## After Battle

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## **Severus**

Chapter 1 of 2

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Feet run up the hall

The sound echoes off the stone walls

I see her coming before she arrives

My arms are filled with love

The love of my life

Her head topped with bushy brown hair

She climbs down from me and searches

For any sign of pain or hurt

Her hands touch my neck

Searching for the scar that marks

My years of service to a maniac

And all my sacrifices for the greater good

"Thank the gods you are alright."

She exclaims, "I can't believe I almost lost you!"

## **Hermione**

Chapter 2 of 2

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I run and run and run more

My heart hurts, searing pain strikes

But I continue my mission and run

I can sense his presence in the castle

It surrounds me and I breathe him in

As I turn the corner I see him

My dark angel standing still

Most likely listening to my fast approach

I leap into his arms

And cling to him with all my strength

I pull back and let go of him

Grip his face and look

Into his deep black orb-like eyes

I scan his body for marks

And I find it on his neck

The proof of his pain and suffering

Of his loyalty to me and the Order

I am so thankful he is okay

Especially when he finally proclaims

"I love you."