

Zoo

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One-shot.

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Draco gripped the sides of the swaying cage he was dangling in, the skin on his knuckles stretched and white.

"What possessed you to think this would be a good idea?"

Potter grinned and looked out of the cage. Draco didn't know what he found so interesting. All that was out there were trees and tiny giraffes on the ground and...

"Draco, are you okay?"

Draco managed to keep down the rhinoceros-shaped chicken nuggets they'd had at lunch. "Of course not! I'm up in this flying death trap—"

"It's called the Sky Ride."

"I'd rather be interrogated with Veritaserum or have a snogfest with Dementors—"

"A trip to the zoo is that bad?"

"I could perfectly well see all these disgusting creatures on my own. In their actual habitats. With a broom."

Potter leaned over and placed a hand on Draco's knee.

"But then you wouldn't be here. With me."

Draco closed his eyes and focused on the warmth of Potter's hand until they were back on the ground.

"What else is there?" Draco asked as his legs wobbled, then straightened into their natural Malfoy stride.

Until Potter took his hand, and Draco lost his balance all over again.

"Honestly, Potter, I don't like surprises, especially Muggle ones, and you—"

It went by too fast, a press of lips and a sweaty hand on his back and how did Potter smell like peppermint?

"Was that too soon?" Potter asked, not moving his hand.

Draco slid away from him and continued on the path.

"Just take me to the next horror you have planned," he said.

He couldn't hold back his groan when Potter took him to the camels in a wooden enclosure with a wooden sign that said RIDES perched on the wooden beams.

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