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"Severus."

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"Oye, Snivellus, wake up!"

Severus Snape opened his eyes and looked up into three worried expressions. "I'm in hell," he muttered.

"No, you're beyond the veil," replied Sirius Black. "So quit your grumbling and get your ... up. But then again, you always did like to wallow in filth."

"Sirius, stop tormenting Severus and let the poor man adjust to his new surroundings," replied Remus Lupin.

"That's enough," came a very calm voice that Severus Snape had not heard in an exceedingly long time except in his nightmares--or--fantasies--however you looked at it.

Severus turned to look up at the face of his most hated enemy, next to Sirius Black of course, James Potter. It was then Severus realized that he was on the floor of the Shrieking Shack with his childhood enemies standing over him. He jumped to his feet, about to draw his wand... but he could not find it. That was when Snape noticed not one of the others possessed wands either.

"What are you doing here, Potter? For that matter, where have you been hiding all these years... like the coward you are?" Severus asked with his trademark sneer.

"We are all dead, Snape. I've been asked to bring you to the Pearly Gates, where your reward is waiting. You protected my son, and for that matter, the entire Wizarding world with your life. You are finally getting the peace and quiet that you deserve," James stated.

"Then why are you lot here? Peace and quiet my" Snape paused. "I see we are unable to swear. Am I allowed to hex anyone to make my time more pleasurable?"

"No, Severus. No hexes, jinxing or tormenting anyone once we pass the Pearly Gates. Come on, you lot, let's get moving," was Remus' response.

The four men started walking heaven-bound while James continued to speak to Severus. "I'm not happy with the way you treated Harry and his friends, but on some level I understand. I just wish that Harry'd listened to you more and had not let his hatred of you get in the way. Up until the end, you were still trying to teach him. Your sacrifices

were enough for Harry to win the war.”

“So, we won? The Dark Lord is dead?”

“Yes, but at a great price. As you can see, Remus is with us, and up ahead are Fred Weasley, Colin Creevey, and Tonks Lupin.”

Severus looked up to Remus and had no words for the man. The Lupins just had a baby a few months ago, and now he was orphaned.

James continued, “So many lost, the death toll on both sides was very high.”

“I always thought I was slated for hell, what with all of the hateful words and actions I committed. Some of them I took great pleasure in doing.” Severus could hear whimpering coming from behind him and turned around to see where the sound had originated from. Far below him in Hogsmeade, he saw his body carried from the Shrieking Shack in the arms of Hagrid, then gently laid in the back of a Thestral-drawn cart. He espied Harry Potter and Hermione Granger get into the cart, sitting beside his body.

Severus became very still when he observed Miss Granger pick up his head, laying it gently upon her lap. The two of them were weeping over Severus’ body.

As the cart drove through the streets of Hogsmeade, witches and wizards alike came out of the buildings, bowing and throwing rose petals upon his body. Behind the cart walked Neville and Augusta Longbottom, the Malfoys, Weasleys, and all of the remaining Hogwarts students and Professors. Snape was so shocked by all this that he did not hear Black come up behind him.

“Oh, look, Snivellus... They’re throwing you a parade,” mocked Sirius.

“Stuff it, Black. I didn’t ask for this nor do I want it.” After taking one last look at the procession, he turned his back and continued to walk up to the Pearly Gates. As they got closer, Snape asked, “Can I at least do wandless magic or are we simply barren?”

“Up to the gates you can do wandless magic, provided that it does not harm anyone,” replied James.

“Oh, good.” With that, Severus muttered a few words. James and Remus took one look at him and started to laugh.

“That’s just wrong, so very wrong,” muttered Sirius as he turned and noticed, from head to toe, Severus Snape was clad all in white.

Laughing at the bemused face of Sirius, Severus walked through the Pearly Gates and into the waiting arms of Lily Potter.

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