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Mysterious Snape

From the moment Harry Potter meets Professor Snape, he feels uneasy. With his long black robes, sharp eyes, and cold voice, Snape seems like someone who cannot be trusted. In *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, Snape appears to dislike Harry from the start, always watching him closely and taking points away from Gryffindor. To Harry and his friends, Snape looks like the perfect villain. But as the story unfolds, things are not as simple as they seem.

Harry believes Snape is trying to steal the Sorcerer's Stone to help Voldemort. Snape is always nearby when strange things happen, like when Harry's broomstick malfunctions during a Quidditch match. Hermione, Ron, and Harry suspect Snape is cursing it. Snape is also seen sneaking around the castle and asking unusual questions about the Stone. His harsh behavior in Potions class makes it easy to believe he is up to something evil.

However, by the end of the book, Harry learns the truth—Snape was never the villain. In fact, Snape was secretly trying to protect Harry all along. During the Quidditch match, Snape was not cursing Harry's broomstick; he was using a counter-curse to save him. Snape also had no interest in helping Voldemort. Instead, he was watching Professor Quirrell closely because Quirrell was the real threat. Snape's actions challenge the idea that first impressions are always correct.

Snape's character also makes readers question morality. He is not warm or kind, but he is not evil either. While he is strict and sometimes unfair, his actions show he cares about protecting Hogwarts, even if he does not express it in a friendly way. His character teaches an important lesson—people are not just good or bad. Sometimes, those who seem harsh may actually be doing the right thing.

Through Snape, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* teaches readers to look beyond first impressions. Not everything is as it appears, and true courage can be found in unexpected places.