

Snapecast Episode 11

While the Cat's Away... - (00:00)

Voice: Rachael

Hosts: Jeff (as Wonky the house-elf), Meagan (as Spanky the house-elf), Snarky

RACHAEL

Okay, Snarky, I'm taking off to go to my bar review course, and I'm entrusting you to watch over my laptop. Don't get peanut butter on the keys this time, and *please* make sure those pesky house-elves stay away. I imagine they're responsible for all the recent unauthorized charges from TeaCozy.com on my Visa bill.

SNARKY

[hoots]

[SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS LEAVING, DOOR OPENING AND SHUTTING]

JEFF [AS WONKY THE HOUSE-ELF]

Are you sure Mistress Rachael's gone?

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY THE HOUSE-ELF]

I guess so.

JEFF [AS WONKY]

Test, test. [blows into mic] Ready?

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]

Whatever.

JEFF [AS WONKY]

[clears throat] Hi, I'm Wonky!

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]

And I'm Spanky!

JEFF [AS WONKY]

And this is SPEWcast, episode one!

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]

Don't call it that, Wonky. That's lame.

JEFF [AS WONKY]

Well, what do you want to call it?

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]

I dunno.

JEFF [AS WONKY]
How about Wonky and Spanky's Sparkly Happy Fun Time Hour!

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]
No, that's lame too.

JEFF [AS WONKY]
Well, we have to call it something.

SNARKY
[hoots]

JEFF [AS WONKY]
That sounded like an owl.

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]
It *is* an owl!

JEFF [AS WONKY]
[screams]

SNARKY
What do you think you're doing?

JEFF [AS WONKY]
We're just dusting. See? Very dirty!

SNARKY
Are you recording?

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]
Yeah, Wonky wants to have his own show.

SNARKY
A house-elf podcast? That sounds lame.

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]
That's what I told him.

SNARKY
What are you going to talk about? Dirty dishes?

JEFF [AS WONKY]
Yes! Good idea.

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]
Yeah, that would be riveting.

SNARKY

I have a better idea.

JEFF [AS WONKY]

What could be more interesting than dirty dishes?

SNARKY

Well, this is supposed to be Snape's podcast, and it is Snape's birthday. I think I've got just the thing right here...

Snape's Horoscope - (01:49)

Voices: Chris, Snarky

Music: John Williams, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: "03-Visit to the Zoo and Letters to Hogwarts"

[HOOTING AND SOUNDS OF OWL TAPPING ON GLASS]

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]

Not *you* again.

SNARKY

[hoots]

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]

You really are the most disagreeable owl I have ever had the misfortune to know. It's no wonder you're stuck working for Muggles.

SNARKY

You're no prize yourself, wanker.

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]

You talk, too. How delightful.

SNARKY

[hoots]

[SOUND OF PAPER RUSTLING]

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]

Give me that!

[MORE PAPER RUSTLING]

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]

[sighs, mutters to himself] Ugh. Mm...s'rubish. Stupid story...[clucks his tongue] A whole turnip, eh? Got stuck for a week...Mm. [chuckles] Ugly one-faced cow...mm. Ah! Horoscopes. [chuckles again, snidely] Not worth the bloody scroll they're written on. But what the hell. It is my birthday. Let's just...have a look, shall we?

Virgo...Scorpio...ah, here we go. Capricorn.

SNARKY
Figures.

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]
Another word out of your mouth and you'll find yourself *pickled!*

SNARKY
[hoots]

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]
[clears his throat] Where was I? Ah...“Happy birthday, Capricorns. If the winter holidays overwhelmed you this year—too much to do, so little time—January will be your cup of tea.” [snorts derisively]
“Many of the planets will be heading into Capricorn as the month begins, so you'll find yourself in the driver's seat and see things click almost *magically* into place.” Excellent. About bloody time.

“Venus touring your money sector will mean a pay rise or advancement in position.” Oh, and what would that be? Not about the be the bloody headmaster, now am I?

“The new moon on the twelfth brings romantic prospects. Be sure to get your hair done, and put on your best outfit.” Hah. Well, that's right out. Idiots. What are they, Muggles writing this?

“Are you single with no one special in your life right now? Try to arrange a date for that night. Maybe answer a *Playwitch* personals ad.” Oh, so now the *Daily Prophet* is putting adverts in the horoscopes! Well, the personal ads never work. [muttering] Three times I've tried. Only reply – one. He-she. S'not fair. Do a lot for my self-confidence. Cried myself to sleep for three days...[inhales deeply] Hm.

“Negotiations will be successful on the tenth, with Uranus in your house of business. But avoid meetings on the thirteenth.” What's the calendar say? “DE meeting on the thirt—” Oh, bugger me.

SNARKY
[hoots]

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]
Here, take the damn pretzel and leave already!

SNARKY
[hoots]

[SOUND OF WINGS FLAPPING]

CHRIS [AS SNAPE]
“Toward the end of the month, Mars will enter Capricorn, giving you a great deal of power. Prepare your plans all month long, and you'll be sure to succeed with this auspicious shift in the planets.” Well, rubbish as usual, but make no mistake—my plans will *not* be foiled! Yes...This will be a good month for Severus Snape, horoscope or not!

House-elf Interlude - (06:40)

Hosts: Wonky, Spanky, Snarky

SNARKY

Well, what did you think? Better than dirty dishes?

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]

Who was that guy? He sounds hot!

SNARKY

Are you kidding me?

JEFF [AS WONKY]

I still think talking about dirty dishes would be more interesting.

SNARKY

You would.

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]

What's this one?

SNARKY

More nonsense from the Muggles. You might as well play that too.

Snape & Astrology - (07:00)

Panel: Rachael, Laura, Sean

Music: Patrick Doyle, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: "14- Underwater Secrets"

RACHAEL

Hello, and welcome to this very special episode of Snapecast—probably the *only* episode of Snapecast that will not be released on the first or the fifteenth of a month. We're being released on January 9th for Snape's birthday, and we thought that one topic we would like to discuss for Snape's birthday is Snape & Astrology. So I have here with me Laura and Sean, who are by no means professional astrologists, but have astrology has an interest, and we're gonna discuss a little bit about what Snape's astrological sign is and what it tells us about him. So, maybe you guys can start off by just explaining kind of the philosophy behind astrology so we get the big picture.

SEAN

Well, at its most basic level, astrology is really a karmic philosophy. Every sign has lessons it has to learn and lessons it's gotta learn to teach, and the concept of astrology is that your soul will be born into a sign, starting with Aries, and that it will continue to be reborn into that same sign—your soul will, karmic regeneration—until you've learned all the lessons that that sign has to learn. And at that point, karmically, your soul can move into the next incarnation, which would be Taurus in the zodiac, and as it goes on through, you get to Pisces—you're dealing with an old soul that has been every sign at least one time, maybe thousands of times.

RACHAEL

So Aries is the youngest sign, and the Pisces is the oldest?

SEAN

Yeah, in the karmic sort of wheel of astrology.

RACHAEL

Uh-huh. And Snape—so we know that Snape was born January 9th. We're not sure the year; it's either 1958, 1959, or possibly 1960, depending on how you interpret the canon. What sign does this make Snape?

SEAN

Snape is a Capricorn.

RACHAEL

Okay. And what are the typical characteristics of a Capricorn?

SEAN

Well, with astrology this is always a hit or miss, because there's a full chart that you have to chart to get the exact physical description, the whole personality, and since we don't know his birth time, a lot of the basic stuff may or may not apply, and it would be guesswork at best. However, referencing *Sun Sign Revelations* by Maria Elise Crummere, who was a famous astrologist in the late 1960s and was the cast astrologer for all of Michael Butler's productions of *HAIR*...

RACHAEL

[laughs]

SEAN

...and who also wrote a regular column for *Vogue* magazine, among other professional titles and accouterments. Anyway, Capricorn: “the most serious and dignified of the cardinal signs, Capricorn is very concerned with his reputation. He is deeply ambitious, but quietly persistent while achieving his goal, full of convictions that he is right and determined to present his exalted self-image to the rest of the world.”

RACHAEL

Very Snape.

LAURA

Yeah.

SEAN

And as a cardinal sign—and the cardinal signs in the zodiac are what you would think of as trailblazer type signs or performance—they think of new ideas and new paths and often blaze them, but they're not necessarily great at following up or bringing others along.

RACHAEL

Which fits with Snape being the Half-Blood Prince and like, writing his own spells and kind of...he kind of is a trailblazer that thinks his own...

SEAN

Makes his own way.

RACHAEL

Makes his own way, but others don't necessarily follow.

SEAN

Yeah. And as the cardinal Earth sign, Capricorns are very complex personalities; some books, they just describe them as “ten-dimensional beings.”

RACHAEL

That is definitely Snape.

SEAN

Yeah, but it's all overseen with the sort of this sheen of practicality and utter ambition.

RACHAEL

Mm-hmm.

SEAN

They're very ambitious even though you wouldn't know it necessarily from speaking to them personally. They'll be low-key or whatever, but *extremely* ambitious.

LAURA

He may hide it, but he wants to be in a position of power. Absolute power, if he can get it.

RACHAEL

Which...

SEAN

And they're very, they're very much able to work within an organization or within a group in order to achieve that.

RACHAEL

Such as the Death Eaters.

SEAN

Yeah, or any sort of bureaucracy or place where they can blast through the ranks over a long period of time. They have that sort of personality.

RACHAEL

Now, this also kinda fits with the typical profile of a Slytherin, this desire for power and ambition. So is there any crossover between Snape's characteristics as a Slytherin and his characteristics as a Capricorn?

LAURA

Yeah, there's a lot of them, and mostly it is in the ambition and determination, discipline and so forth is a very Slytherin trait, and that's also a very Capricorn trait, so that fits Snape totally. And they tend to be obsessive over-achievers, Slytherins do, and so do Capricorns—they're really focused on work and they wanna have the absolute power within that job that they can. And that's very Slytherin, too—perfectionist overachiever.

RACHAEL

Now, you found a website that actually kinda cross-references zodiac signs with *Harry Potter* Houses: the URL is <http://www.spenical.com>—that's S-P-E-N-I-C-A-L.com—and this does a comparison of each of the zodiac signs and then the different Hogwarts Houses. S'pretty interesting.

LAURA

Yeah, it is.

RACHAEL

Is there anything we can tell about what the future for Snape is going to be based on his sign?

SEAN

Well, he's gonna continue to do whatever he can to—in what his mind is, to rise to the highest level possible with whatever he's doing. And he probably very much thinks himself, at least at some point, to be the equal of Voldemort.

RACHAEL

Mm-hmm.

SEAN

'Cause that's, y'know, what he seems to be working towards or what he firmly believes is he's anyone's equal, and has the personality and the characteristics to maybe back that up.

LAURA

Yeah, and Capricorns tend to be cautious and patient, and he has a goal in mind that's gonna increase his power and get him what he wants; he'll keep at it no matter how long it takes and whatever it takes.

SEAN

But in all that waiting, what he would be very good at—and people who want to rise through this type of behaviors—waiting to seize just the right moment. It's gonna be one moment, one moment in time where it's all gonna be on the line, and they're—that's what he's waiting on.

RACHAEL

So you don't—you think there's a chance for Snape, that's he's not gonna die?

SEAN

I think there's a chance, 'cause he's not stupid.

RACHAEL

Mm-hm.

SEAN

He's out for his—he's vain and after his own vainglory and all that. And however he's gonna come out the best is I think probably how it's gonna lay out—not because he's altruistic or anything else, but for his own personal aggrandizement, achieving his desires and ambitions.

RACHAEL

Are there any typical physical characteristics for Capricorns?

SEAN

Well, again referring to my text here from Miss Crummere: “physical appearance—Capricorn has the smallest skeletal structure of the twelve signs.”

RACHAEL

Ooh.

SEAN

“The head is small, the hair is very silky but not abundant.

[LAURA & RACHAEL LAUGH]

RACHAEL

Not greasy!

SEAN

“The brow is narrow from temple to temple. The eyes are dark brown, sharp and penetrating, and the space between the eyes often has deep vertical lines. The nose has a goat-like spread, protected yet inquisitive. The mouth is generous, and seems too serious to smile. When the smile does come, however, it is surprisingly beautiful, showing strong white teeth.”

RACHAEL

Ohh, *that's* not Snape! [laughs]

LAURA

Nope, that's not him, except the dark eyes.

SEAN

“The neck is slender and the chest is narrow. The torso is small, with narrow hips. Thighs are slender, and the leg is very well-shaped from the knee down. Capricorn has the smallest ankle of the twelve signs. The feet are very small, but beautifully formed.”

RACHAEL

Snape, you have *beautiful* knees and ankles!

LAURA

[laughs]

SEAN

“The walk is unique; Capricorn takes such great care in placing his feet exactly the correct position; they seem to have a will of their own, both swift and sure.”

RACHAEL

That is so Snape. You know all the fanfics where they talk—there's one fanfic where there's this big thing where Harry and Ron and Hermione are obsessed with the idea that Snape doesn't have feet, because he can glide so well.

LAURA

That's graceful.

SEAN

Well, it says, “Capricorn is the most self-conscious sign. The manner and carriage are dignified and well-bred. The females are ladylike, and there's a distinct air of importance and propriety in the males. Capricorns are embarrassed by familiarity and levity, since these characteristics threaten to disturb their dignity. They do not like to be seen without clothes—”

[LAURA AND RACHAEL LAUGH]

RACHAEL

Aww!

SEAN

Snape is always completely buttoned up—not in any kind of casual clothing ever.

RACHAEL

Except in all the lovely Photoshop projects that you can find by Googling “Severus Snape.” [chuckles] So finally, just to go off on that note a bit—as a Capricorn, clearly Snape is probably more compatible with some signs than others. For just—entertain my pure shipping curiosities, which signs would Snape be particularly compatible with?

SEAN

Well, as an Earth sign, Capricorn will find the easiest emotional flow with other Earth signs, so a Taurus, which Miss Cummere defines as “the insensitive bully”; the other one would be Virgo, which also she defines as “the censor.” So this similar emotional flow of a Capricorn, which she calls “the honor-seeker,” would be people who are censorious or bullies.

RACHAEL

Really? Snape/James...

SEAN

Well, those are the similar emotional flow.

LAURA

But on the other hand, there could be too much familiarity if he's will a bully or a censor or something like that, they could rub each other the wrong way. So there's that.

RACHAEL

All the Snape/Sirius people are likin' this. So what are the dates for Virgo and Taurus?

SEAN

Virgo's August 23rd through September 22nd, and Taurus is April 20th through May 20th. Again, those...

RACHAEL

So Hermione is a Virgo.

SEAN

Right, that would fit her.

RACHAEL

So, Snape/Hermione people? There's some astrological basis for your ship.

SEAN

Well, there is a similar emotional flow, which means that you tend to get along in certain respects with those people, the similar elemental sign. Air signs tend to have similar mental-emotional flows; fire signs all have similar—and they tend to kinda relate to each other at a certain level. That doesn't mean that—there are other reasons why they would have the relationships with other signs, and often your opposite signs are the ones that you're most attracted to, the opposite sex. However, y'know, you can get into all kinds of permutations of that, and it's probably beyond the scope of this discussion.

RACHAEL

[laughing] Nothing's beyond the scope of this discussion. And just for my own sake—uh, Snape/Harry? How does that work out—July?

LAURA

Harry's a Leo, he's a fire sign. Fire and earth, hmm...I gotta think about that.

SEAN

Well, I had these old astrology placards that my parents had; my mom is a Capricorn and my dad is a Leo. And on the little subtitle for Leo, it said “King or Emperor.” But for Capricorn, it was “President or CEO.”

RACHAEL

Hmm.

SEAN

Something to that effect. Or maybe it was “diplomat.” But—so in some respects they're very similar, in the ends that they wish to achieve. It's the methods by which they would go about it that would be different.

RACHAEL

That's very Snape and Harry. Very very very similar in that respect. All right, any final thoughts on astrology and Snape and what we can find out about Snape from astrology?

SEAN

Well, here's the piece I wanna read that may be relevant to the books: “Capricorn wishes more than anything else to be honored, and will dedicate his whole life to bringing the world to honor him. He does not seek fame; in fact, he scorns it—anyone can get his name in the newspaper.”

RACHAEL

[laughs] “Potter, our new celebrity.”

SEAN

“But he wants to be considered a figure of distinction. Capricorn will employ humble tactics, waiting patiently and working toward the moment of exaltation. Capricorn is the most opinionated and self-centered sign of the zodiac and he believes that no one can be more correct than he. It is unforgivable to slight or demean a Capricorn.”

RACHAEL
Unless you're a Slytherin.

LAURA
Yeah.

SEAN
“It is considered a blow to his self-esteem. He can forgive being lied to, being deceived, or taken advantage of; in fact, he expects it, since he has a low opinion of human nature. But it is utterly devastating for a Capricorn when a disrespectful act or blow is leveled against him, and it may take years for him to recover.”

RACHAEL
That's so Snape!

SEAN
“Capricorn is a vindictive sign and can wait patiently until the time comes when he can even the score. Scorpio will plan his revenge, but Capricorn believes the opportunity to exonerate evil will simply and surely come in good time.”

RACHAEL
Stumbling upon Sirius Black in the Shrieking Shack.

LAURA
Yeah.

RACHAEL
Laura, do you have a final thought about Snape and astrology?

LAURA
Um, well, I ran across in the site that talks about Snape's astrology that there's some advice for Capricorns, and it's geared towards Snape himself. And it says, “Sometimes Capricorns can lack self-confidence, making them extremely defensive because deep down, they fear rejection or ridicule from others. They can hold a grudge, sometimes for many years, but should avoid it. Capricorns must learn to make allowances for other people's mistakes with no hard feelings,” which is something Snape really needs to learn.

RACHAEL
That probably is one of the biggest lessons that he needs to learn. We'll see if he learns it.

LAURA
[laughs]

RACHAEL
Well, thanks guys. I think that was a very enlightening discussion.

SEAN
You're welcome.

RACHAEL
Bye everyone!

SEAN & LAURA
G'bye!

RACHAEL
Bye!

Rachael Comes Home - (21:35)

Hosts: Wonky, Spanky, Snarky

Music: John Williams, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone: "02-The Arrival of Baby Harry"

[SOUND OF DOOR OPENING]

MEAGAN [AS SPANKY]
Oh, no! Looks like Mistress Rachael's coming back!

JEFF [AS WONKY]
Uh-oh! I think we just better skeedaddle!

SNARKY
[hoots]

[SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS]

RACHAEL
You naughty little bird! Are you looking at owl porn again?!

SNARKY
[hoots]

RACHAEL
No, I'm not giving you any of the cupcakes I made for Professor Snape's birthday. Spoiled rotten owl.

SNARKY
Fine. They're probably less edible than Hagrid's rock cakes anyway.

Snarky Birthday to You - (22:29)

Musical stylings of Jeff

JEFF [SINGING AS A CHORUS]
Snarky birthday to you!
Snarky birthday to you!
Snarky birthday, dear Severus!
Snarky birthday to yooooouuu!