

A Timeless Friendship

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Not too many inhabitants of the school had paid much attention to her since she had come to live in the black lake. Her first days there were lonely. Sure, there were the merpeople who lived there and the assorted fish which she fed on, but no one that she could really call her friend.

Then one day, she saw a rather large student walking down by the lake. He didn't look like the rest. In fact, he was almost big enough to be a professor but she had never seen him before.

"Ello there," he said, bending down as he saw her peeking her head out of the water. "I'm Rubeus."

She laid one of her tentacles in his outstretched hand. Most of the students had shied away from her and seemed to be afraid of her, but Rubeus wasn't.

Each day for the next couple of years, during the school year, they would meet down by the lake. It was a friendship like no other. Even though she couldn't talk, he could always tell what she was thinking.

One day he came down to the lake. His eyes were full of tears, and he didn't have the regular bounce in his step that he normally did.

"Sophie," he said, calling her by the name he'd given her, "they snapped me wand. I have to leave 'Ogwarts."

She was very sad because he was sad. She didn't understand everything that he said, but she knew that he was upset. She put her tentacle in his hand to let him know that she was there for him. When he stood up, she waved that tentacle at him to say goodbye.

A few hours later, he came running back down to the lake, the earth quaking and the water rippling under his footsteps.

"Sophie! Sophie!" He called out to her excitedly.

When she poked her head up out of the water by the shoreline, she could see that the tears were gone and he looked much happier.

"Professor Dumbledore . . ." he gasped, trying to get his breath, "e said that I can stay. I'll be groundskeeper!"

She slapped four of her tentacles on the surface of the lake in joy, knowing that they would remain friends for a long time. And that friendship is still going to this day.