective:

Not placable; not to be appeased; incapable of being pacified; inexorable; as, an implacable foe.

circumlocution \sir-kuhm-loh- KYOO-shuhn\ , noun:

The use of many words to express an idea that might be expressed by few; indirect or roundabout language.

aficionado \uh-fish-ee- uh-NAH-doh\ , noun:

An enthusiastic admirer; a fan.

legerdemain \lej-ur-duh- MAIN\ , noun:

1. Sleight of hand.
 2. A display of skill, trickery, or artful deception.
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plaudit \PLAW-dit\ , noun:

1. A round or demonstration of applause.
2. Enthusiastic approval; an expression of praise.