

Under My Thumb

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Correspondence

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Response for prompt #2: Days after Hermione's Potions apprenticeship with Snape is over, and she has left, she receives a letter from Snape. What does it say?

Dear Miss Granger,

Although your time here was exhaustive, I find myself compelled to ask you to return. You forgot a few personal effects here, and I'd appreciate if you came and picked them up. I would also appreciate if you would tell my wife, in no uncertain terms, that our working relationship was purely professional and that I have always found you a source of profound irritation. Perhaps you could even add that the only reason I accepted you as an apprentice was to annoy Potter.

Severus Snape

Miss Granger,

Your newly acquired sense of humor is not appreciated. Kindly come here at once to retrieve your twisted knickers.

Severus Snape

Miss Granger,

For the love of Merlin, woman! Release this charm on my pants at once!

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I am sorry. Now release the damn curse!

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Fine. I am sorry that you mislead yourself into believing that I was anything but a curmudgeonly bastard. I am sorry that I treated you in as professional a manner as

possible, and kept my private life just that: PRIVATE. I am sorry if I may have given you the wrong impression and inspired your do-gooding-must-champion-a-cause gene.

Now, for the love of Merlin, release this curse!

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PS: You will cease and desist having lunches with Patricia if you know what is good for you.

Hermione,

Please, just stop. I don't know why you're torturing me like this, but please stop. She now wants... just, please stop.

Severus

Dearest Hermione,

Thank you for the help. He's been so much more tractable lately. I even managed to get his opinion on my shoes, if you can believe that!

Perhaps I can treat you to lunch at *Bon Ami* next Thursday?

Kisses,

Patricia