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Snape stopped upon hearing a voice. Yes, it was unmistakably *her* voice that echoed through the half-open classroom door.

Reminiscing, he figured he'd never hated the girl, or at least only on really bad days. He'd felt almost sorry when her spectacular split-up with Weasley made the front page of the *Prophet*. Judging by her tone, she still seemed heartbroken over it.

"I just can't help myself." Her voice acquired a hint of urgency. "I fought it, oh, how I fought it. I found a thousand reasons why this would be a bad idea. I refused to think about him. It didn't help."

He'd heard enough. If he didn't prevent her from making the same mistake he'd made with Lily, his conscience would hold it against him for the remainder of his life.

Quickly, he entered the room and came to rest in front of her. "Silly girl! Don't make the same mistake I made! Weasley isn't good enough for you; you'd never be fulfilled, given his inane chatter about Quidditch. There are many wizards far more worthy!" He forced himself to not shake her.

The girl blushed furiously, and Potter looked at him with wide eyes. She uttered a shaky laugh.

"I'm past Ron, Professor. Was over him before I found him in bed with that... witch." Something had changed in her posture, he noticed. The way she looked at him coupled with Potter trying to sneak out unnoticed futile attempt when it involved a former spy urned his normally hesitant stance about everything into sheer boldness.

"In that case, Miss Granger, is there anything I can help you with?" He found her renewed blush almost endearing.

Their eyes met. "You could..." her voice was shaky, "... perhaps ask me out?"

He swallowed; he'd forgotten her House. "Gladly."

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