

Professor Snape Side



ACT THREE SCENE FIVE

HOGWARTS, POTIONS CLASSROOM

Start — SCORPIUS *runs into the Potions classroom. Slamming back the door.*
SEVERUS SNAPE *looks up at him.*

SNAPE

Did no one teach you to knock, boy?

SCORPIUS *looks up at SNAPE, slightly breathless, slightly unsure, slightly exultant.*

SCORPIUS

Severus Snape. This is an honour.

SNAPE

Professor Snape will do fine. You may behave like a king at this school Malfoy, but that doesn't make us all your subjects.

SCORPIUS

But you're the answer . . .

SNAPE

How very pleasant for me. If you've got something to say boy, then please say it . . . if not, close the door on your way out.

SCORPIUS

I need your help.

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SNAPE

I exist to serve.

SCORPIUS

I just don't know what help I – need. Are you still undercover now? Are you still working secretly for Dumbledore?

SNAPE

Dumbledore? Dumbledore's dead. And my work for him was public – I taught in his school.

SCORPIUS

No. That's not all you did. You watched the Death Eaters for him. You advised him. Everyone thought you'd murdered him – but it turned out you'd been supporting him. You saved the world.

SNAPE

These are very dangerous allegations, boy. And don't think the Malfoy name will prevent me inflicting punishment.

SCORPIUS

What if I was to tell you there was another world – another world in which Voldemort was defeated at the Battle of Hogwarts, in which Harry Potter and Dumbledore's Army won, how would you feel then . . .

SNAPE

I'd say that the rumours of Hogwarts's beloved Scorpion King losing his mind are well founded.

SCORPIUS

There was a stolen Time-Turner. I stole a Time-Turner. With Albus. We tried to bring Cedric Diggory back from the dead, when he was dead. We tried to stop him winning the Triwizard Tournament. But by doing so we turned him into an almost different person entirely.

SNAPE

Harry Potter won that Triwizard Tournament.

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He wasn't supposed to do it alone. Cedric was supposed to win it with him. But we humiliated him out of the tournament. And as a result of that humiliation he became a Death Eater. I can't work out what he did in the Battle of Hogwarts – whether he killed someone or – but he did something and it changed everything.

SNAPE

Cedric Diggory killed only one wizard and not a significant one – Neville Longbottom.

SCORPIUS

Oh, of course, that's it! Professor Longbottom was supposed to kill Nagini, Voldemort's snake. Nagini had to die before Voldemort could die. That's it! You've solved it! We destroyed Cedric, he killed Neville, Voldemort won the battle. Can you see? Can you see it?

SNAPE

I can see this is a Malfoy game. Get out before I alert your father and plunge you into deep trouble.

SCORPIUS thinks and then plays his final, desperate, card.

SCORPIUS

You loved his mother. I don't remember everything. I know you loved his mother. Harry's mother. Lily. I know you spent years undercover. I know without you the war could never have been won. How would I know this if I hadn't seen the other world . . . ?

SNAPE says nothing, overwhelmed.

Only Dumbledore knew, am I right? And when you lost him you must have felt so alone. I know you're a good man. Harry Potter told his son you're a great man.

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SNAPE looks at SCORPIUS, unsure what's going on. Is this a trick? He is quite seriously at a loss.

SNAPE

Harry Potter is dead.

SCORPIUS

Not in my world. He said you were the bravest man he'd ever met. He knew, you see – he knew your secret – what you did for Dumbledore. And he admired you for it – greatly. And that's why he named his son – my best friend – after you both. Albus Severus Potter.

SNAPE is stopped. He is deeply moved.

Please – for Lily, for the world, help me.

SNAPE thinks and then walks up to SCORPIUS, taking out his wand as he does. SCORPIUS steps back, scared. SNAPE fires his wand at the door.

SNAPE

Colloportus!

An invisible lock slams into place. SNAPE opens a hatch at the back of the classroom.

Well, come on then . . .

SCORPIUS

Just a question, but where – exactly – are we going?

SNAPE

We've had to move many times. Everywhere we've settled they destroyed. This will take us to a room hidden in the roots of the Whomping Willow.

SCORPIUS

Okay, who's we?

SNAPE

Oh. You'll see.

End