



Research Paper

Revelation of Lord Voldemort As Villain To Harry Potter In Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets

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ABSTRACT

The paper analyses the contrasting idea in the novel *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. It analyses the Antagonist's point of view and the experiences he faces to fight against the protagonist. The actual novel revolves around the protagonist but the research brings out how the story moves on from the villain's point of view and what tactics he uses against the hero of the novel. The thematic analysis of the story helps the arguments put forth.

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I. REVELATION OF LORD VOLDEMORT AS VILLAIN TO HARRY POTTER

Lord Voldemort is also known as Tom Marvolo Riddle, is the son of Merope Gaunt who is a descendent of Salazar Slytherin and Tom Riddle, a handsome, wealthy Muggle from Little Hangleton whom Merope ensnared with a love potion. When her husband finds out she is a witch, he abandons her while she is pregnant. Tom's mother dies shortly after giving birth to him on December 31, living just long enough to name him Tom Riddle, after his father and Marvolo, after his grandfather. For the first eleven years of his life, Tom is raised in a clean but grim Muggle orphanage in London. As he gets older, he begins to steal things and appears to cause "nasty" things to happen to the other children and pets around the orphanage. Once Albus Dumbledore visits the orphanage and takes Tom Marvolo Riddle to Hogwarts, In Hogwarts Tom is sort into Slytherin House and is known as an unusually brilliant student. A handsome boy, he is much admired by everyone, except the professor, Albus Dumbledore.

During the holidays, Tom has to return to the Muggle orphanage he despised. Tom Marvolo Riddle, the half-blood orphan, wants to take control of the Wizarding world by manipulating the festering relationship between pureblood and Muggle-born wizards. Eventually, he will lose all – not because he lacks power, but because of his ruthless methods, his inability to love or trust anyone but himself, and his belief in his infallibility. As he tells Quirrell, he believes that there is no good and evil, there is only power, and those too weak to seek it. Secretly, Tom is obsessed with his Slytherin heritage and with finding the ways he might cheat death. He finds the entrance to the Chamber of Secrets in his sixth year and releases Slytherin's basilisk within it, killing a student named Myrtle Warren. Slytherin built the chamber deep in Hogwarts castle and kept it hidden from the other founders. He seals it so that only his true heir will be able to unseal the chamber and unleash the horror within to purge the school of "all who were unworthy to study magic." During this time Tom has begun using a new name among his most intimate friends at Hogwarts. Disrespectful of the name of his "foul, common Muggle" father, he makes an anagram of Tom Marvolo Riddle. The rearranged letters spell "I am Lord Voldemort." It is a name he hopes wizards everywhere will one day fear to speak when he becomes the greatest sorcerer in the world. When the chamber of the secret issue spreads, Tom stages the capture of another student, Rubeus Hagrid, and tricks Headmaster Armando Dippet into believing Hagrid and his giant spider Aragog are responsible for the attacks. Tom receives an engraved trophy for special services to the school, but he realizes that Albus Dumbledore is keeping an eye on him and it is not safe to open the Chamber of Secrets again while he is still at school.

Tom preserves himself in the pages of a diary with the hope that he will one day be able to lead another in his footsteps and finish Salazar Slytherin's noble work. Tom Riddle, who did not learn the complete story of his birth until he tracks down and visits his uncle Morfin Gaunt the summer after Myrtle died. In revenge for his father's abandonment and Muggle blood, he goes to the Riddle mansion in Little Hangleton and murders his father and grandparents. This last year at Hogwarts, Tom is Prefect, Head Boy, and receives a Medal for

Magical Merit. Albus Dumbledore later says he is probably the most brilliant student Hogwarts has ever seen. Secretly, however, Tom is researching Horcruxes and has concluded that if one Horcrux was good, seven will be better to keep him away from death. He makes his first two Horcruxes with the murders of Myrtle and his father. At that time he was only seventeen. After leaving Hogwarts Riddle disappears for over ten years. During this time he travels far and wide and sinks so deeply into the Dark Arts, consorts with the very worst witches and wizards, and undergoes so many dangerous, magical transformations in his quest for power and immortality. When he returns he is known as Lord Voldemort.

Many of the witches and wizards who join him came for a share of the power he offers, but increasingly many join his following out of fear of reprisal. They are all known as Death Eaters. Each Death Eater bears a sign, the Dark Mark, a skull with a serpent protruding from its mouth like a tongue, burns into his or her left inner forearm by the Dark Lord when they are killed, Death Eaters will send the same sign into the air, comprises of emerald stars blazing in a haze of greenish smoke, causing terror when it is seen. At the height of his power in the late 1970s, Voldemort recruits two young Death Eaters who will turn on him in different ways. Severus Snape and Regulus Black join the Death Eaters for different reasons, but both of them come to realize that they cannot support Voldemort's methods or stand by when he hurts the ones they love. Regulus, furious about Voldemort's abuse of Kreacher, dies trying to sabotage one of Voldemort's Horcruxes, and Snape becomes a double agent for Dumbledore after Voldemort decides to attack Lily Potter. Ironically, Snape is the one who tells Voldemort of the prophecy he overheard identifying a child who will have the power to vanquish the Dark Lord.

Snape is horrified when Voldemort decides that the Potter's child Harry is the child of the prophecy. Voldemort learns only part of the prophecy: that this person will be born at the end of July to parents who have survived three attempts to kill them. Voldemort realizes that he must find and kill that child. Dumbledore will not need Snape's skills for many years to come; Voldemort's physical body is destroyed when the Avada Kedavra curse he aims at one-year-old Harry Potter rebound on him. His mother Lily's self-sacrifice seconds before has unexpectedly protected her son. Voldemort's Horcruxes worked, but for nearly a decade he can only live by possessing the bodies of others. Many of his Death Eater followers are trialed by the Wizengamot and sentenced to Azkaban. After Voldemort flees, he hides in a forest in Albania, far from humans and from the Aurors he knows will still be searching for him, using the only power left to him, the ability to possess the bodies of others, he inhabits animals, snakes being his preference. He waits, sleeplessly, forcing himself to exist second by second, expecting his faithful Death Eaters to try to find him and perform the magic that will restore him, but those Death Eaters who are not killed by Aurors or imprisoned in Azkaban deny that they have ever been involved with Voldemort or claiming they have been cursed and forced to kill and torture against their will.

Voldemort manages to possess Hogwarts professor Quirinus Quirrell's body. Once back in England with Quirrell, Voldemort kept his strength up by consuming unicorn blood, but he needs a more lasting solution. He decides to steal Flamel's Philosopher's Stone. but Dumbledore gets to it first and hides it at Hogwarts. Voldemort still shares Quirrell's body and Harry meets again in front of the Mirror of Erised when they both break through the stone's protections and battle for possession of the stone. There, Voldemort learns of the second layer of protection from Lily's sacrifice: Voldemort cannot touch Harry without intense pain. Dumbledore rescues Harry in time, and Voldemort abandons Quirrell to die. Dumbledore and Flamel later destroy the stone. Then Lord Voldemort returns to his forest in Albania in failure. He is as weak as he has ever been and thinks it will be too much to expect another foolish wizard to happen along, and he has given up hope that his faithful Death Eaters care what has become of him.

But while Voldemort waiting without hope, the diary in which he has preserved the memory of his sixteen-year-old self has been in the possession of Lucius Malfoy, a one-time Death Eater, who takes any can deny draw him to the Chamber to attempt to rescue Ginny because he is, by this time, strong enough to leave the diary and wants to learn from Harry the secret of his survival as an infant. At this time Harry and Tom meet for the first time Tom is amused by the similarities between himself and Harry and acknowledges that Lily Potter's sacrifice was a powerful counter-charm but concludes that it was merely a lucky chance, that Harry survives and he proceeds to match his powers against Harry. Tom tries to kill Ginny and Harry but is Assisted by Fawkes, the Sorting Hat, and the sword of Godric Gryffindor. Harry kills the basilisk but he was wounded by a basilisk fang which splintered off in his arm as the snake died. Tom was dismayed when Fawkes' healing tears saved Harry, who then used the broken fang to defeat him by plunging it into the diary. The venomous fang burns a hole through the diary and the memory of Tom Marvolo Riddle passes screaming and writhing into nothingness. Harry Potter, a skinny boy with no extraordinary magical talent, has again defeated Lord Voldemort.

