

The Sly Puss

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A drabble in two parts

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"It's been two days, ma'am. I've looked everywhere in the castle. The portraits haven't seen 'er either. She must be lost—that is, if she's still..."

"Oh, Argus." Hermione laid a sympathetic hand on the caretaker's shoulder as he blew his nose.

"It's not like 'er to run off. Something must've spooked 'er."

"Peeves?"

"Not bloody likely," he snapped. "Professor," he added.

"The professor and I will search the woods," Severus decided. "We'll find her, Argus, don't worry."

Hermione improvised an incantation to reveal the animal's whereabouts. The two teachers set off through the Forbidden Forest, Severus in the lead.

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After what seemed like an age, Hermione's wand pulled left. A few moments later, they met an old friend.

"Good evening, Professors," said Firenze, stepping out from behind a tree.

"Hello, Firenze," said Severus. "We're looking for a pet—specifically, Mr. Filch's cat."

"Ah, then your search is ended. Permelia missed me and came to visit. She is ready to return to the castle now." Firenze turned. Perched high upon his back was Mrs. Norris, regal as a queen.

"Permelia? That's not her name," Hermione protested.

The centaur and the cat shared a secret look. "She would disagree," he replied.

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