

Love the Unloved

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Prologue

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One of the most important times of a person's life is childhood. The manner in which a child grows up affects him or her for the rest of their lives. Parents imprint a child from a young age with the way they discipline and raise them. They can mold a child into becoming a well-grounded and good adult, or they can turn them into a hateful bastard.

Hermione Granger was a child from a good family. Her parents were both successful dentists with a decent income. They were kind, loving people, and they raised their daughter to be the same. They taught her right from wrong. They raised her to be independent, generous, and kind. Hermione Granger was a young woman who cared deeply for her family and her friends.

Her parents had never been abusive. Although discipline was a part of child rearing, it should never be anything harmful. Hermione wasn't a spoiled child nor was she considered a 'brat.' She was well-grounded and conservative in some respect. She wasn't concerned with petty issues or public images. She was always very studious, striving to be the best she could be. Hermione was a good person who wore her heart on her sleeve. She wasn't ignorant to how some children were raised, especially after hearing about how her best friend Harry Potter had grown up. Hermione knew that some children get abused, but she had never met anyone that had so it wasn't something that deeply affected her. She was even a little naïve to believe that although some parents weren't the best, they would never truly try to destroy their child.

However, not everyone could have a life so perfect. What if a child went through the exact opposite. What if that child was abused, beaten, and hurt in the most malicious way? What if that child was subjected to constant beatings? How would they turn out? What if a member of that child's family had done the most unspeakable things? A child raised in a home that was unwelcoming and cold would turn out to be just that when they reached adulthood.

That child would be shunned by others because of their withdrawal from the outside world. They would be socially inept and well guarded if not terrified. That child would form a protective barrier around themselves to keep everyone out because there was no trust. If a parent or family member couldn't be trusted, then who could?

Hermione Granger had never experienced a life of torment and hatred. Sure, she had people she disliked, but she had never been filled with complete and utter hatred. She had never been in a situation where she might have forcefully lost her innocence. Hermione Granger was unaware that she would come across someone who had the most horrible childhood and darkest secrets. Her naïve view on life would be turned upside down. She had no idea that someone, who terrified everyone around him, was in fact scared to death of the memories he held of his childhood. She would never have imagined that Severus Snape of all people had once been subjected to the kind of abuse that no child should ever have gone through.

