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It was a dark day in the Granger-Snape household, Severus decided, when Hermione finally took umbrage at his influence in their son's particularly subfusc clothing.

'Sebastian Julius Granger-Snape! Go back to your room and change out of those drab robes right now! And don't let me see even the slightest hint of grey or black anywhere!'

Sufficiently cowed, Sebastian scampered back up the stairs in the black robes that—predictably—his father had picked out for him, muttering darkly about mothers and their distinctly un-latitudinarian approach to clothing.

'And *you*,' she continued, turning on Severus. The fact that he was wearing the same black robes that he wore every day seemed to anger her even further. 'You're no better! Making a young child wear black, day in and day out! Are you *trying* to fetter him into being an undertaker?' she raged.

Severus flicked an imaginary piece of lint off of his coat unconcernedly. 'Your remarkable acumen astounds me, madam. That is exactly what I had in mind. Now are you quite finished cavilling at—what was it?—*clothing colour*?'

The door slammed with enough force that he actually thought it might come off of its hinges.

He sighed, rolling his eyes at his wife's dramatics. He loved her passion, it was true—but there were days when he wondered whether it was worth the effort. Surely, marrying a Hufflepuff would have at least afforded him a modicum of peace.

Sebastian emerged a moment later in robes that were in a becoming shade of forest green that, though Severus was loath to admit it, suited him rather well.

'Dad? What was *that* all about?' Sebastian asked as he reached the bottom of the stairs.

He didn't reply, but as he opened the door to usher his son out, he muttered under his breath, 'PMS.'

A/N: This is my response to the Dictionary Drabble Challenge at Potter_Place. The words I used were: subfusc, umbrage, latitudinarian, fetter, acumen and cavil. The only one I couldn't work in was paean. Enjoy. :]