

Inky Substance

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One-shot Story

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The squid always enjoyed when the new arrivals showed up at Hogwarts. They were so easy to impress, having never seen such a thing before, especially the Muggle-borns. Tomorrow, they would be arriving to join the professors who'd already returned to get things set up. Doing a patrol of the route the first-years' boats took, he noticed a dark substance floating on the water.

'What is this?' he wondered, moving along its trail.

The substance was unlike any other ink he'd seen before. Had the wizards at the school decided it was time for a mate? This possibility excited him and he swam more quickly. If so, her substance was very sweet... sickly sweet, but it was nothing a male couldn't get used to.

His happy thoughts fled when he saw the cause of the dark substance. One of the merwomen from down below had slid up onto a large rock near the bank and was lathering herself with something from a bottle--the dark liquid he'd followed in the water.

The squid got as close as he could without being seen by the tailed woman. But what he saw next surprised him. A great fat man, who seemed to know how to speak mermish, was joining her on the rock, even extending a finger to taste the stuff.

'Chocolate syrup,' he called it. The squid nearly lost the lunch he'd eaten earlier when the walrus-like-moustached man rose and suddenly pulled away the shimmery green trousers he'd been wearing, revealing large, hairy, white legs and a small dangling little pod wrapped in a thatch of gray hair.

Angry that his hopes had been dashed, the squid backed up to them and sprayed them with dark ink, causing the fat man to fall over and then transform into a floating chair and causing the merwoman to slide into the lake with a large splash.

'There,' he thought, 'I'm the only one who can emit anything in these waters. Bloody wankers.'

HermioneWeasley1972 dared me to write about the giant squid, chocolate syrup, and a mermaid.

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