

An Old Goat is Still a Goat

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Chapter 1 of 1

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Disclaimer: She owns the humans. We own the goats.

This is the fourth in a series of drabbles. You need to read the others to make any sense of this one. If you haven't done so, I suggest you read: *Acting the Goat* by sunny33, *A Goat in a Silk Dress* by KingPhilipsWench, and *Get Your Goat* by quaffswinegaily.

"So, how was she?"

"How was whom?"

"Geoffrey... I mean, Lucius's Gran."

"I'm sure she was fine. I merely spoke to Lucius himself."

"He has suddenly become fond of broccoli then? Is that why you felt the need to remove the vegetables I bought for *our* dinner?"

"I... er... Yes, well. Someone needs to ensure she is fed properly. Lucius doesn't really understand."

"There's no need to get defensive, love. I know whatever charm Ursula Malfoy has upon her has not been lifted, despite Filius and Lucius's success in breaking the animal Transfiguration. Did Lucius know anything more?"

"No. Only that she disappeared when Abraxas was a young boy. And Geof— Ursula's memory remains hazy. She remembers who she is, but that's about all."

"Apart from her continued fondness for brassicas."

"Indeed."

"And your continued fondness for her. Severus?"

"Yes, dear?"

"Now she's a woman rather than a goat, you don't feel like...?"

"She's a hundred years old, give or take a decade! What do you think?"

"Well... I find older men hot."

"Older MEN? Who? What older men?"

"You, of course."

"You said *men*. Plural. Who? Lucius? Shackbolt? Merlin's balls, not Filius. Please tell me it's not Filius!"

"Don't be daft, Severus. Why would I fancy Kingsley? He's as bent as a butcher's hook."

"That's beside the point. And you didn't deny the other two. Explain yourself, woman!"

"This from the man who fancied a goat."

"Hermione! Come back here!"

"No. Not until you calm down and stop acting like... like... RON!"

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"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to compare you to Ron. Don't look at me like that, Severus."

"I deserved it. I was behaving like Weasley. Forgive me?"

"Of course. And for your information, I do think Lucius is hot. Every witch I know thinks the same. And some wizards. Doesn't mean we want to see him naked. Well, okay, some of them want to see him naked... But the only wizard I want to see naked is you, Severus Snape, and don't you forget it."

"Hmm. I'm beginning to see your point. And I suppose I have to agree. Lucius does have a certain sexy charm."

"Severus! Now you're giving me ideas, and they're not appropriate! Although, they have to be better than imagining you with Geoffrey."

"Are you really imagining me with Lucius?"

"Hush, I'm fantasising."

"Stop looking at me that way, witch. It's disturbing."

"Come here then and do something about it..."

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"Good gracious! What are you doing to that woman, Severus?"

"What? Filius? What are you doing here?"

"Oh, hello, Filius. We didn't see you Floo in."

"Obviously, or you wouldn't both be scrambling for your clothes. Don't mind me; I'll just turn away."

"Still fancy older men?"

"Shush. He'll hear you."

"He's too busy watching you through that mirror over the mantel."

"The old pervert! I'll— Oh, very funny, Severus. We removed that mirror last week."

"At least it answered that question."

"If you two have finished whispering to each other, perhaps I can provide enlightenment with regard to a charm on a goat of our mutual acquaintance?"

"Sorry, Filius. What have you discovered?"

"Geoffrey, or as she prefers to call herself now, Ursula, has a rather powerful Fascination Charm embedded into her skin. It is keyed to become active only when she is in the presence of her owner and affects him and him alone. The intriguing thing is, it dates back to 1933, when Abraxas was about 10."

"But why? And who? And..."

"I suggest, my boy, it is time to ask Ursula a few questions."

A/N: This series started as a Saturday Night Drabble prompt from Hermione Diggory. How it got this far is beyond me.

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