

A Cache of Drabbles

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A/N: Three different responses to the "Buttons Challenge" on grangersnape100.

Title: Textbook Example

A/N: Thanks to the HP Lexicon for the information on lovage that is very closely quoted. <http://www.hp-lexicon.org/>

Snape stalked into the classroom. "Who can tell me the properties of lovage?"

Hermione raised her hand.

"Anyone?" Snape questioned. "Okay, Miss Granger, enlighten us."

"Lovage is a culinary and medicinal herb in the carrot family. It's most efficacious in the inflaming of the brain and used in Confusing and Befuddlement Draughts."

"A textbook answer. Is that all you're capable of, regurgitating facts? Five points from Gryffindor!"

"But, sir..." she began.

"Ten points!"

"Professor..."

"Twenty points and detention! You will keep your mouth shut in my classroom."

Snape rubbed his temples; that girl really knew how to push his buttons.

Title: S.P.E.W.'d Potions

The last class was finally over; Double Potions with his own House and those annoying Gryffindors.

He looked up from his desk, expecting to see an empty classroom. But there was Miss Granger, slowly packing up, obviously waiting for him to notice her.

"What is the hold up, Miss Granger?" Snape demanded as he stood.

Hermione fumbled with her book bag. "Well, sir, you see, I am trying to gain teacher support for..."

"You are trying my patience. Get to the point."

"Will you wear a S.P.E.W. button?"

Snape wasn't sure whether to laugh or yell.

Hermione really was insufferable.

Title: Playthings

Warnings: Character Death (Crookshanks)

Hermione moped around after Crookshanks died, but never mentioned getting another familiar. Severus thought this was probably due to him; there was no love lost between him and that fur-ball.

But because he loved Hermione, he spent the next several months looking for another half-kneazle. He surprised Hermione with a gray female. Severus noticed over the next few weeks, though, that Hermione just called it "cat" or "kitty."

One evening, he heard Hermione calling, "Buttons, Buttons..."

He approached her. "Have you finally named your new familiar, then?"

"Yes."

"Why Buttons?"

"I take it you haven't seen your dress robes lately?"