

Never Say Never

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Lily

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"Why do you still long for her?"

"You could never understand."

"I think I understand better than you could ever imagine."

"She was..."

"What?"

"She was my first friend. She was my first love. She was my first... You cannot pretend that never existed."

"I'm not suggesting you should. But she would not want you sitting here at her grave, pining for her, years later. She would want you to live, to experience, to love."

"I will never love another."

She glanced at the man next to her, black hair lank as sorrow next to his skin.

"Never say never."

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Twenty Years

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"She's been gone for twenty years today."

"How did you know I was here?"

"Despite your belief that you are the essence of stealth itself, you forget that the leaves you are stepping on are not quiet." He turned slightly, giving her a glimpse of a smirk dancing briefly across his lips.

"Well, not all of us can be Mr. Super-Death-Eater-Spy-Man."

"Did you just..."

"Yes, I did. What are you going to do about it?"

"Honestly? I don't know."

She smiled in triumph and placed a lily on the grave in front of them, then turned and left him alone.

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Tease

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"When I close my eyes, I can still hear her voice. I can hear her teasing me. I can hear her laughter. It sounded like water dancing on the beach. I can still see her long red hair and her beautiful green eyes."

He looked up into a pair of understanding brown eyes.

"She always used to tease me about my clothes. She never understood why I wore things that never fit. When we got older, she switched to teasing me about my hair. She could also never understand why it was greasy."

"That doesn't sound like someone who cares."

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Hate

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"Is that why you hate him so much?"

"Hate who?"

"Harry."

"Oh."

"Hmm. The ever eloquent Severus Snape is reduced to the usage of the word oh."

"Sarcasm doesn't become you, Miss Granger."

"It's Hermione. I believe you recall that. Now answer the question. Is that why?"

"Yes. He is everything I love and everything I hate, in one body. Do you understand how hard it is to look upon the spitting image of the boy you hated and have him meet your eyes and see the eyes of the woman you love? That is something you could never understand."

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Listen

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"So if I understand this correctly, and I promise I am not trivializing any of this, you have spent your entire life first chasing after the girl who married your worst enemy from school and then after her death you spent your life being tortured and abused and betrayed by everyone because you feel guilty. Does this about sum things up?"

His only answer was a nod of his drooped head.

"Now I want you to do something for me. Alright?"

"What is that?"

"I want you to listen and open your heart, just the tiniest bit. That is all."

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Past

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"Why do you keep coming here?"

"It helps me to remember her."

"I say this with the most sincerity, you need to stop. Living in the past is not helping you. It's unhealthy. You need to move on."

"With you?" he asked, sarcasm dripping from those two words.

"That may be the difference between you and me. I want you to be happy, no matter the circumstances. Be it with me or with someone else. I just want you to move on. And do you know what else?"

"What?"

"I think she would want you to move on as well."

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Hint

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"Will you do something for me?"

"You are awfully demanding of me, Miss... Hermione."

"I know, but just work with me."

"What do you want me to do?"

"I want you to think back over all the years you knew her. Every moment, every hug, every laugh, every fight."

"Alright," he nodded, eyes closed.

"At any moment in your relationship did she ever hint at the possibility that she would be interested in you in more than a strictly platonic manner?"

His lips pursed as if holding the truth inside.

"No, she didn't."

"Then why waste your life, for hers?"

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Unrequited

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"I do not know any other way to live my life. I have lived my life for her for so long, I know no other way." He looked at her, obsidian eyes glistening with unshed tears.

"I can help you if you want."

"How can you? How could you possibly know what I'm going through? You are too young to understand. Tell me how you can help me if you haven't experienced what I have."

"I loved Ron. Believe me, I know how you feel. Love unrequited tears out your heart and it can kill you. If you let it."

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Goodbye

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"I thought you were over her." Her weak voice broke into his reverie, and he cringed at the sadness evident in her voice.

"I am," he stated with finality, bending to place a white tulip on the grave. Turning, his eyes met those eyes that had come to mean so much to him, without his ever realizing it. She had taught him the truth of love and loss, the truth of friendship, and the truth of himself.

"I came to say goodbye," he said softly.

She had entered his life to help him, and she had stayed to save him.

That's the end! I hope you enjoyed it!!

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