

Bathing the Kitten

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Hermione was sitting quietly in the big chair in front of the fire in the quarters she shared with Severus when all of a sudden she heard a crash, followed by: "Blasted kitten! Get out of here before I turn you into fertilizer!"

Hermione got up quickly and walked to the door of the lab. She almost managed to stifle her laughter at what she saw. There was Severus, standing in a large pile of goo, with two overturned cauldrons; in his hands was a small tri-colored, quarter-kneazle kitten, covered in slime from head to toe.

She tiptoed around the mess, walked up to her husband, and reached out for the small beast.

"I'll take care of this, love," Hermione said to Severus quietly.

She took the kitten over to the sink, filled the sink with warm water, got a gentle cleaning potion, and very gently washed it clean. The kitten looked very unimpressed with the whole thing.

Hermione looked at the small, wet, bedraggled creature and giggled.

"You know, you wouldn't need so many baths if you would just stay out of the lab."

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