

Fortunately, I Am Immune

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The first thing Albus Dumbledore heard when he entered the staff room was a soft purring noise. It reminded him of the sound of humming birds flapping their little wings, and it made him smile.

He smiled even more when he looked at his staff.

Minerva was sitting in the armchair by the fire, a pink ball of fluff in her lap, her usually stern face relaxed and the corners of her mouth pointing upwards.

Filius was cradling a purple fur ball in his arms, cooing softly. He, too, was smiling.

Pomona was positively beaming at the little pastel pink downy ball that was perched on her shoulder. The little thing did not seem to mind the dirt on the witch's robes.

Severus was standing in the back of the room, far away from the crackling fire in the grate. He was holding a lilac ball of fluff in his left hand, examining it closely with a scowl on his face.

'What are those?' Albus enquired.

'They are called Pygmy Puffs,' Pomona replied in a dreamy voice. 'Miniature Puffskeins. Fred and George Weasley sell them at Weasley's Wizard Wheezes.'

'Most curious creatures, Headmaster,' came Severus' low baritone out of the shadows. 'Their purring seems to have a tranquillising effect on the human nervous system.'

Albus' gaze wondered to his Potions master, who – quite furtively – was petting the little fluffy ball he was holding in his hand.

'Fortunately,' Severus went on, 'I am immune to its effect.'

Albus smiled and quietly picked up a pink Pygmy Puff from the basket on the table. He would not tell anyone that he had never before seen Severus Snape look so at ease.

A/N: To make a long story short, I read debjunk's *Arnold's Happy Day*, wondered how Pygmy Puffs look like, thought of Tribbles from Star Trek, thought of Spock's alleged immunity towards the charm of Tribbles and ... yeah, you've just read the rest. Hope it made you smile.

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