Bellatrix Like Belladonna

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"You're just like your father."

It was all he had wanted to hear. Bellatrix said it like a lover, their own private secret. He had become obsessed when he first saw her face. She had been beautiful once, poisonous. In his first year, he had found photos of her wicked smile, her beckoning finger. In his fourth year, he tore her night after night because they both liked it.

For one brief second her fingers cupped his face.

"You're just like Frank."

His hand met hers. The black drapes swirled, lifted, swallowed her whole. He imagined she tasted like belladonna.