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Severus stared into the crackling fire. Dinner had gone well; very well. They'd ended up back at his rooms, the dungeons affording them more privacy. She'd spent the night, as she was wont to do for the last few weeks when neither had night patrol. It had taken time, but they were comfortable with one another, or truthfully, he'd finally let his guard down.

An idea had come to him as he lay in bed watching Hermione sleep. He was a Potions Master; it would be a simple matter to create a personal scent, something that would be uniquely Hermione.

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And while he was at it, perhaps a special massage oil, too; something they could both enjoy. He could imagine them having a very happy Christmas, indeed. He supposed for the staff Secret Santa he would follow her suggestion and buy her chocolate. She could smile indulgently at him while passing the chocolates around the staff room. He'd most likely be forced to endure teasing by the female staff members, but it'd be worth it if it made Hermione happy. It was a little known fact, but he'd always had a weakness for Honeydukes chocolates, especially their dark chocolate truffles.

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And the ring? Well, there was always next Christmas, or maybe her birthday, or during the summer break (they had plans to travel), or maybe at term end. Or wasn't Valentines Day coming up sometime soon? There was no reason to rush their relationship; it had taken almost two years for him to ask her out. He was happy just being with her, but he had an unreasonable fear of losing her. Of her coming to her senses and leaving, even though she assured him she wasn't going anywhere.

He decided to stop stressing. For now he would just be…happy.

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A/N: Written for those who wanted to know what Severus was gifting Hermione for both Christmas and as her Secret Santa.