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Snapo aback the difference between ghost and Inferi, as a story in the Daily Prophet mentions Inferi; Professor Snape says the real story is about a Mundungus Fletcher, who was arrested for impersonating an Inferius. Ron is also mocked and detained by Snape. After school, Ron's griffindr, Lavender, begins disapp Snape, annoys Draco rather than ahing him, and he and Harry duck into a bathroom to avoid her. As Harry and Dumbledore watch Slughorn's memory of Tom Riddle, Dumbledore explains that he injured his hand destroying Voldemort's Price Ring. Only his own reflexes and Snape's timely intervention can cause damage. Harry's Map of Marauder shows Draco in Myrtle's bathroom, one floor below. Harry investigates but is discovered by Malfoy, who casts the Cruciatius curse; Harry resists the use of Sectumsempra magic from the half-breed Prince's book without knowing its effects. Draco was severely wounded, and blood flowed everywhere, causing Myrtle to scream; Professor Snape responded quickly and rescued Draco, rushing him to Wing Hospital. Returning, Snape demands to know where Harry has learned the spell from, and despite Harry's attempts at congestion, Snape seems to have gathered some information that Harry's book potions are the source. Snape asks to see his textbooks. Harry instead receives Ron's Potions textbook, then hides the half-breed Prince's book in the Request Room before returning to Snape. Snape, skeptical this is actually Harry's book, especially since it was signed Ronil Wazlib, assigns Harry detention (with professor McGonagall's consensus) every Saturday until the school is over. Reporting to Snape's office, Harry is tasked with copying old detention records, with Snape suggesting he start with details of his father's misconduct. Fearing Snape might confiscate his Potions textbook, Harry hides it in the Request Room. As a result, Harry's work is now affected, although Slughorn attributes it to his new romantic intere in Ginny. Professor Trelawney Trelawney casually mentions Harry that Snape himself has heard the prophecy foresphen Voldemort's enemies, and he brings this information to Voldemort. Harry angrily confronts Dumbledore, but Dumbledore says he trusts Snape. He seemed about to explain why he didn't, but quickly changed the subject by saying he had located another Horcrux. Harry and Dumbledore marry the Price Of Life, but the Principal is greatly weakened by this effort, and Harry helps him return to the castle. Landing atop the Astronomy Tower, Dumbledore asks Harry to find Severus. Draco suddenly appears and disarm Dumbledore. Dumbledore offered to protect Draco if he switched sides, but four deaths Intervention. Snape also stormed the scene, and Dumbledore appeared to be begging him. Snape kills Dumbledore, then leaves with the Death Prince and Draco. Harry, who was stoned to be protected under Dumbledore's cloak of invisitation, is freed by Dumbledore's death. Harry Stuns a Death Eater and chases Snape, firing spells at him. Snape, easily stopping any curses, criticizes Harry's Occlumency skill that opens his mind to opponents. Harry is stunned when Snape reveals he is the half-breed Prince who once owned Harry's book Potions. Snape prevents other Death 40s from attacking Harry, saying that the Dark Lord wants him for himself; he then escapes with Draco and the other Death 4. Harry learns that during the battle Snape is allowed into the tower. Upon his return, members of the Society never suspected Dumbledore had just been killed, suspected that Snape was only looking for Draco. Harry reveals that Dumbledore trusted Snape because after Snape brought the prophecy to Voldemort, he later returned to Dumbledore, declaring remorse. Hermione's research reveals that Snape's mother was a witch, named Eileen Prince, whose father, Tobias Snape, was a Muggle, he therefore nicknamed Snape's self-imposed, Half-Blood Prince. Harry is upset that he has had snape's accidental help, through his old Potions book, all year. He also wondered about the similarities between Snape and Voldemort's half-blood ancestors, and wondered how Dumbledore might have missed it. The Deathly DeathLy DeathLy Tale Snape and a Death Eater named Yaxley enter Malfoy Manor, Voldemort's new headquarters. At the board table, Snape is placed on the right hand side of Voldemort. Yaxley, sitting in the middle, reports that Harry Potter will be moved to a safe house of the Society on Harry's 17th birthday, although Snape disputes this. His information, from the same place as before, suggests that this move will occur sooner and by Order members, as the Order no longer trusts the ministry. Snape doesn't falter under Voldemort's intense view, though some Death Eats are far-sighted. Voldemort decides that the attack on Harry will take place according to Snape's information. During his escape from Privet Drive, George Weasley, disguised as Harry, is cut off by Snape, using sectumsempra magic. While hiding in grimauld, Harry, Ron, and Hermione read in the Daily Prophet that Snape had been appointed Principal of Hogwarts. Hermione realizes that Phineas Nigellus Black's portrait is now a conduser for Snape, as his other portrait hangs in the principal's office. To prevent Phineas from following them, she tucks his image into her seal bearded bag carrying their traveling things. One night while traveling the countryside, Harry, Ron and Hermione happen to hear a conversation about the three Hogwarts students, including Ginny Weasley, broke into the Principal's office Try to steal Gryffindor's sword. One of the group said that soon after, the Sword had been transferred to Gringotts Bank for safe keeping it safe, even though it was actually a fake. The three students involved are said to have been cruelly punished, but when Harry and Hermione refer to portraits of Phineas Nigellus, he reports that the students were only sent to Hagrid, who put them to work in the Forbidden Forest. Harry, re-entering Hogwarts, went to the Ravenclaw common room to see the sculptures of Rowena Ravenclaw wearing her lost Diadem. Alecto Carrow sees him and touches her Dark Mark to warn Voldemort that Harry has been found. Professor McGonagall, helping Harry escape, runs into Snape in the hall. Snape is looking for Harry, who is hiding under his cloak of invisibility. Snape appears to be using Legilimency to locate him. McGonagall and Snape fight, but when the other house chiefs arrive, Snape runs and jumps out the window. Harry believes he has fallen to his death, but sees a large, bat-like shape flying over the castle wall. Snape has escaped. Harry, Hermione, and Ron pass through the tunnel under Whomping's willow to Shack where Voldemort is staying. Snape asks permission to enter Hogwarts and get Harry out. Voldemort refused, saying he was disappointed by Elder Wand's performance. He believes the Wand did not answer him but to Snape, who killed Dumbledore, the former owner of the Wand. Saying he regretted the need, Voldemort ordered Nagini to kill Snape, then left. Harry rushes to Snape as soon as Voldemort leaves. Snape gives Harry his memories, which Harry collects in Hermione's crystal jar, and, looking Harry in the eye, like his mother, dies. Harry enters the principal's office and pours Snape's memories into Pensieve. Harry watched footage of Snape's life: Snape saw Lily Evans, about ten years old, experimenting with magic. He tells her that she is a witch, and that he is a witch. Lily's sister, Petunia, is clearly frightened by her sister performing magic, while Lily seems affronted Snape calling her a witch. Snape tells Lily things about the Wizarding World. Then still, we see Snape watching Lily and her family as they put Lily on board the Hogwarts Express for her first term at Hogwarts. Petunia is telling Lily that she is a monster, that Lily and Snape boy are being sent to a school for freaks. Lily said she had seen Dumbledore's answer to Petunia's letter, and that he had been very kind. When Petunia asks to know how she saw the letter, which is a private letter, Lily points out that Snape helped. Petunia let to join her parents. Then we see Severus on board, looking for Lily. I'm not going see her in a compartment with James Potter and several other first-year students, including Sirius Black. Snape says he hopes Lily Lily placed in Slytherin; James resolutely wants to go to Gryffindor. When James insults Snape, Lily leaves to find another compartment, and Snape follows; James tries to trip Severus as he passes by. At the soring ceremony, Lily was located at Gryffindor, along with Sirius Black, James Potter, Peter Pettigrew, and Remus Lupin. Snape is arranged as Slytherin, where he is greeted by Lucius Malfoy. Snape and Lily are seen strolling on a courtyard, arguing. Snape wondered what had happened to their friendship. Lily replies they are still friends, but she hates his friends, most notably Avery and Mulciber. Snape reminds Lily of the trouble James and his friends get into, and is heartened when Lily dismisses James as an arrogant toe-rag. Harry witnesses a scene he saw a few years earlier, when James, along with Sirius, torments Snape. Not wanting to watch the scene again, Harry kept his distance. Memories end with Snape calling Lily mudblood, and reforming in front of fat lady. Lily says she has heard that Snape will be outside the entrance to the Gryffindor Common Room all night unless she is out to talk to him. Despite his apparent remorse, and sincere apologies, Lily will not forgive Snape for the insult, and tells him that he should go to his Death Eater friends. Now we see Snape having a secret meeting with Dumbledore. Snape says he doesn't carry a message from Voldemort, but is there to advocate for himself. He brought Trelawney's prediction to Voldemort, and Voldemort, having decided that the prophecy refers to Harry Potter, which is now planning to kill not only Harry, but also Lily and James. Snape begged Dumbledore to save Lily from Voldemort. Dumbledore is disgusted that Snape only wants Lily saved, not caring about her husband and children. Resolving Snape also begged them, saying that in exchange for their safety, he would do anything. Next, Snape is in Dumbledore's office, clearly grieving. Snape asks Dumbledore why he didn't keep Lily and her family safe. Dumbledore tells him that they have put their faith in the wrong person, just as Snape trusted Voldemort to spare Lily's life. Dumbledore reveals that Harry survived, and that if Snape really loved Lily, he would help Dumbledore protect his son when Voldemort returns. Snape reluctantly agrees, but says Dumbledore was never told by anyone that he was protecting James Potter's son. Snape, apparently in Harry's first year at Hogwarts, is complaining fiercely to Dumbledore about Harry, and how he is as troubled as his father. Dumbledore replies gently that no other teachers are complaining, and asks Snape to keep an eye on Quirrell. As the student leaves yule ball, Snape tells Dumbledore that the Dark Sign on his arm is getting darker, as is Karkaroff's, and Plan to flee if Mark burns Dumbledore asks if Snape has the same plan, and Snape angrily retorts him for not being a coward. Dumbledore remarked, almost off-handedly, that perhaps the students were arranging to enter their homes too soon; Snape seems quite unsmry by this. Now we meet Snape again in Dumbledore's office. Dumbledore was a sober seller, his blackened right hand dangling from the edge of his desk. Snape, pointing his wand at Dumbledore's wrist, muttered the spell while pouring a yellow liquid down Dumbledore's throat. When Dumbledore returns to himself, Snape asks why Dumbledore even tried in the ring, and Dumbledore says he is a fool. We see Marvolo Gaunt's ring on the table, broken, next to the Gryffindor Sword. Snape tells Dumbledore that the curse is extremely powerful, and that while he has contained it for the moment, it will eventually kill Dumbledore; he said that Dumbledore had, at most, a year of life. Dumbledore said this made things much easier to decide, and began discussing Voldemort's apparent plan to have malfoy boy kill him, Dumbledore. Snape said the effort was not expected to succeed, but instead continued to punish and disgrace the Malfoy family. Dumbledore correctly guesses that Snape has been tasked with killing Dumbledore if Draco fails, as Voldemort hopes that Hogwarts will be completely under his control and that he will no longer need a spy there. Dumbledore asks Snape to agree to watch over his school, and as his killer, both spare Draco's soul and give Dumbledore some dignity in death, leaving him free of the toxic pleasures of Fenrir Greyback and Bellatrix Lestrange. Snape reluctantly agrees. In the scene hagrid overheard a fifth of the time before, we now see Snape and Dumbledore walking in the castle grounds. When asked about what he is doing with Harry, Dumbledore says he is giving Harry the information he will need, while he still can. Snape asks why he isn't secret that that information as well, which Dumbledore says he doesn't want to keep all his secrets in one basket. Snape seems angered by this, saying that his job as a two-carry spy is extremely dangerous, and that he is at least as trustworthy as Harry. As Dumbledore tries to explain the next steps of his plan, Snape threatens a change of heart about letting Dumbledore when the time comes. Dumbledore reminded him of his words, and suggested that he keep an eye on Draco. When Snape still seems rebellious, Dumbledore tired of making an appointment for later that night in his office. Dumbledore, then, explains that Harry must not know what to do for last moment. That moment will be at Voldemort, instead of his snake, Nagini, run free, he keeps her imprisoned in a protective spell. At that point, Snape must tell Harry that Harry is an accidental seventh-year Spirit School, accidentally created at died, and that he must die so that Voldemort will be vulnerable to death. Snape feels cheated, as he has worked so hard to protect Lily's son, only for him to die at the hands of Voldemort. Asked whether Snape had grown up to look after Harry after all, Snape casts his Patronus. It has the shape of a silvery-white donkey, pointing out to Dumbledore that Snape still loves Lily. Fifteen years after her death, we know that it was Dumbledore's portrait that ordered Snape to give Voldemort the exact time for Harry's passing from Privet Drive. Dumbledore suggested seeing seven Harry Potter towards seven safe houses, and instructed Snape to plant the idea in Mundungus Fletcher's mind to pass it on to the Owner of the Phoenix. During the actual departure from Privet Drive, we see that Snape tried to jinx Death Eater drawing a bead on Remus Lupin, and the air stream caused both to miss, as a result of Snape's spell severing George Weasley's ear. Snape is in Sirius' old room in Grimmauld Place. He took the second page of a letter Lily wrote, and the part of a photo containing her picture, then left with them. Finally, Snape is seen talking to a portrait of Phineas Nigellus Black. Phineas reports that Harry is in the Forest of Dean, and Snape takes Gryffindor's sword hidden behind Dumbledore's portrait, and leaves with it. Snape is not seen again, but in the ending we know that Harry named his second son Albus Severus, after the two Principals, and one of them is not just a Slytherin but probably the bravest man Harry has ever known. In post-publishing interviews, the author revealed that Snape's portrait did not appear in the principal's office when he died, as he had rescded his post. Afterwards, Harry successfully campaigned to put it there. Snape's strengths are a particularly intelligent and magical wizard. As a student, he excelled in potions, modifying many standard formions that make brewing them easier and faster. It is said that he knew more magic, Hexes, and Jinxes in his first year at Hogwarts than most seventh-year students, and had invented many new ones. In addition to being a respected potions expert, Snape is adept at the art of defense and skilled in Occlumency and Leglimency, skills that make him a valuable ally, but also a dangerous enemy. Dumbledore uses these talents by invading Snape and spying on the Death Eaters, knowing voldemort will not be able to read Snape's thoughts; however, similar abilities are ideal for allowing Snape to act as a two-carry spy, as Dumbledore may also be unable to penetrate Snape's thoughts. Snape's persuasive abilities, including Occlumency and Leglimency, allow him to maintain a vague ambiguous lum lum, leaving his true loyalty unknown until the conclusion of Book 7. However, throughout the film, Dumbledore is steadfast Snape's loyalty, both to him and to the Phoenix Society, although he never explains the reasoning behind his trust. Although Snape maintained several close relationships during his lifetime, he was very loyal to his allies. Unlike Voldemort, Snape possesses the ability to love, although his initial support for the Dark Arts and his connection to several Slytherin students, future Death Eaters, destroyed his only chance in a long-term relationship. Although she may love, Snape is never the one who wears her heart on her sleeve and rarely expresses any emotions other than nasty contempt. However, it was this characteristic, along with his Occlumency skills, that allowed him to maintain his fragile role as a two-carry spy, while also claiming both voldemort and Dumbledore's confidence. Ironically, the dual identity he carries so well throughout the series can easily conceal that he is truly loyal to no one, his neutral cover so convincing that he is positioned to arrange himself with either winning side, not as wiser. It was only after Harry viewed Snape's memories in Pensieve as honesty and by his true motivation was revealed. Snape's weaknesses possess a dark, moody personality, and rarely actively create friendships or establish personal alliances, seemingly preferring to be lonely and largely based on themselves. At first he is intimate with his superiors and endures his colleagues. Only Albus Dumbledore and Professor McGonagall seem to be dedicating any real self-esteem. Others described Snape as an attractive, mainly related to his personal grooming, especially his hair, which is described as oily. As an instructor, he supported his Slytherin House students, punishing others erratically, especially Harry and many gryffindors. This is usually reserved for minor violations or incidents initiated by Slytherin students, who often escape punishment for their role in the proceedings. Snape also can't forget or forgive past hurts or hatreds, and can't seem to see through any notion of prejudice. As an only child, Snape experienced a traumatic, distressing childhood under an abusive Muggle father who indignantly and abused his witch mother. This causes Snape to be emotionally beaten, shy, insecure and longing for somewhere to belong. He often found solace only in loneliness and studied his magic at Hogwarts, where he arranged to enter the Slytherin house. Although Snape seems to fit Slytherin, Dumbledore, noting Snape's character years later, suggests that the student was probably sorted too soon, showing his beliefs that Snape could have been better in another house. Although Snape was a miraculously proficient student destined to be a powerful witch, he was unable to defend himself against the cruel bullying of James Potter and Sirius Black. As a result, Snape turned his longstanding resentment and hatred to James' son, James. Often arbitrarily punish Harry or singling him out for ridicule in his class. Snape becomes particularly angry after Harry, unaware of Snape's true motives, calls him a coward when Snape runs away from Hogwarts with the other Death Eaters in Book 6. Although Lily Potter was Snape's only real friend at a young age, he was unable to give up his appeal to the Dark Magic or give up his unsomory Slytherin teammates she disliked. Never accepted as a former peer, his new-found companions become too strong, a charm for him to heed Lily's request to give up his last name. The incalible Snape turns her back on Lily as she tries to protect him in one of James and Sirius's cruel jokes, forever ending any opportunity for a more meaningful and lasting relationship with her. No doubt, Snape risked his life by defecting from Voldemort's service to replace Dumbledore. However, his actions, at least initially, motivated by selfish motivation, sought Dumbledore's protection for someone the Dark Lord marked for death. In return, Dumblore asks Snape to be completely loyal and uses him as his two-carry agent, which is dangerous for Snape's life. Snape agrees to Dumbledore's terms, but his goal is to always protect Lily Potter, not to fight the Dark Lord to save the Wizarding World. After Voldemort kills Lily, Snape seeks revenge, and secretly protects Harry and his mission to destroy the Dark Lord. It is unclear if Snape would turn his back on Voldemort if the Dark Lord never targeted the Potters, but the reader doubts it. Relationships with other characters[corrected] A lonely person who clearly has no close friends, Snape mostly keeps his own company. Throughout the film, Snape seems equally bitter and dangerous. While he can work and cooperate with allies who serve Voldemort or those who oppose him, Snape can't seem to really care about anyone. Every snape interaction there with Harry, his other students, and even sometimes other Hogwarts staff, sometimes seems acrimonious and sometimes seems with venom. The only exceptions were Argus Filch, whom he trusted enough to bind the fluffly woodchuck inflicted on him in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Draco Malfoy, with whom he always treated his ho preferences and tolerance visibly, and Principal Albus Dumbledore. His relationship with Professor McGonagall always appeared intimate, albeit cold, until Snape became Chancellor. Snape deals with Voldemort supporters, with possible exceptions of Narcissa Malfoy and Voldemort, mostly seemingly similarly toxic. While one might speculate that Snape's look for Narcissa Malfoy springs from a hidden like for her son, Draco, which is still problematic. Knowing that the Malfoy family are wealthy, influential and loyal Voldemort supporters, Snape can nurture their favor through their son, despite this changed after Lucius received the wrath of the Dark Lord. However, when Snape was working as a two-carry agent for Dumbledore, he may well have fostered a path through Malfoys for the Dark Lord. However, Snape's interactive tone with both Dumbledore and Voldemort seems somewhat motivated by the power he and they, separately, use together. Harry Potter although Snape's relationship with Harry is important to the overall story, it is never his most important. However, this is the first time we can observe deeply. Since Harry arrives at Hogwarts, Snape's reaction to him seems ridiculously hostile. At first it seems that Snape mostly resents love for his popularity, but gradually learns that his negative emotions run much deeper and actually have before Harry's birth, stretching back to snape attending Hogwarts with Harry's father, James, and even Sirius Black, Harry's godfather. James and Sirius do not mourn bullying Snape at school. And although Snape has always loved Harry's mother Lily, his affection for her never extends to her only child. Despite his personal feelings, Snape secretly protects Harry from Voldemort after Dumbledore extracts his promise to do so, although no one, other than those two, knows about this. Throughout the story, Harry reverents, and then deeply hates, Snape, claims that he was responsible for the death of his parents and the murder of Dumbledore afterwards. It is only after he learns the truth behind Snape's actions that Harry must reconcile his long-standing hatred against his former Master Potions, which he seems to be naming his second son Albus Severus. Albus Dumbledore[edit] This is probably Snape's closest and most lasting relationship, although it is sometimes full of contradictions and rancor. Dumbledore first knew Snape when he entered Hogwarts as a student. The young Stevanus is particularly intelligent and miraculously talented, although there seems to be no noticeable relationship between the Principal and the student until Snape discovers that Remus Lupin, also a student at the time, was a werewolf. Dumbledore makes Snape vow never to reveal this secret to other students. Snape seems to honor this promise while he is still a student, and long after that, albeit reluctantly - he tries to get the Defence Against the Dark Arts class to recognize it himself, and is eventually pushed beyond his limits, he accidentally let information slip out of his House. After becoming a Death Eater during Voldemort's previous reign of terror, Snape defected from the Dark Lord's service to seek Dumbledore's help in protecting Lily Potter after Voldemort targeted her and her family for death, although it was Dumbledore's actions Forward a prophecy to Voldemort, helping put potters in danger. Dumbledore was unable to save James and Lily, and after Voldemort's death, his grandfather Snape a safe sanctuary at Hogwarts, although this was probably an unpopular decision among faculty and staff. In exchange for his help, Dumbledore asks Snape to promise to be his two-carry agent and, claims Voldemort will return some day, to protect Harry Potter. Snape agreed, and continued in this role until his death. Over the years, the relationship between the two men gradually changed, and Snape became Dumbledore's closest confider and mentor, although it appeared to readers that McGonagall held the position. While Snape was never particularly friendly with colleagues at Hogwarts, and was often disliked by most Hogwarts students, his extreme ability to teach Potions may eventually override any opposition to Dumbledore's appointment. And while Dumbledore knew Snape would be a valuable spy against Voldemort and his Death Eaters, as well as an excellent Potions teacher, he could have given Snape a second chance for other reasons. Dumbledore actually loses the involvement of Snape Death Eater, but Dumbledore him is once captivated by the dark side of magic, causing him to form a brief alliance with the evil wizard, Gellert Grindelwald. Although he eventually defeated Grindelwald in a duel, Dumbledore realized that his own early failures had caused many tragedies, and this may have softened his harsh judgment of Snape's wrongdoings. Until the series ends, Harry believes snape still serves Voldemort, while Dumbledore never doubts Snape's loyalty to him (Dumbledore). And although Snape was always grateful to Dumbledore, and despite his dislike of Harry Potter, he was extremely critical and angry to learn that Dumbledore had defended Harry only to look after him as a weapon against Voldemort, knowing that the boy was predeceous to die. Despite the strong opposition, however, Snape understands Dumbledore's reasons behind it. Despite any potential harmony, a close connection exists between the two men, and Snape never wavered in loyalty or served Dumbledore. Unfortunately, this devotion cost Snape dearly, forcing him to fulfill Dumbledore's promise to fulfill his last order to help defeat Lord Voldemort. Lord Voldemort[corrected] There is probably no one snape despises more than Lord Voldemort, although Snape was once his ardent and loyal believer. Snape was never cruel, but his initial attraction to Dark Magic drew him to Voldemort. It is never entirely understood why Snape chose a dark path, although acceptance may have been found Slytherin House Fellowship, he passively followed his Slytherin classmates into Voldemort's service. Also, he may have actively chosen it, irresistibly drawn to something seemingly majestic and important that he could attach himself to. At such an impressive age, so, may have been unable to fully understand Voldemort's evils, although his own Dark nature played an important factor, and he was ultimately responsible for his decisions and misconduct. It was only after Voldemort targeted, and then murdered, that someone Snape cared deeply, although Snape later devoted him to slavery, that he turned his back on the Dark Lord and secretly linked himself to Dumbledore and the Phoenix Society. After Voldemort revived and came to power, Snape seemed to return to serve him, seemingly as devoted as before. While readers never knew Snape's true loyalty until the last book, Snape never forgave Voldemort for Lily's murder. The Dark Lord, however, always seems confident about Snape's loyalty to him, perhaps diminishing Snape's ability to truly love and also underestimating his Occlumency skills that effectively conceal his true thoughts from Voldemort's intense spiritual exploration. Voldemort once again proves that he only appreciates his heaths while they are useful. Without hesitation, he orders Snape to die, inginking that it will fulfill his plan to command the Great Wand which he mistakenly believes has fallen under Snape's control. Although Snape does not witness Voldemort's eventless demise, his actions, before and after Dumbledore's death, support Harry's efforts to defeat the Dark Lord. James Potter, Sirius Black, Remus Lupin, and Peter Pettigrew[editing] James, Remus, Sirius, and Peter are Gryffindor students together at Hogwarts. Anoint yourself the Marauders, all but Peter, also known as Wormtail, have mastered wondres far beyond their years. Pettigrew, who was tagged after the other three, relied heavily on the other three for miraculous help, also becoming an Animagus just for their help. James and Sirius particularly dislike their Slytherin classmate, Severus Snape, bullying him regularly, mostly for their own entertainment. Although Lupin never participated in the activity, Snape also despised him, initially because Lupin did nothing to stop James and Sirius from bullying him. This hostility increases after Snape discovers Lupin is a werewolf, a secret Dumbledore then makes Snape vow never to tell other Hogwarts students. Snape never forgives James or Sirius for their cruelty, even though he himself is not an exemplary model. Snape despises James even after he saves Snape from Sirius's potentially fatal prank. 400% claims James only intervenes to protect himself from punishment. When Lupin is hired as a Defence against the Dark Arts teacher in Harry's third year, Snape is outraged, though he doesn't seem to like anyone who holds the position he has long coveted but continue to be denied. Despite this, Lupin always treated Snape with real respect, perhaps regretting that as a Hogwarts zoo, he did little to restrain James and previous bad behavior towards Snape. Even after Snape reveals to Hogwarts students (and their parents) that Lupin is a werewolf, forcing Lupin to resign, Lupin treats him with respect, then tells Harry that Snape can cause him much worse damage and that while he is teaching at Hogwarts , Snape has always prepared his Wolfsbane Potion perfectly. Snape even cares less about Peter Pettigrew, a cowardly, weak witch who - as well as being part of the gang that tormented him as a young man - then betrays James and Lily Potter to Voldemort and traps Sirius Black for his own fake murder. Snape only interacts with Pettigrew on Voldemort's orders, hiding Pettigrew at his summer home in Spinner's End, in book 6, perhaps under the guidance to closely monitor him for the Dark Lord. He treated Pettigrew with contempt, and used him as a servant. Sirius Black is one of the few people that Snape really hates. Sirius almost cost Snape by urging him to investigate the mystery inside Shrieking Shack during his school days at Hogwarts. That mystery is Remus Lupin, who was imprisoned there during his werewolf transformation. Snape is likely to be killed without James' intervention, preventing Snape from entering the slit during the full moon. Snape never forgives Sirius for his potentially lethal tricks, nor does Sirius ever show remorse for his actions, and their mutual hatred is forever transferred to their adult lives. Sirius, of course, knows about Snape's involvement with Voldemort and other death eaters and how that association contributed to the deaths of James and Lily Potter, further intensifying his hatred for Snape. Despite their persuous history, Snape and Sirius were able to somewhat subdue their mutual hostility at Dumbledore's request, to work together in the fight against Voldemort. When Harry believes sirius is in danger, Snape warns the Society, although Harry always believes snape deliberately delays and is therefore partly responsible for Sirius' fate, perhaps ignoring Sirius' reckless tendencies. Lily Evans Potter (née Evans) is the first character in the series that Snape knows, dating back to before they started Hogwarts together. Snape, who is a half-blood, knew from an early age that he was a witch, while Lily, a witch born in Muggle, was unable to understand her growing magical powers. Snape explains much about the Wizarding World to her and that petunia's sister's jealousy overlook Lily as magic, while she did not. The two quickly became close friends. At Hogwarts, to Snape's disappointment, he and Lily are arranged into separate houses, he Slytherin, and you go to Gryffindor. Initially, they remain close friends, and when Snape becomes a favorite target of James Potter and Sirius Black, also the Gryffindors, to bully and torture, Lily protects him. Once their friendships become strained as Snape becomes increasingly attracted to The Dark Arts and be friends with the less salty Slytherin students (and future Death Eaters). Their relationship eventually ends in an incident involving James and Sirius, when Snape, upset and humiliated, seems disgusted with Lily's intervention on his behalf and takes aim at a comment insulting her. This causes Lily to permanently end their friendship, and she eventually married James Potter, then gave birth to Harry. Lily is the only person Snape has ever cared deeply about, and while the exact nature of Lily's relationship and true feelings for him are unknown, Snape has been devastated by her death, never fully recovering. Snape's actions, known later in the series, are largely motivated by his love for her. Dumbledore embraces that to secure Snape's help in protecting Harry and against Voldemort, Snape's relationship with other characters is discussed in more detail in the Greater Picture section of this article. Analysis of Snape's actions throughout the series showed service to each opposition party. Both Dumbledore and Voldemort believe snape was loyal to them, allowing him to work as a two-carry agent. Not only was it unknown until very close to the end of the last book that his party was actually on, but there was no concrete evidence until then that he had actually chosen one. He made strong statements, which Dumblore believed, against Lord Voldemort's cruelty, but hatred existed between him and many members of the Order of the Phoenix. Despite seeming to fear a world under Voldemort's rule, he seemed equally positioned in a place where the Society won. There is little reason to believe he has an interest in both winning sides, and he might even prefer to be able to exert influence over, and gain favors from, both. Snape shows both good and bad qualities, making him the only anti-hero of the series. Snape possesses an uncomfortable attitude, and is particularly retaliatory to those who hurt him (James, Sirius, Snape Sr.) However, Snape's apparent cruelty can be the result of a terrible childhood and youth. As Harry delves into Snape's original memory, there is nothing nice to be seen, only an abusive father, a victim mother, a mocking classmate, and a ruthless James Potter and Sirius Black. While the series does little to unders emphasize Snape's good qualities, it is implied, at least until the end of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, that he will protect the order of the Phoenix members with his life. He saved Harry's life more than once, although it may take a specially observed reader to see that, although he treated students badly and seemed indifferent to their feelings or situations, he wanted them to learn valuable lessons. In this series, we see in Snape's behavior. He seems motivated by his hatred for Harry and, at some extent, Dumbledore. We can easily believe that, like Harry, Snape is trying to get rid of Harry in Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Snape's constant sabotage of Harry's Potions course throughout the year will clearly be something of a periodical story element throughout the series. However, by the end of that book, Snape acted to save Harry's life in his first Quidditch match. In Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, we are as aware as Harry that Snape coveted Remus Lupin's sermon, and Snape did not trust Lupin; however, Snape has repeatedly brewed a very difficult, perfect Wolfsbane drug, fully aware that any minor error will remove Lupin from school forever, without intending to put it on Snape's part - Anyone can make a mistake, Principal, surely you do not think I would deliberately do anything to risk the student's death from a werewolf bite? And also later as the middle part of the last book, when we hear that Ginny Weasley, Luna Lovegood and Neville Longbottom were cruelly punished by being sent to help Hagrid, when Snape knows exactly where Hagrid's sympathy lies, we are wondering if Snape deliberately minimized the punishment he met to protect the student. Snape's mother's last name is Prince, and that he is a hybrid, widely hinting at the identity of the protagonist in the sixth book, Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. As Harry spends a lot of time trying to discover who his character is, soon revealing his identity will form a conspiracy spoiler. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows (The Prince's Tale) [corrects] The memories snape reveals to Harry serve two purposes. The first set, until the death of Harry's parents, seems to explain Snape's feelings, and provides a basis for his later actions. Snape, who first met Lily Evans at the age of 9 or 10, revealed to her that she was a witch and that he was a witch, and introduced her to the Wizarding World. He also defended her against her Muggle sister, Petunia, as Lily prepared for her first year at Hogwarts. They become close friends, a friendship that was eventually devastated by Snape's connection to the darker Slytherin students. Despite the breakdown of the friendship, Snape continues to love Lily, and he agrees to do anything in exchange for Dumbledore's promise to save Lily, and her family, from Voldemort. As the story unfolds, Snape keeps this promise for eleven years, beginning when he first becomes an informer against Voldemort, and continues to keep it throughout the series, even beyond Dumbledore's death, defending Harry against Voldemort and his allies. After James' death and Snape's memory, while still strengthening our understanding of Snape's unilateral love for Lily, also shows Dumbledore Work together to protect Harry and cast him into weapons that eventually destroy Voldemort. Dumbledore, knowing that he had little time left and Voldemort accusing Draco of killing him, orchestrated his own death at snape's hands, telling Snape it was to protect Draco's soul, and allow Dumbledore to retain some dignity in death. We also know that Harry has become an unexpected seventh-person Spirit, and Snape somehow has to kill Harry to destroy it. We learn, in particular, that Dumbledore has set big plans in motion, and that Snape, much to his own disapathy, is merely a footprint in Dumbledore's play. Snape is particularly disappointed that, having worked so long and diligently to protect Harry, they must now arrange his death to finally defeat Voldemort. Later in the book, we will find that, despite the great role Dumbledore had planned for Snape, and the extreme trust he placed on him, Dumbledore never told Snape the whole story. Some of the puzzle pieces, notably the roles of Elder Wand and Harry's inability to be killed by Voldemort, he instiles, perhaps felt are too dangerous, or perhaps worried that knowing the whole plan will cause Snape to become overly enthusiastic and inadvertently allow Voldemort to escape. Questions [edited] Learning questions are meant to be left to each student to answer; please don't answer them here. According to the conclusion of the series, how has readers' perceptions of Snape changed? Who's the idea, Harry or Dumbledore, more precisely? Why is Snape resisting Quirrell's curse to take Harry off his broomstick? Can this be left to Filwitck to protect Harry, or does Dumbledore know that only Snape knows enough about the Dark Arts to protect him? What are some possible reasons why Snape wants Harry deported? Why would Snape be so headed before making an unseasonable vow to complete Draco's mission if he fails? What does Dumbledore mean when he tells Harry that after destroying the Gaunt Price Ling, if it wasn't... for my own extraordinary skills, and for Professor Snape's timely actions . . . I may not have lived to tell the story. What did Dumbledore and Snape argue about? Why would Snape want to change his mind? Why was Dumbledore anxious to get to Snape after seeing the Black Mark when he and Harry arrived at the Astronomy Tower? Is Dumbledore more important about who killed him or who? Explain. Dumbledore tells Harry, I'm a Legilimens enough achievement myself to know when I'm being deceived... If Snape had voluntarily opened his mind to Dumbledore, this could provide enough evidence that he actually opposed Voldemort. Before presenting yourself to Voldemort Similarly, he may have left all thoughts on a change of heart in Dumbledore's Pensieve. Of course he may have left something in some other Pensieve before applying for Rather. In his opinion, with the above, does Dumbledore make sense in putting his faith in Snape? Did Snape lie to Bellatrix and Narcissa? Given that they are pure blood known among wizards, surely other Slytherins, including those who became Death 4 in later life, will know that Snape's blood condition is not pure. Why was this never brought up? Did Snape denounce his muggle father? Does Snape's seemingly abusive Muggle father contribute to his joining the Death Eater, echoing how Voldemort became anti-Muggle? Is Snape's love for Lily romantic in nature or something else? Why is Snape careles about grooming her personally? Greater Picture[edit] Intermediate alerts: Details where you may not want to read at your current level. While we do not fully understand, it becomes clear in the first book that Snape absolutely hates Harry in particular, and Gryffindor in general. Just how deeply this hatred runs only gradually realized; initially, Snape's malice seems rather non-personal, although it is certainly more aimed at Harry than anyone else in Gryffindor. Neville Longbottom and Hermione also receive insults and light-hearted words from Snape, though never to the same extent as Harry. Neville probably deserves some contempt, as he often performs poorly in Potions. However, in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, we discover that Neville's worst fear is Professor Snape. That fear, combined with his poorly known memory, led Neville completely incompet capable in Potions, creating terrible messes and melting cauldrons. With a more tolerant and supportive teacher, Neville could have done much better in the classroom. Harry certainly improved his Potions skills under Professor Slughorn, although he may be considered to have had some additional unsanctioned help. In Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban, we discover why Snape dislikes Harry. Harry looks a lot like his father, James Potter. James engages in a prank that can cause Snape to face a werewolf (Remus Lupin). While James saved Snape's life, Snape never forgave him, claiming James only acted to protect himself from punishment. In Harry Potter and the Gorym, we also know that three of the Marauders, James Potter, Sirius Black, and Peter Pettigrew, seem to have made a hobby of tormenting Snape, a fact they continued at least until their fifth year at Hogwarts. Harry's appearance always reminds Snape of this dark and painful period in his life, and can completely explain some of his abuse towards Harry, although it has no excuses for it. Some inconsistencies in the Regarding Harry can be seen as early as the first book. Snape has actually defended Harry, especially in Harry's first Quidditch match. When Harry's broom is broommed by Professor Quirrell, Snape tries to fight it; we have Quirrell's word for that. In Harry Potter Potter The Order of the Phoenix, Snape agrees with Dumbledore's request to try to teach Harry Occlumency to protect him from Voldemort's mental probes. When Dolores Umbridge asks Veritaserum from Snape, to interrogate Harry, because of its ineffectivity (she seems to have used the entire phial, to the point that even the smallest sip on Harry's shoulder can form the three drops needed), one must wonder if Snape offers her a fake drop. Snape refuses to provide more Veritaserum upon request, after Umbridge encounters Harry using her fireplace to contact Sirius, which can also be understood to protect Harry. And then it seems Snape believes Harry about Sirius's condition, at least enough to investigate his claims and then keep a cautious eye on Harry's where-to-be, and inform the Society when Harry does not return from the Forbidden Forest. Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince play a direct role in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince despite lending his nickname to the title topics. Similarly, the book is to a great extent all about him. Throughout, he is seen in flash-backs and stories about other characters that illuminate his character, as Harry and the company try to discover who the talented Half-Blood Prince really is. Dumbledore clearly expresses absolute faith in Snape, although he refuses to reveal why; this refusal revealed the reason why Harry reduced Dumbledore's trust. Towards the beginning of the book, as mentioned above, Snape was eventually appointed as a Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher, a position he had been looking for years. As a result, a new Potions teacher is needed, and Professor Slughorn, a former head of the Slytherin family, is coaxed out of retirement. Slughorn accepts students with less than outstanding grades for their NEWT grade potions, something Snape would never have done. Harry enrolls late and is loaned an old textbook, which Harry discovers contains many useful handwritten tips written on the sidelines. As the year progressed, we discovered that the textbook was old enough to belong to a Prince Eileen, eventually identified as Snape's mother, who was married to Tobias Snape, a Muggle. We already know (from the Pensieve episode in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix) that Snape is probably in the same class as Lily Evans (who is married to James Potter, Harry's father), and from Slughorn's recollections, we see that Lily, not Snape, is an excellent natural student. The textbook notes are all in the same handwriting and the book is ins written 'property of the Half-Breed Prince'. It also includes descriptions of some of the spells Snape admits he created. The implication here is that he recorded all this information in the book; but if he had been as skilled at Potions as Harry became thanks to the book, would have been Snape who was remembered as natural, not Lily. All this suggests that in a way, the book could be a collaboration between Snape and Lily. However, given that this is a textbook for 6th year students, and Lily ended their friendship in their fifth year, Snape is probably the only contributor. Assuming that they are both in the same NEWT Potions class, however, as everyone in all four houses of Harry's group five seems, Snape may have observed and recorded Lily's drug-making from afar, as a way of trying to keep in touch with her somehow. The new information adds understanding to the Pensieve scene. In that scene, James bullies Snape, using a curse on him that we now believe Snape invented. This scene takes place during or immediately after the OWLs of Severus Snape and James Potter, this will be their fifth year, before the year that this textbook will be used in class. Lily is seen reacting to the unusually, and Snape abuses her disproportionately to what happened, as she seems to just want to help him. These scenes together add to the existence of a long-term relationship between Snape and Lily. She is described as always seeing good things in others who would shun. He comes from a suspected muggle background, more similar to her than most of their classmates. Also, there is the fact that Snape did not once mention Harry's mother, although they seem to be in the same Potions class, almost as if he can't stand to have her name mentioned. Usually, it will be easy to compare Harry to Lily: Your mother may have drugged it with her eyes closed... And it is certainly true that he mentioned similarly Harry's father in that context. All together this has sparked speculation that Snape has loved her, even if this is not reciprocation. Snape also, in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, is identified as the one who informed Lord Voldemort of prophecy forewarned his enemies. This inevitably leads voldemort to seek harry to remove him, and in the process kills James and Lily. It makes Snape accidentally but directly responsible for the deaths of two people who are undoubtedly his classmates, one may be his opponent but the other may have (secretly) a great love of his. This may explain Dumbledore's unshakable belief that Snape has refused voldemort and death. The loyalty of Harry Potter and the Deathly Guard was unclear to us until very late in the last book when it was revealed that he had secretly loved Lily Evans, as speculated above. He linked himself to Dumbledore as a means of protecting Lily from Voldemort. This revelation sheds much light on the confusion and mystery that surrounds Snape. He hated James Potter for many due, including James' ongoing and tormented him during their school days at Hogwarts, and also James' rescue of Snape from a fatal encounter with werewolf Lupin, leaving Snape bitterly indignant to be forever indebted to James. Eventually, James gave up Snape's only love, Lily Evans, daring to have a child with her. To protect Lily from Voldemort, Snape agrees to an open promise to Dumbledore (Anything!). Dumbledore, knowing Snape's skills in Occlumency, had snape spying against Voldemort, and after Lily's death, demanded that he protect Lily's son Harry. This, of course, establishes a major conflict in Snape's life. Every interaction with Harry carries emotional baggage, more like Harry, except for his eyes, which is the image of his father. Snape can't help but remind him of James being hated every time he sees Harry. In Snape's memory, we see him railing about Harry to Dumbledore; Interestingly, each characteristic he attributes to Harry is one that we have seen, to some extent, in James, rather than Harry. However, he vows to protect Harry, the only child of his lost love. In such an unsym guarded situation, is there any surprise that he is bitter? Desperately unhappy himself, he gets what relief he can by making others unhappy also. About the only person Snape is not barbarian is Dumbledore, who initially made promises from him, and who did everything he was allowed to do to prevent Lily's death. Perhaps because of this Dumbledore dismisses Harry's belief that Snape was prepared to duel with Sirius; Dumbledore did not directly experience the depth of Snape's bitterness, and thus discounted it. When discussing the reasons for teaching Harry Occlumency to Snape, Dumbledore admitted to ing believing snape disliked Harry could be dealt with. It is because of this internal conflict, and its final resolution, that Snape is much despised as one of the most moving characters, and is best extracted throughout the entire series. Some readers were moved to tears by the revelations in chapter 33 of Harry Potter and the Deathly Museum. However, one thing is uncertain as to exactly why Dumbledore still holds faith in Snape's loyalty. At first reading, it seems he expects Snape to remain loyal because he sees Snape's regret after Lily Evans' death. But strictly speaking, it is possible that Snape's love for Lily has faded over the years, and so he can turn to Voldemort again. Until the scene with Dole Patronus in Dumbledore's office, which takes place in Harry's sixth year, we have no information that Dumbledore could have achieved that arguably will prove that Snape remains faithful after five years. What we do know is that once Dumbledore gives someone his trust, he does not revoke it gently. We see evidence that Snape is quite often in Dumbledore's company, both in his memory and in Harry's first-person experience. And while it's never straight, we believe Dumbledore has some possibilities as Leglimency. Dumbledore clearly expects Snape's love for Lily to fade, as shown by his reaction to Snape's Patron; however, he did not expect Snape's loyalty to collapse, and returned to Voldemort, until Voldemort returned. Dumbledore may have examined Snape quite thoroughly after the end of Harry Potter and the Gory Cup of Fire, but we won't see that in Prince's memory, because it will be one of the more humiliating experiences of Snape's recent life, and there won't be a germane for Harry at any event. As an interesting party light, Severus's motivation is actually implied to some extent by his name. Donizetti's opera, Polliuto, and Charles Coundell's little-known polyeucte opera, are based on Pierre Corneille's polyeucte martyr. Both operas introduce a romantic side story in which roman general Severus loves Polyeuctus' wife, Pauline. Despite being ordered to prosecute Christians, Severus tried to protect Polyeucts, who converted to Christianity, for Pauline's sake. His efforts were unsuccessful, and Pauline eventually died with her husband. The implication was weakened by the number of famous Romans named Severus, including several generals and at least one emperor. With the exception of Dumbledore, everyone in the book, at one time or another, doubts Snape's loyalty. The suspicions of death eaters, as shown by Bellatrix Lestrange in Harry Potter and the Deathly Order, are well-founded; at Karkaroff's hearing, where he is betraying his death with Wizengamot as part of negotiations to reduce his sentence, he claims Snape is a Death Eater , and Dumbledore said that Snape had worked against Voldemort long before Voldemort There was no way that this statement, made in what was effectively open court, would have missed being heard by a Death Eater or sympathizer; in fact, Lucius Malfoy was present, and Harry simply did not see him in Dumbledore's memory. This is actually part of the explanation for Karkaroff's conversations with Snape in Harry Potter and the Gory Cup of Fire. Readers may wonder why Karkaroff was discussing Voldemort's possible return to Snape, whom Karkaroff specifically knew was at least in a position to betray Voldemort, and may have actually done so. Karkaroff at the time became aware that, having betrayed other Death Eaters to save his skin, he was now also a traitor in Voldemort's eyes, and believed that if he responded to Voldemort's summons, he would have been killed, if not by Voldemort himself, then by family or friends of the Death Prince he betrayed. His trust in Snape is based on that he and Snape are both refugees from the Dark Lord. With this understanding, why should Voldemort trust Snape? This is also discussed in detail in Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. During discussions with Bellatrix, Snape tells her and Narcissa Malfoy why Voldemort accepted him back to the Death Eater organization. Snape implies that Voldemort tested him by Leglimency's means, which suggests that Snape must be a particularly powerful Occlumens, which can not do black Leglimency, but can also create constantly misleading images for leglimens to feel. We know, from the events of Harry Potter and the Phoenix Society, that Voldemort had this ability; he used it to create awareness of Sirius Black being tortured in the Ministry of Magic. The fact that Voldemort was unable to feel Snape on this leads us to the inevitable conclusion that Snape is significantly stronger in both Leglimency and Occlumency than Voldemort. Knowing that Snape is loyal to Dumbledore, and knowing the reason for that loyalty, a reader will be rewarded by studying Snape's portrait, and discovering how many hints of his true loyalty are obscured, and how his loyalty is felt by other characters. Surprisingly, Snape's influence on the story is almost as great as Dumbledore's, and it is worth the research to determine how that influence is hidden from the reader. Read.

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