

# Hope, Briefly Held

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Listening to the instructions of the huge man standing on the platform, Severus failed to notice the malicious placement of a foot in his path. Sprawled upon the ground, pride more bruised than flesh, he looked up into the green-eyed scorn of the boy from the train and his friend. Sniggers from children leaving the station receded as his tormentors turned their backs and followed the path to the waiting boats.

"You okay?" The thin, brown-haired boy offered him a hand.

Brushing himself down, Severus shrugged. "It's nothing."

"I'm Remus. Want to share a boat?"

Hope flared as Severus nodded.

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Standing beside Remus before the tables of noisy students, Severus felt a nudge.

"How do you think they do it?" The other boy jerked his head to the enchanted ceiling.

"Magic?"

They both giggled until the stern expression on Professor McGonagall's face turned in their direction.

As Lily Evans walked to the Gryffindor table, Severus felt his smile fade and a hard lump appear in his chest.

Remus Lupin's unspoken apology as he too joined the raucous Gryffindors was met with only grim resignation and a stiff nod.

Severus Snape had learned to school his emotions from an early age.

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