

# Teacher's Pet

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## One-shot

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Some of you do not know me. The young who belong to my human's nest do. The females often refer to me as his "Long, thick snake" and then make the uncouth sound signifying that something amuses them. Primate humor, of which I understand nothing, nor aspire to.

Nor do I understand more than a few words and phrases of the noise that you primates call speech. Do not be offended when I say that it is really very primitive. But I have been with Severus long enough that I can usually grasp the gist of what he's thinking.

With regards to being long and thick, I am – in human terms – five feet long and three inches in diameter – normal for a female python of my age. I must make one thing clear. I am not Severus's snake. Severus is my human. Even he forgets that sometimes. You primates have such a swollen sense of your own importance. Still, I have owned several humans in my life, and as humans go, he is quite satisfactory. This in spite of the fact that he tries to restrict my movements more these days, which is not his place.

It makes little sense to me. I was out one night, perhaps six months ago, slithering through the trees on the school grounds. Below me, I saw a creature which looked much like the magpies of my homeland – but with different markings. It looked tasty, so I dropped from the branch and seized it in my coils. As I began to tighten, the creature swiftly grew, changed and became a human. A mature female, I'm fairly certain. I did not know magpies could do that!

It seized me just behind my head, pulled me around so that I was forced to look it in the eye, and then made many angry sounds. After that, it carried me back to the building where the humans sleep, moving quite fast for such an ungainly species, and still holding me in the same undignified manner. Pride urged that I wrap around its neck and squeeze, but survival argued against it.

It took me straight to the chambers which I share with Severus thumped against the wall that opens. When he opened the wall, the creature thrust me unceremoniously into the arms of my startled human, then made many more angry sounds at him, before storming away. Insolent primate.

Since then, he tries not to let me out alone.