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Ron shyly opens the ring box and holds it out to her. "Marry me, Hermione."

"I... I can't Ron," she replies, then snaps her mouth shut, looking shocked at her own answer.

Frustrated and angry, he presses her for an answer. "Why not?" he demands.

"I don't..." She tries to seal her lips, but the answer bursts out anyway. "I don't love you!"

Both look at each other, appalled at the outcome of this evening that was supposed to end quite differently.

In the kitchens, Severus hands Dobby a pair of ugly socks and takes back the bottle of Veritaserum.