

Gifts for Potter Place Winners

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First Place Winners

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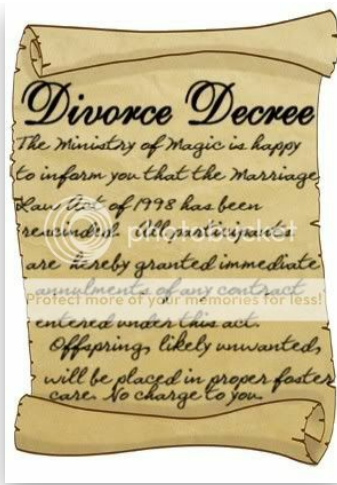
The winner for the Chaptered Story Category was LadyTuesday's tale "Bundle of Joy."

Here is art to go along with that.



The winner for the One Shot Category was chivalric's "Divorce."

Here is art to go along with that.



The winner of the Multimedia Category was sshg316's "Dancing With the Staff," which can be found under that name here at the site. She wins a short story as her gift. See next chapter to read that.

Dancing (for sshg316)

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Check out the goodies scored by Potter Place's Anything Goes Challenge Winners.

sshg316 won the Multimedia Category with her edition of "Dancing with the Staff."

It can be found at the following link:

<http://www.thepetulantpoetess.com/viewstory.php?sid=9647>

This is a gift for her efforts.

Dancing

I've been asked to judge the dancers here at Hogwarts—well, I am one of a few judges anyway—and I must admit that I only accepted this because I highly disapproved. I mean, really, students dancing with staff! It's inappropriate to be sure, but since I've been here, I've not really seen anything amiss. The practices are held in the Great Hall a few evenings each week, and I, along with others, am able to supervise.

You can believe I nearly fell out of my chair when I saw that Severus Snape had been paired with a student to participate. Dumbledore has really outdone himself this time. The Potions master has to dance with Hermione Granger—Potter's friend. Maybe this will get that scowl off the man's face. Who knows?

I'm waiting for them to be announced at the moment. They're the first to dance in the competition tonight. What was more shocking than seeing Severus Snape dancing was seeing Sibyll Trelawney—and with Draco Malfoy no less. Ah, but it's not the batty Trelawney we've all learned to loathe or ignore. She's shed her glasses, cut her hair, and has found decent clothing. I can't tell you how remarkable the change is. If she wouldn't be dancing with Lucius' boy, I'd have to watch the pair closely to make certain nothing besides dancing took place. However, I'm certain that even though she's changed and is now attractive, he wouldn't shag her even if he had Goyle's equipment.

Ah, here we are, and it looks like... I'm nearly speechless. This is not the dance that Snape and Granger have been practicing! Where has this come from? And just what are those outfits? Actually, Severus looks quite... fetching. How could I have never seen that? That hair on his chest, I could just run my fingers through it. And that bulge—best not go there. He's not smiling, still scowling slightly, but my, oh my, he's... I nearly wish I were Granger. And look at those legs that girl has. She's quite shapely for an eighteen-year-old girl, isn't she? Hmmm...

Nice. Very nice. They are doing the Tango better than I've ever seen it. Merlin, but it's hot in here.

Oh, is it done already? Damn. Here, let me make a few notes on this parchment... There we are. Absolutely splendid. Ah, the other judges are done, and here's Dumbledore now announcing Malfoy and Trelawney.

What in the world? Ahahahahaha. She's back to her old batty self once again. I wonder what's happened to her new image? What a shame. What's more peculiar is that Malfoy doesn't seem to mind! Where's Lucius? Is he watching this? Hmm... oh, yes, there he is. Just there on the next row. Ha! I knew he'd disapprove.

Hang on. What's the oohing and ahing from the crowd for?

Oh! She's changing. Very clever. Using magic to show the progression of an ugly duckling into a beautiful swan. Oh, yes. This is great. I'll bet Malfoy thought of that, clever lad. Such subtle moves. One would think they're in love.

"Good show." Alas, it's ended. Let me just jot this down on the parchment. Right then. Who's next?

Rolanda Hooch wearing a purple gown? You've got to be kidding me! She wasn't supposed to be Neville's partner! Pomona was. I wonder what's happened to her that forced Hooch into this?

Whoa. Longbottom's got the moves, hasn't he? Where'd that come from? Seems like I remember a fumbling buffoon. Grown into a nice young man, he has. Ah, I don't know about this. It looks to me like Hooch is trying to take the lad's lead. And he's just stepped on her foot. Goodness. He should have just withdrawn, I'd say. They obviously hadn't enough practice together.

Yes, let me make a note of this. Next up—

Bloody hell! Lupin looks hot. That poor sod always looks so ragged and bedraggled. However, that open shirt is revealing a very manly chest, what. I'll bet Lovegood is wishing he weren't married, if she likes men, mind. I'd always thought she leaned towards the opposite side of the pitch. Strange one, that girl. I must admit she's quite a looker in black, and she's got a great pair of legs on her as well.

Maybe I should join up at that new Wizarding exercise place over on Diagon Alley. Hmm, I wonder if Lupin goes there.

Blast. They're done. I've got to make some notes.

Ooh, it's going to be a tough decision. I see the other judges feel that way as well. Hmm, what's a woman to do? Snape... Malfoy... Lupin... Yes, quite hard. Granger... Sibyll... Luna...

Well, I know exactly whom I have to go with. Let me just write their names down here. Right glad I took Dumbledore up on his invitation.

AN: I hope you like this, Shug! It was hard to think of anything really fitting (and short) to go with it, so I thought maybe commentary would work. I hope you don't mind. Congrats, mate!

Second Place Winners

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Check out the goodies scored by Potter Place's Anything Goes Challenge Winners.

The second place winner for the Chaptered Story Category was CocoaChristy's tale "From a Frog to a Prince."

Here is art to go along with that.



The second place winner for the One Shot Category was chivalric's "Snape's Bed."

Here is art to go along with that.



The second place winner of the Multimedia Category was KellyH's video "Unrequited Love," which can be found under that name here at the site. She wins a drabble as her gift. See next chapter to read that.

Unrequited (for KellyH)

Chapter 4 of 8

Check out the goodies scored by Potter Place's Anything Goes Challenge Winners.

AN: This is a drabble written to go along with KellyH's winning video "Unrequited Love." See end for its link.

Who cares?

Two simple words. However, those two words ripped through my already battered heart, especially said so coldly after my proclamation. That sneer. The loathing in his eyes. His anger. Severus will never love me, will he? Nothing I do will change that. He doesn't care about anything: not our marriage—a sham he calls it, not our sex—a weekly chore he says, and not my infidelity—just proves my worthlessness according to him.

And Ron. I've used him, hurt him. God, I'm so sorry. It was selfish and all for nothing. What have I become? Why? Must my love be unrequited forever?

"I care, Severus. I care."

Of course he isn't near to hear my words. And if he did, it would change nothing.

You can find KellyH's lovely video at the following link:

<http://www.thepetulantpoetess.com/viewstory.php?sid=9865>

Congratulations on making second place in Potter Place's Anything Goes Challenge's Multimedia Entry!

Third Place Winners

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Check out the goodies scored by Potter Place's Anything Goes Challenge Winners.

The third place winner for the Chaptered Story Category was ladyinthecloak's tale "Travel, Men, and Conspiracy."

Here is art to go along with that.



The third place winner for the One Shot Category was chivalric's "Reincarnation."

Here is art to go along with that.



The third place winners of the Multimedia Category (there was a three-way tie!!) were beaweasley2's art "Making Friends – First Year at Hogwarts," ladyinthecloak's video "Sacred," and beaweasley2's art "Lily and Petunia Having a Tea Party." You can find those under their usernames here. They were gifted with banners and icons, which are housed with the other winners' banners and icons over at the Yahoo!Group Potter_Place.

Top Reviewers

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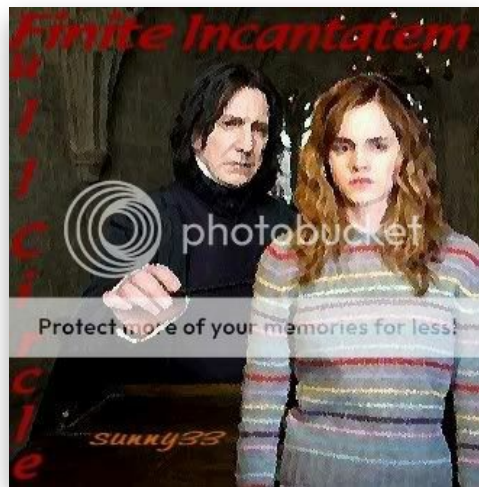
The person who reviewed the most stories was Arabella Bloodgood. She had a whopping 304 reviews total!

She's been awarded with a small bit of art as a token of appreciation.



The person who reviewed the second most stories was sunny33. She had 262 reviews! Whoot!

She's been awarded with a small picture manip as a token of appreciation. And since she is an author, I fashioned it to go with her story. I hope nobody minds.



The person who reviewed the third most stories was elselel. She had 257 reviews!

Her gift of a banner and icon is being housed at Potter Place.

Way to review, guys! Thank you!

The person I've selected as the best reviewer throughout the challenge didn't have the most reviews, but I think she had the best reviews. They were all well thought out, in depth, fairly rated, nicely worded, and simply wonderful.

Braye27 gets that honor. Her gift is a short one-shot story, which can be found in the next chapter.

Woohoo!

Thanks,

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Exploring Other Interests (for braye27)

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Check out the goodies scored by Potter Place's Anything Goes Challenge winners.

This still has been written for braye27. She left the best reviews for Potter Place authors during the Anything Goes Challenge!

Thanks for all the brilliant feedback! The authors appreciate it very much.

And I'd like to thank ladyintheclaok for the once over. :)

Exploring Other Interests

Severus watched his assistant slam into his shop with his eyebrows arched. "You do know that not only the customers have to purchase what they break."

"Sorry," she muttered, tossing her bag behind the counter. "And I know I should have been here an hour ago, but things were really... Ah, it doesn't matter. I'm here now. What should I do first?"

"I've already stocked the new potions. If you'd like to make sure everything is where it goes, you could. There was an old bloke browsing not long ago. Saw him moving things about as he did so."

She arched her eyebrow. "And you didn't tell him anything?"

He shrugged. "He reminded me of someone."

Her expression softened. "Dumbledore?"

"Why would you say that?" he snapped.

"Well, I just... You get that look, when you talk or think of him, so..."

Severus nodded. "Very well. He reminded me of Albus."

"I'll just go check the shelves."

He was surprised she hadn't peppered him with questions or tried to get him to open up about his feelings. She was always doing annoying things like that. Unable to look away, he watched as she gently moved a phial to its rightful place on the shelf above. He enjoyed watching her work. She was quite lovely.

And this line of thinking always brought him back to the same question. What did she see in Weasley? Numerous times she'd come into his apothecary shop and ranted about something or other the idiot had done, and yet she always forgave him. Stayed with him anyway.

A muffled sob drew him from his thoughts. "Hermione?" It was rare that he saw her cry.

"It's over. Ron and me."

He strode over to the door, flicked his wand so that it would appear closed to customers, and then approached her. Without thinking, he extended his hand to her. When she took it, he led her behind the counter and into the back office. "Sit."

When she did so, he conjured some tea for them. Handing her a cup, he sat across from her. "Tell me."

"I don't know where to start," she said, sipping her tea before speaking again. "The last few months have been really stressful—his work with George, my work here, our arguments."

"Yes, I'm aware of your problems, but you always," he shrugged, "seem to want to stay with him. What's prompted this?"

"You."

"Me?" He sat back, startled.

"Damn," she muttered. "That didn't come out right."

"Explain."

"Severus, lately I think of you a lot more than I should. Last night..."

"Yes?"

Hermione's cheeks reddened slightly. "He and I, we were on our way to making love, and I realized that I wished it would be you." Her eyes shifted away from his. "I'm sorry. I know I shouldn't feel this way, and you've never given me any reason to do so, but it just happened somehow."

He was shocked. Had she just said that she wanted him, sexually? Had she read him somehow? No, she'd just said that he hadn't given her any reason to have such feelings for him. He'd hidden his interest well, thinking it would never amount to anything. Not when she was Weasley's girlfriend.

"I don't want this to change anything," she blurted. "Please don't be upset. I just thought that maybe you should know."

"Di-d..." His voice betrayed him by cracking. "Did you tell Weasley?"

She nodded. "I told him that I've been having these thoughts."

"And what did he say?"

"He asked if we'd been doing anything besides working, and I told him the truth. He believes me."

"And that's it?"

"Yes."

"How could he simply let you go?"

She shook her head and smiled slightly. "I think he was relieved. Said maybe it's for the best that we explore other interests for a while."

"And are you... ah, going to do this?"

"Severus?" Her eyes widened. "Are you saying that you would want me to explore this?" She pointed between them. "Us?" Her expression fell. "Oh, you mean am I going to see other people, don't you?"

He knew she was disappointed, so he took her teacup from her hands and placed it on the table next to her chair before taking her hands in his. "I would be honored if you would have dinner with me, Hermione."

She blushed beautifully and bit her lip, nodding in answer.

Unable to help himself, he leaned forward and pressed his lips against hers in a chaste kiss. "Excellent," he said silkily.

AN: Hope you liked this, Beth! :)

Cheers,

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Other Winner Info

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I want to mention the other winners in the challenge (who are receiving banners and/or icons, which are housed at Potter Place).

One-Shot Story 4th Place

StormySkize's "A Minor Inconvenience"

One-Shot Story 5th Place

Sc010f's "In His Garden"

One-Shot Story Honorable Mentions

"Candle" by CharmedForce

"Pang of Contrition" by silverdoe

Chaptered Story 4th Place

sunny33's "Full Circle"

Chaptered Story Honorable Mentions

"Lily Marlene" by diana_hawthorne

"The Real Me" by Debjunk

The **Most Prolific Author** this round was **chivalric**. She had a total of 8 entries.

The winner of the **Guessing Game** was **sunny33**. She guessed 29 out of 74. Good job!

Two prompts proved to be most popular:

Vacation!Snape by SS Lupin

Starts with Kittens and Ends with Snakes by AngelMischa

Thanks, ladies, for giving us hours of entertainment with your requests! I've made banners for each of you.

All participants will get a banner for joining in on the fun.

Thanks to everyone who participated (readers, writers, reviewers, pimpers...).

A big hand of applause goes to my Potter Place pimapge helpers (ladyinthecloak, cocoachristy, potterbrat, kyriaofdelphi, carley9, beaweasley2 and pookah). It's hard work running these challenges, so I really appreciate the help. Hats off to you.

Cheers,

SW69

Link to all stories and art:

[Click here](#)

Or you can look under the categories section and find the Potter Place Anything Goes Challenge category.

And you can find Potter Place here:

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