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Here's my letter to one of the characters in this book.

Dear Professor Lockhart

Hello, how is your memory getting back in St. Mungo's Hospital? I would like to say you were an amusing person but an incapable teacher of Defence against Dark Arts (DADA) and despicable for stealing other wizards' and witches' intelligence with Memory

Charm to publish books for fame too. I think you were both the most interesting and annoying teacher in Hogwarts. I would like to recall some funny scenes first.

First of all, your Duelling lesson with Professor Snape was remarkable. Your useless insistence on only disarming could not affect the students who were eager to use other at tacking charms. The scene “Lockhart raised his own wand, attempted a complicated sort of wiggling action and dropped it” when you were teaching and Harry’s response “What, drop my wand?” were very amazing. I was there at that time. After finishing the class, I could not stop laughing with my besties while getting back to the Ravenclaw common room.

Secondly, there were some details showing that you were a proud person: A lot of posters of yourself in your office, misunderstood Harry wanted to be popular, always treated yourself as in fan meeting and kept asking

indifferent questions like “Do you know what is my favourite colour?” about yourself in the lessons. Really, as a Ravenclaw, I only want to take all of the time in the DADA lessons to learn as much as I can. We are not that interested in your life. Besides, you prided yourself on your Memory Charm but you had been backfired by it when using Ron’s broken wand, which you should first be aware of. Anyway, I think all of the above showed that your appearance was to amuse us.

As I mentioned at first, you were despicable and annoying although you were not as mean as Professor Snape. Apart from stealing others’ intelligence to make yourself well known, you showed your cowardice when the Chamber of Secrets and the giant serpent Basilisk were discovered by Harry and Ron. The first thing you wanted was to escape and then tried to “Obliviate” them to pretend nothing was going to happen. Come on, Professor Lockhart, you were a teacher of Hogwarts!

Headmaster Dumbledore was arrested, some non-pure-blood students were petrified, Hogwarts was in danger! Despite being the only Professor of DADA, you were not meant to protect your students. It really made us furious that you did not provide assistance but fled and tried to attack students irresponsibly. Although we are not all in Gryffindor, we still felt pathetic for Harry and Ron.

Also, your evilness made us disgust... Why could you have an idea to use Memory Charm on students? If you were successful, the people staying in St. Mungo's hospital and having permanent damage would be Harry and Ron, Merlin's beard!

Since the beginning of the school year, I have already suspected that the Sorting Hat sorted you in the wrong house when you were still a student in Hogwarts. Why were you not Slytherin, the house of ambition and pride, but in Ravenclaw, the house of wisdom and

learning? It did not make sense that you have taught us nearly nothing for a whole year, was backfired by your own charm, and you were a Ravenclaw. Yet, you often showed the ability of thinking out of the box, like you made use of Memory Charm, which us usually used on Muggles to prevent the exposure of our wizarding world, to make yourself become a celebrity. But still, your final target, to be under the limelight, is linked with your ambition.

Many people in the wizarding world, even Hermione, the Gryffindor girl who did perfection in all examinations, admired you but now I reckon that it is ridiculous if you still have many fans. However, if you do not remember the details of what happened this year, I hope you will get back all of them soon and try to improve your behaviours although some of them were quite amusing.

My main aim is to share my thoughts on your actions but I think this letter will be useful for your recovery too. If you are completely healed, I hope I can see you again in the bookstore Flourish and Blotts.

All the best,

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