

No Sacrifice

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Silence, comfortable and serene, envelops us as our chairs rock in perfect harmony with the night. Silver hair brushing his shoulders competes with the moonlight for brilliance. His eyelids droop as his mind drifts off to a place beyond my reach.

The immensity of his sacrifice all those years ago still holds me in awe. When his research proved Muggles did not become werewolves once bitten, not due to a lack of wizarding genes, but simply due to their inherent lack of magic, I was at once thrilled and devastated. My lycanthropy could be cured, but in the process I would lose my only love.

The day he decided to snap his wand, have his magic stripped, and accompany me into life as a Muggle is painted in my memory as vividly as if it had been only yesterday.

My nightmares in those first few months almost drove him to despair. Waking in his arms, sobbing and shaken, I was comforted only by his soothing voice. He knew from my somniloquence how often I relived those nights of the full moon when the agony of the transformation was only matched by the terrifying loss of mental control to the monster within.

The gradual return of my physical strength and confidence echoed his own surrender to happiness and health. Together we thrived, a foreshortened life, but a good one.

And now, here we are, two elderly Muggles snoozing in our rocking chairs under the light of the summer moon. I turn, to find his dark gaze studying my face.

I need to ask. Again.

"Have you ever regretted giving up magic, Severus?"

He smiles as always and reaches over to caress the silver ring on my left hand. "Everything we have, everything we've had, is all the magic I've ever needed."

This was originally written for week six of the Srupin_LDWS, but then I realised non-magical AU meant the characters never had magic. So I submitted a different drabble instead. Thanks to kittylefish for looking over this.