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The young man entered the Muggle jewellers and scanned the display cases for the perfect gift. He inquired about the cost for the piece and the engraving he wanted on it and handed the store clerk the required pounds.

Taking the box from the counter, he headed out the door, placing his purchase in his pocket as he made his way back to Diagon Alley. In a few days, he would be at King's Cross boarding the Hogwarts Express and heading back for his fifth year at Hogwarts.

It was during their first Potions class of the new school year before a young Severus Snape was able to talk to Lily Evans.

"Hello, Lily."

"Hi, Severus. How was your summer?"

"The usual. Yours?"

"The usual, also."

The class began, and Severus had to wait to ask Lily the question he really wanted to ask her.

"Lily, meet in the library after the last class?"

"Yes. I'll see you there around half three," she said, smiling.

He watched as Lily walked out of the room. James Potter was standing behind her.

"Best keep your nasty mitts off Lily, Snape. She's going to be my witch soon," he said as he quickly walked out the door.

We'll just see about that, Potter, Severus thought.

It was nearly half three, and Severus was sitting in the library at a table. He had the box in the pocket of his robe. He was quite nervous about giving it to Lily.

If the other Slytherins ever discovered he gave a Muggle-born a gift, he would pay dearly. It would be worse, though, if the Marauders discovered it. It was at times like this he wished the Sorting Hat had put him in Ravenclaw.

He saw Lily enter the library and head to her usual table in back by the window. He waited a few minutes before he picked up his books and made his way there.

"We'll need to get into the Restricted Section to get the books for this," Severus said.

"We're only fifth years. We can't go into the Restricted Section."

Severus took his wand. Tapping Lily's head, he cast the Disillusionment Charm and then placed the charm on himself.

"Take my hand and stay close."

After distracting Madam Pince, they entered the Restricted Section, making their way to a hidden area. Removing the charm, Severus retrieved the box from his robes.

"I have a belated birthday gift for you, Lily."

"Oh, Severus, you didn't have to do that."

"I wanted to. Open it."

Lily opened the box and was surprised to find a Muggle ID bracelet, her name engraved on it.

"It's beautiful, Severus. Thank you," she said as she kissed him on the cheek.

"Look at the back."

Turning it over, she smiled when she saw his name on the back.

Six Years Later

Severus ran upstairs when he heard a baby's cries. Entering the room, he saw her on the floor, dead. On her wrist was the Muggle ID bracelet.

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