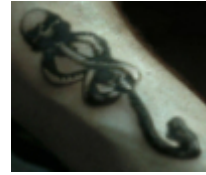


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Flash over a nightcap, the time of my best ideas:
Firewhiskey's far better neat. Undoubtedly
instruction would be, too.



 [alt_amycus](#)

Transfiguration topology: the Pure to the east.
Nearer the sunrise. Appropriate. That muck that the bat squeaks in,
banished to the west, nearer to the night. Adulteration will take still
place elsewhere, of course. Putrification, petrification...but only til the
world burns clean dross is purified out. Regrettable, but out of my
sight at least. I advise all other professors to do the same. Really, it's
better for everybody.

[Lavery, your experiment keeps going amuck. Come to my office and
deal with it, or you're out of the group. Justine said only last night she
fancies a new fur collar. A little skin goes good with that. Perhaps
she'd fancy you in bas relief.

Besides, the squeaking's getting on my nerves.]

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I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



Well, the nice thing about Carrow putting me back here all by myself is that I can write in my journal without him noticing.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)


It's funny who keeps turning around to look at me. Pansy of course but also Harry did twice and looked like he wanted to say something but changed his mind. Milli turned around to make a face at me and Teddy turned to get a look at what I was doing since I'm usually a bit better at Transfiguration than he is.

Did Alecto split you lot up in Muggle Studies this morning Ron? You have Muggle Studies on Monday right?

I wonder if any of the other teachers will, I mean in theory they'd be doing it to keep us halfbloods safe but Carrow didn't even bother pretending.

The funny thing is people used to come in early to try to get this seat right here in the back because who'd WANT to be up front in Carrow's classroom? Sometime last autumn he banned people from sitting in those two back rows, there are plenty of seats in our Transfiguration class and he wanted everyone near the front where he could keep an eye on us.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-01 17:54:47**
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Yeah, we have it first thing. And yes. She put Dean and Seamus and Katrina Bundy at the back. Actually, she made them leave a whole row between them and the rest of us.

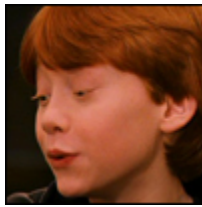
Neville and I got up to go sit with them, but she made all the other desks disappear!




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-01 18:15:19](#)**
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I wonder if it bothers her she's not as scary as her brother?

No one in Slytherin house was mad enough to try to come sit with me in Transfiguration, not even Pansy. She sat in the back pureblood row though even though she had to threaten Greg to get him to move (he usually tries to sit in the back because he thinks Carrow won't call on him as often that way).



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-01 20:18:08](#)**
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Oh, she can be evil sometimes. Maybe not with Slytherins, but you should hear how she talks to us some days.

Towler said there was a Hufflepuff who started in his year who got wrongwiz with Alecto Carrow and had to do a load of detentions with her before one of the holidays, and he never came back to school after that. Towler says it used to be if you got detention with her, she had a trunk she locked you in--all crouched down on your hands and knees--and if you made any noise there were sharp spikes that would stick you, and people'd come out all bloody. He says the Governors made her quit doing that, but she still has the trunk in the back of her classroom.

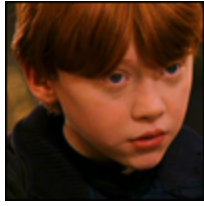
Oh, and I heard Acton separated the Hufflepuffs in Charms today. I guess we'll see tomorrow.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-01 20:54:10](#)**
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A trunk with SPIKES?

Does she still have a trunk in the back of her classroom? I'd never noticed one but I hadn't heard the story. I suppose I can look on Friday.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 21:14:26](#)
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Yeah, it's there.

Or anywiz, there's a trunk back there. I don't if it's really the one she was using to torture people. But it's big enough it could be.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:19:09](#)
(no subject)

I wonder if you can see the spikes if you look in?

Not that I'm going to look mind you.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 20:55:40](#)
(no subject)

When do the Ravenclaw firsties have Muggle Studies and Transfiguration?

I'm just wondering if the Carrows will make Luna sit with the halfbloods. It's not OFFICIAL that her father has the sickness and isn't a pureblood but everyone 'knows' if you know what I mean.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 21:20:21](#)
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Oh. I don't know. If I see Ginny, I'll ask her about that. She'd know. But I hardly ever see her anymore. I think she's in the library a lot or something.

I bet you're right, though. They probably will make Luna sit with the halfbloods. I'm not really sure she'd mind about that.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:22:24](#)
(no subject)

She'll probably be pleased she gets to sit with the halfbloods when none of the other purebloods do.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 18:17:30](#)
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The back row Carrow still let us sit in, I mean.

He had everyone in the front three rows until today and then put me in the back and left the fourth row empty.

Pansy bullied Greg into moving for her. Then he made Milli move. That was when Milli made a face at me.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 19:59:28](#)
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Bulstrode's a menace.

And Goyle, I'm still surprised they let Goyle take lessons. I mean, can he even write his own name or does he just mark an x at the top of his parchments? I know he mostly leaves the rest blank.

I heard Acton talking Slughorn about it one time when I had to go back for my Potions book. She was telling him she couldn't see how Goyle was getting high enough marks to be allowed to stay.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:00:35](#)
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Milli's not that bad, I mean she's rude but she's not awful. I'd rather share a dorm with her than Patil, I'd never sleep well if I had to share with Patil like poor Sarah does.

Vince and Greg are thick but they can both read, Hermione says they even read their diaries. I think they get passing marks

because both their fathers have Dark Marks and everyone knows it. At least they get passing marks in some of their classes, I would've thought Acton would be one of the ones marking them up though!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 21:12:43](#)
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I'm glad I don't have to choose between them. I think girls can be more horrible than boys, anyway.

Oh, I'm sure Acton's giving them passing marks, but I think she was trying to tell Slughorn he needed to do something with them. Help them or get somebody to tutor them or just to get someone else to write their parchments for them or something. What she said was that there wasn't much she could do for him if Goyle kept turning in blank parchments for all his homework. I reckon she meant that if he'd just write something, then she could pretend it made sense and give it half marks at least, but it's hard to give points when there's nothing there at all.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:17:30](#)
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Huh. I wonder if I could get them to pay me some of their pocket money to write their homework for them. I'm already doing Harry's, but that was a trade of favours.


The trouble is I don't think Vince and Greg much care how badly they do. Their fathers might care but it's harder to send them a letter and say, 'say, would you like me to write your son's papers for him? I'll do his homework for 10 sickles a week!' And Slughorn probably reckons they ought to be doing their OWN homework.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:17:59](#)
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And I'm not doing ALL of Harry's, just Transfiguration.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-01 21:21:58](#)**
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What? All year?

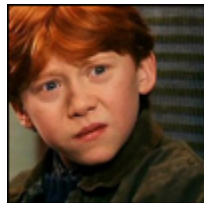



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-01 21:26:54](#)**
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No, just since December when I found out I was going back to the Strettons. I TOLD you about this. Harry sent me a letter right after I get there, he even had it hand-delivered by a courier in livery, it was brilliant. All the letter said was 'hello Sally-Anne' but of course I didn't tell the Strettons that. The courier waited for a reply so I borrowed Mrs Stretton's pen, remember that bit? and wrote back to him.

Anyway the Strettons were much nicer to me after that. Much.

When I realised I was going back to the Strettons I told Harry I'd do some of his Transfiguration homework in exchange for him sending me the letter. He came up with the part about the courier doing it. Anyway it worked out well for both of us, his marks are better and my foster family was nicer to me.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-01 21:36:47](#)**
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Yeah, I remember. I just didn't know you were going to be doing his homework for the rest of the year. That seems

I mean

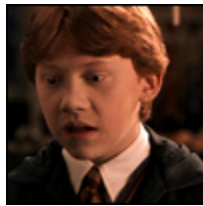
Really?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:53:06](#)
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Not the rest of the YEAR. I think we agreed that I'd do twelve assignments, he gets to pick which so he tends to pick the long ones. It's not like it's that big a deal, I mean I have to do these assignments anyway. I do it once for myself and then I write a version that sounds like Harry and he copies it.

It's not like you wouldn't copy my homework if you could, Ron, I've heard the questions you ask Pansy when we're revising together!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 22:03:21](#)
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Sure I would if you'd let me. Just I couldn't afford to pay you to do it, and I wouldn't make you do something to pay me off for doing a favour for you.

I mean, he wrote, what, three words? And you have to write twelve assignments? I mean, yeah, I see it's about who he is and all and how the Strettons see that, but still.

I'd never

Yeah, whatever.



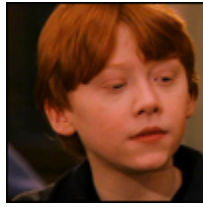
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 23:29:13](#)
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He might have sent the letter without asking anything in return if I'd asked him to.

But I don't like asking people to do favours for me. Just because, I mean. I want to be able to offer something in return, at least when I can. It's especially important in Slyth

How would you feel if your best mate were really rich and

wanted to buy you a broom just because? After all he could afford it! And the money's nothing to him, right?



 **alt_ron at 2010-02-02 00:39:04**
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But it's not the same at all.


I mean, for one thing, it didn't cost him a thing, and it didn't take him any time. I guess he had to remember to do it when you needed it, but that's nothing.

And it was something you needed, not like giving you a broom to lark about with. I know you're not going to understand because to you Slytherins if it's something you need, then the other person'll think he should get something really great for it. Like you should buy him a broom for sending you a parchment with three words on. But that's just not on. When somebody really needs something and you can do it for them, you should do it. And to ask for anything in return for that is like selling food to your children or making your gran pay you to help her walk across the road. That's just not quidditch, d'you see? I mean, if you really don't like someone, then, okay, you don't maybe have to do stuff for them if you don't want to. ~~Like if Malfoy~~ But for your friends and for people who are nice to you anyway, like you are to Harry, when it was just not any big thing for him to do it?

He's a git to let you do so much work for him.

Even if you offered.



 **alt_ron at 2010-02-01 22:07:46**
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And, no, I won't tell him I think he's a git for making you do that. So you don't have to tell me not to, like I've just got the brains of a newt. I get it that you don't want me to go telling Harry that you told me what he's got you doing for him.

But he is a git, all the same.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:27:58](#)
(no subject)


It would be wizard if I could get paid for doing some of Greg and Vince's, though. They've got loads of money and no brains at ALL.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:32:37](#)
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Not that there's anything to spend it on at the moment anyway, since no one can go to Hogsmeade or receive packages.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 21:39:34](#)
(no subject)

Sure, but it's always good to have pocket money.

And they've got to let us go home sometime, and then we'll want money for the sweets trolley and we'll be able to do other stuff again.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 21:40:47](#)
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Except.

What if this epidemic keeps going? D'you think they'd make us stay here all summer?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:53:57](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, probably, if people are still getting sick and everyone at Hogwarts are still healthy.

Or else they'll just keep the halfbloods here and send the rest of you home.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-01 21:57:54](#)**
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Only if they're not lying when they say purebloods can't get sick. I don't know what to think any more. Except, it seems as if whatever the Ministry says, the truth is probably the opposite.



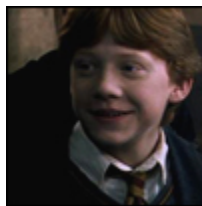
 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-01 23:33:18](#)**
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Well right now they're saying it can't infect purebloods and I think it probably can.

They're saying there's nothing to be afraid of as long as we follow the rules and I think there probably is.

They're saying Hogwarts doesn't have the disease. Do you reckon the people who got petrified have some form of it? I mean maybe it's related, the disease and the petrifications. Maybe Carrow made it happen, maybe he caused it in the ~~mudblo~~ muggleborn camps when he went there on holiday.

I mean it sounds plausible to me but to be honest with you I think I'd be happy to blame Carrow when it rains five days in a row.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-02 00:41:35](#)**
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Well, yeah. And it's totally Carrow's fault it keeps snowing. It's all part of his evil plan to keep us locked inside here until he can petrify all of us.

2010-02-01 13:22:00

Letter to Mr Rosier

I loaned my owl to the Ministry and Mr Rosier said I could just write to him in my diary instead. Only it feels really odd to be writing to him in my diary where everyone can read. I guess I'll just write an entry instead because I know he reads it and everyone else does too.



 [alt_seamus](#)

On Mondays I have muggle studies and then history of magic and then astronomy lecture. Muggle studies and history are just with Gryffindor and then astronomy is with everyone. Anyway when we went to muggle studies today Miss Professor Carrow said she was separating out the halfblood and pureblood students and she sent me, Dean, and Katrina to sit in the back and left a whole row of seats between us and the other students.

Neville and Ron tried to come sit with us but she vanished the extra desks.

And then her lecture today was all about blood purity. I mean she started by saying Neville and Ron couldn't sit with us because they might infect us with something and it wouldn't be fair to put us in danger. And then her lecture was all about bad things that happen when wizards have babies with muggles and how it makes you weak and you get sick easily and you might harbour sickness and not know it even though it's not halfbloods who could have it and not know it's purebloods.

I thought maybe if theres really a risk we should sit separate in History too but Katrina didn't and Ron sat next to me and its not like Binns even notices where you sit.

I heard someone say that at the Ravenclaw table at breakfast this morning the prefects divided up the platters so halfbloods and purebloods weren't taking off the same platters. Because sometimes the serving fork touches someone's plate and a disease could get spread if your not super careful and anyway, its all to keep halfblood students safe so I don't mind really. But Percy didn't do it at lunch and I didn't want to ask him to because I don't want to be a bother. Katrina didn't even come to lunch I don't know where she went but I didn't see her. And I looked over at the other tables and I wasnt sure what they were doing. Whether they were serving food separate or if

everyone was taking from the same plate, I don't know, do I even need to worry really? No ones gotten sick here! As long as no ones sick where would we even get the disease, right?

Anyway Mr Rosier I am working hard and doing all my homework and history club has been wizard, thank you for sending me all those books before the restrictions on packages started. Padma has been enjoying them too.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-01 20:37:30](#)

(no subject)

Sorry about what happened in Muggle Studies, y'know. I think

No. I don't even know what to think.

If you want, Nev and I'll go sit back there first thing next time.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-01 20:52:17](#)

(no subject)

No, I don't want you to make trouble.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-01 21:06:12](#)

(no subject)

At lunch Siobahn set aside a platter for me. It was too much food for me, though, Pansy had to help me finish.

Clearly Slytherin needs a halfblood boy to help me out. I can't believe how much some of you boys eat.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-02 18:17:33](#)

(no subject)

The books are definitely nift.


I don't think it's exactly necessary for the halfbloods to all be at one end of the table, but if people want to

make sure that the food is in separate dishes, then it makes sense, kind of, for them to all be on one end. Otherwise it'd be a made scene, wouldn't it, with people losing track of which bowl went where. I mean, it just sort of happens naturally, that the halfbloods are going to sit nearer the food set aside for them, right?

Anyway, I don't think sitting in separate rows in lessons is as important as when food is being passed about. And it's only while the Ministry is fixing the disease, and then things'll be back to normal. It's a bit mad to treat all halfbloods like their contaminated, though, because obviously some of you really make an effort and that shouldn't be ignored.

So I hope it doesn't last very long, anyway.



 **alt_seamus** at **2010-02-03 05:49:40**
(no subject)

Well I don't want to have to sit with Katrina every day. I mean she's all right but I want to sit with my mates and Katrina hardly talks at all.

Its been fine so far though, Percy charmed the platter to make it a different colour so we could keep track and we used wingardium leviosa to pass it.

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A debate

Well I suppose what the Professors Carrow did was only practical, really, but I can see why it might be a little embarrassing for some people. I mean, some halfbloods live with really good and important pureblood guardians, and I wonder what their guardians will think. I just think if we're going to be segregated now then they should have done it all the time so it wasn't so confusing to some people.



 [alt_draco](#)


Anyway, Teddy and I were talking at lunch about

Oh for Circe's sake....DENNIS? WHERE ARE YOU?

Why are there SCONES all over my bed? There must be about fifty! I told you I don't want any scones with tea, just like I told you last week and the week before. And yet you keep bringing them and can EAT fifty scones, really?


They had better be gone when I get back from supper or I don't know what I'll do with you. I suppose you think you're being helpful but really you're being very disobedient. I thought you knew better than to behave this way, but I guess I was wrong. Maybe I haven't been firm enough with you. Well, that's all going to change!



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2010-02-02 01:00:09**
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What on earth ...?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:09:31](#)
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Why was I given a thick mudblood? I think he's broken.




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-02 01:11:54](#)
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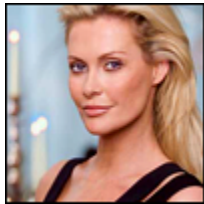
What?


I take it this is not the first time you've had this discussion with him?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:23:29](#)
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No, it's not, but this is the first time I've written about it here. Maybe if he's humiliated he'll stop it.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-02 01:25:46](#)
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Is there a particular reason your servant is obsessed with scones?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:27:36](#)
(no subject)


Maybe he likes them. I've never seen him eat any of the ones that show up in my room, though. At least he's not doing that.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-02 01:45:04](#)
(no subject)

How often do you hex him, dearest?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 03:10:57](#)
(no subject)

Not...terribly often. He usually good. Usually, I mean.




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-02 03:19:39](#)
(no subject)

It doesn't pay to indulge your servants overmuch, my son.


Your Aunt Dorea had a house elf who would insist on bringing her raspberry tisane despite an allergy to raspberries and repeated reminders. She cleaned her cupboards out of the stuff, but the elf still brought her tisane she couldn't drink. She objected to disciplining the creature (heaven knows why) until finally he had to be put down.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-02 03:25:08](#)
(no subject)


Listen to your mother, Draco. Humiliation can only affect someone with a sense of honour. Obedient as I'm sure your Dennis attempts to be, you make the mistake of thinking him capable of pride.



 [alt_dennis](#) at [2010-02-02 01:04:24](#)
(no subject)


I'm very sorry, Master Draco.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:05:03](#)
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That's all you have to say?




 [alt_dennis](#) at [2010-02-02 01:07:08](#)
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Would Master Draco like me to say I am sorry again?


I am sorry. I don't know why I brought you scones. I may have thought you wanted them, but you didn't know it. A good mudblood should antisapate his Masters needs, Master Draco.



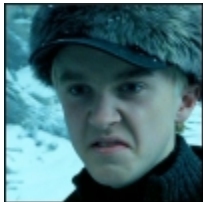
 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:07:50](#)
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What I need is for you to STOP BRINGING ME SCONES. God, you're really a lot thicker than I thought.



 [alt_dennis](#) at [2010-02-02 01:08:34](#)
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Dennis is very very sorry, Master Draco! Dennis will take care of it straight away!



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:08:47](#)
(no subject)

You had better.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-02 02:50:51](#)
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Draco, maybe you should have him clean your whole dormroom super thoroughly? I mean I know the house elves do but it might help him remember not to bring you scones again if he has to scrub under your bed and everyone else's, wash your bed covers and so on. Tell him you don't want even a single crumb left anywhere in your room.


I mean he's your mudblood of course and it's up to you! It's just a thought.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 14:16:34](#)
(no subject)

He pretty much already does that without my asking.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-02 02:53:35](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

This has to be Dennis's magic again. I was thinking about how he might have done it and although you can't make food out of thin air, you CAN make more of it if you have just a little. So he could be starting with a crumb and turning it into all those scones even though he doesn't mean to.

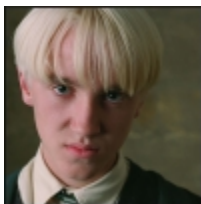
Hermione, even if Draco says no to my idea, you might tell Dennis that if he cleans like crazy to get rid of crumbs, that might make it stop. Maybe. I didn't realise how many times it had happened. They might be coming up from the kitchens, I'm not sure.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-02 01:08:08](#)
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You could have him bring them to Astronomy tonight. Or just before, anyway - you know, a snack.

But yeah, fifty's a bit ~~exsess~~ excessive. Does he think you can't get enough or something? Why's he nicking scones from the kitchen, of all things?




 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:12:21](#)
(no subject)

They've been laying around on my bed covers. Not that my bed covers are unclean, but you know, still.

I don't know if he thinks he's being helpful or if he's

gone mad. He's been acting a bit mental ever since the epidemic started. Have they said anything about it making mudbloods mental rather than sick?




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-02 01:14:57](#)
(no subject)

Oh, well, in that case, yeah. Probably not, thanks all the same.


I haven't heard about them going mental. I didn't think they had all that much to think about in the first place. But if you think he's damaged, maybe Professor Brutka ought to look at him? Or even Madam Pomfrey?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 01:17:43](#)
(no subject)


Professor Brutka? Oh, well I don't know if I'll need to do that. Now that I think about it, he's mostly normal as usual except that he brings me scones when I don't want them. If he's mental then it's in a pretty specific way. Odd.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-02 01:49:17](#)
(no subject)

Maybe you ought to tell him to tell the elves in the kitchens that they shouldn't give him scones for you, no matter if he comes down and asks for them or not.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-02 02:21:59](#)
(no subject)

I don't think it's necessary at all. I mean, really, if no-one can get in and no-one can get out, and no-one is sick here, why do we need to bother?

And if we can't get sick anyways, I just don't see why it matters. Unless we could pass it along somehow without knowing it, but even if that was possible, we're quarantined.




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-02 03:11:56](#)
(no subject)

The quarantine is what helps protect you from anything coming in to the school, but it appears thus far that halfbloods are more vulnerable to the disease at any rate.


As for segregating the lessons, it is the prerogative of any professor to divide the class as he or she sees fit.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-02 03:19:25](#)
(no subject)


I know, Lucius. It's still frustrating, though.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-02 03:22:03](#)
(no subject)

Inconvenient, certainly. But surely the changes represent no difficulty for you, personally?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-02 03:44:23](#)
(no subject)

You're right, it's just sitting apart from her during two classes. Which isn't really all that much of an inconvenience. Not right now.

It was unpleasant, is all. And it might happen in the other classes too, and I'm still not seeing why it has to happen in the first place.

And I haven't forgotten what we talked over and everything. But that doesn't mean I didn't get a bit frustrated when we had to switch chairs and everything. Even though it's just a little thing.


~~Besides, we aren't supposed to let silly gossip and rumours make us afraid.~~



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-02 03:12:58](#)
(no subject)

Maybe it's nothing to do with the sickness and people just decided things would be better that way.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-02 03:18:01](#)
(no subject)

Well, *I* certainly don't think it's better.

2010-02-02 22:54:00

More seating changes

So today I had Charms. Professor Acton said she'd redrawn her seating chart. But she didn't move me to the back with Dean and Katrina, instead she moved me to the front with Lav and Parvati. Go figure.




 [alt_seamus](#)

She wanted Ron and Neville to move up since they were in the back. But they wouldn't so she had Dean and Katrina sit on the other side of the room from them.

I kind of prefer to sit in the back since Charms are not my best subject. But I sat up front since Professor Acton put me there and she gave me some extra help and I FINALLY got the hang of incendio.

Does anyone know if Professor Slughorn and Professor Sprout are moving people around? I heard Mr Professor Carrow did with the other houses so I expect he will with Gryffindor as well. Professor Sinistra kept everyone in their regular seats and got cross with someone who tried to move away from the person next to them.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2010-02-03 16:04:35**

(no subject)

I'm glad you've got incendio figured out. It's nice to know that I don't have to worry any more about you setting my book on fire.




 [alt_seamus](#) at **2010-02-03 16:09:29**

(no subject)

I knew SOMEBODY was going to bring that up.

I only did that once!




 **[alt_ron](#) at 2010-02-03 16:44:15**
(no subject)

I don't see what's wrong with wanting to sit at the back. It makes me itchy to sit right in the front row.

And it's loads more dangerous sitting next to Lav or Parvati than it ever was sitting next you, mate. Not to mention you don't smell as much.




 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2010-02-04 21:27:22**
(no subject)

Why would you want to sit at the back?
I don't understand that at all.
What will your parents say?


From,
Hydra



 **[alt_padma](#) at 2010-02-05 06:01:13**
(no subject)

He thinks if he's at the back no one will notice that he can't perform a basic spell. Besides, he'd rather be at the back because he knows that he's not a proper wizard.



 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2010-02-05 14:40:00**
(no subject)

Professor Acton might help him more if he were up front.


From,
Hydra



 **alt_seamus** at [2010-02-05 16:45:42](#)
(no subject)

It's true Ron, she gave me extra help on Tuesday and then yesterday as well.




 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-05 17:10:56](#)
(no subject)

If you wanted extra help, that's good.

It's not like she can fix my wand, so all it's going to get me in Acton's class is more detentions for all the rubbish things my wand does. It was better to be in the back and watch and not do all practice she wants us to do.


Doesn't matter now she's charmed the desks so we have to sit where she tells us. I suppose that's just what a Charms teacher would do, but it's still not good.



 **alt_seamus** at [2010-02-05 17:13:36](#)
(no subject)

I wish there were something we could do about your wand! You weren't bad at Charms last year when your wand worked properly.



 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-05 17:26:39](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, and I reckon I'll do fine at the stuff we've learned this year if I can ever get a wand that's not bøl broken.

I'm not really fussed about it.


And, y'know, our marks now don't matter a bit. It's all down to OWLs and NEWTs and those are ages off.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-05 17:59:22](#)
(no subject)


Well how are you going to pass your OWLs if you can't learn the spells? And how can you learn the spells if you don't have a wand that works?



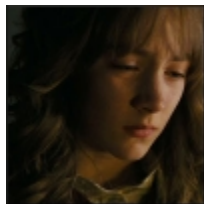
 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 19:33:32](#)
(no subject)


Learn to say them, obviously. And practice the motion. It's just not a good idea to actually cast a spell with my wand the way it is, but that doesn't mean I can't learn anything. And it's not like all our classes take wands, anywiz.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 11:50:05](#)
(no subject)

I don't think my parents really care where I sit as long as I go to lessons. I mean, they've never asked where I sit. Why would they care if I want to keep sitting where I always do?




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2010-02-05 14:41:10](#)
(no subject)

But it's disobedient not to do what a Professor or adult asks you to do.

From,

Hydra




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 16:57:21](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I guess it is. That's why I did detention for it.

Doesn't matter now, anyway, since Acton charmed the desks so we can only sit in the one she put our names on.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-05 06:03:30](#)
(no subject)

That's because you haven't got a proper wizard bone in your body, Weasley.

Lavender and Parvati could hex you into next week and you know it. And what's more you couldn't stop them if you tried, not with that sorry wand of yours.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 11:46:16](#)
(no subject)

That's the wand not the wizard, Patil. And the only harm Lav and your sister can do is turn stuff sparkly, which isn't much to brag about.




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 06:07:12](#)
(no subject)

Try sitting next to Summers if you want a stench.

Anyway, you could do with a little more pride of place, Weasley. I'd rather sit next to a pureblood, even if she is a girl, than be sent to the rear of the classroom.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 11:48:20](#)
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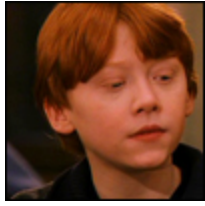
Sent, nothing. I just don't want to be told I have to sit right under the teacher's nose. I can see fine from the back. I mean who wants to be right where they'll think to call on you all the time?




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 15:38:36](#)
(no subject)

I see why Gryffindors are so valued for their bravery.

Really, Weasley. It's only a problem to be called on if you don't know the answer.




 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-05 17:06:58](#)
(no subject)

Maybe you're doing loads better this year than you did last year. I know more answers than not, and I'm not going to know any more of them by sitting some place different.

I just don't like sitting there. And I don't think it's fair to make us all change our spots. I mean, who besides a teacher thinks the front row's best, anywiz?



 **alt_hydra** at [2010-02-04 21:30:22](#)
(no subject)

Seamus I'm glad for you that you got to sit up front. Professor Acton put Norma in back today, so Cressida had to sit next to me this time.

Professor Acton always gives me extra help, too, she's really so very kind, and said that I can bring Tully to class, if I want to.

From,
Hydra

2010-02-03 11:04:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

So, honestly? I don't know what we should do.

We've got Potions this afternoon. With Ravenclaw. And I haven't heard if Professor Slughorn is going to make us move tables or not. Or change partners, or whatever. I sort of don't think he will, but I dunno.



 [alt_ron](#)

But this morning in Transfiguration, I thought Carrow was going to hex us for sitting where ~~we usually sit~~ well, where I usually sit in the back. He said we knew before we came in where we were supposed to sit, and we got another detention for not wanting to just let them tell half our class they aren't good enough to sit with the rest of us.

I mean, I'm trying to let Seamus think it's more about me not liking to sit up front like a girl, 'cause he's really

he agrees with

that some people are better

only, of course, he thinks he's in the better group, but even with the Carrows, who're making him sit in the back, he doesn't want us--Nev and me--standing up for him. He's really

I dunno

And Dean just shrugs and won't talk about it, but he's really hacked off, you can tell. And also ~~seared~~ expecting, I dunno, but he knows it's not going to stop with making him sit away from the rest of us. He's seen what happens, and I think he's getting ready for that. But he won't say anything to us, and I don't know if he thinks we're making it worse for him by showing we don't think this stuff is right. And Bundy. She never says anything to anyone, anyway. She just kind of flinches if you even look at her.

So I don't know what we should do, y'know? And we've got both Charms and Transfiguration again tomorrow.

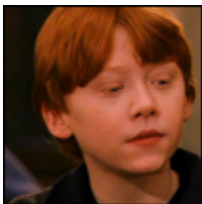



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 01:07:50](#)
(no subject)

I'm sorry I didn't see this earlier because I could have told you Professor Slughorn didn't move our seats. Pansy and I sat together like usual and no one said a word. If you can believe it one of the Hufflepuff girls, I think it was Eloise Midgen, asked if he wasn't going to change the seats around and he chuckled and said something like, 'Miss Midgen, I have complete faith that if Madam Pomfrey or the Headmistress thinks such a step is necessary, she will let me know!' and went on with the lesson.

I was glad he didn't move us because I'd have had to partner with a Hufflepuff! It was bad enough last year when I got stuck with Lavender.

Don't make trouble in Transfiguration, Ron. Carrow hates your whole family, I reckon he's itching for a chance to cruciate you and Neville and defying him straight out would be just the excuse he wants. If you're going to make trouble do it in Charms, I don't think Acton would do anything worse than give you another detention. Though she's not REALLY making the halfbloods sit separately anyway since it sounds like she put Finnigan up front, how much sense does that even make?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-04 03:09:07](#)
(no subject)

Heh. Yeah, Professor Slughorn just acted like none of the rest of it is happening.

Well, it's not like we're going to do anything really stupid in Carrow's class. Not with Seamus acting like he'd be cheesed off if we did, anyway.


And, yeah. The difference between the Carrows and Acton? We got detention from Acton for putting 'the weaker ones' in danger of catching something from us; Carrow called us weak-brained degenerates and gave us detention because we're blood-traitors.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 03:46:23](#)
(no subject)

Yeah I don't understand why Seamus wasn't one of the weaker ones since his father was a muggle! But you know I'd just as soon not try to make people admit this isn't really about keeping halfbloods safe. It's better if people all keep pretending. If everyone just admits they're really trying to keep themselves safe from us, my life will be a lot harder.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-04 04:05:55](#)
(no subject)

Oh. I hadn't thought about it that way.

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You really think it's better to just let stuff happen? Even making people sit apart and eat at the end of the table and whatever? That's not happening at our table, y'know. There were some people who thought it should, but the rest of us said it's a load of said no, so we're all still eating together like before.

I mean it's not like Lavender and Parvati ever let Katrina Bundy sit by them before. She always gets stuck on the other side of Neville if she even turns up to eat, but Dean and Seamus, they're still eating right in with the rest of us like always.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 04:43:40](#)
(no subject)

I don't think you necessarily need to go along with making people sit separately, I mean Professor Slughorn today said he doesn't think it's necessary and clearly Professor Sprout doesn't either you know?


But right now most people are pretending they care deeply about keeping halfblood students safe. It's a lie but it's better than the truth in a lot of ways.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-04 17:40:00](#)
(no subject)

I feel real sorry for Katrina. Lavender's just awful to her, and Katrina's almost stopped talking entirely. I mean, I can get her to talk about Potions a little sometimes, because she's does okay at Potions, and besides, Professor Slughorn doesn't treat her like something scraped off the bottom of her shoe. But that's about it.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-04 17:52:32](#)
(no subject)

Well, yeah. But what can you really do about Bundy?

I mean, she doesn't act like she wants to be friends or anything. She's just sort of, I dunno. Boring, I guess.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-04 17:58:47](#)
(no subject)

Maybe she's just keeping her head down. Like Dean does. Just because a person's quiet, that doesn't mean they're boring.


I don't think it's that she doesn't want friends. I mean, think about it: she rooms with Lavender and Parvati, so maybe she figures it's hopeless cause nobody wants to be friends.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 21:46:51](#)
(no subject)

It's too bad she got sorted into Gryffindor and not Hufflepuff. I think all the girls in our year in Hufflepuff are halfbloods.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-04 22:22:08](#)
(no subject)

Huh. That's worth thinking about. The Sorting Hat saw something about her that was brave.

Maybe that she was the only half-blood girl brave enough to actually live with Lavender and Parvati.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 22:29:34](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure not!

The Hat wanted to put me in Ravenclaw at first but I asked to be in Slytherin. And I am SO glad I did.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 03:05:47](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I wondered about that, too. She sure hasn't shown it yet, but I'd like to be around when she finally gives Lavender and Parvati something to think about!


It's kinda hard to imagine it, though.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-04 20:50:54](#)
(no subject)


Oh, and I was going to say, good on your brother Percy, though, Ron. Dunno if you saw it, it's just a little thing, but Pavarti was reaching over and grabbing the platters and pitchers right by Katrina last night. You know, not letting her get anyway to serve herself. And Percy noticed, and he stopped the platter going down the table and got up to bring it back to Katrina and held it while she served herself. All the while giving Pavarti this really filthy look.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 03:06:22](#)
(no subject)

Well, if there's one thing Percy's really good at, it's filthy looks.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-04 03:09:27](#)
(no subject)

I've no idea what Seamus thinks it all means. That Acton figures he's less sickly than Dean? That the Carrows' opinions don't really count because they're mad?

I mean, really, they ought to all get their stories straight, don't you think? Just decide whether we're meant to be doing halfbloods a favour or showing that we think some people aren't nearly as good as others. What Acton did with Seamus just shows that it's all about who's supposed to be better, and since she thinks Mr Rosier's real important, then Seamus doesn't have to go to the back of the room with the others.


How does he not see how wrong that is?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 03:17:37](#)
(no subject)

I don't think Finnigan thinks about it much at all, not if he can avoid it anyway.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 03:43:24](#)
(no subject)

I mean, if you're a halfblood you have a couple of choices as I see it. Of what to believe, I mean.

1. You can believe that what the Ministry says is true, that you're really not as good as everyone else.
2. You can believe that you're as good as everyone else and so the Ministry is lying about that, which means they could be lying

about all sorts of things.

3. You can believe that what the Ministry says is true but you're special and better than the other halfbloods somehow.


I wonder sometimes if I'd be different if I hadn't grown up with my mum and dad, if I'd been raised by a mean old lady like Megan Jones and told that everything I did was stupid and wrong my whole life, would I be one of the ones who thinks she deserves to sit in the back and get pushed around?

Because really it would be dead hard for me to believe the first. I can look around me and see I'm as good at magic as a pureblood.

Anyway if you want to believe everything the Ministry says is true you have to spend a lot of time not thinking much about some things. Really, I mean, even if you're a pureblood. That must be what Finnigan does because otherwise really how could he

Well anyway I think I agree with you.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-04 04:09:04](#)
(no subject)

Of course, you're as good at magic as a pureblood. You get top marks almost all the time.


I bet it make Patil come out in hives when you get higher marks than she does. Malfoy, too, probably.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 04:44:27](#)
(no subject)


The ONLY reason I didn't get the top mark in Transfiguration last year was because Carrow wanted a pureblood to be the top student. I'm better at Transfiguration than Patil and I think it drives her mad.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-04 17:40:42](#)
(no subject)

Too right.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-04 04:15:14](#)
(no subject)

I mean, look, just writing that sounds mental. You're as good at magic as any witch. Or wizard, too. And it's got cod's all to do with whether you're a halfblood. I mean, I reckon that maybe if one of your parents was really ace at Charms, you might get that from them, and if one of your parents was really dire at Potions, say, it wouldn't be too surprising if you were, too.

But that's got nothing to do with whether you've ever had any Muggles somewhere up your family tree. Does it?

I mean, I know it's not the same, but I kind of can't explain it.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-04 04:51:22](#)
(no subject)


Well Finnigan's father was a muggle! so he didn't get his Potions ability from his dad.

And my mum is a muggleborn so she didn't get any of it from her parents.

My mum was really good at Transfiguration back when she had her wand. My father was better at Charms. It was a real problem when all we had to eat was turnips since he was the one with the wand.

She must have been good though because she was a Ravenclaw Prefect when she was a student.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-04 16:17:43](#)
(no subject)

Whoa.

That's really--

I don't know. About your Mum.

It's not right, for one thing. I mean, it makes no sense that the Ministry'd take away wands from some of the best witches and wizards we've got. People like your Mum.

But, yeah. What you're good at can't all come from your parents. I mean, look at my family. Bill's really good at Charms, and the twins, too. And that comes from Mum, definitely. She's ace at spellwork.

But what about Charlie? I mean, my dad's pretty good at making stuff and figuring out how stuff works, and Charlie is, too. But working with dragons? I don't know anybody in our family who really liked creatures the way he does. I mean, Mum keeps chickens and bees and things, but that's not the same at all. So where'd that come from? No where. It's just Charlie, and he's dead good at it.

And nobody knows where they got Percy from. The twins'll tell you Mum and Dad got him on the bargain table at the goblin market. 'Course they also told me that Mum found me under a cabbage leaf, so there you go.

2010-02-03 12:28:00

Hullo

I can't send owls home at the moment, because of the Ministry rules, so I'm just writing here so my mum and dad can see that I'm okay.



 [alt_ernie](#)

I'm not sure about this thing where we have to sit separately in some of our lessons. It's just me and Zach in Hufflepuff, and everyone else has to go to the back. I'm not complaining or anything. I'm just saying that I miss sitting with all my friends together. I suppose maybe we'll talk less now and do more work.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 05:49:49](#)

(no subject)

I don't mind so long as you have a bath now and then, MacMillan.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 05:50:54](#)

(no subject)

And I was rather surprised about Corner, weren't you?

2010-02-04 18:06:00

Results?

Following Rookwood's - admittedly - compelling demonstration earlier this week, was able to recommend to Minister Fudge that the DoM be given immediate access to field testing facilities. Requires careful co-ordination with the Department of Magical Transportation, owing the delicate nature of the equipment which must be transferred to their test locations. Unfathomably, O'Connor took it into her head to insist that the parchmentwork for portkeys could not be rushed, regardless of the circumstances. Some nonsense, I gather, about the staff shortage creating a backlog of 'urgent' requests for portkeys - and a good deal of waffle concerning the safety of the proposed destinations. Have never seen Rookwood so beside himself. Under different circumstances it could have been highly entertaining; given the very real consequences of success, however, could only agree with his sense of outrage. Had O'Connor in Cornelius' office by day's end. Confident that Augustus shall have his portkeys within a week.



 [alt_lucius](#)


Ari quite surprised me Tuesday by revealing that Reg's young friend has already interviewed and visited Kenwood for a profile on the family. He had mentioned spring, but it seems Bobolis was too eager to wait. Learning from Reg's somewhat misplaced faith, Ari insisted on an advance copy of the article in order to ensure his full approval of the story. (Bobolis has not yet delivered, however.)

Amanda, Narcissa tells me that you have settled on robes (a fact which I understand was the subject of much discussion back and forth between you). Of course I'm pleased that Froissart has secured your preferred venue. And no, I do not doubt that he will continue to endeavour to satisfy you in every way possible. As to your question regarding whether we should be able to attend: Dearest, may I remind you yet again that the excursion to France last summer was a special circumstance, and that moreover with the restrictions in place it is even less likely than ever that we will make the journey. It has nothing whatever to do with my approval or lack thereof! As you so vehemently stated on our visit, I have no dominion over your decisions - only concern that you consider with care the choices you make. Do not over-estimate my ability to move the earth for your convenience and by no means mistake my limitations for a passive objection to

your plans.

Draco, I trust you have resolved the matter of obedience in your servant? We'll continue to send Valerian to you at the week-end so you can send your letters.




 **alt_regulus** at [2010-02-05 03:34:00](#)
(no subject)

Early word from the young friend is that he got great copy and better pictures at Kenwood. He was more than a bit giddy over dinner Tuesday evening.

So Amanda's really going through with it, then? I thought she might never settle, but I suppose we all mellow with time.




 **alt_lucius** at [2010-02-05 04:14:02](#)
(no subject)

Perhaps you may wish to remind him, if you get the chance, of your own discomfort when you opened his inaugural issue to its surprises. It is one thing to indulge in sensationalism when presented with such a tempting target as your brother; I should not like to think of his burgeoning career's chances if he takes any similarly unwise risks with Ari's history and connexions.

I think you know my sister well enough to realise that she does not so much settle as choose. And once she chooses, she is unlikely to change her course. If anything, her years of independence on the continent have made her more headstrong than ever. At least this time, she seems to have made her decision less ... impulsively than before.



 **alt_regulus** at [2010-02-06 00:01:04](#)
(no subject)

I doubt there's anything to fear. The Baddocks, of course, are subjects of interest and respect, whereas my erstwhile sibling is, as you say, a target. For the MLE, the press, and the public.

If it's any consolation, he seemed most interested in opening the admirable features of the house to view rather than in excavating delicate details of its owners' lives. I haven't seen what he's written, though, so I can't offer any assurances beyond a general sense that he values his career and hopes the magazine will have a long run of success.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2010-02-06 00:17:19](#)**

(no subject)

I'm sure he's quite a credit to his ambition and his profession. I mention it only because Ari had said that he instructed your young man to give him an approval copy - and as of yesterday he still had not

seen it.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2010-02-05 04:20:39](#)**

(no subject)

You've patched things with him, then? Good. He seemed so very out of sorts when I spoke to him last.

As for Amanda, she was very anxious for Lucius to meet the young man, and he's delightful. You know how protective my husband is of his sister. I'm sure he would have reacted in a similar manner even if her intended had been Salazar Slytherin himself!

But I hope your friend will have a care when it comes to any mention of Serena. For Pandora's sake, as well as Ari's. And of course, young Ptolemy.



 **[alt_regulus](#)** at **[2010-02-05 23:58:40](#)**

(no subject)


What's a relationship without a bit of friction.
Keeps things interesting.

Yes, well, I should think the age gap would have been concerning if it'd been Slytherin himself. Lucius would be entirely in the right to object in that case.

I'll raise your concerns with him, cousin. I trust he's wiser than to

make such a blunder; I've never sensed anything vaguely suicidal about him.




 **alt_draco** at [2010-02-05 14:45:06](#)
(no subject)

Everything's alright for the time being. I talked to someone who made me realise why he might be acting out.

And good - I miss writing to Auntie Amanda most of all.




 **alt_lucius** at [2010-02-05 15:45:32](#)
(no subject)

Acting out? I suppose it would be rather like raising a child, in some ways. So you've rooted out the cause, then? Good.


I'm ... intrigued, son, that you've maintained a correspondence with your Aunt. Pleased, of course, but ... surprised. I should not have thought her usual frippery of any interest to a boy your age.



 **alt_draco** at [2010-02-05 20:20:32](#)
(no subject)


We've written one another every fortnight since leaving France. I suppose you might call her my most trusted advisor. Besides Harry, that is.



 **alt_lucius** at [2010-02-06 00:09:07](#)
(no subject)

How droll. And on what does she advise you?



 **alt_draco** at [2010-02-06 00:41:06](#)
(no subject)

All sorts of things, really. But they're all quite private.

2010-02-05 10:47:00

(no subject)



 **alt_zacharias**

Everyone's in a state about which lessons have changed seating and which haven't, and what plates people are eating off of. Well, I say it's no use getting in a flap about it all. Of course, over at the Hufflepuff table, it's more like we purebloods separate out our food than holding a separate plate for the halfbloods. (Why are they all in our house, anyway? I dunno.)

Some people think if they sit in the back of their lessons, no one will notice them or ask them questions. Some people think they can keep their heads down and no one will realise they aren't much of a wizard. I think that's bad form. No one should be worried about getting called on if they've done their work and have been paying attention to the lessons.

Well, we've got Defence today and I'll bet Professor Lockhart doesn't bother to switch us round. But if he does, it's nothing to do with protecting anyone, it'll be because he wants to keep a closer eye on the ones he considers more skilled than the rest.

I've been living with halfbloods for a little over a year and it hasn't rubbed off on me or anything. Of course, some people I thought were purebloods turned out not to be, so that's been an interesting development. But I don't think it's so much whether they're halfbloods or not, but what kind of wizard they try to be. I think if someone tries hard and does their best to serve the Protectorate, they should be treated well in return.

But I think if someone is a blood-traitor and turns their back on their rightful heritage, that's not so good, either. I think it's worse than being a halfblood in the first place.


Well, anyway. Some of the guys wanted to know, so that's what I think.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-05 16:44:14](#)
(no subject)

You really do have a LOT of halfbloods in Hufflepuff! Gryffindor only has me and Katrina but then we're the smallest house anyway.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 17:22:50](#)
(no subject)

So what is Professor Lockhart's proudest achievement? And which kind of purple is he going to wear today? Oh, wait. I know. Lavender.

Yeah, it's totally about talent in there. Talent for kissing up, maybe. Sounds like you're trying for top marks at that.




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 17:54:05](#)
(no subject)

That's a jolly clever way to talk about the head of your own House, Weasley.

Seems like you're confusing bravery with self-righteousness. Are you really that daft?

Or are you really a blood-traitor like Patil says?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 19:27:07](#)
(no subject)

I'm a wizard like you, Smith.

Tell me one thing you've actually learned from Professor Lockhart that's not just a story about stuff he says he's done but won't show us or teach us.




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 21:20:45](#)
(no subject)

Maybe you're a wizard, Weasley, but you're nothing like me.

Professor Lockhart is our teacher, whether or not you believe the tales in his books. And he's your Head of House, so that means he ought to have your respect, at least.

Are you just looking for another detention? Trying to break your twin brothers' record or what? (Too many of them could add up badly, you know.)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 22:54:55](#)
(no subject)


You're right, Smith. I wouldn't want to be like you.



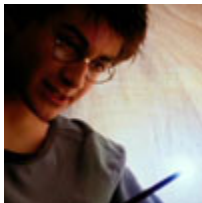
 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-06 00:01:14](#)
(no subject)


Your loss.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-06 00:06:32](#)
(no subject)

Not so much.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-05 17:47:40](#)
(no subject)

Yeah you're right.

But maybe it makes sense if we all stay away from halfbloods. While everything's on.

I don't know.

Thanks. For writing this I mean. I like knowing what people think.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 17:57:49](#)
(no subject)


Well, if I stay away from halfbloods, MacMillan and I won't have much space. But I do think it's wise to follow what the Ministry says to protect ourselves from infection, and all. But as long as the halfbloods here aren't infected, I think we're okay.

I wish there were an easy way to tell if someone's going to get ill. And plus, I don't know if the petrifications and the disease are connected, some people think it might be. So if it is, then maybe there's already infection in the castle, I dunno, but it could be, and then it does really make sense not to touch anyone or anything if we can help it. But we can't all go about with the Bubblehead Charm, that'd be dead ridiculous.

Plus nothing's happened in a long time, now, so maybe it's over.

I like knowing where people stand, too. It makes everything much easier when you know who your friends are and who you can trust. And who you can't.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-05 19:36:16](#)
(no subject)

Trust about what, Smith? You want people to tell you if they're feeling sick? Okay. Not feeling sick.

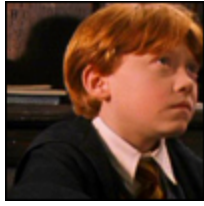
Or is there something else you wanted to know?




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-05 21:47:12](#)
(no subject)

Trust to know their elbows from a hole in the ground, Weasley.

I think I know all I need to know about you, anyway, thanks.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-05 22:56:26](#)**
(no subject)

I have no idea what you're on about.

And I don't think you do either.



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2010-02-06 00:01:27](#)**
(no subject)

Suit yourself, then.

2010-02-05 13:16:00


it's for getting used to

I haven't been home in such a long time.
Sometimes it feels as though I might never be there again.
Daddy and I had a firechat last night.
He says that Rigel has six teeth, and knows how to use all of them.
We talked about the books he sent me over Christmas, but I don't know if I understand them very well.
I always thought working with cursed objects must be easier than being an Auror, but now I'm not so sure.
There's all sorts of cursed objects in the world, more kinds than we could ever think up, but only one kind of Auror, and that's the kind that my Mummy is.
Nobody seems very frightened of being Cruciated anymore, I think they're more worried about being sick.
But no one is sick, are they?
If they are, they're not saying so.
I don't blame them because if I were feeling sick I wouldn't say anything, either.
There's always something to worry about here.
It must be like that in the real world, and this is just to get us all ready for it.



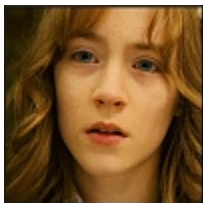
 [alt_hydra](#)




 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-05 23:12:38**
(no subject)

Nobody's sick with anything serious. Not that I've heard of.

Did you want to play chess again sometime? It'd be something to think about instead of worrying.



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2010-02-06 05:00:01**
(no subject)

I had better not.
But thank you for asking.

From,


Hydra



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2010-02-06 00:38:16](#)
(no subject)

Hydra, in the future please do not linger so long over the fire with your Father; letters and Owls exist for a reason, and I'm sure that your penmanship would benefit from practice. Mind your Professors' instructions about sitting with your own kind and keeping clear of those who are more susceptible to the illness. That includes anyone, regardless of blood status, who is not taking proper precautions to keep healthy.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2010-02-06 04:59:30](#)
(no subject)

I'm sorry, Mummy, I didn't mean to keep him talking for so long.
I'm minding everyone's instructions, don't worry.

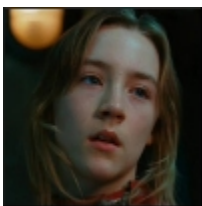
From,
Hydra




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-06 03:36:32](#)
(no subject)

I really must agree with your mother, sweetheart. It's high time you focused on maintaining proper companions.

There is no reward whatsoever in befriending someone destined for trouble.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2010-02-06 04:58:36](#)
(no subject)

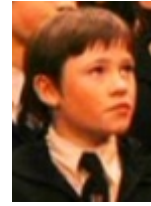
I understand, Aunt Narcissa.

From,
Hydra

2010-02-05 20:02:00

NEVILLE

Mate I need some help down near the Carrows' classroom.



 [alt_seamus](#)


Wait Percy if you see this

No maybe it's better if Neville

I need some help I can't


Is anyone reading?



 [alt_percy](#) at **2010-02-06 02:09:04**
(no subject)

On my way, Seamus. What's happened?




 [alt_seamus](#) at **2010-02-06 02:10:59**
(no subject)

Miss Professor Carrow cast crucio on Ron.

He's having trouble walking. I want to take him to the hospital wing but he's heavier than he looks.




 [alt_percy](#) at **2010-02-06 02:13:13**
(no subject)

WHAT?!

Bloody hell--



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-06 03:18:31](#)
(no subject)

Son, when you have a chance to reply, I'd appreciate it if you could fill us in.

I'm afraid your mother's rather upset.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-06 03:21:51](#)
(no subject)

I haven't had a chance to speak to Ron, really, Dad. We were occupied with getting him to the Hospital Wing and, well, he wasn't really up for talking much at the time.

Madam Pomfrey assures me he'll be fine in the morning.

As to what happened, I need to talk to Seamus Finnegan a bit more. I gather that Professor Carrow--Miss Alecto Carrow, that is--took some exception to something she overheard Ronald say. Perhaps in reference to a detention she had assigned.

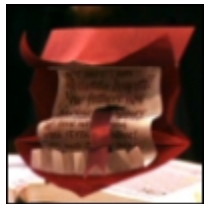



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-06 03:36:52](#)
(no subject)

I see. Thank you, my boy.

We'll be sending Errol with a note for the Headmistress to discuss the incident, and there'll be a note for Ron, too.


(Oh, and if you speak to him before he gets it, tell him not to worry, it won't be a Howler.)



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-06 03:39:38](#)
Order Only

**THAT LOATHSOME
EVIL TROLL!!!**




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:14:32](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, no.


Seamus, I'm on my way back from the library. I'll be there in a moment.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:16:08](#)**
(no subject)


Thanks Neville. I think the two of us can move him.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:20:35](#)**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


NEVILLE WHAT HAPPENED?



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:24:40](#)**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Hang on. We're at hospital wing and Madam Pomfrey is examining Ron. I gotta ask Seamus.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:29:00](#)**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Seamus says they were walking in the corridor talking about Ron's detention and Ron got snippy about the stuff about halfbloods and they were kind of arguing. 'And then Alecto Carrow came up behind us and the next thing I knew Ron was on the floor screaming like he was dying.'



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 02:31:05](#)


Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I KNEW Ron was going to get himself in trouble. I KNEW it, he just doesn't know when to

You Gryffindors are such

Pansy is in a state right now.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-06 03:08:47](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Merlin. And Seamus also said 'and it went on and on and ON.

He must have screamed like anything. I heard him answer a question of Madam Pomfrey's and all he could do was sort of croak.

Seamus looks like he's going to be sick.

Percy looks he's hacked off enough to spit dragon fire.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 03:09:43](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

It was MISS Carrow not Mr Carrow, really?




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-06 03:12:12](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

According to Seamus, yeah.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-06 02:20:43](#)
(no subject)

Really?

~~I'm so surprised~~

What happened, Finnigan?

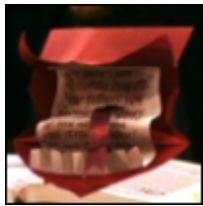



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:24:18](#)
(no subject)

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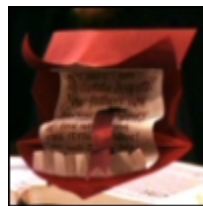
WHAT?


WHY?



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-06 02:49:12](#)
ORDER ONLY

WHAT!?!?!?



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-06 02:50:42](#)
Re: ORDER ONLY

**ARTHUR?! ARTHUR!!!
SHE CAST CRUCIO ON
MY RONALD!!!**



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 02:13:58](#)
(no subject)

Pansy and I can come help, Finnigan. Where are you?




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:15:18](#)**
(no subject)

NO

I mean no thank you Perks. No offense or anything but Pansy


Yeah Percy's on his way so I'll just wait for him.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:23:44](#)**
(no subject)


At least you're being sensible. I imagine Parkinson is frantic. Weasley's her girlfriend, after all.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:26:45](#)**
(no subject)


if you know what's good for you, you'll shut it patil.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:37:20](#)**
(no subject)


If you knew what was good for you, you'd not go all soft and lose your head whenever any of your friends gets in trouble - especially when they practically ask for it.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:45:04](#)**
(no subject)

at least I have friends you loathsome cow.




 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:53:59](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, please. You have people who like to hang about with you because they think you're important. I HAVE friends, and one of them's the Head Girl, and considering that most of the Governors were on her side even when your Mr Malfoy tried to get her in trouble for casting Cruciatus on your little pet, I'm not so sure you're as powerful as you think.

Whose friends have all been Cruciated, then? And got detentions and in all sorts of trouble?

Anyway, just keep eating those chocs and we'll see which of us is more like a cow.




 **[alt_lana](#)** at **[2010-02-06 02:59:40](#)**
(no subject)

Patil,


I meant to ask earlier, but did you still want to borrow my fifth year Charms text? I dug it out of my trunk and could let you have it any time.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 03:02:01](#)**
(no subject)


Oh, yes! Cheers, Sandoval. I'd really like to use it for the essay Professor Acton assigned.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-06 05:07:52](#)**
(no subject)

Don't call my Father her "Mr Malfoy," for Circe's sake.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 05:17:57](#)**
(no subject)

Sorry, Malfoy. I hope you know what I meant.

Besides, did you see what she called me?
You're so right about her. Honestly.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-06 05:59:24](#)**
(no subject)

She was better before she came here and
chummed up with Weasley and Longbottom.
And Weasley's always trying to horn in on
Harry's time, and now Hydra, too.

I always thought Sally-Anne was loyal but now I'm starting to wonder. She never says anything foolish but if her, Pansy, and Weasley have some kind of secret club like you think they do, then I wonder what her true feelings are.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 06:19:34](#)**
(no subject)

I can see that she must have been different before, at least somewhat, or I don't think your family would be as close to hers, right? I mean, I know it's a bit more complicated, but still. I don't want to say too much in case your father gets cross. (I wouldn't want him cross with me at all!)


And you've got a point about Perks. I mean, I know she's clever, so it seems like she's be clever enough to know how to behave, and she's like Finnigan, sort of, only not nearly as amiable, you know. But she's certainly in tight with the rest of the Cruciatus Club.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-06 06:23:16](#)
(no subject)


Cruciatus Club? You come up with that one?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-06 06:26:37](#)
(no subject)

Yes, actually.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-06 06:44:19](#)
(no subject)


To clever by half, Patil.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 16:28:29](#)
(no subject)


Wait, Patil says Pansy and Weasley and Longbottom and I have a SECRET CLUB? Excellent, that sounds ever so much more exciting than 'we meet to revise.'



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-06 17:31:38](#)
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So quick with the clever answer as usual, Perks.

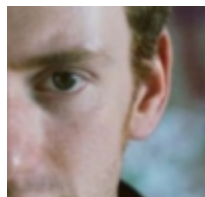


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 02:48:31](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well I expect none of YOUR friends would lose THEIR heads if anything dreadful happened to YOU.

That's doubtless a great comfort to you!

Cow.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:33:53](#)

(no subject)

That's enough, Patil.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-06 02:39:28](#)

(no subject)

Look, Weasley, I'm sorry your brother got hurt, but honestly, the way he's been going on lately it was only a matter of time.

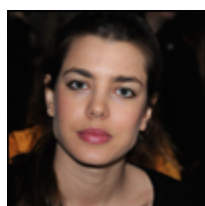
Someone ought to tell him that if he's going to insist on making a fool of himself, he'd better get used to the consequences.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:17:10](#)

(no subject)

Thank you for your kind offer of assistance, Perks, but I'm on the scene, and between Seamus, Neville and me, I think we can manage.

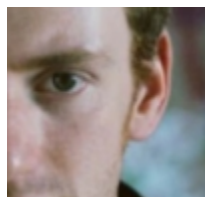


 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-06 02:28:05](#)

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Weasley.

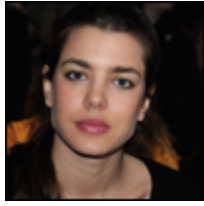
What's happened? Do you need help?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:35:53](#)

(no subject)

Thank you, Sandoval, but no. We're at the hospital wing now, and Ron is in Madam Pomfrey's capable hands.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-06 02:37:34](#)
(no subject)

It looks as though you had more than enough assistance.


I'm glad the matter's been taken care of.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:44:29](#)
(no subject)

Yes indeed. Miss Professor Carrow did a splendid job with the Crucio all on her own, so your expertise isn't needed.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 02:50:08](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You know, I like Percy a lot more than I used to.


Possibly that's just because I compare him to Sandoval, though.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-06 02:56:42](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He's really hacked off that Madam Pomfrey's not letting him stay with Ron, but she's kicked us all out. We're heading back to Gryffindor Tower. I guess Ron's staying there overnight.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 03:13:32](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

She's keeping him there overnight?

Does Madam Pomfrey actually DO anything for cruciatus? I guess I assumed


Maybe I should've let Pansy take me there that time.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-06 02:50:40](#)
(no subject)


I understand that you are beside yourself, Weasley, but mind you don't hex yourself in your rush to lash out at others.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:54:01](#)
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Don't worry. I think there's been more than enough hexing going on as it is.



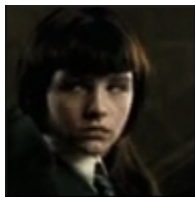
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:29:26](#)
(no subject)


He might be ill and he might have trouble standing and he might have hurt his back because sometimes when you twist really suddenly like you can sometimes, it hurts. So be careful. Please.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 02:34:29](#)
(no subject)


Yeah we figured out about the ill! At least he hit Percy's shoes and not mine.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:33:11](#)
(no subject)

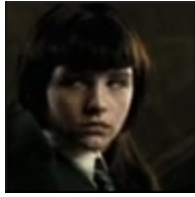
He'd better be okay. He'd just better be.




 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 02:36:39](#)
(no subject)

He'll be okay Parkinson.

I mean Perks was fine the next day wasn't she?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:39:29](#)
(no subject)

yeah.

but he isn't fine right now, is he.




 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 02:43:40](#)
(no subject)

Well he isn't throwing up any more.

And he was walking a little better by the time we got to the hospital wing.

And Madam Pomfrey gave him a potion and says he'll go to sleep soon and will wake up feeling better.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-06 02:48:13](#)
(no subject)


thanks, Finnegan.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 03:09:06](#)
(no subject)

Pansy brought me some tea after Lana Sandoval cruciated me and it helped a lot. I expect Ron will feel fine by morning though.




 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-06 03:14:51](#)
(no subject)

If his stomach is still upset tomorrow, I can give him some crystallised ginger that I've got. It's good for stomach troubles.

But he'll probably feel much better tomorrow.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 03:16:02](#)**
(no subject)

That's just perfect, Loony! You can start a Cruciatu Club, you lot. Everyone who's been cruciated can come. First Friday of every month, even. Perhaps you can get the house elves to serve you tuna fish.

Only I doubt very much Nott would join you.

But it will make it all so much easier to find all the troublemakers when they're in one place together.

2010-02-05 20:49:00

Letter to Mr Rosier

I like to send letters to Mr Rosier when I have a lot on my mind. Only I don't have my owl right now so I guess I'll use this. Especially since with what I wrote earlier he probably wants to know what happened.



 [alt_seamus](#)

I was revising this evening and Ron had detention with Miss Professor Carrow because of what he did in class the other day, trying to sit at the wrong desk or whatever it was. I can't remember which classes he did what in anymore. Anyway he had detention. And he came out of detention at about the same time I was going back to Gryffindor house.

Anyway in the corridor we were talking about the sickness and how some of the professors have been separating the halfblood students. Ron was cross about it still and said he doesn't know why it doesn't bother me more. And I got cross with Ron and

It turned out Miss Professor Carrow was right behind us and she cast crucio on Ron.

It was horrible. I mean it was horrible enough hearing it when it happened to Perks but I was right THERE and it went on and on and on.

And then finally it stopped at Miss Professor Carrow looked at me and pointed her wand at me and told me not to move and


she did cast something on me but it wasn't crucio, it just made my hair stand on end for a minute and then she laughed and walked away and I went to help Ron. And Neville and Percy and I took him to the hospital wing.

I don't understand why

I wish the business with separating halfbloods didn't bother Ron so much. He's not even a halfblood! It's not his problem and if it doesn't bother ME it shouldn't bother HIM, really should it? I'm worried I'm going to get in trouble and it'll be his fault. ~~I thought Miss Professor Carrow was going to crucio me too~~

I wish I had an owl, Mr Rosier could you send me a letter sometime soon so I could send one back to you?




 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 03:19:40](#)**
(no subject)

I don't know why Weasley makes such a martyr of himself, honestly. He might as well be a mudblood, for all he pays attention to why he's supposed to be here.


Does he do any homework at all? Or does he just wander about the corridors looking for hopeless, ridiculous causes to support?



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2010-02-06 03:33:32](#)**
(no subject)

Well he does some homework, he's not hopeless when his wand works properly.




 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-06 04:03:21](#)**
(no subject)

If I were you I wouldn't be so quick to defend him. Zach may think you should stick up for him because he's your housemate, but he's a Hufflepuff, after all. That's sort of what they do.

Though I do think if you want to keep him as your housemate, yeah, you really ought to warn him about toeing the line better.

Then again, I think it may be a lost cause.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2010-02-06 04:06:37](#)**
(no subject)

D'you really think he's in danger of being expelled?

And even if I'm not in Hufflepuff I sort of have to share a dormroom with Ron. What am I supposed to

do?



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 06:03:35](#)
(no subject)

The thing is though that I am TIRED of having to defend Weasley when he's being an idiot.

IDIOT.

I don't know why he can't just STOP BEING AN




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-06 03:22:11](#)
(no subject)

Patil's got a point. He's your housemate, can't you control him?


I mean to say, it's no crowning achievement to get himself expelled because he doesn't know when to give over.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 03:34:37](#)
(no subject)

Me control him? That's a laugh! Maybe the prefects can try, I just worry about myself!



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-06 03:46:58](#)
(no subject)

Thank you both for your very touching concern for Ronald's welfare, but the prefects are on the case.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-06 03:51:53](#)
(no subject)

Sorry, Finnigan, but that's rot. He's your housemate. You ought to at least try to keep him back from the brink.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 03:52:52](#)
(no subject)

What should I have done, stuff a sock in his mouth to shut him up?




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-06 03:55:07](#)
(no subject)

What?

No. But you'd best have a fairly strong discussion with him when he's back in your dormitory. Don't let him bring the side down, right?



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 03:55:57](#)
(no subject)


I WAS having a strong discussion with him when Miss Professor Carrow crucio'd him!



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2010-02-06 03:58:22](#)
(no subject)

Well, maybe you ought to have had the discussion somewhere more private.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-06 04:00:27](#)
(no subject)

You'll note I didn't start the conversation.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2010-02-06 03:54:41](#)
(no subject)

You can tell Old Rosey that my sister and me are looking out for your welfare. I'm sure he'll be pleased.



 **alt_seamus** at [2010-02-06 03:56:15](#)
(no subject)

Yes sir.

2010-02-05 21:15:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



Dear Ron,

Seamus Finnigan is a git.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)


Alecto Carrow is a filthy overgrown doxy and if she gets what she deserves her wand will have a run-in with the Whomping Willow. Also her head.

Padma Patil is a self-satisfied little priggish princess and it's not the least bit surprising she thinks I only hang around Pansy because I think she's important; I can't think of any other reason anyone would spend even five minutes with Padma.

I hope you look over your shoulder next time you decide to shoot your mouth off about one of the Carrows, though.

Please find Pansy early so she can see you're alright. Me too actually but at least I can talk to Neville under the lock, Pansy doesn't know ANYTHING that wasn't said in public. It was too close to curfew for us to go out, which was probably just as well or she'd have tracked down Padma Patil to hex her.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-06 04:07:49](#)
(no subject)

Not if Fred and George can get to her first. Actually, they're talking about new and interesting ways to sneak doxy dung into Miss Professor Carrow's pumpkin juice. After they've hexed Padma Patil bald.

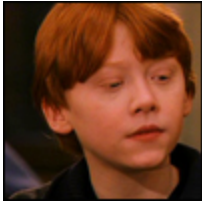
At least they're distracting Percy.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 04:13:09](#)
(no subject)

...hexed Padma...

That would be WIZARD.




 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-06 19:11:32](#)
(no subject)

The twins said that?

Really?



 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-06 19:09:05](#)
(no subject)

Hey. Thanks.

For saying all that.

Madam Pomfrey made me stay through lunch. Actually, I didn't wake up until noon.

Anywiz. I could meet you and Pansy somewhere if you wanted. I don't know if I want to say anything on my journal, y'know, but I can if you need me to write Pansy to tell her I'm okay and want to talk.

I don't know, though. Did you see what Padma and Malfoy have been saying about us?

Um. Actually. Are you still talking to me? I mean. Is it okay if you do?




 **alt_sally_anne** at [2010-02-06 21:07:20](#)
(no subject)

Did Madam Pomfrey actually DO anything? I mean I guess I just assumed there wasn't much point in going to the hospital wing, when it was me, it's why I told Pansy I wanted to go back to Slytherin. ~~And also~~

I hate

Pansy and I have been talking and we think we may need to pretend not to be talking to you for a little while. Not much anyway. We have a plan, it's just that it takes a little time.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-06 22:51:39](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, she gave me a Potion she said would make it hurt less today. My left arm was pretty much useless afterwards and it's okay now, so I guess it worked. And she gave me something to make me sleep. It did, too.

I thought you might say that. It's okay, I guess.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-07 05:29:45](#)
(no subject)

Well I'm glad your arm was better today.

I'm hoping I don't get cruciated again but if I DO maybe I'll go to the hospital wing. I don't know. Is Madam Pomfrey awful? I've never been.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-07 14:19:59](#)
(no subject)

No, she's not awful. Why'd you think that?

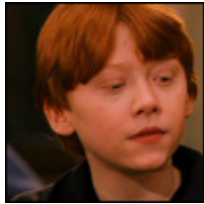
I mean, she's kind of no-nonsense, but honestly? That's loads better than the way Mum gets when one of us is hurt--all huffing and flapping and hovering over you and lecturing about how you should never've done whatever it was you did.


Madam Pomfrey was just, I dunno. She looked really cross and muttered some pretty sharp stuff a couple of times, but it was Miss Professor Carrow she was cross about, not me. It was sort of funny. Or it would have been, y'know, if the rest of it hadn't been so bad. None of it was very funny then.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-07 19:23:11](#)
(no subject)

Well the time I went to a healer as a kid he was pretty awful. I only went to a healer once, you know families like mine can't really go to St Mungo's. Well technically my father or I could but we tried to avoid attracting attention.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-07 23:33:35](#)
(no subject)

What happened? I mean, were you really sick that you had to go? Or hurt really badly?

And what did the Healer do to you?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 00:12:30](#)
(no subject)

I was hurt too badly for my ~~par~~ father to fix. I had a burn, a rather bad one.

The healer did fix it but

Well when you need a healer and can't go to St Mungo's the people you find aren't always very good at healing and they aren't always very nice. He made my parents leave and he poked and prodded and made it hurt a lot more, and my mum tried to come back in and he made my father keep her out, he threatened to send us away and report us to the ministry because if my parents couldn't provide proper care then

Well anyway he did finally heal me but he also charged us all sorts of money we didn't have. And I know Madam Pomfrey won't charge us money (unless Sandoval gets her way!) but I've ~~hated~~ I've tried my best not to go to a healer since then.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-08 00:14:17](#)**
(no subject)

And every time I think about my parents now I worry my mum's got the disease. I'd have no way to know if she did. I thought about sending a letter to your mum to see if she would visit them but what if she brought the disease to them while checking on them? They're probably staying home. Only if my father can't go out to work there's no way they'd have any money and it's the part of winter when we usually ran out of food and

Ron I'm so worried about my mum right now.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-08 00:27:00](#)**
(no subject)

Whoa.

And now we can't use the Floo. I mean, if we could, I'd ask my Mum and Dad if there's not some way to get a message and food to them. I know there must be ways people are finding to get food to halfbloods who can't go out. They use their journals or something to order food, right? That's why the Ministry needed so many owls for taking post around. That's what Percy told me, anyway. When he was getting people to give their owls.

Um. We'll find someone who's still got an owl, and we'll send a letter to my Mum and Dad. Okay? We will.

And no one has to know what it's about, but we'll get it sent off really soon. I really think Dad will know what to do.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-08 01:17:53](#)**
(no subject)

I don't think there are any owls left at the school.

But thanks for the thought. Do your parents

really have food to spare though? I thought your family tended to scrape by too.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 02:45:20](#)
(no subject)

There's always enough to help other people when it's needed. Mum's a genius at making food stretch. And Percy and I were here over Christmas, so they saved all kinds of food that way. And none of us are probably going to get to go home for Easter hols.

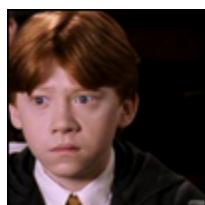
Anywiz, I really think they'll know how to get something to your parents or at least find out if they're okay. So next time Mum sends us a letter, we'll send her one back and get her started figuring out how to help.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-06 21:09:08](#)
(no subject)

And the thing to remind people is all you were doing was complaining about a teacher, only you didn't check behind you.

Everyone complains about teachers, especially Acton and Carrow. It takes a Gryffindor to forget to look over his shoulder first though.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-06 22:52:59](#)
(no subject)

Sure, okay.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-07 05:23:19](#)
(no subject)

You know something that's kind of funny.

First a Slytherin (me) got cruciated for being sneaky (well, they thought I was being sneaky anyway, I really just wanted my notes! but Harry's right, when


you're a Slytherin they always think you're up to something).

Then a Ravenclaw got cruciated for being curious.

Then a Gryffindor got cruciated for ~~shooting off~~ his expressing a strong opinion without looking over his shoulder first which really, you have to admit is a thoroughly Gryffindor move.

If I were a Hufflepuff I'd think twice about loyally demanding fair treatment for one of my housemates if either Sandoval or Carrow is anywhere in earshot!



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-07 14:24:06](#)**
(no subject)

Heh. I guess that's right.

What's really odd is that a Slytherin got it at all, but, y'know, that's two of you now. I mean, you'd have expected it would be all Hufflepuffs.

In fact, the way they've been going on this year about how everyone's out to get them, you'd think it had been all Hufflepuffs!



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-07 19:24:27](#)**
(no subject)

I wouldn't expect it would be all Hufflepuffs because most of them have no gumption and they try to never, ever break any rules.

And it was a Hufflepuff who got petrified.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-07 19:26:57](#)**
(no subject)

Actually I think the really surprising thing is that you're the first Gryffindor.

I suppose it's because you're the smallest house plus Finnigan kisses arse all the time and Lavender and Parvati

|||| might get points taken for doing their hair instead of listening
in class but no one's going to cruciate them for it.

2010-02-06 13:35:00

Dad

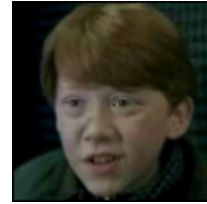
Sorry I couldn't send anything for your birthday, not even a letter with all the owls gone.

Anywiz. I remembered!

Is Mum making something great for supper? Wish we could be home for it.


Yeah.

Well, many happy returns.



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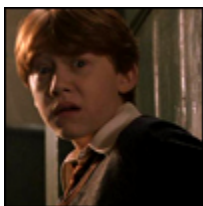



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2010-02-06 20:23:10**
(no subject)

Glad to see you're up and about.

Next time, if you want to say anything remotely bad about a professor ever, do me a favour and just don't.


Oh, and did you see? Apparently, we're part of a super secret club. And you're my girlfriend. I think Padma must have had an extra helping of crazy at dinner.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-06 20:33:30**
(no subject)


I'm your what?!!



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2010-02-06 21:03:15**
(no subject)


Like I said. Crazy. You'd make for a really hideous girl.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-06 21:04:19](#)**
(no subject)


No offence.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-06 21:25:24](#)**
(no subject)


Well, I'm not really the type for hair thingers and glitter charms.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-06 21:32:23](#)**
(no subject)

Not to mention you'd look terrible in pastels.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-06 22:54:09](#)**
(no subject)

Pastels are like pink, yeah?

Doesn't really go with my hair, I guess.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2010-02-07 04:33:09](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, my dear boy. Yes, your mum made a roast chicken and some of her famous rosemary garlic potatoes. Bill joined us. The only thing that would have made it perfect would have been to have everyone gathered round the table with us.

I hope you're feeling more the thing today.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2010-02-07 04:35:52](#)
(no subject)

Happy Birthday Dad.

2010-02-06 20:15:00

Letter to Mum and Dad

It feels odd writing to Mum and Dad right here in the journals, even though I know they can see what I write here and I sometimes write them notes on their journals and all...but this feels different.



 [alt_susan](#)

Still, I'm glad I lent Valkyrie to the Ministry; it seems like it was the right thing to do. One owl isn't much, but maybe lending her will help the people who are fighting this awful sickness a little bit.

Mum,

I'm so so glad to hear that everyone at home is safe and not ill; it's hard to be so far away from you even though I know your glad that Eddie and I are here at Hogwarts where nobody has got sick yet. It's for sure a good thing that Eddie's here because he would drive you all mad if he were cooped up in the house all day. At least the Hogwarts grounds are pretty big and we can do flying practice and all. And don't tell me off when you see this Ed because it's true and you know it! With just Peter and Carrie it's probably not so bad, but still I bet they're getting tired of staying in too. I bet your giving them loads of lessons too, Mum, since they can't go to school and you can't go to work.

Here at Hogwarts things are not to different than usual except that nobody can get packages or anything from home and none of the older years can go to Hogsmeade on the week-ends so the castle seems more crowded. Some of the teachers are having everyone who isnt all the way pureblood sit together. I don't blame them for being careful I suppose.

Dad, I'm so sorry you got stuck away from home; I can tell you miss Mum and the little kids loads. But I guess its good that all the halfblood players on the Cannons who couldn't go back to there families because of the travel restrictions have someone to stay with them and take care of things. Have the Healers at St.Mungos told you anything about how Morris is doing? I really hope he gets better.

Carrie and Peter, I wish you two were old enough to have journals of your own so that I could talk to you myself, but I know Mum will show you this. Carrie I heard that Mum is teaching you how to knit and your

making a sweater. That's wizard. I was awful at knitting when she tried to teach _me_, so I'm glad there is someone else in the family who can do it. Peter, Mum told me that you are reading whole chapter books all by yourself now! I'm so proud of you! I wish I could see your new drawings too, but maybe you can tell Mum about them and she can tell me.

I have to revise now but I love you all and I think about you all the time.

Love Susan

2010-02-07 11:29:00

Mummy is Wiz-Nift!

As everyone can see I have Finally got my journal back!



It's got rather tiresome always having to write in Parvati's and put "This is Lavender" at the bottom of every note. Parvati has been a terrifically sweet friend to let me do it though.

 [alt_lavender](#)

Merci, merci, mon ami! (See Mummy, I am Practising my French!)

Anyhow, I was sitting in our room braiding Parvati's hair when one of the school elves popped in (and Startled me, too!) and said 'Professor Lockhart is wanting Miss Brown to come to his rooms immediately.' Of course I was terribly excited and tried to get the elf to tell me what it was all about but all it would say is 'Professor Lockhart is not telling Saffy his business.' I was hoping that he might want to commend me for my Transfiguration work, because I have been working Very Hard at my revision lately, but it was even better!

I went into his rooms and Mummy was in the fire! She had firecalled him to ask if he would like to read at some sort of charity thing she is organising; it's not until summer hols but she believes in planning ahead. And while they were chatting she mentioned that Whiffy our house elf had found my journal and asked if she could give it to me. So Professor Lockhart called me to get it, and he let me talk to Mummy for quite a long time too, which was wizard of him.

The journal was under my bed the whole time! I must have dropped it while I was packing to come back to school. Of course, Mummy being Mummy, she had to lecture me just a bit on how a Proper Lady would keep her room neat. I said that I didn't mean to be disrespectful but I didn't see how it was so important when we have house elves to help with that. She said that that is not the point; the point is that a neat and orderly Home is a sign of a neat and orderly Mind. But she smiled so I know she wasn't truly cross with me.

I do want to be a Proper Lady, but that part of it still sounds tiresome to me. I think some people are naturally neat and orderly, so that it isn't work for them at all--Padma is like that--and other people are more like me and Parvati. It's nice to have a roommate who is just the


same as me in that way. I adore Padma but I think we might get cross with each other if we had to share a room every day.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-07 18:14:36](#)
(no subject)

Lavender, I'm not sure this was at all a good idea. As packages from home via owl have been banned, it would stand to reason that it is not at all wise to pass objects back and forth via fire chat either. Remember, we are attempting to keep Hogwarts isolated and therefore safe.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 18:20:04](#)
(no subject)

Oh, Mummy wouldn't do anything that wasn't safe. Professor Lockhart did approve it after all, and he *is* our Head of House.

Don't you think he knows Best?




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-07 18:39:37](#)
(no subject)

There's no reason for hysteria, Weasley. Brown's journal was in her home, a pureblood home where there can be no question of infection. It was handed through the fire by her mother directly to her.

Honestly, it's the same as if it had come to school with her in her trunk at the start of term.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-07 18:42:41](#)
(no subject)

No question of infection, is it? And yet packages via owl posts have been forbidden, even for pureblood families. Aren't you being inconsistent, here?




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 18:48:25](#)
(no subject)

There's no rule against firecalling people, is there? I mean, not if you're pure?

I promise it was perfectly Safe--the journal was under my bed the whole time and no one else has touched except for Mummy (and Whiffy of course, but I don't think house elves really count).

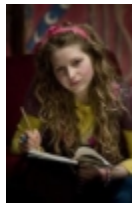



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-07 18:52:51](#)
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I wonder if we shouldn't check with Madam Pomfrey. She's probably most aware of the particular restrictions that St Mungo's has declared--just to keep everyone safe, you

understand.

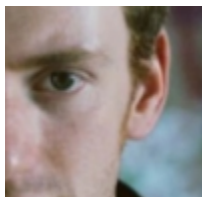
I do not know what St Mungo's has said about whether house elves have been entirely ruled out as possible vectors of infection. Sandoval, do you know, per chance?




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 18:56:27](#)
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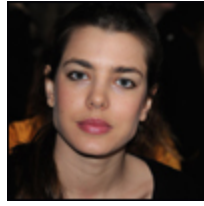
Do we *really* need to bother her about it when Professor Lockhart already said it was perfectly all right?


I'm sure she's ever so Busy.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-07 19:01:57](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure that Madam Pomfrey would say she's never too busy to answer questions when it concerns the health of students at this school.




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-07 23:23:18](#)
(no subject)

Do, by all means, consult with Madam Pomfrey.

And be certain to ask her whether Professor Lockhart has acted outside the protocols established for staff. That's your point, isn't it? To challenge his judgement?

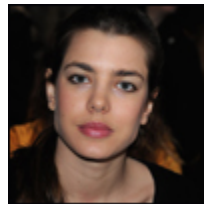
What is it with you Weasleys and your Head of House? Is it common in wherever you were raised to defy and mock those in authority?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-08 00:07:41](#)
(no subject)

How about authority such as the Headmistress?

She just announced that firechats are now closed. Vindicating my point.




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-08 00:12:27](#)
(no subject)

I hardly think the Headmistress is acting to undermine the authority of a member of her staff, Weasley. She is clearly responding to the situation as it develops, as we all must do.

And it is hardly a matter for triumphalism, is it, that the disease has reached a stage where we need be concerned about firechats between pureblood parents and their children?

We will obviously follow the new guidelines. I'm sure you join me in expressing gratitude to Director Selwyn and the Headmistress for their unflagging efforts to keep us all safe.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-08 00:26:50](#)

I solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Yeah, the Headmistress' and Director Selwyn's efforts, as opposed to Percy's, I guess.




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-07 20:23:40](#)

(no subject)

It's not for me to say, Weasley. Not when Brown's Head of House is the one who made the judgement call.

Given that Professor Lockhart was there and approved it, however, it is not the place of a Prefect to incite anxiety over the safety of the transaction.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 20:58:36](#)

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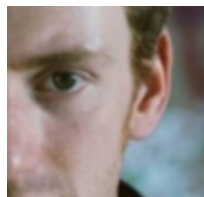
Thanks ever so much, Sandoval. I really do appreciate it!



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-07 23:24:00](#)

(no subject)

Cheers, Brown.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-07 21:47:44](#)

(no subject)

Oh, so when I lent an owl to allow someone to send a letter to St Mungo's, I'm 'reckless.' But when I take you at your word that we must think twice about communications to and from Hogwarts and object to Brown passing something through the Floo, now you tell me I'm being 'hysterical.'

Really, make up your mind, Sandoval. You can't have it both ways.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-07 21:53:19](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You know, he has a point. The Head Girl is being sort of two-faced, isn't she?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 00:16:51](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

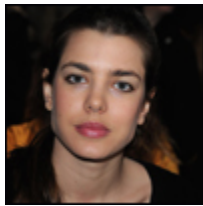
I'm just shocked, aren't you?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-08 00:31:06](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm surprised she doesn't give herself whip-lash.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-07 23:18:52](#)

(no subject)

Are you really this thick, Weasley? Sending an owl on a round trip to St Mungo's, where they treat diseased people, is entirely different than Mrs Brown handing a journal through her own fire to her daughter in her Head of House's rooms.

That journal has never been exposed to anyone remotely in danger of infection.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-07 18:38:50](#)

(no subject)

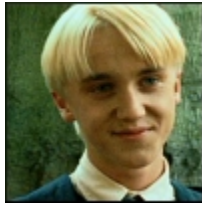
Je peux na sais que tu parlais français sa très bien. I usually practise by writing to my relatives, but maybe I should go practise my accent by speaking with Professor Brutka. I met him in France, you know.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 18:44:06](#)
(no subject)

It's *tres* kind of you to say that, Draco! You are so lucky to have relatives who live in France.


Is Professor Brutka French then? 'Brutka doesn't seem like a very French name; I always assumed he was from somewhere else on the Continent.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-07 19:14:17](#)
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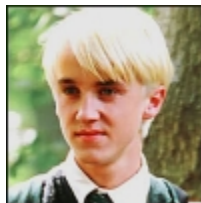
No, I don't think he's French, but he did live there for a time. My Mother is probably the best non-native speaker of French that I've ever heard, though.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 19:20:44](#)
(no subject)

Your mother is very elegant; it makes sense that she would speak French well.


Did she ever visit Beauxbatons? I wish we could have an student exchange; I would so love to visit there.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-07 22:25:57](#)
(no subject)


Oh, we all paid a visit to Beauxbatons last summer. I'll have to tell you about it sometime.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 22:31:43](#)
(no subject)


That's right; I remember you mentioned it then. I'd like to hear more about it. I don't suppose you noticed the styles the witches over there were wearing?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-07 22:34:48](#)
(no subject)


I didn't really notice, no. But even if I had, they'd probably be out of style and out of season by now, anyway.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 22:35:46](#)
(no subject)


Out of season, certainly. But it's always interesting to see what's in fashion in other places.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-07 18:47:59](#)
(no subject)


I think you should use 'm'amie' if you're speaking of your roommate. Otherwise, you're saying you're rooming with a boy.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 18:51:19](#)
(no subject)


Don't be silly, everyone knows that Parvati is a girl's name!



 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-07 18:54:27](#)
(no subject)


Oh, of course. But French is one of the languages where the words change, like friend, in this case, depending on whether you're speaking of a boy or a girl.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-07 18:55:33](#)
(no subject)

How do you know that?




 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2010-02-07 19:00:24](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, because my Daddy has a book that tells you how to say a few simple phrases in sixty different languages, like 'Hello,' and 'let's be friends,' and 'can you tell me the way to the wizarding embassy.' Daddy always says it's polite to at least try to speak to other people, and to creatures, too, in their own language. Besides French and Spanish and Urdu, it has the phrases in Mermish, and several different Hag dialects.


The one I liked best was unicorn, but human throats can't make the sounds very well.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2010-02-07 19:04:08](#)**
(no subject)

I am not sure I would trust a book that has Mermish and Hag in it; that sounds quite appalling.




 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2010-02-07 19:03:01](#)**
(no subject)

I know that, I was just excited about getting my journal back and forgot to put the 'e' in.

I suppose I must be more careful of my 'e's, as it would not be proper for anyone to think I lived with a boy.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-07 20:35:44](#)**
(no subject)


She doesn't need advice from you, Loony.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 20:45:38](#)
(no subject)


The first years are all quite cheeky this year! We weren't that cheeky, were we Padma?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-07 20:49:00](#)
(no subject)

Of Course Not!




 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-07 23:01:06](#)
(no subject)

Oh, so you and your friends don't mind then if Lavender refers to your sister as if she were a boy?

Thanks, I'll remember that.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-07 23:44:42](#)
(no subject)

I never said that. You really are quite deranged, aren't you?

Don't bother to answer.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-07 20:35:03](#)
(no subject)

Oh, but if you were tidy, you'd never have lost your book! Anyway, you know Parvati and I share a room at home, and we get on fine, but then, it's a big room. And it sort of divides itself naturally so that she can keep all her things on her side, too, very easily.

But I'm glad you finally got your journal back, and don't pay any mind to Weasley, he's a fine one to talk after he gave Loony that owl!




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 20:44:21](#)
(no subject)

That's true! And I've certainly missed my journal. But I'm not sure a person can become tidy just by deciding they ought to be.

And I've noticed that you and Parvati never seem to argue about things like that, so perhaps you and I wouldn't either. Maybe when we're frightfully old and finished with school we could get a flat together in New London and find out!




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-07 20:48:07](#)
(no subject)

I think if we all three got a flat together, it would be utterly nift. We should really get a suite - I think that would be really fancy. And then we'd each have our very own rooms, and maybe even our own baths. That way we're really only have to worry about the sitting room and such, so there really wouldn't be anything to row about.

But then it'll be sad when we get married, because, well, we'll be moving out. Don't you think? Not that we'll be sad to get married, but to move out?

Oh, maybe we could all live in the same building, but with our own flats right next to one another. Wouldn't that be smashing?




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-07 20:56:46](#)
(no subject)

A suite would be utterly wiz-nift!

Mummy and I were looking at the pictures in the Home and Garden section of the *Prophet* of some of the new buildings that are going up, and they are simply beautiful.

Oh, we won't get married right away! We have to have time to go to parties and be Ornaments to Society first.




 **alt_padma** at [2010-02-07 21:09:57](#)
(no subject)

I think it would be elegant and ever so glamorous.

Did you see January's *Londinarium*? I dunno if Parvati told you, but I asked Mum if we could get a subscription and she said that she's buying it for the shop, but to 'wait and see' about becoming subscribers. I guess she wants to make sure Mr Bobolis can stay in business long enough to make it worthwhile. But there were beautiful pictures of Dulwich and even a few of the St Mungo's gala. But I think he's going to do a piece soon on the luxury flats available in New London.



 **alt_lavender** at [2010-02-07 21:19:09](#)
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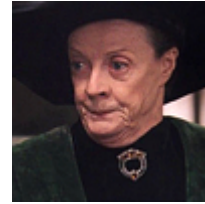
I haven't seen it yet! Mummy said she was going to send me her copy when she was finished, but that was before the owl-post restrictions.

I'm sure the pictures of the St. Mungo's gala were lovely.

2010-02-07 16:25:00

Fire calls prohibited

In consultation with the Ministry of Magic, I regret to inform students that fire calls are hereby strictly prohibited.




 **alt_mcgonagall**

No matter how pure or safe your family may seem, there is always the possibility of simple bad luck. Therefore, it is not wise to have any contact with people outside the castle, unless the most stringent precautions are taken.

The wards have therefore been altered. Further fire calling will be impossible, except in certain private fireplaces. If you absolutely require a fire call, direct your request to me.



 **alt_lana** at **2010-02-08 00:00:28**
(no subject)

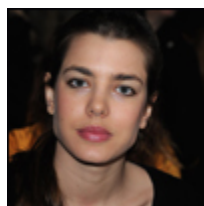
Thank you, Professor.


I'm sorry that this measure is necessary, but I'm very glad to have the matter clarified. I know we are all impressed with the measures the Ministry is taking to protect us. I, for one, feel perfectly assured that Director Selwyn and the specialists at St Mungo's are taking all possible precautions to keep us well.



 **alt_mcgonagall** at **2010-02-08 00:02:08**
(no subject)

I am certain that you will help explain to all the students, who I am sure will be disappointed by this decision, why it is necessary.




 **alt_lana** at **2010-02-08 00:15:27**
(no subject)

Of course, Professor.

I am drafting a message for the school this evening.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-08 00:21:57](#)

Order Only

Well! And I suppose you don't think the Headmistress is 'hysterically overreacting' now, do you? You miserable, brownnosing little toad!!



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-08 00:24:32](#)

Re: Order Only

At least, of course, Miss Sandoval is a viper with whom I am intimately familiar. I can always count on her.

2010-02-07 18:49:00

Good show, Lav

Now no one can firechat with their parents. Because you couldn't just talk.



 [alt_ron](#)



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-08 00:51:06](#)

(no subject)

Oh leave off, Measley. She just wanted to write in her journal, as she rightly should, seeing as its the Lord Protector himself who gifted us with them.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 00:54:37](#)

(no subject)

Well, you'd think she'd have taken better care to not lose it since the Lord Protector gave our journals to us.

Then she wouldn't have needed her Mum to hand it through the fire when the Ministry's trying so hard to keep us safe here at school.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-08 00:58:44](#)

(no subject)

Maybe she should have done, but she still had to try to get it back, didn't she?

You're awfully critical for someone whose own brother bugged up with his owl. Trying to deflect, I suppose.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:20:54](#)

(no subject)

Not during an epidemic that the Ministry and the Lord Protector are taking so seriously they've said we can't get parcels with things like that journal by post. You're being as daft as Lav.


And who's deflecting? Change the subject much?



 **alt_draco** at [2010-02-08 01:23:34](#)
(no subject)

They didn't say anything about parcels through firechat until just now, correct? You actually ought to thank your housemate for alerting the Ministry to a danger they hadn't yet thought of, since you're apparently taking the epidemic so seriously now yourself.




 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-08 01:36:45](#)
(no subject)

Malfoy, it's obvious. If they'd meant us to get stuff from outside the school through the fires, they'd have said, 'No parcels will be allowed by post, but by all means, feel free to hand your children care packages through the fires.' I mean, did your Mum send you stuff through the Floo? No. She knows that's not okay. Did Hydra's father? No. Same reason. And now none of us can talk to our parents because Lav's got no more brains than a newt.

But do go on taking her part. It shows how brilliant you are.



 **alt_draco** at [2010-02-08 01:44:31](#)
(no subject)

With all those parents you've listed it sounds to me like you're insulting Mrs Brown, Measley - and maybe Professor Lockhart, too. You really don't have any respect for adults, do you? I suppose that's just what happens when one grows up as the spare in some unkempt brood of ginger savages.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 02:03:52](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

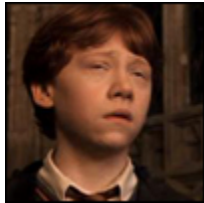
At least my parents like each other enough to have a big family.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 01:36:51](#)

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Draco, you're so *nice* sometimes, like a true gentleman defending a lady.

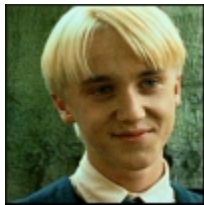


 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:41:24](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh, yerk.

I think I'm going to be ill.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-08 01:45:38](#)

(no subject)

I thought Gryffindors were supposed to be chivalrous, but you certainly wouldn't know it by that one.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 02:03:20](#)

(no subject)

Being brave isn't the same as having manners. Unfortunately.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 01:00:46](#)

(no subject)


Really, Weasley. It's not as if I did anything that was against the rules *then*. Just because they changed them, because someone somewhere might use the firechat to bring in something Dangerous, does *not* mean that I did anything wrong!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:17:44](#)
(no subject)

Doesn't change that it was you, doing something that they didn't think anyone would do, that made the Ministry clarify their rules and take away one more way for us to get in touch with our parents. (Because, honestly, if your Mum wasn't allowed to send it by owl, then it's obvious to anyone with a brain that you shouldn't have taken the journal through the fire.)




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 01:19:11](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Don't say that Ron, they'll think you're saying Lockhart has no brain! You already got in trouble once this week for saying something bad about a professor.

I mean Lockhart's safer than the Carrows but STILL.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:25:16](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh, please. You think he does have a brain? I mean, all he expects us to learn is his favourite colour and what flavour Bertie Botts he said he likes best in the advert he did for the company.

I didn't know you were as googly about him as all the other girls.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 01:39:06](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Did I say I thought he had a brain?

No. I said you're going to get in trouble again for being disrespectful!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-08 02:51:19](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Not to mention he's going to have every Prefect in Gryffindor wanting to hex him into the ground. And not just Percy.

What's gotten into you, Ron? Things are tense enough without everybody getting hacked off at you. Maybe it makes you feel better to run off at the mouth at people, but do you really want to get everyone from Draco Malfoy to the Head Girl telling everybody you're a blood traitor or something?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 04:01:57](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Like they don't already.

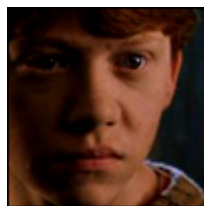


 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 01:32:19](#)

(no subject)

Did you not see where I said before that no one had touched my journal except Mummy and our house elf?! I understand what the Headmistress is saying, that someone could possibly pass something dangerous through firechat, but I didn't!

And are you saying my Mummy doesn't have half a brain? Because I might have to come find you and hex you.

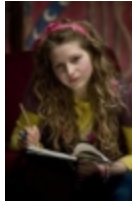


 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:39:54](#)

(no subject)

Is your Mum staying inside your house under quarantine? What about your elves?

I mean, there's a reason they're not letting your Mum or anyone else's come here. Or send us parcels by owl. It's because they want to keep everything that's not already inside the school out. So nothing that's outside, like the disease, can get in. Even by accident.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 01:57:40](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure Mummy would never observe anything less than the proper sanitation, and she'd make sure the elves did the same.

And I think this is a silly conversation and am going off to find something more interesting to do, like my revising for Transfiguration.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 02:06:02](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm sure Mummy knows what sanitation means.
Not so much.

And good luck with that.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2010-02-08 01:07:22](#)
(no subject)

But I speak with Daddy in the fire every week.
Now I don't know who I'll talk to.
Maybe Professor Slughorn will be in his office when I'm in the mood for a chat.

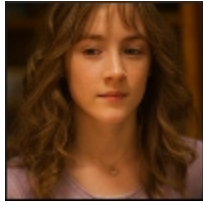
From,
Hydra




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:26:55](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, it's really awful we won't be able to talk to our parents by fire now.

I'm sure you can find people to talk to, though.
You've got loads of friends.




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2010-02-08 01:31:31](#)**
(no subject)

Oh yes, you're right of course.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-08 02:25:21](#)**
(no subject)

I thought you weren't supposed to talk to Weasel anymore?


But I'm sure you'd be welcome in Ravenclaw Corner if you liked. I could ask Sandoval for you if you want.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-08 01:13:11](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, Weasley. It wasn't even her idea, it was her mum's idea, and Professor Lockhart said it was fine. I don't think Brown did anything wrong and I don't expect Bundy's worried she'll get sick from Brown's diary. It's just that Director Selwyn and the Headmistress realised something dangerous could come through, since Brown's diary did.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-08 01:14:20](#)**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

And really it WASN'T her fault, I'm not just saying that.

Though she's a nitwit all the same. Do she and Parvati do anything but brush each other's hair all day?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-08 01:32:15](#)**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Of course it was her fault. It doesn't take a genius to see they shouldn't have been passing stuff through the fires. I mean, if they'd meant us to pass stuff through the fires, they'd have said 'No parcels

by post, but feel free to pass care packages to your children through the fires.' But they didn't say that, did they?

And, yeah, the only person who spends more time doing their hair is Lockhart.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 01:41:05](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Her MUM and A PROFESSOR handed it to her, was she supposed to say 'oh no thank you! what if mummy has the disease'?

I mean you're right but you're wrong. You're right it's obvious it was against the rules but you're wrong for blaming Brown. It was her mum and Professor Lockhart who are at fault but for Merlin's sake don't say THAT in the diary either.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 01:42:52](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

And I think Lavvy's mum must be just as much of an airhead as Lavender.

Parvati's Padma's sister though, I think she must have to really WORK at being such a dimwit.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:51:15](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Hahahahahaha.

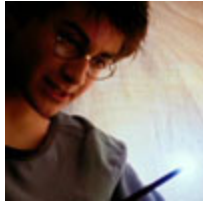
Yeah, I think you're right.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:28:36](#)

(no subject)

Right, and it should have been obvious they meant us not to hand stuff through the fires. I mean, her Mum must have known she couldn't send it by post. Why would she think it was okay to hand it through the fire? That's the point. Perks.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-08 01:42:06](#)
(no subject)

I dont think it was obvious at all Weasley. Father sends me things through the fire all the time.

I mean I think it was good that they thought of it. Because like Lav said someone COULD HAVE had a problem. Like maybe if your father handed you something. His work means he meets all kinds of people. So he could give you something infected.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:49:32](#)
(no subject)

Oi!

Obviously, your father can make that decision, but I don't think he'd think it's okay for the rest of us to decide it's sometimes okay to send stuff into the school. Isn't that the whole point of this quarrentine thing?


And obviously my parents haven't broken the quarrentine. Because they get that your father and the Ministry want to keep us safe--and they do, too.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-08 01:54:37](#)
(no subject)

What d'you think Father would put a quarantine in effect if he didn't mean to follow it himself?
Thanks Weasley.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:57:12](#)
(no subject)

Huh?

You just said--




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-08 02:22:45](#)
(no subject)

I solemnly swear I am up to no good

Oh RON!!


Harry says he's so sorry, it's just that it's been ever so bad in the Slytherin common room and he had to do something, they all hate you and they were going to hate him too even if he is the Lord Protector's son, and he had to! So I told him I could give you this message, and I'm just sitting outside the Slytherin common room writing this really, so I'll have to go back in a second, should I tell him I gave you anything in particular??



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 02:38:23](#)
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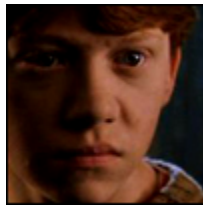
He what?!




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-08 02:41:52](#)
Re: I solemnly swear I am up to no good

Are you thick?? He said he didn't really mean it, only he felt like he had to.

He's kind of trying to apologise, Ron, I think.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 02:47:52](#)
Re: I solemnly swear I am up to no good

He thinks he can hex me in the back in front of everyone and then send you to tell me secretly that he doesn't really mean it?

What a git!

Tell him--

No forget it. Tell him I don't have anything to say to him.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-08 02:53:07](#)

Re: I solemnly swear I am up to no good

Ron, I don't think you really understand, honestly you don't, but I'll tell him, I'm just - I think you should think about it, really I do. He doesn't mean it.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 01:33:59](#)

(no subject)

Thanks, Perks. That's just what I was trying to tell him!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 01:44:05](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh, thanks, Perks. That's just what I was trying to tell him!

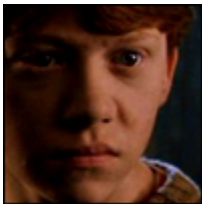


 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 02:33:46](#)

(no subject)

That's really rich, Weasel. (You may not be familiar with the meaning of that word, but in this case it means ironic.) I mean, Parvati told me how you completely ignored your parents and practically all your family last term, but now that we've been told no more fire chats, NOW you're all upset.

Why don't you just go walk up to the Whomping Willow so it can finish what started when you flew that car into it?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 02:37:42](#)

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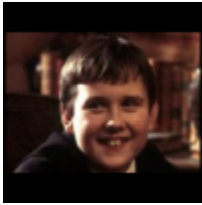
That a death threat, Patil?


Nice.



 **alt_percy** at **2010-02-08 02:56:21**
(no subject)

Ronald. As lively and no doubt interesting to you as this conversation is, how would you like to break it off and play a game of chess with me instead?



 **alt_neville** at **2010-02-08 02:57:38**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He's telling you to shut it, Ron. A bit more nicely than usual, but I think you might want to listen for once.

Please?

2010-02-07 21:08:00

Revising group

I've been helping Longbottom revise for Transfiguration off and on since last year. He says it's helped though you'd never know it from his marks! Anyway Pansy and I were talking and if anyone else wants help with Transfiguration or with Potions (Pansy's quite good at Potions) they could meet us in the unused classroom down the hall from History, the one with the picture of the owl on the door. On Tuesday night after dinner.



 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Obviously I'm only offering to help people in my own year or firsties! I feel a little odd about it but I talked a little with Siobhan Calderwood today and she said she thought I should offer. Last year I had the second highest mark in our year in Transfiguration. I really like explaining things to people because it helps me to understand them better.

Don't come if you're there to make trouble. I only want to help people who actually want to REVISE for their CLASSES.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2010-02-08 03:11:33**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Ron, I think it's probably better if you don't come this week.

I think next week it will be all right. Actually I'm curious if anyone will come at ALL. Siobahn (she's one of my prefects) thought there were some people who would, maybe even some of the Slytherin firsties, but I'm not so sure.

I'll see you in Astronomy tomorrow though.




 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-08 14:46:56**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Sure.

Whatever.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 04:14:48](#)
(no subject)

Do we have to tell about the tunafish joke if they ask about it at the study session? Cause you sort of had to be there for it to really be funny at all, and it's sort of silly and stupid when you just say it out loud. Even though it did make me laugh every time we brought it up again, just because it *was* so silly.

Besides, after Ron got in such trouble, we shouldn't make jokes about other Professors or anything, even Professor Acton. And even though we made the joke ages ago.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 04:15:36](#)
(no subject)


And Draco is *far* better than me at Potions, but I'm alright I guess.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 04:19:20](#)
(no subject)


Draco and Teddy are the best at Potions! Anyone who gets help from Draco and Teddy should stick with them and not come revise with us.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 04:21:31](#)
(no subject)

Thanks for the vote of confidence.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 14:50:26](#)
(no subject)

Well, and it's not nearly as funny if you haven't heard the way Bulstrode says '*Chuna-fesh*'. That's what made it so funny in the beginning, wasn't it? That the two things happened so close together and all.

And, yeah, I don't think it's a very good idea to bring it all up again. Right now, anywiz. Maybe in about a hundred years it'll be funny again.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 15:06:20](#)
(no subject)

Well, *I* think it's still funny.

Just not other people funny.

Now Patil getting hexed? That's pretty hilarious. I wonder who hates her that much in her own house? Perhaps one of her dorm mates got fed up with her. I'm not surprised.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 15:40:56](#)
(no subject)

She thinks it's me, though.

And honestly? That's not very funny.

At all.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 16:01:00](#)
(no subject)

I agree. But seriously, it's rather ridiculous to think you did it.

Like somehow you snuck into her Common Room, and got into her room without setting off the alarms, and hexed her while she slept without anyone in her room noticing, and didn't foul any of it up with your broken wand.

She said herself she didn't *really* think you did it.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 16:03:55](#)
(no subject)

Once she has time to think it over she'll know it wasn't you. First of all, you wouldn't be able to get into Ravenclaw House. Second, you wouldn't

be able to get into the girls' dorm if you DID somehow get into Ravenclaw House. And third if you tried to cast a hex on her to make her hair fall off, you'd have to borrow a wand to do it.

It really had to have been someone in her house. Maybe it's an older girl who DOESN'T get to sit in Ravenclaw Corner who's jealous.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 16:05:26](#)
(no subject)


Jinx!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 16:08:55](#)
(no subject)

Ha. Well you're not getting any Bertie Botts out of me, I already ate what I had and it's not like we can borrow Dennis to run into town and get more.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 16:10:17](#)
(no subject)

True. And he'd totally go *mental* if we asked him for a scone, so we'd better not bother.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 16:05:37](#)
(no subject)

I feel just terrible for her, though. She has such beautiful hair, it must have been horrible getting up like that! A boy wouldn't understand, none of you do anything with your hair but comb it

sometimes.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 16:06:50](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I'd be *steaming* if someone did that to me. I mean, my hair is short and all, but it's so much worse when you're a girl.

I know Thomas was embarrassed and all, but it's *so* not the same.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 16:12:33](#)
(no subject)

It's really not. Boys sometimes shave their hair off just so they won't have to comb it, I think that's why Vince and Greg keep their hair so short. If someone hexed their hair off they probably wouldn't notice.

A girl would NEVER do that.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 16:14:58](#)
(no subject)

I can't even imagine how odd it must feel. Or look.

I wonder how long it'll take to grow back in? I mean, it took a bit with Thomas, and her hair is so long and thick. It might take *ages*.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 16:18:07](#)
(no subject)

Well, the Head Girl said Madam Pomfrey had something to give her for it, right?

So it'll probably be back in by lunch.


I mean, it only took overnight for ~~Har~~ Marvolo's bones to grow back, right?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 16:21:47](#)
(no subject)


True. We'll just all have to wait and see, I guess.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 16:20:16](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


I thought it was because they had lice.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 16:21:55](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

It couldn't have been that because Draco would've been HORRIFIED. I'd have heard him talking about it.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 16:15:30](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up No Good

I hadn't thought about what happened to Dean, but yeah. That could be dire. Do you think what's happened to Patil hurt her? I mean on top of being embarrassing.

Cause when it happened to Dean, his hair all turned to mud and it burned him. Plus, Carrow was trying to get him expelled and sent back to the camps.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 16:19:56](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up No Good

Pansy told me this morning she was trying hard not to give into the urge to tell Padma she ought to form a 'hexed bald club' with Dean Thomas.

I don't think it hurt her. She'd have said.



 **[alt_ron](#) at 2010-02-08 16:27:12**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up No Good

Oh.

Well that's another reason, isn't it?

Yeah, I'll try. No, really. Patil can Crucio me, but she'll never get it out of me.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2010-02-08 17:05:48**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up No Good

You know she'd just LOVE to.

I can't wait to have her as head girl. Really.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2010-02-08 16:06:40**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Where I said 'terrible for her,' pretend I said 'terribly entertained by her.'

[2010-02-07 22:03:00](#)

XIV.

As I'm sure we've all seen, the Headmistress tonight informed us of the Ministry's decision that firechats will no longer be allowed except in extremely rare situations--and then only with approval in advance from the Headmistress herself. If you feel you have a real need to initiate a firechat, you should speak either to a Prefect or to your Head of House, who will assist you in applying to the Headmistress.



 [alt_lana](#)


I know that we all feel concerned about the situation that has made these measures necessary, but I also feel certain that you all join me in appreciating that Minister Fudge, Director Selwyn and, indeed, the Lord Protector himself are taking every possible precaution to keep us safe and healthy here at Hogwarts. There is surely no place safer than this school and no citizens more blessed than we, Our Lord's favoured children.

As I said in my last message to you, there are several new clubs and organisations starting up this term. Professor Acton tells me that she invites participants from all years who wish to polish their rhetorical skills and learn the rules and strategies of formal argumentation. She has placed a sign-up list on her office door for students wishing to join the **Hogwarts Debating Society**. Meetings will take place at 8pm on Tuesday evenings, beginning next week (16 February).

Also new is the **Future Interrogators Club**, which will focus each week on famous cases illustrating key tenets of law in our Lord's realm and which will end the year by hosting a **Model Wizengamot**. Professor Babbling will provide guidance for this club, assisted by a team of top sixth-year students headed by Orion Sandoval and Martha Yaxley. All interested second-, third-, and fourth-year students are invited to sign up on Professor Babbling's office door beside the sixth-floor Runes classroom. Meetings will be Mondays at 7pm beginning 15 February.

Finally, Professor Vector tells me that the first meeting of the **Dramatics Society** was a great success and that plans are underway for next year. Anyone unable to attend last Thursday's organisational meeting should see Professor Vector to be added to the membership list.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-08 04:22:04](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

'Future Interrogators Club'? Is that where people brush up on their 'Crucio' skills?

Ugh.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-08 21:10:18](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I think it's meant to be for people who want to study the law, only it sounds so vile that I can't imagine anyone will join, just because of the name - will they?



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2010-02-08 09:25:14](#)

(no subject)

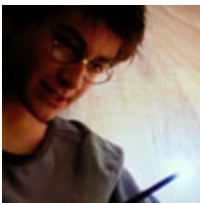
That sounds really wizard. I think we could all benefit from learning more about the law and that. Thank you, Miss.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-08 15:38:04](#)

(no subject)

Cheers, Macmillan. If you've any ambition towards a post with the Ministry, either of the new clubs would look good on your vita. It's never too soon to begin considering of one's prospects.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-08 21:13:21](#)

(no subject)

Future Interrogators Club sounds dead boring. Debating is too much work. And I bet you have to dress up in funny clothes for the Dramatics society. Nope, not joining any of them.




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-09 00:23:13](#)
(no subject)

To each his own, of course, and the aim of these offerings is not that every student be involved in every extracurricular.

Between Quidditch and Duelling Club, I should think that you have rather more activity in your timetable than most, Marvolo. It's a sound strategy to reserve time for homework and other things you value doing.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-09 00:27:07](#)
(no subject)

Right!!

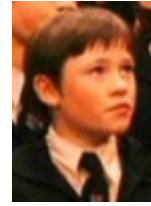
That's brill Sandoval, thanks for saying so.

Now I'm going to go write a letter to Father.

2010-02-07 22:22:00

letter from Mr Rosier

Well I got a letter from Mr Rosier today. And he said that he knows it's frightening to see someone get the crucio curse but that its important to remember the teachers pay attention to who the troublemakers are.



 **alt_seamus**

Miss Professor Carrow knows I'm not a troublemaker. That I'm loyal and that I don't complain about rules that are for my safety. And I don't disrespect my teachers or the other adults in charge.


And he says I'm not a bad Gryffindor for ~~being scar~~ really not wanting to ever get crucio cast on me. That this just means I have some common sense. And my chivalry is clear because I helped Parkinson with Perks that time and then I helped Ron. But that trying to interfere with school discipline would be stupid not brave and its good I know the difference.

He said when the parcel restrictions are lifted he'll send me some books. Because the three Cardinal Curses (what some people call the Unforgivables because they used to get you sent to Azkaban even if you had a good reason to use them) are less scarey the more you know about them. And I suppose that must be true given Lovegood! she knew all sorts of stuff about crucio and she asked to have it cast on her.

Anyway he said I have given him great confidence with my choice of ~~assosi~~ friends so far and in particular Padma he mentioned you, he said our History club sounds wizard and a benefit to everyone at the school and your a credit to your house.

And he said I should keep trying to be a credit to mine. So I will.



 **alt_padma** at **2010-02-08 04:47:29**
(no subject)

He mentioned me? Really? Wow.


Thanks, Mr Rosier, if you're reading this! I think Finnigan's a benefit to the school too. I mean, it's hard sometimes to even remember he's a halfblood (no offence, Finnigan). And I know I've learned ever so much about wizarding

history thanks to the books you send him.

Finnigan, are you going to join any of the other things Sandoval mentioned in her post? Because I was thinking of the Future Interrogators, Lana says it's not going to be crusty and boring at all, but have to do with examining why the laws are written the way they are, and looking at old Wizengamot cases that set something called precedents. And I thought that looked really nift. But then debate sounds pretty nift, too. And dramatics society was sort of my idea, I mean I'm the one who proposed it, so I ought to help with that. But then I think that's too many extra-corricular things, especially with History Club, and of course I'm not stopping that!

So I dunno, there's a lot to decide about, I guess.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2010-02-08 05:27:40](#)**
(no subject)

They all sound interesting but I think I'd rather do Future Interrogators than debate. Dramatics might be fun though. I don't know. Maybe I'll go to Future Interrogators and see what its like and switch to dramatics if its boring. They said the play won't be until next year anyway.

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WEASLEY!!!!

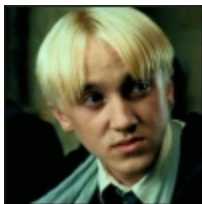



 [alt_padma](#)

THIS IS NOT FUNNY.
Not. Funny. At ALL.

On my busiest day of the week, too. No, no no no no no.

You'll pay for this, you loathsome WEASEL.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-08 14:24:50](#)

(no subject)

Patil? What's going on?




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 14:37:19](#)

(no subject)

Somehow that little worm HEXED me. I'm trying to fix it but I don't know what spell he used so I'm not sure I can reverse it.


I'm not coming to breakfast. But I will be in Defence.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-08 14:41:25](#)
(no subject)

Not coming to break... so that means he hexed you in your sleep? While you were defenceless?




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 14:46:36](#)
(no subject)

Or maybe it was last night and it had a time delay. I don't know. That seems awfully clever for Weasley. He must have had help.

Otherwise he found some way to cast a spell inside the Ravenclaw dormitories and that's FAR too clever for that little oaf.

I have to go to the hospital wing, Sandoval says. Will you tell Professor Lockhart I'm sorry but I'll be a little late to the lesson? I don't know if anyone else is reading as it's breakfast.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-08 14:49:49](#)
(no subject)

I agree he had help, his wand barely functions.

Yes, I'll tell Professor Lockhart that you had an emergency.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 14:55:25](#)
(no subject)


Cheers, Malfoy.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 14:50:45](#)
(no subject)

I'm reading and can tell Professor Lockhart that Sandoval sent you to the hospital wing. He's sure to ask why, though. What happened?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 14:53:43](#)
(no subject)

OH. LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW.

Malfoy will handle it.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 14:57:51](#)
(no subject)

Patil, I have no idea what happened to you but I'm terribly sorry, whatever it is, as it sounds absolutely terrible.

I hope Madam Pomfrey can put you to rights and I will see you in Defence.




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-08 14:41:34](#)
(no subject)

Patil,

I spoke to Madam Pomfrey at breakfast, and she said she has something that will help. You ought to go there right away, however. She said it's very important to begin the treatment quickly.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 14:43:45](#)
(no subject)

But lessons....

But my hair....


Oh, well, I'm sure Professor Lockhart will understand if I'm a little late. Under the circumstances?



 **[alt_lana](#)** at **[2010-02-08 14:52:52](#)**
(no subject)

I'm certain that Professor Lockhart will be entirely sympathetic.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-08 14:57:28](#)**
(no subject)

Did Madam Pomfrey say I should bring the hair or not? I mean... it's on the pillow, the house-elves haven't taken it away yet.

D'you think she'll reattach it?



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2010-02-08 15:01:43](#)**
(no subject)


Something happened to your HAIR?

Ugh who would do that?

It can't be Weasley though, he can't even cast a proper charm with his wand. And he hardly left Gryffindor House all weekend. After he got out of the hospital wing I mean.

Maybe someone put something your food. Did anyone come near you at dinner last night? Who wasn't in your house I mean?



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-08 15:06:08](#)**
(no subject)


I don't know! I don't think so.

I know it wasn't Weasel, he's not clever enough, but he's got to be behind it.

Although he couldn't have paid anyone. It takes money to pay someone.

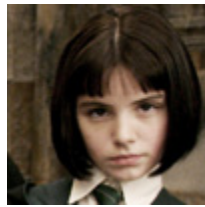
Anyway, I didn't see anyone put anything in my food. And there was nothing unusual in my bag, either.




 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-08 18:02:36](#)
(no subject)

It would be dead hard to put something in your food with all the care everyones taking with who eats off which platter.

Weasley couldn't have paid anyone, you're right about that too. Maybe it was Parkinson who did it? She might be cross because you called Weasley her girlfriend. And anyway you two don't seem to get on.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-08 18:09:00](#)
(no subject)

We might not get on, but I'm not about to get in that sort of trouble or go to those lengths over a silly fight. Even if I *did* know how to do it in the first place, which I don't.

And I'll be the first to admit that hexing a girl's hair clean off is pretty low. It's just not done.




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-08 15:08:17](#)
(no subject)

Oh. No, she didn't say.

Perhaps it's a good idea if you do take it with you.

You have a scarf, don't you? If not, I've loads of them you could borrow.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 15:10:10](#)
(no subject)

I have one for now, but if she can't fix it right away I might need some.


It's sort of creepy, looking at my hair without me
in it.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 14:58:04](#)
(no subject)

Padma, what HAPPENED? Are you all right?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 15:03:14](#)
(no subject)


Oh, Lavender, it's AWFUL!!!

I'm glad I have lots of scarves, and sari wraps and all, but....

It's my HAIR. Someone did something and it... When I got up this morning, my hair stayed behind. ALL of it.

And I know WEASEL didn't do it himself, but he got SOMEONE to do it, I'm sure.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-08 15:11:22](#)
(no subject)

That's simply Horrid! And NOT ON!


I know you have loads of beautiful scarves, but if Parvati and I can get you anything, just tell us.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 14:43:37](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Huh?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 14:51:49](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

How on earth could you have hexed her with your broken wand while she was sleeping in Ravenclaw?

Do you suppose the twins --



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 14:53:55](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I dunno. I mean, they didn't say anything to me about doing anything.

When would they have?

And, anywiz, what happened to her?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 14:56:29](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Neville said after he and Percy left you in the hospital wing that the twins were trying to figure out a way to put doxy dung in Acton's pumpkin juice and hex Padma bald.

I reckon they figured out one! (Maybe BOTH.)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-08 15:05:57](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

They were just joking, though. I mean, how on earth could they have got in Ravenclaw let alone into the girls' dormitory? That doesn't make any sense.

She's bald, though? Really?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 17:11:24](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

REALLY she is.

In Defense she had a scarf on her head but you could still tell. Normally if she wore a scarf she'd have carefully arranged all these little wisps to stick out and look pretty, and it was just the scarf wrapped around her head with her face peeking out.

At least she still has her eyebrows, she'd look even stranger without eyebrows.

She was FUMING. Professor Lockhart told her how pretty her scarf was and that cheered her up some but she was furious again five minutes later.

Obviously she wasn't talking to me but I heard her whispering and Madam Pomfrey says it's going to take a few days to grow back. I think she's going to be bald until Wednesday night!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-08 14:54:34](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Wait, she says her HAIR up above, it IS, it's got to be, they worked out a way to hex her bald.

FRED AND GEORGE YOU ARE BRILLIANT.
BRILLIANT!!! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER IN DEFENSE!!!!!!




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-08 16:59:19](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'll say. And at least this way, no one'll be confusing her with Parvati.



 [alt_dean](#) at [2010-02-08 15:47:03](#)

(no subject)

Calm down Padma! Its just hair after all. And you wouldn't want to be seen as over excited about this.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-08 16:20:43](#)


(no subject)

I'm not over-excited, Thomas. Someone sabotaged me - that's not something one CAN overreact about.

Besides, it's different for boys to be bald. Girls aren't meant to have no hair.

Whoever did this is contemptible and vile and will PAY.




 [alt_dean](#) at [2010-02-08 16:37:24](#)
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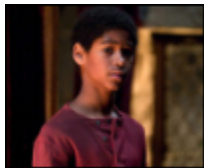
Oh calm down. It will grow back, at least you lost yours in a way that it will come back quickly. Mine took two weeks to recover from because of the mud. Anyway, why don't you show how much of a lady you can be by not letting them get you worked up over this. Plus there are plenty of beautiful bald models in other countries.


Just work on trying to start a trend with those scarves you have been wearing. Besides, you wouldn't want to be seen as stooping to a level you don't belong on. Play it classy why don't you, AND CALM DOWN.



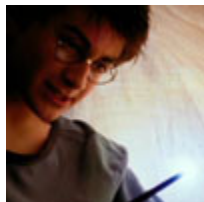
 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-08 21:20:44](#)
(no subject)


I don't know, I think she's right to be mad. She looks like a quaffle!!



 [alt_dean](#) at [2010-02-08 21:23:55](#)
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I didn't say don't be mad. Its just not classy to make such a display.



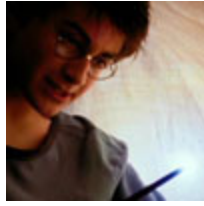
 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-08 21:25:53](#)
(no subject)

Sometimes your such a prig, Thomas.



 [alt_dean](#) at [2010-02-08 21:26:19](#)
(no subject)


Plus everyone knows the best way to get revenge is not to publicly announce your intentions. The best revenge is dealt when the person its intended for doesn't know its coming.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-08 21:26:52](#)
(no subject)


That's right I suppose.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-08 18:03:46](#)
(no subject)

The idea of a scarf fashion trend is a good one, maybe Lav and Parvati would wear scarves too to keep you company?



 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-09 04:26:21](#)
(no subject)

I actually think you look quite lovely that way. Your hair was nice, of course, but you have such a beautifully shaped skull, and none of us even realised before.

2010-02-08 11:00:00

(no subject)



 **alt_dean**

So I have been silent for a while, and that doesn't seem to be much of a good look. At least I can't be blamed for over reacting like last term. But I decided I can't be too vocal or too quite. So I shall give my opinion on recent events.

Punishments:

I am sorry for all those who have had unpleasant spells cast upon them but in these difficult times, it would be best to be seen as conforming to the standards that have been set. They are there for a reason, to more or less keep us safe from certain dangers. If we are not seen as conforming we are seen as trouble makers, and therefore punishments, no matter how harsh, are justified. Sometimes, it is best to, if you don't agree with present circumstances, just keep silent.

Segregation of certain classrooms:

After thinking about this over the past several days, I have come to the conclusion that it was only a matter of time before it happened here. Do I like it? Not at all...Its definitely not my fault that my father made the choices he did. Now I have to be more cautious and work harder to prove myself and my loyalty because my father chose to deny what and who he was and mix with other races or statuses. I just have to deal with what is given me and work from there. Remember what I said before. $1+1=2$.

Some people probably think I should take a firmer stance, but I do not have that, for lack of a better word, luxury any more. To remain comfortable and respectful towards my current situation, I must do things with care, and take the time to weigh the pros and the cons of my actions as well as think clearly and calmly before addressing any situation being laid at my door. The association that I have through my guardian, demands that respect and that loyalty. And I will meet the standards set with the highest level of care and respect. It is my duty and honour to behave in such a way that is pleasing to those who have charge over me.

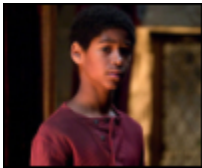



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-08 17:59:26](#)

(no subject)

Well its a relief to see I'm not the only one in our dorm room who isn't completely mad!

Its a shame your father and my mother didn't have more sense twelve years ago than to lose their heads over muggles.



 [alt_dean](#) at [2010-02-08 18:04:32](#)

(no subject)

Too true, mate.

[2010-02-08 14:38:00](#)

Parvati?


If you're reading this, I've just had the *best* idea for showing Padma how much we support her!



 **[alt_lavender](#)**

Come back to the tower with me and let's go through your scarves, all right?




 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-08 20:18:37](#)**
(no subject)

You are the best friend ever, Lavender!

(And Parvati is the best sister anyone could have, of course!)


I know it sounds ridiculous, but it helps to see you both wearing scarves, too.



 **[alt_dean](#)** at **[2010-02-08 21:30:58](#)**
(no subject)

Lavender? Your idea, was it really?



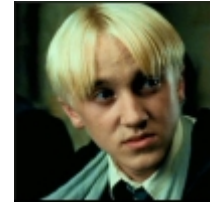
 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2010-02-09 03:57:42](#)**
(no subject)

It was my idea to get it going! And it really caught on too! It was wizard to see so many girls wearing them at dinner, even though that other horrid thing happened.

[2010-02-08 17:24:00](#)

A fine mess

What is with today? I think I've finally got Dennis calmed down now. For a while there he wouldn't stop trying to punish himself like a house elf would, trying to take his eyes out with a toasting fork and whatnot.



 **[alt_draco](#)**

Vince, I heard what you were telling people. As if I would really make my mudblood summon scones during Transfiguration because I was too upset to eat breakfast, owing to Patil losing her hair! (Not that I don't feel bad for you, Padma, but I managed my breakfast just fine). So now I suppose I have to give some kind of public explanation, don't I?

Well the truth is that Dennis is... his magic has manifested. And it's been going off at random, inconvenient moments, like during the middle of Professor Carrow's lecture. (I'm terribly sorry I had to leave during lecture, sir, but Dennis was making such a scene and you looked...displeased) Dennis thinks he's a bad mudblood because of it, now, but it seems to me that he can't really help that his magic's shown up. With the way he beats himself up about it he'd obviously turn himself off if he could.

I was going to bring him to class this week because I thought his magic might stay away if I was constantly watching him, but that obviously didn't work. Maybe I should just leave him in our room all the time. Only he isn't really any use to me then, is he?



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2010-02-09 00:42:31](#)**

(no subject)

Im sorry mate.


I hope Granger's magic doesnt manifest anytime soon.
I don't know what I'd do.



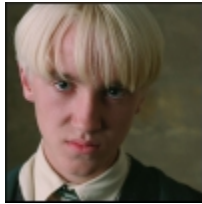
 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 00:43:09](#)
(no subject)


I hope it doesn't either, sir, and you know I wouldn't be like Dennis, I mean, I wouldn't let scones come or anything, I'd try to stop myself, and I think I'd do better at it than Dennis, since he's just little.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-09 00:43:34](#)
(no subject)


I know Granger.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 00:51:12](#)
(no subject)

You're just lucky you don't have to deal with this, since you got rid of Dennis and have a good mudblood now who does ~~your homework~~ as she's told.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-09 00:58:16](#)
(no subject)

Sorry. I mean, I'm not sorry I got rid of Dennis. He's a dud. But I'm sorry you have to have him instead. I wish he would be more like Granger. She's too forward. Like Father says, but she's not

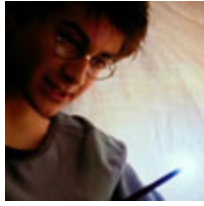
like Dennis.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 01:01:51](#)
(no subject)

He used to be alright, fetching chocolates and tidying up and things, but nowadays I feel like I'm looking after him more than he looks after me.

Do you suppose your Father would take him back? But no that'd be like returning a gift. I can't do that.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2010-02-09 01:13:16](#)**
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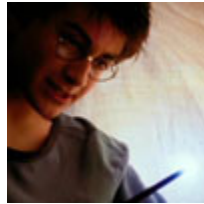
I don't think Father would like that much.


But maybe he'll drown himself in scones. Could you smother yourself in scones?



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-09 01:21:36](#)**
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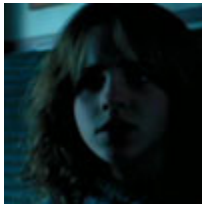
Maybe the batter, but likely not after they've been baked.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2010-02-09 01:22:11](#)**
(no subject)

Unless there was a real load of them.

Too bad.




 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2010-02-09 00:45:30](#)**
(no subject)

I'm sorry about Dennis, Mr Malfoy.

I think he's asleep now, I think he was really tired out from all that going on, and he really didn't mean it, he made me promise to tell you again. Even though I know that you know it.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-09 00:47:26](#)**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Is he alright, Hermione?

Are you alright?

When he started going off in Transfiguration I thought maybe Carrow had used the imperius curse on him. I heard later he was doing what house-elves do when they need to punish themselves but I've never seen that happen either so I didn't know.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 00:50:27](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He's alright, I mean, I think he is. And I am too, for once I wasn't the one in trouble, because of course I wasn't making the scones and I could help him a little, and I think that Draco didn't really know what was going on and I know that Harry didn't know at all, at least not at first.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 00:48:10](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

It's really strange to see someone acting like a house-elf like that, and Malfoy wasn't even being mean to him, I mean not like Carrow was with Terry. He just - he wouldn't listen when I told him that everyone's magic manifests someday and that it's natural and that he needed to calm down or it wouldn't stop, I mean I don't know if that's true but it seemed like it might calm him down, but he wouldn't listen, and then everyone was so frustrated and Dennis worst of all!!

And I think he's angry at me now, Dennis I mean, because my magic isn't manifesting. Only of course I can't tell him that it's because I've been practising all the time so I can't make him not angry.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 02:18:20](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

That's really awful.

And it happened in Carrow's lesson? What did he do? Carrow, I mean.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 02:29:30](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I don't know, he just looked like something nasty bit him on the bottom, and then Harry said something like 'please Hermione do whatever you can so we don't get in trouble,' and then I rushed Dennis out because I thought Carrow would do something horrid.

I ran as fast as ever I could with him and then Draco followed. But I didn't see what Carrow did after we were gone.

Also Harry told me to take another message to you, to say he was sorry, but I bet you don't care, do you?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 03:20:27](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, that depends, doesn't it?

Is he going to keep being a total git to me when people are around? Cause that's not on. Either we're mates or we're not.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 03:21:01](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

And what's all that stuff he's saying up there to Malfoy about drowning Dennis? I mean, really? That's--

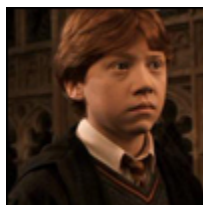
That's the sort of thing that tells other people he thinks it'd be okay if--



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 03:28:44](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I don't think he means it, I mean, if he said something about drowning you in scones you wouldn't think he really meant it, would you?

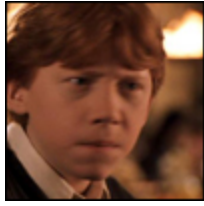


 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 03:22:12](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

People listen to him. And if he acts like stuff's no big deal, then they think they can do it, too. Or shove it in your face that Marvolo really told you, didn't he?

Sorry. Look, it's just not on what he's doing. So, no.



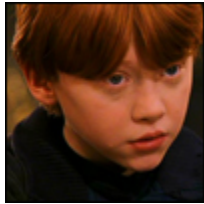
 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 03:23:51](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I mean, I know you can't do anything about it when he talks about you one way and acts totally different when no one's around to know. But it's not right.

And he doesn't own me. No offense, but that's how he acts. Like he can just do anything and everyone just has to take it.

Well, I don't.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 03:24:42](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You can tell him that.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 03:34:25](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Fine, I'll tell him, but I don't think he's going to like it.

I mean - it's not as though I like it when he's a git, really I don't, and you're right, I can't do anything about it, but he's ever so much nicer than I expected he'd be, and -

Only, ~~Professor McGonagall~~ someone I talk to sometimes says I mustn't make excuses for him, because I can't let myself get Stock Syndrome, and start thinking like Dennis. So I suppose you're right, but I wish you knew that he thinks about it a lot, and he's not - I mean, he's clever enough, he's good at magic and he's good at tactical kinds of things, but he's not clever about things like that, and he's not really a Slytherin and he's not good at acting like one, so when he does he bungles it all up sometimes.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-09 03:41:00](#)**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

It's not going to get you in trouble, is it? I mean, I can tell him myself, actually.

He shouldn't get cross at you.

He won't will he?

And, yeah, you're right, what he's doing now? It's not very clever.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2010-02-09 03:55:33](#)**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

No, I don't think he'll be cross, I mean, he might be but he wouldn't get me in trouble, he might tell me to go away but I think that's probably it. He only ever is horrible to me when people are watching and I'll tell him when no one's around.

I think he'd rather just say whatever he thinks, only I don't think he can. He doesn't really tell me what he's thinking but I don't think he really likes the half bloods being separate and I don't think he really believes in mudbloods being less than purebloods, or at least he doesn't believe that I'm any less than anyone else, maybe he feels different about Dennis, because Dennis is so odd. But he can't ever ever say those things really. I mean, not that you can either, but he really especially can't.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-09 00:52:40](#)**

(no subject)


I know he doesn't mean it, but what am I suppose to do with him now? It's a real bother.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 00:56:50](#)
(no subject)

I don't know, sir. I've never heard of a mudblood having this problem so bad.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 00:59:50](#)
(no subject)

Back when I first got him Dennis told me he hoped he'd never show any signs of magic, and I think he thought if he was good enough, it wouldn't happen. It seems to have made it worse, though.

Maybe it's psychological.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 01:12:25](#)
(no subject)

You mean that maybe he thought about it so much, about not wanting it I mean, that he made it happen anyway?

That's mean. I mean, he didn't get to pick if he had magic anyway, I suppose his parents picked for him, and that's too bad, but it's mean that because he wanted so much to be good that he couldn't help being a bad mudblood. And I don't want to I don't mean that you're mean, Mr Malfoy, I mean that whatever makes magic come is mean.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 01:26:51](#)
(no subject)

Mean is one way to put it, I suppose.


I think the Ministry is trying to find out how magic gets inside mudbloods so that it can be stopped, so they don't steal it anymore. But I suppose it's too late once it's already happened.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 01:30:56](#)
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I wish they could take it away from Dennis, he is so miserable about it.



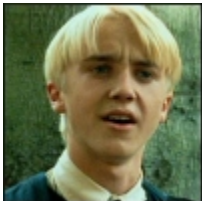
 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 03:06:16](#)
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So do I.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 00:45:30](#)
(no subject)

Vince told people you had Dennis summon the scones on purpose? Is he mad? You don't even like scones, let alone scones that came from accidental mudblood magic!



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 00:47:38](#)
(no subject)

He's not mad, he's thick, and in more ways than one. Didn't you see him trying to snatch the scones and eat them?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 00:52:30](#)
(no subject)

EW.

No, I missed that part.




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-09 02:53:30](#)
(no subject)

That must be very distressing for you, dear. Of course we can't do much for you now, with the quarantine in effect, but when it's lifted, or when the year ends, we can see about remanding him to the camps, if he's

still not performing adequately.


We might see if a stint at Buckingham will fix him up. You know your father did something similar with one of our elves, just last year.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 03:05:57](#)
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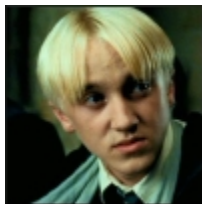
But Mother, he's not performing poorly on purpose, I don't think. Or do you think he is? Plus he was trained at Buckingham, wasn't he?




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-09 03:10:15](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure he's doing his best, darling, but that doesn't change the fact that you cannot be expected to retain a defective servant. If he cannot learn to control his magic he shall have to be sent somewhere where it will not inconvenience you.


He was originally trained at Buckingham, exactly. That is why I think a return there - for a time - may reinforce the proper behaviour and return him to usefulness.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 03:25:59](#)
(no subject)

How will he learn to control his magic? Should I be teaching him? Father said it was like raising a child but I'm too young to be a Father!



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-09 03:44:48](#)
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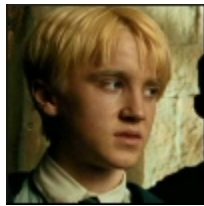
Calm yourself, son. His instinctive revulsion when confronted with his own magic is laudable, but he must restrain his impulse to punish himself until he is alone and his actions will not disturb you.


Moreover, you must make your expectations clear and do not hesitate to reinforce your standards with the firm application of

your own punishments. Your wand is your ally, for with it you may exact all the censure he needs to understand that his outbursts are wholly unacceptable.

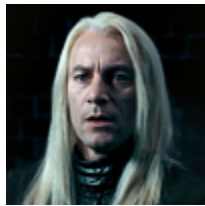
Your mother is correct that he may simply have grown irreparable with the manifestation of his magic, in which case, as she says, it is unthinkable that you should be forced to maintain him within the household. However, if you have grown attached and wish to retain him, then he must prove he can conform to the demands of his station.


Remember that you also have resources available to you beyond your own skills.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 04:12:41](#)
(no subject)

What resources?




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-09 04:19:58](#)
(no subject)

You need not solve this problem entirely independently, Draco.

The boy is used to living among house-elves; your mother's suggestion that Creevey might benefit from time among the elves at Buckingham can be easily modified to re-orient him among the elves there.

As for your own inexperience, I believe there are a number of mentors emplaced at the school for your supervision and support: Your teachers, the prefects, and the Head Boy and Girl.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-09 03:21:12](#)
(no subject)


It really was awful to see, Draco. It's too bad you're having such trouble.

I feel terrible. I made a joke just this morning about

Dennis and scones, but it certainly isn't something to joke about any more, and I'm sorry.

Is there anything I can do to help?




 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 03:28:02](#)
(no subject)

I don't know, just...try to be nice to him, I guess. I mean, not nice like you would be to a real person, but just act like nothing's different. Maybe if he thinks we don't notice his magic it'll go away on its

own.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-09 03:46:05](#)
(no subject)

Alright, I will.


And if you want to thoroughly beat me at chess or play exploding snap to take your mind off things, just let me know.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 04:12:59](#)
(no subject)

No chess, please. Maybe snap, though.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-09 04:14:54](#)
(no subject)

Snap it is. We can play for some of the chocolates mum sent me, to make it a little more interesting.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2010-02-09 03:52:27](#)
(no subject)

There will never be a demonstration like that from any mudblood filth in my classroom again. Ever.




 [alt_amycus](#) at [2010-02-09 03:57:52](#)
(no subject)

Of course, if you really think it's defective and you're wanting to get rid of it, come talk to me. I'm sure I can find a use for it.

I can always use experimental subjects.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-09 04:14:03](#)
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Understood, Sir.

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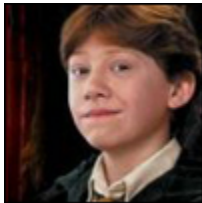
When I find out who was responsible for that display in the Great Hall tonight

and I WILL find out...

Whoever you are, you will be very, very, very sorry.



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_percy](#)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 01:28:13](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You know, I almost didn't go to dinner tonight. It just seemed, meh, y'know.

But I'm so glad I did!! That was dead awesome!!

So it was you, wasn't it, George? Fred?

That was the BEST thing EVER.

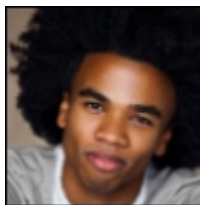


 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-09 01:32:12](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You came in after the banner rolled open, didn't you? The twins weren't there, either. I think it might have been Lee who did it. Padma just kept eating, not even realising, except that people were laughing, and then when the trumpets sounded, she dropped her fork and looked up, and THEN she saw it.

I didn't know she could turn that red. I could practically see steam coming out of her ears, like she'd taken Pepper-Up potion.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2010-02-09 01:43:57](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I though it was pretty clever, some of my best work, if I do say so myself.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 02:15:36](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Yeah, I guess I came in just about then. People were roaring and Padma was turning purple.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 01:33:59](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

ENEMIES OF THE HAIR, BEWARE!

Pansy and I are still laughing. When no one's looking at least.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2010-02-09 01:33:11](#)

(no subject)

Why, what happened in the Great Hall tonight? I left dinner early to go revise.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-09 01:36:04](#)

(no subject)

There was a trumpet serenade. And a banner and a lot of streamers, making whizzing noises.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-09 01:38:08](#)

(no subject)

A very poor joke, if you ask me.




 [alt_hannah](#) at [2010-02-09 01:39:04](#)

(no subject)

Well, I don't get the joke, I'm afraid.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-09 01:40:17](#)
(no subject)

It's what the banner said. Um, ask someone who was there.

Except better not ask a Ravenclaw.




 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-09 01:41:16](#)
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Oh, I don't mind telling you if I see you, Hannah.


I rather admired the lettering on the banner. It was quite sparkly. Whoever did it is really good at charms.



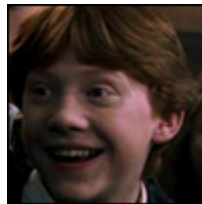
 [alt_lee](#) at [2010-02-09 01:46:09](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good


Why thank you, I really like charms. It also helps to do it for someone who really deserves it.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 01:50:16](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

YOU ARE BRILLIANT.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 02:12:00](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

You're the BEST, Lee.

Dead brilliant!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-09 04:02:51](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

It was dead smart to have Lee do it. You weren't there, and the twins weren't there, and Percy was talking to Sandoval when it happened, so she can hardly blame him. And Ginny was reading a book and taking notes at the table, so I haven't heard anyone guess it was her. Guess that your whole family's off the hook, even if Padma was saying it must have been a Weasley that hexed her.

Was it Lee who hexed Padma in the first place, by the way?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2010-02-09 04:08:16](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

No, that was us. We nicked her comb from her bookbag, and after hexing it, slipped it back in. She didn't notice, and she probably didn't use the comb till that night, so she has no way of knowing (or proving) that it was us.

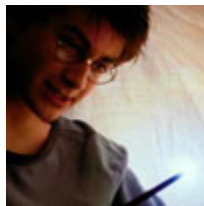
Its rumoured that her shrieks the next morning woke up half of Ravenclaw tower.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 06:02:06](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

You are brilliant too! Both of you!




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-09 01:49:46](#)

(no subject)

It said ENEMIES OF THE HAIR, BEWARE!!!

Which is really pretty funny. Padma can't take a joke though. I bet she'll be very, very angry. But she ought to laugh because it was funny.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-09 04:04:41](#)
(no subject)

It kind of was...but, still, it was sort of mean too.
Even if it was Patil



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-09 04:33:56](#)
Order Only

Enemies of the HAIR, beware? Oh, that's
beautiful, that is.

Any idea who did it, Minerva?



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-09 05:06:36](#)
Re: Order Only

I have my suspicions -- but I have no intention
of looking into the matter too closely. It's rare
enough that we see a display of purely youthful
high-spirited practical jokery! I'll save my
worries for the real malefactors, thank you!

2010-02-08 22:18:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 **alt_sally_anne**


Hermione, what you said about Harry, does he REALLY act like he think muggleborns aren't any less than purebloods or is it just that he isn't completely beastly to you the way some people are?

Do you think he's afraid of his father? I think Hydra's afraid of her mother. Everyone thinks Harry is special and protected but maybe he isn't, really, as much as everyone assumes. He said once that his father had always said that if Harry ever did something really terrible he'd give Draco to Carrow. Now if his father wanted to punish him but not quite that much he's got all kinds of friends to choose from, including you lots of people at school.

Well anyway.

I hope they don't do anything dreadful to Dennis. Even though I don't much like him.



 **alt_neville** at **2010-02-09 04:32:02**
(no subject)

Oh, no, I just saw that, Professor Carrow asking Malfoy to give Dennis to him. Poor little bloke. I'll bet Professor Carrow's getting twitchy, what with Terry being taken away from him and then petrified, cause he hasn't had anyone to torture for far too long now.

Harry Marvolo really doesn't seem like a bad sort. I mean, if there aren't a lot of other people around. I keep thinking about how he was sorted into Gryffindor. By all rights, he should have been one of our dormmates.

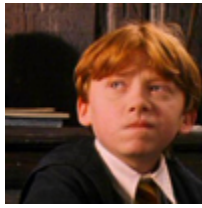



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 04:40:42](#)
(no subject)

I don't know what it is Carrow does when he visits the camps but I expect it's horrifying.

I forget that Harry was sorted into Gryffindor. It's really odd though, because I expect he would've told the hat he wanted to be in Slytherin with Draco. I don't remember how long it took to sort you Nev, but the hat talked to me when I put it on, and when I told it I didn't want to be in Ravenclaw and wanted to be in Slytherin it thought about it and decided that was alright.

So the hat must really think Harry had no business being in Slytherin.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 14:50:21](#)
(no subject)

Maybe he was tired of always being stuck with Malfoy all the time. I mean, who wouldn't be?

Anyway, it doesn't matter now. It didn't happen. And he's turned out a dirty great Slytherin after all.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 04:41:35](#)
(no subject)

And it would be SO STRANGE Draco being best mates with a GRYFFINDOR. I wonder if they'd have stopped talking to each other?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-09 05:05:02](#)
(no subject)

I don't know. I mean, he isn't really beastly to anyone, not even Dennis, no matter what he said - he doesn't like hurting people, not like some people, so he doesn't do it if he can help it. But I don't know if he thinks that all mudbloods are people or if it's just me. Or maybe if it's just mudbloods he knows. Because sometimes he says awful things about mudbloods, but he's never been awful personally. I can't decide if that's worse or better than people who are just mean about it all

the time. It's like if a person was always saying, 'oh, I hate Slytherins, but I like you.' Do you really think they can actually be your friend?? Only, isn't it better for them to like you than to hate you?? I don't know.

I'm quite certain Harry's afraid of his father sometimes, but not always. I mean sometimes he forgets that his father can be beastly. Because, almost, he doesn't think of being beastly, so he doesn't think other people would either, not just for fun or because someone did something they didn't like. But then something happens to remind him, you see?

If I were Hydra I'd be afraid of her mother, I mean, I am afraid of her, and I'm not even Hydra!




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-09 05:26:19](#)**
(no subject)

Well when someone says 'I hate Slytherins but I like you' sometimes it's just a matter of time before they realise Slytherins must not be as bad as they thought.

But you know

on one hand you've got Padma saying she has nothing against halfbloods because after all her good friend Finnigan is a halfblood! and on the other you've got Milli who says she hates halfbloods and is just wretched. At least with Milli I know where I stand, or I thought I did. Actually that whole situation is weird. ~~Maybe I shouldn't talk about it, I don't want to~~



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-09 12:52:21](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, what IS up with Bulstrode? I mean, she was never anything but a nasty piece of work, but now? She's a terror!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 14:21:59](#)
(no subject)

I'm not sure I should tell you.

I mean it's not that I don't trust you, it's that this is something I don't normally tell people when I know. I haven't even told Pansy.

It's just

Well it's REALLY strange and you'd think

Hermione do you know? about the letter? It's really strange being the ONLY one who knows this. ~~Even the teachers~~



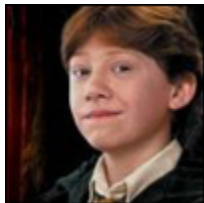
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 15:28:51](#)
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And I keep waiting for it to come out.

I mean I really can't believe she kept it a secret as long as she did. The teachers must not know although surely the Headmistress does at least.

When I saw the letter

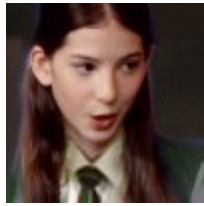
Look, I'll tell you but Ron you have to promise not to say anything and to act surprised when you find out, because surely it'll come out eventually.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 15:41:51](#)
(no subject)

What? She's really a Squib? And they thought she showed a little magic but really it was just indigestion?

Actually, I think Bulstrode's a goblin. That'd explain a lot.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 15:46:41](#)
(no subject)


She's not a squib.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 15:47:03](#)
(no subject)

Or a goblin. She doesn't look anything like a goblin!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 16:05:20](#)
(no subject)

She totally looks like a goblin.

I mean, it's not like you can really stand looking at her very long, but it doesn't take more than a glance.


She's got gobliny eyes. All beady and mean. And she's the snub-nose kind not one of the long, beaky ones, but the snub-nosed ones are worst anyway.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 16:09:31](#)
(no subject)

She does have mean eyes but her fingers look totally normal and she's much too tall to be a goblin.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 16:59:03](#)
(no subject)

Okay, so her dad's a goblin and her mum's a witch, and they kept it dead secret all this time. Only she just got a letter

didn't you say there's a letter?

from the Head of Gringotts telling her that her dad got lost in the deep vaults and was eaten by a dragon.


Or maybe it's her mum that's a goblin.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 17:11:36](#)
(no subject)

Sure, you guessed it, she's half goblin and her dad got eaten by a dragon.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-09 22:13:29](#)
(no subject)

Hold on. She's a half...

That's it. She's a half-blood. Isn't she? That's her secret? You said it yourself: she hates half-bloods, so how'd she feel if she found out she is one? Or if she's trying to keep it secret from everyone else? I suppose it all came out because of the epidemic, maybe?

Blimey. I almost feel sorry for her. I mean, I wouldn't tell anyone, cause it's not my secret to tell. (Ron, you'd better not tell anybody, either. Anyway, if I'm right, it's under the lock now, so you can't.) I don't care what anybody's blood status is, but she really does. It just must be killing her, right?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 22:34:42](#)
(no subject)

You're cleverer than your professors give you credit for, Neville.

A few weeks ago all the halfbloods got a letter from the Ministry a few weeks ago with all the new rules about floo and so on.

Milli got it. No one else noticed but I always notice that sort of thing. The teachers don't know because Carrow and Acton aren't separating her.

I think she's always suspected but didn't know for sure until

now because she's been ten times as horrid since she got that letter.



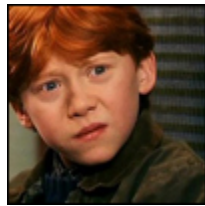
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 22:38:03](#)
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And it's driven me a little mad. I mean I knew about a LOT of the halfbloods who were keeping it a secret just because I notice all the little things like who never seems to get mail and who talks about their dad all the time but never their mum and things like that. Anyway I NEVER tell, at least I never have.

But Michael Corner was just quiet about it, he didn't say anything horrid about halfbloods the way Milli does.

I don't think it's right to act like it's something dreadful and if I went and told everyone it would be saying that it was something dreadful. But Milli ALREADY acts like it's something dreadful.

Maybe 'mad' isn't quite right but it makes me CROSS.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 23:56:33](#)
(no subject)

Hold on a bloody second, mate.

What's all this about me telling people's secrets? What are you saying exactly?

Don't tell Ron anything. He's too stupid to keep his mouth shut?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 00:14:09](#)
(no subject)


Not saying you're stupid at all, Ron. I know you're not. I'm thinking more about the famous Weasley temper, yeah? Like what you might say fast without thinking first if

Bulstrode started in on Terry or Hermione in front of you.

That's all.

Blimey, I want to be able to tell you things. That's why we've got this lock, ain't it? We just all have to be careful about what we say outside of it. And that means all of us.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 00:30:40](#)
(no subject)


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 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 15:17:45](#)
(no subject)

I should've said I get someone saying 'I hate Slytherins but you're not too bad!' all the time, but Ron had mostly stopped for a while and I was thinking maybe he wouldn't start again!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 15:36:55](#)
(no subject)


What? I like you and Pansy. And Hydra's rather nice. A bit shy, actually, is all.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 15:26:17](#)
(no subject)

I suppose it's more 'I hate Slytherin House but you're not so bad.' I mean he likes Pansy too.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 15:38:02](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, what I said. Sort of. I mean it's not your House, it's the way Slytherins act.

It's

you're all

slippery

You say one thing and do another as long as you won't get caught.
And that's

I mean talk about not knowing where you really stand with
someone

and sometimes even with you I wonder if I really know you or
you're just having us on and you're all always 'it's so dangerous, he
can't let anyone know what he really thinks' but, y'know, actually

if you can't do what you say you mean or what you say you think,
then

it doesn't count

and you don't mean it, or you'd do it, y'know?

That's what I mean by Slytherin, anyway. And he totally is one.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-09 15:40:48](#)**
(no subject)

You wonder if you really KNOW me?

You lot know me better than anyone but Pansy!



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-09 15:55:23](#)**
(no subject)

You know what I mean.

Don't you?

It's just. You say stuff here, and it seems like you mean it. Like
it's the stuff you really think and just couldn't ever say. But then,
everybody else thinks they know you, too. You tell them stuff and
they believe it, too.

It's just

See, I'm not really confused about you, it's just that once one of you turns out to be a total fake, then

you start wondering, y'know

I mean, it seems like the thing Slytherins are really good at is lying, and that makes it hard to trust a Slytherin

except, I dunno, you do seem different and Pansy mostly does, except

I can't explain it

If you trust someone and you think you know them and that you've done stuff together that means you can count on them but then it turns out they're just good at telling people stuff that'll get you to do stuff for them and when they decide it might look bad to stand up for you then they're not your mate anymore, then that really reeks.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-09 15:45:59](#)

(no subject)

And of course it's too dangerous to say what you think when what you think is that the Lord Protector is a git!

I wish you

I never feel bad about saying one thing and doing another because if I told people what I was really thinking all the time like you Gryffindors sometimes feel compelled to, I'd wind up in the camps with my wand snapped!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-09 16:01:43](#)

(no subject)

That's not what I mean.

And you're doing something about it that's really pretty brave.

Yeah, there are things that are really big, like thinking what the Ministry does is wrong. And then there's whether Padma Patil

thinks your nift or a git. Or Zach Smith or Seamus Bloody Finnigan. And who cares?


It's about what you do, y'know? And you're doing a lot to show what you really think or maybe what you hope we can all work out someday to make it change. I mean, that's sort of what we're doing, right?

But then there are people who

Oh, it doesn't matter anyway.


I don't know why I care.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2010-02-09 22:23:07](#)**
(no subject)

I'd like to think we're working toward making things so that what we think and say matches up with what we do.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-09 23:57:33](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, exactly.

2010-02-09 00:32:00

(no subject)



 **alt_narcissa**

I was quite interested to see the reactions to Daisy's conversation with her daughter. On the one hand, I agree there can't have been any danger in her particular actions, but of course Dominic is completely correct to cut off further use of the Floo network for any future such calls. I understand several parents are very upset, and not surprisingly so. With the shortage of owls and the other embargoes, so much communication has been disrupted in and out of Hogwarts, it's no wonder many feel their private conduits to their children have been utterly severed.

In all honesty, I don't think it would ever have occurred to myself or to Lucius to disturb Draco at school with fire chats. We believe in allowing him the freedom to experience his schooling as we did, able to make his own decisions without the feeling that we are constantly looking over his shoulder.

That doesn't mean we're not always eager to hear from him, nor that we have no wish to support him if he is under stress. (Draco, I do hope you know you can come to us with any problem, no matter what it may be.)

Thankfully, Our Lord's foresight provides us all with an easy method to maintain connection with our children, particularly in this difficult time. I applaud several of the students, including young Miss Bones and Mr Finnigan, who have already demonstrated the power of these journals to speak freely with their families and guardians. We may all be grateful that despite the restrictions currently limiting many citizens' daily activities, we have at our disposal a masterful and nearly instantaneous ability to communicate. Praise to Our Lord for that!

As a final note, no fashion expert could allow today's unfortunate prank go by without comment: Miss Patil, I am confident that your condition is far from permanent. Rest assured that every woman in the country is on your side in this horrid escapade. A good joke is a good joke, but a woman's hair is **never** a laughing matter! Kudos to your friends for showing their support, as well, and so smartly at that. And when you find the young men (for I'm sure no girl could have stooped so low as to render you bald), my dear, remember that your

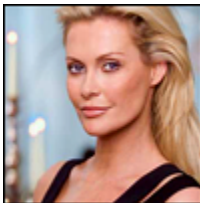
ire is entirely justified, but your revenge is better served cold. I should hate to think that you might be forced to endure further punishment because of a rash response.



 **[alt_regulus](#)** at **[2010-02-09 13:06:26](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I don't know. I think there were lots of girls when I was at school that could have done with a good joke pulled at the expense of their hair just to give them a tiny bit of perspective on life.

And I can think of several women now, who would, frankly, look better bald as that would put them beyond the temptation to do such ludicrous things to themselves as they do.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2010-02-09 15:37:19](#)**
(no subject)


Spoken like a man, cousin. In fact, had I any doubt of your romantic attachments, your comment would convince me. I certainly cannot think of a woman who'd consider you as a serious prospect after such

a statement!

Not that I entirely disagree with the sentiment - we all ought to learn to laugh at ourselves, to some extent - but there are limits. And I absolutely agree that no one ought to be tempted into a crime against fashion, no matter what the circumstances! Though I do believe that a trend toward female baldness would well qualify in that category, and not as a desirable fad.

You've been quiet of late. May we expect you for luncheon or tea this week?




 **[alt_regulus](#)** at **[2010-02-10 16:00:02](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, don't get me wrong, I appreciate well-coiffed hair on a lovely woman as much as the next chap.

I've been busy of late, I'm afraid, and am on the road at the moment. Figuratively speaking: orders are that all

travel must be by Apparition, which is not, as you know, my forte. The work is interesting, however. It's a bit of a treasure hunt, ancient maps and all. Is your calendar clear for the weekend? I think I may be allowed to come in from the cold for a day or two then.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2010-02-10 16:07:01](#)**
(no subject)

Treasure hunts and excavations? You're not taking your rôle as a pirate too literally, are you?

Well, you've piqued my curiosity, then. I'm afraid you must come and tell me all about your quest.




 **[alt_regulus](#)** at **[2010-02-10 16:08:04](#)**
(no subject)

I hoped you'd say that.

When should I arrive?



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2010-02-10 16:10:58](#)**
(no subject)

Just a moment, Regulus. Travelling where?


If there's any danger of exposure, I must insist that you consider the wisdom of a visit.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2010-02-10 16:12:54](#)**
(no subject)

Husband, I'm sure Regulus poses no threat. And didn't you tell me you'd likely be going to observe one of Augustus' field tests later this week? You might as well tell Regulus to stay away for his own protection.




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-10 16:18:26](#)
(no subject)

I have been exploring options to avoid making a physical trip to his site. I am not certain it will be possible. I shall know more following this afternoon's court.

May I remind you, however, that the danger is far from over, even if we are shielded for the time being by our purity of blood and the strength of our magic. Halfbloods were thought to be at no risk early on, as well. Until Rookwood is confident that he has found a cure, I do not think it prudent to take the Ministry's precautions too lightly.




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-10 16:20:31](#)
(no subject)

Dearest, of course, you're right to be cautious. And you know I understand your apprehensions. But I'm sure Reg has taken the full measure of precaution, and we know you will do the same, of course. Are you sure you aren't being a little, well, paranoid?


Reg, you have been very careful, haven't you?



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-10 16:22:09](#)
(no subject)

One is never paranoid where contagion is concerned.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-10 16:26:23](#)
(no subject)


No, of course, dear. That's not what I meant to say, I'm sure.

It's only that if we're all observing the proper protocols, then surely we remain at no greater risk than otherwise?

I promise I shall have the elves thoroughly scour behind anything Regulus touches, if that will assuage your worries.

Are you confident you can make alternate arrangements for Augustus's field tests?




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-10 16:33:03](#)
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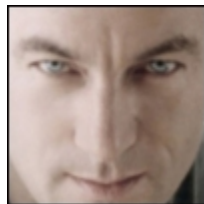
No, I am not confident. In fact I anticipate that Our Lord will insist that I see to the matter personally. As you know, He has been more perturbed than any regarding the safety of His subjects and the urgent need to stem the progress of the epidemic. That He entrusts me with this solemn duty is an honour, of course; and as such I am prepared to assume the risk.


Very well; you have convinced me that it will be necessary for me to remain in the St James' house should my assessment prove true. I am prepared to believe that your cousin has not been in contact with any suspect persons or materiel, but it would be inappropriate for me to compound the risk by returning to the Manor if I am not to be afforded that same luxury.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-10 16:41:19](#)
(no subject)

Is that a yes?



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-10 16:42:27](#)
(no subject)

Yes. He may come.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-02-10 16:52:10](#)
(no subject)


Cheers.

If it's any comfort, my expeditions have all been to spots that are currently void of

occupants.

In fact, that's rather the point of these enterprises.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-09 17:58:27](#)
(no subject)

Thanks ever so much, Mrs Malfoy! You should see how many people are wearing scarves today, too, it's brilliant.

(Of course, some boys are wearing them and making them look ridiculous, but I guess like you said, boys just don't understand how important hair is to a girl.)

I do feel like I made a cake of myself, a little, but really that sign was just a completely mean, low blow.

Oh, and I hope you don't mind my saying that your son was very helpful, he told Professor Lockhart where I'd gone when I went to the hospital wing, and he's always ever so polite and quite nice. I'm sure he'd never even dream of hexing a girl's hair clean off.

Anyway, I don't want to take up too much of your time, but thank you so much for saying that, about my hair. And you're right, it'll come back, Madam Pomfrey says. There's a creme I'm to rub on twice a day. It takes three days, but at least then this will be over.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-10 05:22:19](#)
(no subject)

You're very welcome.

Perhaps you did react to the shock, but it's understandable given the circumstances. I'm sure it was disconcerting, as well, to be attacked like that in the sanctuary

of your dormitory.

We never object to hearing our son's praises, Miss Patil. Though I can well believe he might be embarrassed by your assessment.

Good luck to you.

2010-02-09 07:31:00

(no subject)

Dennis I am sorry for the scene I created in Master Professor Carrow's class yesterday. Dennis was ashamed of his magic, and wanted to make it stop. I apologise to Master Draco's classmates for disturbing there class, and to Master Professor Carrow for making scones happen while he lectured.



 **alt_dennis**

Dennis will stay in the kitchens with the elves now. He is bad and lower than an elf or a the baddest mudblood. Master Draco should send me back to Buckingham, or to the camps, if Dennis can no longer be useful to Master Draco.




 **alt_draco** at **2010-02-09 14:51:38**

(no subject)

Stop calling yourself Dennis, Dennis. Remember, you told me that the elves at Buckingham taught you that you were a boy, not an elf. So act like one.

Also, you can't hide in the kitchens. Just stay in our room. And you can't punish yourself like an elf, either. It's my job to do that.



 **alt_dennis** at **2010-02-09 14:53:40**

(no subject)

Yes, Master Draco, Dea I remember.

I will stay in your room, Master Draco. Do you need anything? I don't feel any magic coming right now.




 **alt_draco** at **2010-02-09 14:54:37**

(no subject)


So does that mean you can feel your magic coming before anything happens? Before scones start piling up and whatnot.



 **[alt_dennis](#)** at **[2010-02-09 14:55:27](#)**
(no subject)


Yes, Master Draco, I think so. It feels like something's going to happen, and then I get scared and try to make it stop.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-09 14:56:36](#)**
(no subject)

Okay, that's helpful. Anytime you feel like your magic is coming to the surface, you should hide yourself from everyone's view. Don't run away or scream, just politely leave the area and hide yourself. Understood?



 **[alt_dennis](#)** at **[2010-02-09 14:57:07](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, Master Draco.

2010-02-09 14:14:00

I'm feeling better

Especially after seeing what Mrs Malfoy wrote last night.



 [alt_padma](#)

Still, whoever put up that banner: well, it's a clever turn of phrase, but I think it was in horribly poor taste. And not just because it was so rude to *me*, even though I know that's what some people think! I just think...it's really horrid to suggest that what happened to me has **anything** to do with the attacks on Marvolo's enemies, or anything. Or that anyone might think *I'm* disloyal, because of course that's utterly daft.

Anyway, Madam Pomfrey gave me this creme stuff that I have to put on my scalp twice a day, but it'll take a few days before my hair comes back, so it's only temporary. It was still a particularly low trick, and I'm sure I don't know what I did to deserve being singled out like that! I still have my suspicions about who was behind it - but I guess since it happened overnight it's hard to prove anything. Professor Acton says that there aren't too many curses that don't take effect right away, so someone probably put a hex bag under my pillow, or something. Maybe they fooled the elves into thinking it was just a sachet? I'll be sure to check before I go to bed tonight!

In the meantime, thanks to everyone who's decided to wear a scarf, it's really nift to see them all. (And Stretton, you can just go soak in the lake, don't think you're fooling anyone with that scarf. I can still read, and that oh-so-funny little marquee just makes you out as a even more of a berk.)


Professor Carrow rather surprised me in Transfiguration today, he was really sympathetic. Not that I'd have expected him to laugh, or anything, but usually he doesn't really seem to care about what happens among us kids, unless it affects his classroom directly. But then maybe after Malfoy's mudblood went all weird he's noticing more than usual. Anyway, thanks, Professor, for being so kind about it all.

Oh, and Malfoy, I'm really, really sorry about what happened with your mudblood. It must be terribly disappointing not to be able to rely on him for anything, or to get all fretful that he's going to go crazy on you when you least expect it. I would have said something last night, but I guess I just wasn't in the mood to comment on anything, just then.

I only want to say one other thing about Lavender's mum giving her back her journal, and that's that she knew Lavender was feeling ever so upset that she'd forgot it in the first place. I mean, our journals are even more important now, because it's getting harder to send owls in and out, and all, but even without that, I think these journals are just so amazing and important. No other place in the world has them, and like Mrs Malfoy says it's proof that the Lord Protector cares about us all and wants us to be able to show him, every day, how we feel and what we think. And plus, it's like having your friends with you, all the time, no matter whether they're in the same room or even the same county. I don't think I'd ever want to be parted from my journal!

Well, I should get started on the Astronomy chart from last night's observation. Oh, and Dunstan, I meant it when I said I'd help you with the research for the Muggle Studies essay. I'll be in Ravenclaw Corner the rest of the afternoon, until time for supper.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-10 02:17:46](#)**
(no subject)

I can see why you wouldn't have been in the mood, really. The scarves are a good idea for the girls, though, for protection, I mean.

2010-02-09 20:03:00

Well, that mostly went really well

Pansy and I really were not sure how many people would come (if any!) for help revising Transfiguration and Potions.



 **alt_sally_anne**

Lots of people came! Including what may have been ALL the Gryffindor firstie girls but fortunately it's a small house. Plus some people from my year. It was so many people it was hard, explaining things to a group is SO different from explaining things to one person. I hadn't really realised. But at least I don't think anyone left MORE confused.

People were already giggling about Valentine's Day so we asked the elves for some bay leaves from the kitchen and worked on transfiguring them into rose petals. The funny thing is almost everyone found it easier to get the SMELL right than the colour and feel, I think of smell as one of the hard things but bay leaves already smell rather nice in their own way and maybe that made it easier? One of the rose petals that got left behind looks perfect except it's bright blue. Also it smells like dish soap.

We broke up early because I wanted time to clean up and still have plenty of time to get back to my house before curfew. Anyway, we'll do this again next week and anyone who wants can come.



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2010-02-10 02:31:04**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Honoria Sandoval was one of the ones who thought it was just HILARIOUS to make the rose petal smell like a dead fish.


She's about as unlike her sister as you could ever imagine.

I think we're going to be stuck with that as a running joke for a while, though. Every time someone did it, the firsties all thought it was even funnier. Apparently Transfiguration lends itself to all sorts of mischief when you're not in the same room as a miserable bastard like Carrow. Who'd have thought?

Ron, I think next week you could come if you want. Just don't get into an argument with anyone there, it wasn't all people you like.

Zacharias Smith came for a while, I think he mostly wanted to check to see if we were doing anything subversive, he really didn't need any help. I think Pansy helped him with some potions question he had and then he got bored and left early. And Morag came but she isn't so bad even though she's a friend of Padma's.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-10 04:11:55](#)
(no subject)

It was fun. I actually helped a little, even though I had to look in my notes a few times when Bones was asking me about counter or clockwise stirring. We sorted it out though.

That's just crazy about Granger, though. I don't think I've *ever* seen Harry that mad.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 04:51:53](#)
(no subject)

I don't blame him.

Mr Malfoy says he thinks Ollivander will be removed as a prefect and I hope he's right. He should be setting a good example, not abusing someone else's servant!




 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-10 19:15:20](#)
(no subject)

Thanks Parkinson! I *knew* I was doing something wrong with that potion, but I hadn't realised it was the stirring!

Anyhow it was a wizard idea and I hope you and Perks keep doing it.

~~Is Gran~~




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-10 22:04:52](#)
(no subject)

Oh, we will next week for sure.

I forgot to ask yesterday -- do you still have Valkyrie? Or did he go off to the Ministry to help serve his country like the brave bird he is?




 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-10 22:11:34](#)
(no subject)

I hope the firsties are a little less giggly next time!

I sent Valkyrie off to help the Ministry and I'm glad I did, but I miss her and I'm sure she misses me to.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-10 22:31:35](#)
(no subject)

Well, she's doing some good, then. And she'll be back once things come back to normal.

If you want, you can play with Pyewacket sometime. I know he's not quite the same, but he's friendly enough.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-11 02:50:10](#)
(no subject)

~~Are you su I'm not sup~~

I'd like that! Maybe you could bring him to study group, if he wouldn't be too much of a distraction.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-11 14:23:33](#)
(no subject)

I'll check with Pince, but I don't see why not. After all, he's a very well-behaved kneazle. He wouldn't try and eat the books or make a lot of noise.

2010-02-09 21:13:00


I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



Ron, I'm on my way to the Gryffindor common room. Just a moment. I'll be there. Harry sent a message and he made me swear to deliver it so I'm going to deliver it.

 [alt_hermione](#)



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2010-02-10 02:33:14**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


I'm not coming

Ron

I mean

I'm okay, I'm okay, I'm okay. Only I am just not coming, I am up in Professor McGonagall's office.




 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-10 03:50:32**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Do you want me to come up there?

I could, you know. I could ask Percy to go with me so it'd be okay to be out after curfew.



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2010-02-10 03:53:49**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

NO

I mean

then the Headmistress would know about the LOCK, and then we would all be in the most horrible trouble!!

2010-02-09 21:33:00

I AM SITTING BY THE ENTRANCE.

MOEBIUS OLLIVANDER

I AM SITTING BY THE ENTRANCE TO THE
SLYTHERIN COMMON ROOM.

YOU ARE A **SLIME BALL.**

AND I AM GOING TO MAKE YOU REGRET BEING A SLIME BALL. I
AM GOING TO HEX YOU. INTO NEXT WEEK.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_draco](#) at **2010-02-10 02:46:33**

(no subject)

What happened?



 [alt_harry](#) at **2010-02-10 02:51:03**

(no subject)

He was doing something to Hermione

The Headmistres said so and Hermione was crying

I don't know what he did. But Hermione was really scared EVEN
FATHER DOESN'T SCARE HER

and he is NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH MY PROPERTY THE GIT

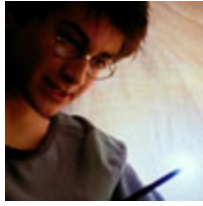


 [alt_draco](#) at **2010-02-10 02:54:08**

(no subject)

What? Who's Hermione? Isn't that Granger's name?

Is she alright?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 03:05:44](#)
(no subject)

GRANGER I mean

I suppose so. I mean McGonagall SAID she was all right.



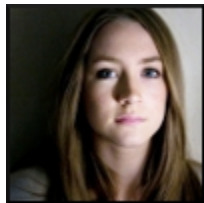
 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:07:36](#)
(no subject)


I am all right.

I'm very sorry sir.

The Headmistress says that I will spend the night with her. So I am going to be there.

I am sorry for the scene.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2010-02-10 03:31:09](#)
(no subject)

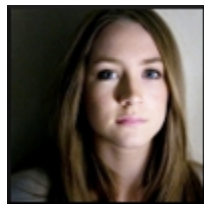
What happened to you?




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:40:15](#)
(no subject)

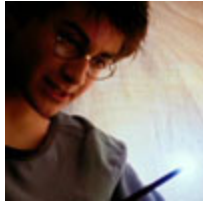
Mr Ollivander was not polite to me.


I'm sorry for all the bother.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2010-02-10 03:58:32](#)
(no subject)


Should he be polite to you?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 04:02:48](#)
(no subject)

YES HE SHOULD.

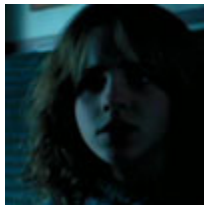



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 03:35:54](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Hermione?

Are you all right?

Are you hurt?




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:45:45](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm all right. The Headmistress is taking care of me.

I'm not hurt. Only I was going to bring you your note and then I was just barely out of the common room when Moebius Ollivander came up, and he said something to me about being out around curfew, and I told him my business, and then he said there was no way I would get back before curfew so I was in trouble, and I was hiding the note, and he said ~~let's see what's under~~ something that I don't think was polite, and then he tried to grab me, and then there was a big zap and it felt like I had gotten staticky, only he jumped backwards, and I think he was hurt and he fell down. And then the Headmistress and Madam Pomfrey and Professor Sprout were there and -

Anyway I am all right Ron, really I am. It was just really scary.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 03:47:18](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Ollivander did what?!!!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 03:48:06](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Hermione was it accidental magic? Or was it something you did on

You won't get in trouble will you?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:49:13](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

No it wasn't my magic, I know it wasn't.

I don't think I'm in trouble. I mean Harry isn't acting like I am and neither is the Headmistress, she lit into him something awful, Moebius I mean, once he got done being groggy.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 03:52:50](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, if it wasn't your magic, then whose was it? It doesn't sound like it was something Moebius did that backfired on himself.'

So glad that you're all right.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:55:23](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


I don't know whose! I suppose maybe it was the Headmistress'? I mean it seemed like she knew. Only now she's not here.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 03:53:39](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


What exactly is she saying, scolding him? Maybe it'd give you an idea exactly what happened.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:56:33](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

She's got me in the other room. They wouldn't let me see him after. I mean like they really wouldn't let us in the same room.

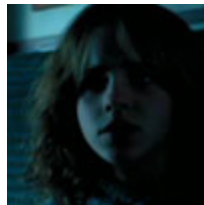



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 03:48:42](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh, no.

Who's this Moebius bloke? Slytherin, right?

And what the name of Merlin happened? I mean, you don't have a wand or anything to hex him with. Even though from the sounds of it he could have used a good hex.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:49:58](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He's a Slytherin prefect, he's awfully old.

And, I don't want to talk about that, Neville.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 03:55:55](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He--

that--

Oh. Oh, Hermione.

I'm ever so sorry. You're really all right? He didn't--you said that Professor Sprout and Madam Pomfrey and the Headmistress got there? They, uh, they got there right away?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 03:58:28](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Yes. I'm fine. I keep saying that and nobody ever believes me!!!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 03:51:27](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Moebius Ollivander is one of our prefects, one of the 6th years like Percy. I never talk to him though, I always talk to Siobahn.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 03:58:12](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Some prefect.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 03:58:12](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Don't be thick, Nev. What do you think he did to her?

or


d'you really not know?

you should ask the twins about that.

or Percy

I mean, I wouldn't ask Percy, but you could. I'm sure he'd tell you explain it.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 04:02:34](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I meant about the magic, not about what Ollivander did to her. I figured that part out, yeah. I'm not hopeless.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 03:49:06](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh my GOD did he try to
that miserable

UGH




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 03:57:39](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

From the sounds of it, I think so. Look, Hermione, we won't ask any more questions about what he did, okay? I'm glad the Headmistress is keeping you there safe with her tonight. But let us know if you figure out, from what they're saying, where that magic came from.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 03:40:55](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I just saw that you were coming to see me. Is that right? What happened?

Did you come here to Gryffindor?

I was out just walking and not, well--

I'm sorry I wasn't here.

What happened?!!



 **alt_hermione** at [2010-02-10 03:48:14](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I don't know what happened. I mean I'm not stupid, I know what Moebius was about, only I don't know what the magic was, I mean I don't know how it's on me and I don't know whether it'll happen again!!



 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-10 03:54:51](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Was it, y'know. Wild magic? Y'know, when stuff happens without you meaning to cast anything but because you're scared or angry--or sometimes you can even be dreaming, I guess, not that you were this time.

Like what's happening with Dennis, but not. But like when you really need something to happen, sometimes it just does.

I guess I mean, do you think it was you that did it? Or, like, are there spells in the corridors that keep boys from, y'know--

Like the ones they say keep boys out of the girls' dormitories?




 **alt_hermione** at [2010-02-10 03:58:02](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Only I think I would feel that. I think it must be the other, the second one you were talking about, only I don't think they're in the corridors regular, because people snog all over the castle, don't they? ~~But it's not the same~~

Ron I don't really want to talk about this.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 03:59:31](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh.

Right.

I'm sorry.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-10 03:20:24](#)

(no subject)

You're not hexing anyone without me! Hang on, I just have get my things together and come from the library.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 03:25:53](#)

(no subject)

come

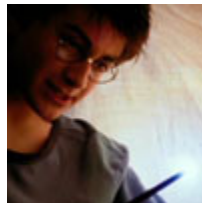
and tell Dennis to stop being a git



 [alt_dennis](#) at [2010-02-10 03:22:16](#)

(no subject)

I heard Moebius Ollivander scream when I was fetching your ink, Master Draco. It sounded like Hermione hurt him. I hope she didn't do anything bad.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 03:24:23](#)

(no subject)

SHOVE OFF DENNIS



 [alt_dennis](#) at [2010-02-10 03:26:35](#)
(no subject)


But Mister Harry Marvolo, maybe Hermione's magic has shown up, like ~~Denn~~ mine did.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-10 03:27:29](#)
(no subject)


Dennis, don't offer your opinion unless I ask for it, you little pest.



 [alt_dennis](#) at [2010-02-10 03:27:51](#)
(no subject)

Yes, Master Draco.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 03:27:34](#)
(no subject)

DENNIS


SHOVE

OFF

AND


DIE



 [alt_dennis](#) at [2010-02-10 03:33:24](#)
(no subject)

Yes, Mister Harry Marvolo.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 03:30:34](#)
(no subject)

You all right, mate?

And Granger? Was she hurt?

What happened?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 03:33:55](#)
(no subject)

i DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S ALL RIGHT.

I mean I suppose she is. I think the Headmistress would tell me if she wasn't.

~~But she looked scared~~




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 03:34:55](#)
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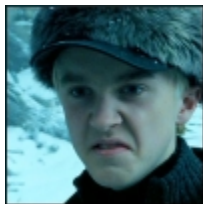
Is there anything I can do?


To help, I mean.



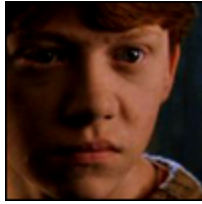
 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 03:39:29](#)
(no subject)


Only hex Moebius Ollivander when you see him



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-10 04:01:08](#)
(no subject)


You ought to shove off too, Measley. It's our business, not yours.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-10 04:02:03](#)**
(no subject)

Get stuffed, Malfoy.




 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2010-02-10 04:02:44](#)**
(no subject)

What?!

I thought ... I mean to say, Harry, didn't Professor Slughorn talk to all the boys in Slytherin house, particularly the older years, when you first acquired Granger as a personal servant?



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2010-02-10 04:05:26](#)**
(no subject)

Yes

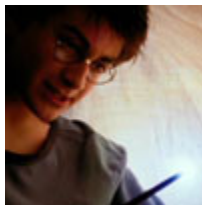
I dont know whats wrong with Ollivander. He knew perfectly well


I mean she is a mudblood and she's only twelve.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2010-02-10 04:05:56](#)**
(no subject)


Sir, I'm thirteen.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2010-02-10 04:06:20](#)**
(no subject)

WELL THAT ISNT ANY BETTER




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-10 04:07:50](#)
(no subject)

Regardless. As your master says, Ollivander ought to have known better.

Harry, I'm sorry to hear this. It's shocking.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 04:08:46](#)
(no subject)

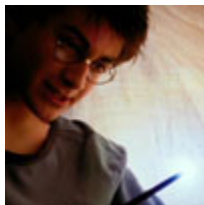
HE'S A PREFECT


HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A PREFECT



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-10 04:10:08](#)
(no subject)

He is supposed to be a good many things, Harry. I am quite certain he will not be a prefect much longer.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-10 04:16:35](#)
(no subject)

well GOOD.

He's not going to have ears much longer either

2010-02-09 21:58:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



UGH UGH MOEBIUS OLLIVANDER IS ONE OF MY PREFECTS.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

I hope the Headmistress curses his

UGH

Ron, your git of a brother looks better every day. He's SURE to be Head Boy next year at this rate.

Hermione I'm sorry and I won't ask you to talk about it.

UGH.




 [alt_hermione](#) at **2010-02-10 04:17:24**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well I can hear her screaming at him from in here even though she put me in the next room, I think she's likely to. Curse him I mean.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2010-02-10 04:21:13**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Is anyone else there? Besides the three of you? You said Madam Pomfrey and Professor Sprout were there earlier?



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2010-02-10 04:22:23**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Madame Pomfrey left. And then also Professor Slughorn came in, and looked at me, and then went in with the Headmistress and Ollivander.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 05:01:34](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I was thinking it would be best if she cursed certain bits of him off but I couldn't think of a delicate way to put it.

I still can't.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 05:03:20](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

If the Headmistress doesn't do it maybe Fred and George could slip some cursed pants into his school bag?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 04:20:13](#)

(no subject)

There's some part of the tale being passed around in the Gryffindor Common Room. Leonora Jenkins got back from her Prefect rounds and she must have seen part of it, or heard about it from another Prefect. All the House Prefects are huddled together in a corner, muttering to each other. Percy Weasley is talking now. He sounds really hacked off.

I bet the Prefects meeting tomorrow night will be real interesting.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 04:35:30](#)

(no subject)

Yeah, at least Percy's not like that.

At all.


In fact, he looks like he'd like to take Ollivander apart piece by piece. Really. If the Headmistress really wants to punish him, she ought to just lock him up in a room with the other Prefects. At least the ones from our House.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2010-02-10 04:56:01](#)
(no subject)

You don't need the Prefects, just hand him over to us and his pieces will never be found.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 05:00:33](#)
(no subject)

Good idea.

(I know if Terry were awake I know he'd feel the same way. He'd probably appreciate you taking care of the job for him.)



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 04:57:03](#)
(no subject)

Looks like the Headmistress says there's a Prefects meeting an hour before breakfast.

Maybe she wants 'em to get a chance to level their wands at him early.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 04:59:33](#)
(no subject)

Excellent!




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 04:59:06](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I think the other Slytherin Prefects would help. And Moran knows how to cast the cruciatus!

Do you think he'll get expelled?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-10 12:20:31](#)
(no subject)

I dunno. No one got expelled last year for selling those illegal potions--even the ones who made them. Do you think that touching Hermione is going to count as worse? I'm not sure.

I mean, I guess if someone tried the same thing with the Head Girl, he'd probably get expelled. Because of who she is. And that's if she didn't just kill him on the spot herself.

I can't tell, really. The Headmistress doesn't always seem to think the same things are bad that my Mum and Dad do. I mean, if Mum were Headmistress, Ollivander would probably have been sent off to Azkaban by now. Expelled would be the least of it.

2010-02-09 22:06:00

Order Only: Miss Granger

I suppose you will all see the latest drama in our Hogwarts journals sooner or later, so I wanted to give you a more official report now I've examined Miss Granger.



 [alt_poppy](#)

You will remember that Minerva placed a protective cantrip on the child last year when she was reassigned to be young Marvolo's servant and ~~sentene~~ given sleeping quarters off the Slytherin common room. I believe it was Arthur's wise suggestion that this spell be placed on the child to protect her from the adolescent ambitions of the young men in that House.


Well. The spell worked. Its alarm went off this evening, and it should have woken the dead.

Miss Granger is fine. Physically. The spell blasted her assailant back and across the corridor. He is rather the worse for wear, as he richly deserves. I suspect I will find he has a concussion and a great many very significant bruises. I hope he is also suffering from shock and a renewed respect for the personal boundaries of young women. He very definitely violated the bounds of proper decorum. And frightened the child terribly.

She knows what he was about. She's not entirely untutored in the ways of the world. By which I mean not the mere facts of reproduction--I have seen to it that she understands the mechanics of that--but the basic social strategies of the male of our species, which is not something we've discussed at all. What I mean to say, is that she was able to describe the meaning of the look that came over the filthy boy's face as the idea crystallised in his head what he might do with her, and she had a fair idea what he was about as he cornered her.


She's in shock, but she's talking sense and sipping chamomile tea. I've got her settled on Minerva's sofa, wrapped in a warm throw, and if she doesn't show signs of drifting towards sleep soon, I will give her a light dose of a sweet sleep potion. I'd prefer to let her body take it's own course, though, if it will. I always think that trauma is best processed naturally where that's possible.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-10 04:35:27](#)
(no subject)

Thank you for being with her, Poppy. Give her Arthur's and my love.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-10 04:42:19](#)
(no subject)

I will, Molly.

She was very much aware of the fact that there are people who care for her and would be concerned about her well-being. If you would like to send her a message by owl, you could send it to my attention. Or Minerva's, but it might be best if it came to me so she could receive it when she comes to me for work.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-10 04:50:34](#)
(no subject)

I'll do that, thank you.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 04:40:27](#)
(no subject)


You know I can read this, don't you?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 04:42:23](#)
(no subject)

Honestly, I'm all right, Madam Pomfrey. Really I am. The worst of it was mostly that I didn't know really what the spell was going to do, and I had almost forgotten about it even. So I didn't know what was happening and it took me a while to clear my head.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-10 04:43:45](#)
(no subject)

Of course, Miss Granger.


Of course, I had hoped that you might have drifted off to a peaceful sleep by now. Would you like something to help with that?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 04:44:42](#)
(no subject)

All right, I suppose.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-10 04:40:35](#)
(no subject)

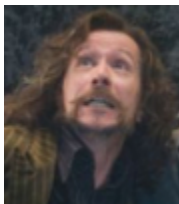
thanks for the update, Poppy.


god damn.

when I cross paths with that boy, and I will eventually, his face is going to get rearranged. among other things.

Hermione, I'm sorry. I'm sorry there are fucks out there like him, and that you had to go through that. it's not fair, and it's not right, and if anyone ever lays a finger on you without your say again I will break him in half.

sorry.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-10 05:01:09](#)
(no subject)

What Frank said, and then some.

Arthur's right, it's a good job you lot put that cantrip on her.

I just find it hard to believe an Ollivander would do something like that, even if he were in Slytherin. Merlin's beard.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2010-02-10 15:44:44](#)
(no subject)

Thank you for the update, Poppy. I'm sure it's a great comfort to those of us who are away from Hogwarts to know that you're there to provide the care and support we all wish we could too.

Hermione .. oh Hermione, what can I possibly say. You may not want to talk about it, but if you ever do, you're surrounded by friends who will always be here for you.

No one has the right to hurt you, in any way, no matter what. Should you ever find yourself in fear of such a thing, you just get out, run far away, and let us deal with the consequences.

[2010-02-09 23:04:00](#)

Let me get this straight

Did the Slytherin prefect Ollivander really try to snog Marvolo's mudblood?



 **[alt_seamus](#)**

Because thats just DISGUSTING. I mean not only is she not his but she's a MUDBLOOD. He's in Slytherin house! Their supposed to know that sort of thing is just WRONG.



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2010-02-10 05:12:06](#)**
(no subject)

I know, right? It should be obvious to anyone that the last person anyone would want to snog is a mudblood.



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2010-02-10 05:12:51](#)**
(no subject)

I mean, not person, but you know what I mean.

It's like kissing a dog. Yuck!




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2010-02-10 05:21:17](#)**
(no subject)

Seriously!

I mean some people say dogs are kissing you when they lick you. But that doesn't mean you lick them

back!




 **[alt_millicent](#)** at **[2010-02-10 17:59:00](#)**
(no subject)

i licked my cat once.

it was foul



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2010-02-10 16:07:38](#)**
(no subject)

Really, Seamus, I think the less said on the entire subject, the better.

2010-02-09 23:19:00

Mr Ollivander

Moebius Ollivander is being dealt with.

Students, I request that you stifle your gossip and return to your beds.

Prefects, there will be a meeting in the morning, an hour before breakfast. There we shall discuss the situation, and you shall be responsible for informing your housemates.



 [alternity](#)

 [alt_mcgonagall](#)



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-10 04:25:09](#)

Order Only

Minerva....I saw Hermione tell someone else she was all right. Is she truly? The protective cantrip raised the alarm in time? Has Poppy seen her?



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-10 04:27:31](#)

Re: Order Only

Physically she is perfectly well. Mentally - well, she can perhaps answer that best.

Now: I must determine what, exactly, to do with Mr Ollivander. Clearly he cannot be allowed to return to the dormitory tonight.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-10 04:32:22](#)

Re: Order Only

string him up by his balls.

sick bastard.




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-10 04:33:56](#)

Re: Order Only

I'm tempted to agree with you, Frank.

Thank Merlin we placed that spell.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-10 04:37:42](#)

(no subject)

Yes, Headmistress.

My House has sent everyone to the dormitories and we plan to enforce lights out quite strictly tonight. I will see to it that the Ravenclaw Prefects arrive first in the morning.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-10 04:48:39](#)

(no subject)

Gryffindor House is settled down for the night, too.

We will see you in the morning, Professor.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 04:55:28](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Slytherin House is still in an uproar seeing as it was ONE OF OUR PREFECTS who tried to assault Hermione! I just heard someone yelling that Moran's going to use Crucio if necessary but it wasn't Moran so no one's fussed yet.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-10 20:28:54](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I was wondering what the talk there in your Common Room was like.

None of the Gryffindor Prefects like Ollivander very much, I guess, so there's not much sympathy for him. Percy Weasley's been doing his best to shut down every conversation on the subject that he catches. But Mark Towler said a few, um, ugly things. Like that with the sort of taste he has, Ollivander'll be

lucky if he ever has anything but squibs if he starts a family.
(Sorry, Hermione.) And then you'll never believe this: Honor
Sandoval stood up and threatened to hex his, um, his bits off. I
mean, everyone's mouths were hanging open. She was so ,,so
fierce. It was the first time I could believe she was the Head Girl's
sister, but she's hardly ever said so much as 'boo' to anyone
before.

2010-02-10 08:19:00

Attention students



 [alt_horace](#)


I must say, I'm very disappointed. I would have thought the occurrences of the past few weeks would have served as example enough that when your teachers provide instruction, you would be well advised to follow it. Guidance on appropriate behaviour towards Miss Granger could not have been clearer, and yet certain students still feel themselves above the rules.

Well, I hope last night's unfortunate incident will at least serve as a suitable illustration of why we do not interfere with other people's property.

Such actions can have severe consequences, as your fellow student is now discovering.


I hope the rest of you will exercise better judgement in future.



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2010-02-10 19:52:36**
(no subject)

Thank you, Horace.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2010-02-10 22:46:33**
(no subject)

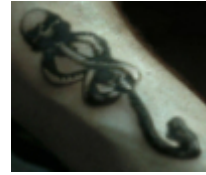
Thank you, indeed. At times like this it's such a comfort to know that someone with your experience is at the helm, Horace. I know we are all much more at ease seeing your sagacious response to this deplorable, atrocious situation.

I'm sure the Ollivanders are equally appalled at their son's shocking miscarriage of his deputation.

2010-02-10 09:33:00

(no subject)

Filth oozes in from every direction, but who will guard the pure? Especially when they yield, besmirch themselves by reaching out to embrace the muck?



 [alt_amycus](#)

The walrus? wallowing in his own gut

Not the rooster, strutting and crowing before the hens

Never the mole, burrowed deep in the dirt herself

Not the raven, croaking and cowardly

Certainly not the bat. Blind, blind, blind and blundering!

It's up to me. It always is.



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2010-02-10 17:06:06**

(no subject)

And they call *me* a vigilante.

You might show a little humanity for the girl who was victimised in this assault, but that would presume you to be a human, wouldn't it, you foul dung beetle.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2010-02-10 17:19:19**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oi, that's an insult to dung beetles, that is.

Hermione, Harry isn't thinking of bringing you to Transfiguration class with him anytime soon, is he?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-10 17:58:08](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I really don't know...




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2010-02-10 23:23:07](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He better not.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-10 17:34:26](#)

Order Only

Sirius, please remember that Hermione's stuck in that castle with him. Minerva and Poppy are doing their level best to protect her, Merlin knows, but really, if you incite him, I fear Hermione's the most likely to bear the brunt of it.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-10 17:38:14](#)

Re: Order Only

He's already tried once, remember? I'd rather have him distracted by me than fuming about her.

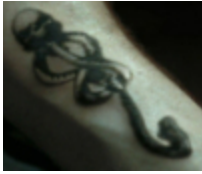
Besides, I just saw his bile and ... yeah. I'd like to be there when Frank catches up with the slime.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2010-02-10 18:04:11](#)

Re: Order Only


So say we all.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2010-02-10 21:55:07](#)
(no subject)

I am fire, Black. Pure, refining bright flame made to sizzle excrescences like you away.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-10 21:59:25](#)
Order Only

Oh, is that what the stench is? Light a turd on fire and it's still a turd, Carrow. It just smells twice as bad.

See, Arthur? I'm behaving. Order Lock, order lock, I'd like to get out a scrying bowl and curse him from a distance, but it's all behind the lock.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-10 22:35:53](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You'll have to find him first!

Anyway I'd bet on Sirius Black if you two ever had a fight. You're only strong when you're picking on students and muggleborns, people who can't afford to fight back.

2010-02-10 15:01:00

(no subject)

So it's down to Muggins to clean things up again, innit?

All right then. I'll show you lot how it's done.



 [alt_wagstaff](#)

[2010-02-10 17:59:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


So what's going to happen to Ollivander? No one I've talked to seems to know.



 [alt_ron](#)

Well, Percy may know. It's hard to tell. I mean, he's going around all sort of smug as though he knows important things we don't, but he would do. Even if he doesn't know a thing.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-11 01:10:18](#)
(no subject)

Well, I heard Horatio Hooper and Leonora Jenkins talking about it. Well, sort of muttering about it a bit, when Percy wasn't looking. They were going over which other boys in Slytherin that year could be

Prefect. So maybe they heard at the meeting his morning that Ollivander's losing his Prefect badge. That wouldn't be a surprise, I guess.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-11 01:12:43](#)
(no subject)

The other boys in that year are Eustuce Evan, Leander Rosier, and Ptolemy Baddock. I don't know a thing about any of 'em.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 01:42:16](#)
(no subject)

Leander Rosier is related to Finnigan's guardian, he's clever but he's had a lot of detentions for breaking rules, nothing super big but he doesn't really set a good example. Eustace Evan follows the rules but he's thick as anything, his marks are horrible and he got something like two OWLs. Maybe three. Barely. Ptolemy Baddock is reasonably clever and doesn't get detention too often BUT he's best mates with Ollivander. He's not defending him today, though.

I don't know who they'll pick. I've heard five people say for certain the Headmistress is removing Ollivander but not one of them was

a prefect or Moran so I don't know if I really believe it.

Maybe they'll decide to have two girls as prefects. Martha Yaxley is Siobahn's best mate, I don't think I've ever heard of her getting in trouble and she gets excellent marks. Also her father has a Dark Mark which never hurts for things like this. I think that's even true in the other houses but it's DEFINITELY true in Slytherin.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 02:07:55](#)
(no subject)

Ron did you see what your sister just wrote? can you go check on her or send Percy to check on her? She sounds like she's getting sick.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 06:18:14](#)
(no subject)

Well, I heard from Antigone Fletcher who heard it from Cassandra Calderwood who heard it from Siobhan, who's Cassandra's sister and the sixth year prefect, that the Headmistress REALLY DID curse Ollivander's bits off and then PUT THEM IN A DRAWER IN HER DESK and said he could have them back when he's done at Hogwarts.

[2010-02-10 20:46:00](#)

Order Only: Field Tests

Arthur, Bill, I've just noticed that my brother set off a bit of a tiff between that prig Malfoy and his shrew. Seems to me he knows full well purebloods can get the Scourge at any moment - and from what I could conclude, he's worried. Have you seen the exchange I mean? Do you know anything about Rookwood's tests? Is it possible he thinks he has a cure?



 **[alt_sirius](#)**

I hate to say it but if anyone can at least stop the disease spreading, it's a good thing - no matter who comes up with the solution. As long as it doesn't require them to bleed Muggles dry or anything else similarly gruesome, that is.

And I don't even want to venture a guess as to what Reggie is doing for that murdering bastard. Pilfering empty houses for trophies, no doubt. What a madman!

Hermione, I hope you're feeling all right today. Believe me, the only reason I haven't composed a Grim Truth in outrage over what happened to you is that I know you don't want any more attention over the matter, anymore than we want to invite more trouble for you. Just remember, Remus is right: if ever you want to talk to any of us, we're here. I expect you'd rather discuss it with Professor McGonagall or Madam Pomfrey, or Mrs Weasley, but don't forget that you've a whole legion of honorary uncles who'd be more than happy to bash in a few heads in your defence.



 **[alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-11 03:39:30](#)**

(no subject)

Augustus Rookwood? Augustus Rookwood?




 **[alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-11 03:40:18](#)**

(no subject)

He's an Unspeakable, Bill. Surely you know that.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-11 03:42:34](#)**
(no subject)

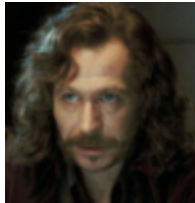
Well, yes, of course. The thing is, I can't figure out how he'd be involved in researching a cure. I mean, St Mungo's, yeah, but the Unspeakables?


The only thing my analysts have been able to figure out about his work is that he has a lot of budgetary pass-throughs with the Department of Squib Affairs. No one's mentioned Squibs coming down with this disease at all, at least from what I've heard.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-11 03:46:49](#)**
(no subject)

Could that be the reason they're interested in Squibs? If it's been proven they can't get the disease or something?




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-11 03:48:19](#)**
(no subject)

Good point, Kingsley.


Perhaps they're trying to pinpoint the origin within the camps, and they're using Rookwood to keep St Mungo's out of it all?



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-11 03:53:02](#)**
(no subject)


I dunno. But I'll set my network on the task to see if we can find out more. Of course, we never know what goes on in that department itself. But sometimes we get hints from the budget, especially budgets and monthly reports for departments with which they interface. Maybe there've been some changes lately that might suggest some clues....



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-11 03:48:32](#)**
(no subject)


Maybe, but why wouldn't it be St Mungo's that'd be following up on that, rather than the Unspeakables? I mean, it's more of the healers' department, you know?



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2010-02-11 03:50:29](#)**
(no subject)

Perhaps the Unspeakables have more pull. Bigger budget, the ear of the LP, that sort of thing. It has to be of the highest priority, if the purebloods are threatened now. St Mungo's may be buried in caring for everybody, and can't spend resources on pure research.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-11 04:10:57](#)**
(no subject)

Hang on, I've been paging back looking for mentions of Rookwood in Malfoy's journal.


It appears he's been taking field trips to the camps since at least April of last year.

Circe.

Does anyone know what Carrow was working on when he went to the camps last summer, with our Terry? I've just come across an entry where Malfoy arranged them to work together.

Merlin....




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-11 03:46:49](#)**
(no subject)

Well, hang on, maybe there's more clues in things Malfoy's said before. I've noticed sometimes he goes on rather more than I'd think prudent if he's trying to keep secrets. Typical, actually: Still

trying to impress everyone who'll notice that he knows more about what's really going on than anyone else.




 **alt_sirius** at **2010-02-11 03:42:23**
(no subject)

Yeah. Was I reading it wrong? Malfoy has talked about Rookwood and Narcissa said Augustus. There's not more than one at the Ministry, is there?

Old Augustus was just starting there when I first went to Hogwarts. I think my father knew him at least peripherally. I know he's close to the Bagmans.

Have I got it right?



 **alt_bill** at **2010-02-11 03:45:15**
(no subject)

Well, there is a Hephaestus Rookwood at St Mungo's, yeah. But he's in administration, not any kind of medical research. Augustus Rookwood, on the other hand, the Unspeakable?


No idea why he's involved.

2010-02-10 20:55:00

Its been too long

Its been such a long time since i have written anything, and I didn't want people to worry if I was fine or not especially Mum and Dad. Sorry Dad, I didn't acknowledge your birthday, I was---actually I have no recollection of where I was or what i was doing that day. Shame on me.



 [alt_ginny](#)

Things are fine though and my studies are going well. I've been able to revise more than ever under all the restrictions. I hope all is going well at ho...

I know you are probably following us through the jou...

Oh Merlin, my thoughts are going fuz....

Anyway.....



 [alt_molly](#) at **2010-02-11 03:20:24**

(no subject)

What in the world . . . Ginny? Are you feeling quite all right, dear?

2010-02-10 21:30:00

ORDER ONLY: Denouement



 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

At last I can report on the Ollivander affair.

I am certain that we are all intimately familiar with the details of the incident itself - the boy appears to be of quite the horrid turn of mind - but, of course, the question is 'what happened to him afterward'?

The board of governors and I were, for once, of precisely the same mind, if for rather different reasons, as far as I can tell from their various missives. They sputtered on and on about 'defiling himself' and so on - I haven't heard such phraseology since old Dexter Fortescue attempted to show me the pamphlets they distributed about the sin of onanism. (I imagine we are all glad to no longer be living in the reign of Queen Victoria.) In any case, they agreed that the punishment must be harsh and immediate.

The obvious punishments, naturally, were handed out. Mr Ollivander will be serving detentions every night for the next month, and afterwards once a week for the rest of his time at school, with various professors. He is no longer a prefect, and he shall write several feet on the subject. He is not to speak with Miss Granger or come within ten feet of her unless absolutely necessary.

Privately, however, I have determined that Mr Ollivander's behaviour towards Miss Granger suggests a vicious nature, and that he must not be allowed to behave in the same manner towards any other person. I have therefore taken action to ensure that it is impossible for him to do so. His offending organs shall be returned to him, naturally, during the hols; but while he stays under Hogwarts' roof, he must not be allowed to follow his basest instincts.

(I must admit that I was very satisfied to perform the necessary spell. Miss Granger, I regret that you could not be present, but it does not seem wise to allow you to have too much contact with Mr Ollivander.)



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 03:15:58](#)

(no subject)

Not that I think it's unreasonable, but - ouch. I hope the humiliation alone is enough to damage him for life.

(And, er, I think my father contrived to put one of those pamphlets in my bedroom when he thought I was old enough to know about it. The less said about them the better!)



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-11 03:24:09](#)

(no subject)

If it isnt I don't know what I shall do.

Your father must have been very old fashioned. I don't believe I ever saw such a thing growing up. I thought they'd all been destroyed in an enormous bonfire or some such thing in the free-wheeling twenties.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 03:32:22](#)

(no subject)

Old-fashioned and (thankfully) a little inhibited when it came to talking about sex. I'm not sure what I'd've done if we'd had to learn from my parents; I think I might have taken a vow of celibacy. Thank Morgana I got over that!



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 03:17:15](#)

(no subject)

not that I still don't want to whip him seven times to sunday, but seems like you've got him well in hand.

well, you've got the important part of him, anyroad.

good on you, Min.




 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-11 03:22:27](#)
(no subject)

Merlin, even if the young man wasn't a student, I would certainly never have the situation in hand! I have never been so glad to be a witch and able to perform the necessaries from a safe distance.


Imagine how Muggles must achieve such an end!



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 03:24:24](#)
(no subject)


well, glad to see you took my advice to heart.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 03:34:07](#)
(no subject)

Minerva, don't take this the wrong way, but that's a disturbing thought.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 03:39:22](#)
(no subject)

To say nothing of the images!

Okay, now. There's a gorgeous blonde in this pub and now I can't chat her up because I've got these pictures in my head.

That's not on.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 03:49:04](#)
(no subject)

thoughts of floating bollocks dancing through your head?

haha




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 03:51:51](#)
(no subject)

Well, NOW there are.


Thanks a lot. Pillock.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 03:53:57](#)
(no subject)


I do my best, mate



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 03:55:17](#)
(no subject)

That's what your wife tells you, anyway.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 04:01:07](#)
(no subject)

last I checked, I've got rave reviews.


and a date with a hot redhead seven days a week.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 04:01:49](#)
(no subject)

not that I'm bragging, mind, just stating the facts.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-11 04:03:36](#)
(no subject)


Lucky man. I have quite a thing going on with a lovely red-head myself.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-11 04:04:26](#)
(no subject)

Oh, shush.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 04:04:38](#)
(no subject)


so I hear!



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 04:16:09](#)
(no subject)


Fair enough. And meanwhile it's given me the competitive spirit to buy the lovely Adelia a pint. (No, she's not a redhead, but then we can't have everything.)



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-11 04:38:20](#)
(no subject)

that's the truth, mate. go for it, I say.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2010-02-11 03:24:02](#)
(no subject)

Your ruthlessness is appreciated, Minerva. Emmeline was particularly incensed when she heard about it. It'll help her--all of us--to know you're taking this extremely seriously.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-11 03:24:46](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Kingsely.

2010-02-11 08:17:00

Thank Lakshmi!

And thank Madam Pomfrey, too!

What a relief! I had such trouble falling asleep last night because I kept imagining my hair growing back and wondering whether it'd be painful, or feel like a million centipedes crawling over my head (which was really dreadful, once I'd thought of it - UGH!) or whether it'd just all come back in a rush... and then I fell asleep finally and this morning - IT WAS ALL BACK!



 **alt_padma**

It's so nice to be able to look in a mirror again without cringing.

Anyway. It's already all over school about Ollivander. I just can't understand why a boy would go after a mudblood, and one as ugly as Granger, at that! (No offence, Marvolo, but your mudblood really oughtn't be a threat to anyone that way, she's just not much to look at.)

But I guess boys are like that sometimes. At least that's what Mum says. And Dames, she had a lot to say on the subject, but then she went out with Ollivander for a bit, I guess, over the summer.


Well, anyway, I'm back to normal, hooray. And off to lessons!



 **alt_lavender** at **2010-02-11 15:44:54**
(no subject)

You're all right again? Hurrah, that's wizard! Parvati and I can't wait to see you and admire it.




 **alt_padma** at **2010-02-11 15:49:53**
(no subject)

Yes, but now Malfoy's mudblood is *dead* and classes are cancelled today - and I'm not sure it's safe to even leave the dormitories!

Malfoy thinks Ollivander did it, but he's been petrified too! Do you

think they're going to send us all home? How can they with the quarantine on?




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-11 16:04:06](#)
(no subject)

I think I must have been the last person to find out--I was almost to Charms when Professor Acton came out and told all of us in the corridor to go back to the Tower, and she actually walked back with us!

I wanted to ask her what it was all about but she looked so stern and Professor Acton hardly *ever* looks stern!

It's giving me the Shudders to think that a *killer* was roaming the school while we were on our way to lessons.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-11 16:11:48](#)
(no subject)

Well, we don't know for sure that the monster killed Dennis.

I mean, one thing that could have happened is Dennis's magic came out so strong that it killed him.

Or Dennis could have used his magic some other way, and Ollivander killed him. I mean really, someone who's capable of doing...what he did...is capable of nearly anything, right?

Or maybe the monster killed him.

Or maybe the monster gave Dennis a heart attack.

It could make a big difference.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2010-02-11 16:47:56](#)
(no subject)

But then how did Ollivander get petrified?

Any way you look at it, it is scary and horrid!


And you're right, I don't think they can send us home because of the sickness. So we're trapped here with something dangerous!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 17:07:55](#)
(no subject)

Maybe someone petrified Ollivander and Dennis saw him, and so that person killed Dennis so Dennis couldn't say what he saw.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-11 17:10:56](#)
(no subject)

Right, it could have been **anything..**

2010-02-11 08:48:00


*Professor Slughorn? Madam Pomfrey?
ANYBODY!!!*



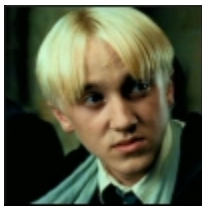
 [alternity](#)
 [alt_hannah](#)


HELP!!! I was walking Lettice Frobisher down toward the Potions classroom early because she wanted to set up her kit early and we took a different staircase than usual and ended up in that little jog-corner at the far end beyond the potions classroom, and there are--there are two bodies on the floor! One's Moebius Ollivander, and I think he's Petrified. But the other one is Draco Malfoy's muddblood, and oh--I think he's dead!!!



 [alt_horace](#) at **2010-02-11 15:01:25**
(no subject)

Stay with Frobisher. I'm on my way.




 [alt_draco](#) at **2010-02-11 15:21:39**
(no subject)

WHAT?

You're lying, Abbott. Or either very mistaken! Why would Dennis be dead?



 [alt_hannah](#) at **2010-02-11 15:25:46**
(no subject)

He is, he is! Really and truly dead! Professor Slughorn said he was, but Lettice was having hysterics and wouldn't believe him. But Madam Pomfrey is here, and she said yes, he's dead. He was lying there just staring up at the ceiling with the most....most horrible look on his face!!!




 [alt_hannah](#) at [2010-02-11 15:27:08](#)
(no subject)

Ollivander didn't look scared, just...blank. He's still breathing. Madam Pomfrey says he's petrified, like the others.

Oh, I want to go home!




 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-11 15:55:26](#)
Hannah?

Are you all right? I suppose you and Lettice are still with the Headmistress; I imagine they probably want to ask you questions and things.


It probably doesn't help much after a shock like that, but I asked Gemma if I could make some hot cocoa in the common room and she said I could. I'm saving some for you two when you get back.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-11 15:27:37](#)
(no subject)


OLLIVANDER KILLED MY MUDBLOOD!



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2010-02-11 15:30:44](#)
(no subject)

But then why would he be petrified???




 [alt_hannah](#) at [2010-02-11 15:52:08](#)
(no subject)

Merlin. And there's another message on the wall.

It says: ENEMIES WILL BE FOUND AND FALL.'


It's...it's written in blood, I think?



 **alt_padma** at [2010-02-11 15:50:41](#)
(no subject)

Are you all right?




 **alt_hannah** at [2010-02-11 15:57:01](#)
(no subject)

Madam Pomfrey's sending us to see the Headmistress now. Well, we went to the Hospital Wing first because Madam Pomfrey wanted to give Lettice a Calming Draught because of the hysterics. She and Professor Slughorn brought the...the bodies along by using mobilcorpus. Professor Slughorn is walking us to the Headmistress' office so we wouldn't be alone. We'll have to talk to her.

Oh, it was awful! What does that message on the wall mean???



 **alt_padma** at [2010-02-11 16:01:47](#)
(no subject)

Oh.


Well, I meant Malfoy, but it's good that you're okay, too. And Frobisher.

I just saw what you wrote to him about the message. We're all talking about it now, in the common room.

I guess it means that the attacker thinks Ollivander was way out of order, too. And that Malfoy's mudblood was irreparable, or something.

Still, he was wrong to just kill him like that.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-11 16:07:02](#)
(no subject)

Maybe Dennis's magic killed him? Or maybe Dennis's magic tried to do something and then the monster killed him? Oh, I hope we find out what happened! There's too many possibilities, and which one is the right one may make a big difference. You know?

2010-02-11 08:54:00

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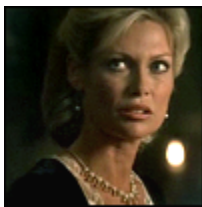
If Dennis is dead I want to see him.


SOMEONE LET ME OUT OF THIS DUNGEON
RIGHT NOW!!!



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_draco](#)

Dennis, YOU IDIOT.




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-11 16:04:11](#)
(no subject)

Give them time to make sure everything is safe, Draco. I'm sure the Headmistress will summon you when they're ready to explain.

We're all waiting for news.


Are you all right, otherwise, son?



 [alt_horace](#) at [2010-02-11 16:20:23](#)
(no subject)

Would you come up to my office please, Draco. Now.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-11 16:21:16](#)
(no subject)


Yes.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-11 16:21:22](#)
(no subject)


Ought Moran to accompany him, Horace?



 **[alt_horace](#)** at **[2010-02-11 16:24:50](#)**
(no subject)

I shall meet him on the way, Narcissa.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2010-02-11 16:25:31](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, thank you.

2010-02-11 09:29:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



Are all of you alright?


Pansy and I are here in Slytherin, and so are all the other second years, not that I expect you'd mind if Milli had been petrified but she's here. I don't see Hermione and I don't know if that's because she's still with the Headmistress or if she's in her room or what. Harry doesn't seem worried about her though so that's a good sign.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Anyway lots of people are crying and Draco is FURIOUS and everyone's looking at Harry like they think he's going to whip out his wand and ... well, I don't know what they're imagining exactly but they're all thinking the same thing: you were furious at Ollivander and now he's petrified, you were furious at Dennis and now he's dead, so let's all do our best not to hack you off.

I don't think Harry would've done anything to Dennis though, even if he didn't like him. And I'm really not sorry about Ollivander.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2010-02-11 16:11:59**
(no subject)

We're all here, and everyone's all right. Percy Weasley's doing a lot of fast talking, trying to calm everyone down. But there are a lot of scared people.

A lot of the Gryffindors are talking about Marvolo, too. I--I don't think he would do something like that. And you know him better than I do, I guess.

But if he didn't do it, then who did?

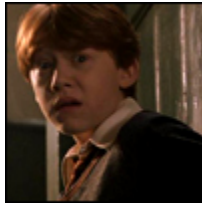
I'm wondering...Professor Carrow? Would he really do that?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 16:17:19](#)
(no subject)

I wouldn't put anything past Carrow. ANYTHING. And he was furious at Dennis when Dennis went mad in his classroom earlier this week and Ollivander... well you saw what he write yesterday.


But I wonder if it is someone who think he's doing what Harry would want. I don't think it's Harry, I mean he might have petrified Ollivander but he wouldn't kill Dennis any more than I'd kill Milli's cat for throwing up on my shoes AGAIN you know?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-11 16:53:53](#)
(no subject)


Well. Maybe Ollivander killed Dennis--I mean, who knows what he might have been thinking after what the Headmistress did to him! I bet wanted revenge on Hermione but ran into Dennis instead and figured one muggleborn was as good as another or didn't even think and just, just hexed him. D'you think he used Avada Kedavra?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-11 16:57:22](#)
(no subject)

Oh, and then I was going to say. So maybe Ollivander killed Dennis and ~~Harry~~ Marvolo came along and petrified him. Ollivander, I mean.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 17:02:34](#)
(no subject)

I suppose Ollivander might have killed Dennis but it would've been a weird coincidence if the person petrifying people just HAPPENED to spot him.

I think it's more likely Carrow petrified Ollivander and Dennis came along at the wrong moment and saw, and Carrow killed him so he couldn't tell anyone. Probably with Avada Kedavra, I mean it doesn't sound like there was a mark on Dennis and they say that's what happens with the killing curse.



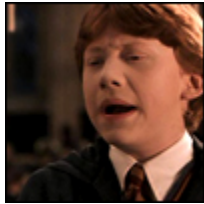
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 17:05:19](#)
(no subject)


Although Ron --

Did you see what Thomas said about Ginny? He's right, she went all queer right around the time

Stebbins

Do you think maybe Carrow is putting the Imperius curse on her and using her to do what he's doing? I don't know exactly how the Imperius curse works, whether you'd be able to cast the spells the person casting it on you knows how to cast or just the things you could normally do.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-11 17:10:07](#)
(no subject)

That's daft. Ginny couldn't do stuff like this.

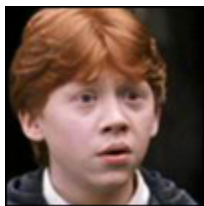
I mean, wot?


That's just

doesn't make any sense at all

why would Carrow?

Ginny?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-11 17:12:14](#)
(no subject)

I mean not that Carrow couldn't be making somebody do stuff he wants done, but he'd use Sandoval or Moran or one of those swots in his group. Not some firstie Gryffindor.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 17:18:39](#)
(no subject)

But if he were doing something illegal, like petrifying students, he might use someone he'd like to see get in trouble.

He hates your whole family. I think he even hates Percy and you'd think a teacher would LIKE Percy but Percy and Carrow don't get on at all. If he could get your sister in terrible trouble it would be horrible for all of you.


I don't know as anyone would believe she did it on her own, though. I mean petrifying people has got to be hard, and Avada Kedavra is really powerful magic.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 16:18:09](#)
(no subject)

And when I say 'he might have petrified Ollivander' I mean 'he might have been willing to petrify Ollivander if he'd had the chance because of what Ollivander did,' not that I think he really did.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-11 16:30:00](#)
(no subject)

Is Hermione there? Is she all right? I wasn't sure if she returned from the Headmistress yet, after that-that thing with Ollivander. If there's something out there targeting Muggleborns...I mean, is she okay?

What's Marvolo saying about all this? I suppose he's trying to calm Malfoy down. Malfoy sounds like he's about to go spare.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-11 16:40:26](#)
(no subject)

Harry just looks horrified. He isn't shouting or really saying much of anything. Draco was doing enough shouting for the both of them but he went out to see Professor Slughorn. I think Harry went to hide in his dormitory actually, which is what I did. There are

too many people shouting in the common room right now.

I haven't seen Hermione. I think she did come back from the Headmistress's office but I'm not sure. But we had Transfiguration first thing today and I don't THINK Harry was planning to bring her so she might just be hiding out in her room with the door shut.




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2010-02-11 16:42:46](#)**
(no subject)

I wouldn't blame her a bit. I hope no one decides to somehow blame her for this.

This is awful.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-11 16:58:10](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-11 17:00:23](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, that's why I'm not knocking on her door to check, I don't want to remind people she's there.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-11 17:19:45](#)**
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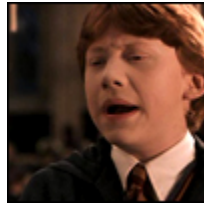
Alright I heard someone say, she came back first thing this morning. The Headmistress brought her. They must have been right near the corridor with the bodies but they didn't see.


So she's fine and safe and not in trouble, thank goodness.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-11 17:33:59](#)
(no subject)

Well, good on her. Having the Headmistress with her is as good an alibi as she can possibly need.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-12 00:25:41](#)
(no subject)

What?

You think somebody would think a Muggleborn with no wand could have killed two people?


Now that's the daftest daft thing I've heard all day.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-12 03:08:33](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I know it's daft, but people are saying it anyway, so I'm staying in here. Harry left me some of his books to read so it was all right. But I didn't want to see anything that was in the journals at first, because I knew they'd be saying the same things I was hearing.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-12 14:35:58](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Are you scared? Of getting petrified, I mean? Or like Dennis, y'know?

I don't think he should send you out to walk around by yourself anymore. He knows that, doesn't he? I mean, he wouldn't do that anymore, would he?

2010-02-11 10:17:00


Classes Cancelled

Students, please return to your dormitories and remain there until you hear from your Heads of House. Classes have been cancelled for the day.



 [alernity](#)
 [alt_mcgonagall](#)



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-11 15:21:09](#)
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Once you have reached your Common Rooms, please check in with the Prefects. We want to get a complete head count.


Professor McGonagall, we will report the results to you as soon as we've accounted for everyone.



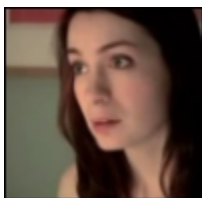
 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-11 15:24:22](#)
(no subject)


Thank you, Weasley.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-11 15:59:53](#)
(no subject)

All the Gryffindors have checked in. All are accounted for.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2010-02-11 15:49:39](#)
ORDER ONLY

Minerva, Poppy, what is going on?

Is what that little girl saying true? It can't be.



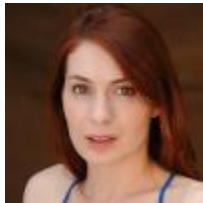
 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-11 16:16:06](#)


Re: ORDER ONLY

Oh my goodness...Colin....

Alice, I'm so dreadfully sorry.

Minerva, of course you'll let us know if you've gleaned any information. That Hufflepuff girl said there was another message on the wall?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2010-02-11 18:31:38](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

I don't know what to tell him.

I don't even know if it's truly *real*, and some small part of me is praying that it's all some sort of terrible misunderstanding and he's only paralyzed.

I'll wait until we get the official word from Minerva or Poppy. I won't believe it otherwise. I won't.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-11 15:55:11](#)

Order Only

What?! Another attack?

That poor kid. Dennis, I mean.




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-11 16:42:06](#)

(no subject)

Minerva, I'm sure that you will be making a full report to the Governors, but seeing as our son is directly affected, I'll appreciate it if you or Horace could let us know the disposition and the details as soon as possible.

I've spoken with Narcissa and she will be waiting for word. Unfortunately I have not the latitude to remain linked to the journals all day to-day.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-11 16:47:17](#)
(no subject)

All Ravenclaw students have checked in. We will busy ourselves here with our homework and await further word from you, Headmistress.

2010-02-11 11:35:00

(no subject)

It looks like everyone in Hufflepuff has got back to the common room now. All the Prefects were checking names off lists when we came in, and then sending people up to their rooms so the common room wouldn't get too crowded.



 [alt_susan](#)


There was a bit of a scare when no one could find Wayne, so Horus Diggle went out to look for them, and he looked a bit pale when he left as if he was afraid of what he might find. It turned out Wayne had got caught on a moving staircase and was rushing to try to get to lessons on time; he'd not even known what had happened. Eloise and Megan and I ran up and hugged him and I think he was a little embarrassed but we were just so glad nothing bad had happened to him, especially cos of what happened to Bobby last term.

I asked Gemma and Heidi if it was all right if we (Eloise and Megan and I) waited in the common room until Hannah and Lettice get back, and they said it was. Then Heidi went off to help comfort the firstie girls cos a lot of them were really upset and scared.

We have a big cupboard in our Common Room that has tea and cocoa and biccies and things. Its supposed to be for special occasions only cos of the shortage. But I was getting tired of sitting and waiting and looking at Eloise and Megan and not knowing what to say, so I asked Gemma if this counted as a special occasion even though its a really really bad one. And she said, yea, if there was any time we could all use some tea it would be now. So I filled up a kettle and did some warming charms, and Megan and Eloise are setting out biccies on plates. We're going to make sure Hannah and Lettice get some when they come back from seeing the Headmistress. It doesnt seem like much but maybe it will calm there nerves. And we're going to make up plates for all the prefects.

Speaking of prefects, I had been hoping to talk to Heidi or Gemma about what happened with Grange Marvolo's mudblood earlier this week cos it was very upsetting. But I don't think now is a good time, especially as things have got even worse.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-11 17:39:24](#)**
(no subject)


Your common room sounds nift.

I hope the tea helps.

Are they back yet? Do you know anything more?


Is Dennis *really* dead?



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2010-02-11 17:53:14](#)**
(no subject)

They're back. Hannah says yes, he's really really dead.
I don't want to ask her too much more cos she's...she's shaking.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-11 18:27:26](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, I figured.

That's mental.

2010-02-11 11:38:00

Ron! Ginny?

Ron,

Did you notice Ginny's weird journal entry last night. It looked very familiar to me.




 [alt_dean](#)

Let me think a minute...

Actually now that I think about it, it looks exactly like the one she had last December during the time of the incident before the winter hols.

Is she alright?

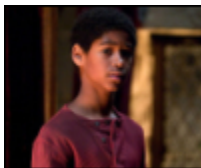



 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-11 17:05:45**
(no subject)

Yeah, I saw it last night and thought the same thing. Or at least that it was odd, y'know, so I went looking for her, and Sandoval--Honorita, I mean--said she'd seen Gin going off toward the library and with her books and whatnot. She said she looked really preoccupied. I guess Sandoval said something to her, but Ginny just went right past her like she hadn't heard.

So I dunno. She's over there in the corner right now with a book, but I saw Percy trying to talk to her and she looked pretty annoyed he was pestering her.

She might talk to you, though.



 [alt_dean](#) at **2010-02-12 00:51:38**
(no subject)

I tried talking to Ginny earlier and she was very unresponsive. It was like I was talking to a person who had lost their hearing or as if she was just an empty shell of a person this morning. She was definitely not herself at that point.

Its weird though, Ginny seems absolutely normal now. She is

interacting with people now like she usually is. You might want to watch her closely, but don't let her know it.

2010-02-11 14:01:00

ORDER ONLY

Minerva, Poppy, I know you lot are probably up to your ears in it

but Al is pretty insistent that we get an update.

and I am too.

what happened to Dennis? what can you tell us?



 [alt_frank](#)



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2010-02-12 01:17:26**

(no subject)

I'm afraid it's all true. Dennis was murdered sometime last night, it would seem, and that dreadful boy, Moebius Ollivander, became our latest victim of petrification.

There are few clues for any of us to follow: neither boy was physically touched, and we've had nothing but null results with any of the tests any of us knows for determining whether magic has been used on a body. And, of course, MLE can't send anyone to investigate.

There was a message on the wall, again: 'Enemies will be found and fall' it said, I believe. There's been no end of conversation about what this might mean. It was written in blood as with the other attacks, but not the blood of either child. I believe Minerva was going to check with Professor Brutka, and I haven't heard whether he or Dawlish have been able to confirm a source amongst the castle's creatures.

If the pair of you Aurors have any thoughts about what more we could look for or test, I suspect Minerva would be very glad to hear from you.



 [alt_frank](#) at **2010-02-12 02:33:00**

(no subject)


damn.

I'll tell her.

and colin.

I don't have any answers right now, but I'll work on it. he deserves as much.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2010-02-12 02:33:16](#)**
(no subject)

merlin, he was just a little kid, you know?

tore me up inside when we didn't get to him in time to bring him to Moddey Dhoo with his brother, where he should have been. we saw him when he was just born, even held him for a little, but his mum wanted to wait a little longer.

instead he gets passed off to a spoiled brat who treats him like a goddamn pet.

it's not right.

we should have taken him right then and there sentimentality be damned.




 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2010-02-12 03:16:30](#)**
(no subject)

I don't know.

I feel sorry that Dennis is dead, but I don't feel sad, not the way I did when Terry got petrified.

I don't know. So I suppose - I mean I can't be as mad as you. Maybe I could if I had known him when he was a baby. Only I can't imagine Dennis as a baby. It seems like he was always sort of dumb and making trouble and acting like a house-elf.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2010-02-12 15:31:28](#)**
(no subject)

it's more what he could of been than what he was.

if he was given a chance.


because I know colin, he's a good kid, he's smart and quick to pick up on things, and inventive as hell. it's a fucking tragedy is what it is, all around, no mistake. because Dennis never got to show his potential, and if it's anything like his brother's, he'd have made a fine wizard.

sorry hermione.

anyroad, Al and me take a lot on, Al most of all I think, and this is part of it. it's our fault he didn't end up where he ought to, and now he's dead, we'll never be able to fix it. by all rights, you and Terry and should be right here with us too, and by Merlin you'd make one hell of a student. and that's something else we can't go back and change. doesn't make it any easier, though.

you keep that chin up, kid.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-12 03:30:10](#)**
(no subject)

Dorcas and I have been wracking our brains, but we can't think of any spell that would cause long-term petrification like that. And I really don't know of any spell that affects the victim differently depending on their blood status. So as to why Dennis was killed and the Olivander boy was petrified, I'm afraid we don't have a clue. We've checked our miniaturised library of auror-training textbooks, too.


Dorcas remembered that the Hogwarts library has some books in the Restricted section which you might try: take a look at *Speed and Silence: Effective Defensive Spells for Combat Situations* by Featherstone and *When Seconds Count: Hexes, Counters and Jinxes for the Professional Auror*, by Haisley. Both have extensive lists of pretty obscure spells in the glossaries. Maybe you'll find something there.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-12 03:40:59](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Kingsley. I will speak to Irma about those volumes straightaway.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-12 15:54:16](#)
(no subject)

if he wasn't touched and there wasn't any obvious magical trace that probably means a passive cursed object that paralyzes you if you touch it or something rather than a spell. Dennis could have touched it too long, or gotten too much of it at once or something, which killed him. cursed stuff leaves a slightly different sort of trace -- bill would be better at that than I would. but it'd be tricky to sort out what the object actually was to begin with -- you might narrow it down, but it's hard to tell from a trace, which makes it difficult to use location spells. and it's next to impossible to tell who used it to begin with based on a simple trace cause it wasn't the caster that did the magic, it was the object.

maybe the person had to use special gloves so they wouldn't be cursed too. I'd bet they have a special place to store it too -- heavily protected.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-15 16:10:59](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Frank. I believe that Minerva has asked Dawlish to oversee a thorough investigation, including a search of student and staff possessions and accommodations if he deems that necessary. I feel certain they discussed the possibility you raise here; I know that Minerva feels it's a strong theory.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2010-02-15 18:06:53](#)
(no subject)

Quite a clever thought, Frank.

I've had to ask Dawlish to look into things, as

Poppy said - he isn't my first choice for an investigator, but I can hardly do it myself and choosing him seems to please the Board of Governors and the Death Eaters well enough, and I have no reason to believe he won't do his best, such as it is.

2010-02-11 14:25:00

Good Grief!!

Whoever is doing this is it NOT FUNNY.
Especially today, after the attack last night.


I think it's exceedingly bad taste.

Luckily I still had a scarf in my bag from
yesterday.



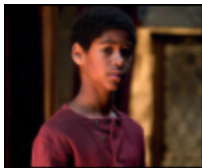
 [alt_padma](#)




 [alt_lavender](#) at **2010-02-12 00:39:41**
(no subject)

BERKS.


Let Padma alone, all right? This is not a time to be making
Silly Jokes.



 [alt_dean](#) at **2010-02-12 00:55:01**
(no subject)

I would say don't over react, but it seems some one
has it in for you. Who did you tick off lately?



 [alt_padma](#) at **2010-02-12 02:42:27**
(no subject)

Excuse me?

I don't appreciate your implication, Thomas. I didn't
do anything to deserve it the first time, nor this time,
either.

Anyway, I went to Professor Acton to work out what happened,
since she'd said it was most likely caused by contacting something.
I thought through everything I'd done today and of course, one of
the first things I did was comb out my hair. She checked the comb
and sure enough, it's been tampered with and it's a cursed object.


So yes, someone *did* have it in for me, and no, I haven't the *faintest*
idea why.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-12 18:11:25](#)
(no subject)


Someone cursed your COMB? Ugh, how awful! Was Professor Acton able to uncurse it for you?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-12 18:13:15](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You three are BRILLIANT. Seeing all her hair fall out at lunchtime was about the only good thing that happened yesterday.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-12 00:57:55](#)
(no subject)


What are you on about, Patil?

Are you just not able to stand not being the centre of attention? You know, I felt sorry for you the other day,

but now--

What spell did you use?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-12 02:47:55](#)
(no subject)


For your information, Weasel, my point was that it was decidedly NOT appropriate to pull a stupid, hurtful prank like that on the day after someone else got petrified. Even if Ollivander was a complete blood-traitor to go after Marvolo's mudblood that way, the fact is that someone's still attacking people and it was really, really horrid to try to make everyone forget about it by targetting me.

And I didn't use any kind of spell. It turns out that the way it happened before was someone **cursed** my comb. Which means, if you're paying attention, that it could have happened anytime during the day, before I went up to the Ravenclaw dormitories.

So you watch out, Measley, because if Professor Action finds out

who cast that curse, and you're within three degrees of separation, you'll be sorry.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-12 03:38:57](#)
(no subject)


Ew. That's utterly foul. Who would want to touch your comb?

I'd be afraid I'd get lice.

Actually.

That's it, isn't it? Your hair wasn't hexed off. You got lice and had to have it removed like those firsties at the start of the year. You're just too embarrassed to say.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-12 04:31:53](#)
(no subject)


~~How dare you!!~~

~~Go soak your head in lye, you disgusting creep!~~

As if.


If anyone's liable to have brought lice in, it's that sister of yours. Malfoy told me you all live in a hovel with chickens and all sorts of unsanitary animals, all in the same room like in the olden days.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-12 04:32:44](#)
(no subject)


In fact, it's no wonder she and Loony Lovegood are such good friends, seeing as how it's hard to tell which one is more touched in the head!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-12 04:37:49](#)
(no subject)


Leave my sister alone, Patil.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-12 04:36:17](#)**
(no subject)


Like Smellyboy would know. He's never been anywhere near our house.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2010-02-12 14:46:46](#)**
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Ooooo! For once I hope it was one of my boys who hexed this insufferable girl's comb!



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2010-02-12 04:45:38](#)**
(no subject)

SHUT IT! Weasley, you are rude, mean, and a liar too!

Why we have to be in the same House I do not know!

[2010-02-12 07:03:00](#)

Dennis

I don't really feel like writing, but last night people kept whispering and looking at me and I know they want to ask, so I might as well tell.



 **[alt_draco](#)**

I saw Dennis. His body, I mean. Professor Slughorn didn't want me to but I did. They told me he died in an instant, and nothing could have saved him. They don't know how he died yet, but Professor Slughorn said it probably wasn't anything to do with his magic. He said mudblood children have manifested magic for a long time without ever dying or killing anyone because of it. And then they all told me that Dennis probably didn't feel any pain.

He felt fear, though. I saw it. On his face, I mean. He was scared when he died. That probably counts as a kind of pain, doesn't it.

And I keep thinking about what they said was written on the wall by him and Ollivander. "Enemies will be found and fall." Whoever this Heir is, or thinks he is, I don't know how Dennis could be his enemy. He was a mudblood and his magic was going mad, yes, but he was completely loyal, and he would have gladly given away his magic to anyone if he had only been able to. I don't see what makes him more of an enemy than Carrow's mudblood, or Ollivander for that matter. He was just nine years old.

I wonder if they'll tell his parents, but then I don't even know if he has parents. Dennis didn't know if he had them, either.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-12 15:57:37](#)**

(no subject)

I don't think he was an enemy either.

I'm so sorry, Draco.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2010-02-12 16:59:40](#)**

(no subject)

It is of course difficult to ever understand or accept a violent death. As your mother and I told you yesterday, we sympathise and wish we could be there to guide you,

but loss is, unfortunately, something we must all learn to manage.

I believe in the coming weeks we shall learn that his demise was the result of an accident of timing, rather than a calculated act meant to signal a threat against his loyalties. If nothing else, the prefect will be able to provide an account once he is revived.

I'm truly sorry, son, that you must face this alone.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-12 18:08:55](#)

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He sounds like he knows more than he's saying. What do you reckon he means about an accident of timing?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2010-02-13 04:58:53](#)

(no subject)

What kind of accident of timing, Father? Do you mean that the Heir was going after Ollivander and Dennis just got in the way?



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-13 12:53:44](#)


(no subject)

Yes, that or some similar scenario. There are a number of possible explanations; unfortunately with the quarantine in effect it is impossible to conduct a full investigation.

I shall be asking the Headmistress if Mr Dawlish might put some of his former Auror's skills to use re-constructing what occurred. However, as his inquiries must not impede his other responsibilities, I am not sure he will see this as an opportunity to stretch himself. One never knows with Dawlish.

How are you feeling this morning, son? Your mother is, I'm sure, quite anxious for your owl post to hear for herself that you have recovered from the worst of the shock.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-13 15:34:49](#)**
(no subject)

I'm not shocked anymore, but it's about as depressing as it can be around here...


How will Auntie Bella feel about Dawlish doing an investigation? Hadn't she stripped him of all authority when he didn't pass the new programme?



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2010-02-13 16:59:56](#)**
(no subject)

Your Aunt surely will have an opinion. The fact of the matter is that he is qualified for the work - and he is available, given that he is already charged with the safety of the students on matters such as contraband. It is high time someone took the investigation in hand and he is certainly capable of following the procedures necessary for a forensic study of the crimes.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-12 17:34:40](#)**
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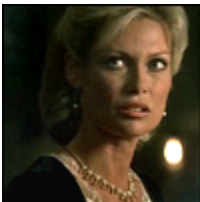
Yeah.


I'm sorry. No one deserves that.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-12 18:09:36](#)**
(no subject)


All he ever wanted was to be a good servant. I don't know why anyone would have killed him. I'm sorry, Draco.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2010-02-13 17:25:06](#)**
(no subject)

Draco, do be sure to let us know if you'd like to speak in person again. I'm sure we could work something out if it would help you.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2010-02-14 06:14:02](#)
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Lucas Creevy was a milkman and Brenda Creevy was a hairdresser before they got sent to the camps.

Brenda was very ill when we came to fetch Dennis. She knew us already, we'd already taken her oldest son just the year before. She begged us to give her a little more time with Dennis, because she knew it would be the last chance she'd get to see him. She knew she was dying. He was such a tiny baby. When I saw him, he was six months old, but he looked almost half that.

So we waited.

She died a year later, and by the time we were able to come back for him, it was too late.

Lucas works at the dairy farms at Cheadle. At least that's what he did last time we were able to communicate at all. I know he's still alive because of Colin's ring, at least. And Colin's written him explaining what has happened, even though Merlin knows when we'll be able to get the letter to him.

So there's that, I suppose.

You will never read this. I hardly see the point in writing it down, really, except for the fact that it needs to be written somewhere, even if it's hidden. Dennis Creevy was not a house-elf. He was a human being who had a mother, a father, and a brother who all loved him very much. He was a little boy who spent most of his short life being ordered about, afraid and ashamed of his own magic, and kept apart from his family. You were the closest person he had to a family, really.

I hope you will think twice the next time your father gives you a new little slave that you can order around. And I hope to Merlin you feel half the guilt that I'm feeling.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2010-02-14 13:25:27](#)**
(no subject)

I'm sorry, Draco. It must have been an awful Shock.

2010-02-12 12:11:00

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 [alt_sally_anne](#)

So while I was stuck in Slytherin House all day yesterday I asked Siobhan if she had any books on Dark Arts I could borrow. She had loads, of course, since that's one of her electives. I told her I was trying to understand what happened to Dennis and let her just assume I meant Avada Kedavra, everyone here kind of assumes that's what happened to him even though the grownups keep saying they don't know.

By the way Ptolemy Baddock is our new prefect, in case Percy didn't tell you. He's really shaken up by everything.

So I spent a lot of the afternoon reading. I kept getting sidetracked by interesting things, like did you know that all THREE of the cardinal curses were invented by a Ravenclaw? Like Lovegood said, not exactly her house's finest hour. The wizard who invented Avada Kedavra was killed when someone else cast it on him, and the person who cast it on him was taking revenge because his son had been killed with it and he went mad with grief. The witch who invented cruciatus was doing research into the different areas of the brain and in the notes she left when she died she said that she had been thinking that if we understood more about the body's ability to feel pain she thought it would be useful to healers. And according to Lovegood the cruciatus curse is used at St Mungo's in certain cases BUT you know it's mostly used for other things. (The interesting thing is that in order to cast cruciatus you really need to WANT to cause someone unbearable pain. If what you WANT is to cure someone's paralysis it won't work! I don't know what you have to want if you're going to open a champagne bottle with it, this book didn't talk about that application.)

Anyway. The Imperius curse was yet another Ravenclaw research project gone horribly wrong, I guess. It was sort of a followup to the cruciatus but -- alright, see, the way the cruciatus works is there's a part of your brain that feels pain. If you burn your hand or stub your toe or knock your elbow, it's that one bit in your brain that says 'ow.' (Although maybe it's not exactly ONE BIT but ... anyway, that part's confusing.) Cruciatus basically tells that part of your brain to turn on.

So, someone wondered, is there also a part of your brain that feels pleasure, and could he make a spell that would tell THAT bit of your

brain to turn on? Also, he thought this could be used to teach people things, maybe, if when someone got something 'right' the spell made things feel good.

There were a couple of problems with his approach and one of them is that while pain is pain (more or less, it does feel different to burn yourself than to drop a rock on your foot, but the interesting thing about cruciatus is that it manages to make it feel like ALL those things are happening at once -- well, anyway) pleasure is lots of different things, like it feels good to pet a cat and it feels good to figure something out and it feels good to get a hug from a friend but all in completely different ways. Apparently it feels really good to have Imperius cast on you, in sort of the way it feels really good to lie under a tree on a sunny day during your holiday. You don't worry about anything or care about anything.

It didn't work at ALL for teaching people anything but it works very well to make them obey. Until it wears off and then if they remember what you did, they might come kill you.

It MIGHT be possible to cast it on someone who isn't right there and it's DEFINITELY possible to keep it on someone while you can't see them, although it's hard. And you CAN use a person under imperius to cast spells that you know how to do and they don't, though results can be unpredictable. So someone could cast it on someone and make them cast the killing curse, is what I'm saying. And you can pair it with other things so they don't really remember what happened, although this is super advanced magic but if we're talking about Carrow...

And just so you know, the book said the killing curse is painless, they know because there are some people who were hit with it who came back as ghosts. The killing curse rips your soul from your body, is how it works, and it was developed by someone who was trying to understand what the soul actually is.

Anyway. Ron. And Fred and George. Your sister acted really strange and while it doesn't sound EXACTLY like what would happen if she were under the Imperius curse I think you lot (meaning you Gryffindors) need to watch her really closely. Because I know no one in your family would've hurt Dennis on purpose (or Terry) but if you're under the Imperius curse you can't stop yourself, that's the whole point. And the only thing Carrow would love more than terrifying people and petrifying people and killing people is if he could get someone in your family blamed for all of it!


I think you should talk to Percy. Or if you think he'd listen better to someone who wasn't a brother, I could talk to Percy, or Pansy, because if anyone can arrange to have Ginny watched non-stop from now until the un-petrification potion is done it's Percy, don't you think?

By the way there was another Ravenclaw who worked out a spell that causes pure pleasure, like ... I don't know exactly what LIKE but apparently they found his STARVED DEAD BODY in his house next to his notes because he had cast it on himself again and again and AGAIN instead of eating or sleeping! The man who found the body burned his notes BUT he read them first and one day when he was old he decided to give it a go and HE DIED TOO.

The book said that THAT was really the darkest curse of all!

These books are dead interesting but I don't think I want to take Dark Arts next year.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-13 04:09:13](#)
(no subject)

You really think Ginny?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-13 04:34:18](#)
(no subject)


Well Dean's right, she went all queer back in December when people got petrified.

AND she said in her journal in November she was missing time, there were parts of her day she couldn't remember.

AND she got sick on Halloween when the first thing happened, with the writing on the wall, and Nick, and Hermione's cat.

I mean really what are the chances there's no connection at all? At the very least if she goes all queer again in the journals everyone should run screaming back to their houses because something bad is about to happen!



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-13 15:13:29](#)**
(no subject)

That's really not good, is it?

I mean, you're not the only one that's noticed, and you're right it would be really bad if Ginny was really involved somehow.

Or even if Carrow figured out how to somehow set her up to be blamed.

So, yeah. But I don't know how we can watch her all the time.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-13 19:24:23](#)**
(no subject)

That's why I was thinking someone should talk to Percy about it. You CAN'T watch her all the time as you're not a firstie OR a girl but Percy's a prefect, he could make sure the other girls know not to ever leave her alone.

Or maybe, is he any good at Charms? He could give her something to keep with her that she could activate if her head went all funny and tell him where she is. Or tell someone else. You know?

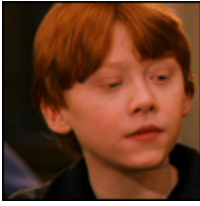



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Yeah, all right.

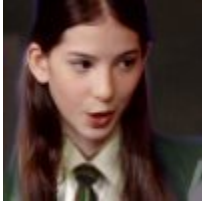
That'll make Percy swell up like a

yeah



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-13 15:18:58](#)
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Actually, Dark Arts does sound dead wizard. Why don't you want to take it? I mean it sounds loads better than Divination or Arithmancy or whatsits--um, Runes. You know?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-13 19:21:42](#)
(no subject)

It's taught by Alecto Carrow, Ron.

Plus you have to have 'recommendations' and all that rot, she hardly ever lets half-blood students take it anyway.

What I'm really looking forward to is Care of Magical Creatures and besides that I haven't decided.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-13 21:13:03](#)
(no subject)

It is? Towler told me

Wait. Really?


Well, that's naff.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-14 03:13:12](#)
(no subject)

What did Towler tell you?




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-14 03:19:57](#)**
(no subject)

Er.

's not important.

Never mind.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-15 16:13:40](#)**
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You went and asked Towler, didn't you? About what he'd told me.

He's been laughing at me since lunch yesterday.

And the twins.

They think it's dead funny.

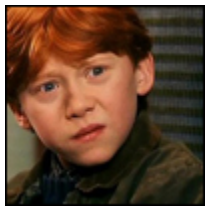
Well, ha bloody ha.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-15 16:23:41](#)**
(no subject)

I didn't go looking for him to ask him, he came to buy one of my origami roses yesterday and while I was folding it I asked him.

I didn't tell him you BELIEVED it.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-15 16:36:04](#)**
(no subject)

Then who did? Pansy?

I mean, it could've been true. It totally could've.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 16:56:52](#)
(no subject)

Blame Fred and George for telling everyone you believed their story about the Sorting Hat making Gryffindors wrestle a troll!

Anyway why would the name of the professor teaching Dark Arts be some big secret? And obviously it couldn't be Lockhart. I don't know if I agree with your theory that he made up everything in his books, but he certainly doesn't run very practical classes, not like Charms. I might be able to tell you how Lockhart beats a vampire but that doesn't mean I'd have any idea what to do if I met one.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-15 17:14:23](#)
(no subject)

They told everyone what?!!!

And that's not what Towler said about Dark Arts. He never said it was Lockhart! 'Course he never said it was Carrow, either.

He said you never see the Dark Arts teacher because she doesn't want anyone to be able to use Dark magic against her. So she just stays in her rooms and classroom and won't come out where anyone could ambush her. Like, she won't eat in the Great Hall because someone might get hold of her leftovers or steal the leaves out of her teacups or summat; and she won't let anyone know her proper name cause someone could use that in a spell; and she burns all her nail clippings and hair and tissues and stuff in a special brasier thing so no one can get hold of a piece of her to use in Dark potions or whatever.

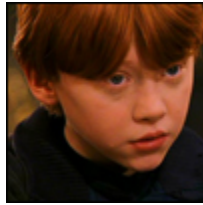
Which totally makes sense. And it would be pretty interesting, I think, to take Dark Arts from someone like that.


But I guess it's just Carrow, after all. Which is just wrong. I mean, no one'd want to take it from her.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 17:19:30](#)
(no subject)

You'd have to REALLY want to know Dark Arts to spend more time with anyone named Carrow.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-15 18:01:49](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, right?

Who would?

I mean, she probably demonstrates on her students!

D'you even know anyone who does take it?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 18:34:31](#)
(no subject)

Of course I do. I said right in the entry Siobhan had the books because she's taking it. She's one of my prefects. There are loads of others, though, Ollivander was in it, and Rosier, and Laverty and Moran, and Taiga Bode. Not Flint, he tried but Carrow said he was too thick to bother with. Martha Yaxley's in it I think. Cassandra Calderwood, she's Siobhan's younger sister. Some of the others.

I think she does demonstrate on the students some of the time but not cruciatus. I think they practised the Imperius curse on each other, though.

2010-02-14 21:12:00

Change in Week-end Plans



 [alt_lucius](#)

Horace, thank you and Minerva again for kindly arranging a three-way fire chat so that Narcissa and I could speak directly to Draco. His servants' murder hit him rather hard, I think, not least because it is the first time he has seen death so closely. (And I, too, wish for his sake that he had not chosen to view the body, Horace, but agree that it was his right to do so.) I believe Draco had grown attached to Dennis, not just because he had acquired him for his own, but out of a genuine sense of responsibility for his possession. Particularly coming as Dennis did from Harry and the Lord Protector, it was doubly difficult for him to accept that anyone would mean him harm. I do not doubt that Draco will continue to recover from the loss, but that it may not be an easy or instant adjustment.

In any event, the news of the attack's effect on Draco prompted us to reconsider my decision to abdicate the Manor for the week-end. I did manage some tasks on Saturday while Narcissa entertained her cousin, but it was just as well I remained on hand. I had already made provisions for a Valentine's Day spent (of necessity) apart, however it was infinitely more enjoyable to spend the holiday in each other's company.


The good news is that Rookwood was able to deploy his trials this week and is monitoring them for their results. If all goes well, he should be able to expand the programme in a matter of days.

Meanwhile, Magical Commerce meets to-morrow, amid much consternation over the impact of continued labour shortages and the newer travel restrictions on the state of consumption within the realm.

As if by contrast, Ari and Pandora have arranged a reception on Tuesday in honour of the *Londinarium* article (which I gather from him was much to their liking) - and in a sort of celebration of Ptolemy's recent assumption of the role of Slytherin prefect. Although the circumstances were far from ideal, Ari is of course proud that

Ptolemy was considered the best choice to redeem the house, following Mr Ollivander's disappointing dereliction of his duties.



 **[alt_regulus](#)** at **[2010-02-16 14:49:41](#)**
(no subject)

I'm not surprised Baddock's pleased with the article. I saw the finished magazine last night, and I must say it not only shows Kenwood and its owners in a highly complimentary light, it also places them in excellent company, given the other pieces in the issue.

It was a pleasant surprise to see you on Saturday; as always, I appreciate your hospitality.

[2010-02-14 23:21:00](#)

I am not your valentine

I am not going to come out of my room till I'm sure those valentine things are all gone.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 15:29:10](#)

(no subject)

They were awfully loud yesterday, weren't they?

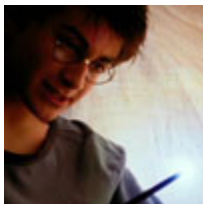
Did you manage to get rid of them?

I'm sorry you got so swamped. Of course, I didn't help matters -- I did send one to you, after all, but it was just the sort that I had sent to Sally-Anne and Ron and Draco and Hydra and Morag, a friendly one saying "Happy Valentine's!" not an "Oh my goodness, you're Harry Marvolo and I LOVE you!" kind of one, because that's just silly. So if you got rid of mine too, that's okay.

At least mine wasn't a singing one.

Or a flying one.

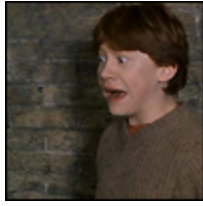
Or perfumed. The Common Room still stinks to high heaven.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-15 18:02:07](#)

(no subject)

No, I didn't manage to get rid of them. They dive-bombed me when I tried to go to breakfast this morning. I had to get Professor Slughorn to call them off. And then he told me that I'd better read them all so I knew who sent me ones, because it was polite. So I told Granger she had to do it while I was in class.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-15 18:09:43](#)
(no subject)


You did what?!



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-15 18:59:29](#)
(no subject)

What?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 18:27:47](#)
(no subject)

Did they multiply overnight?


Are there even that many girls at this school?

With all the screechy singing and stink, she might end up off her food. And I wouldn't blame her.

At least he isn't making you write them back.


~~I didn't think you'd get as many this year, otherwise I wouldn't have bothered.~~



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-15 19:01:16](#)
(no subject)

Maybe they're breeding.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 19:03:57](#)
(no subject)

Eeeewww.

Yeah, we definitely need to burn them.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 18:32:03](#)
(no subject)

Maybe we could set them all on fire after they're read. That might be fun.

We'd have to do it outside though, because I'd imagine the perfumey ones would smell even worse.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-15 16:16:28](#)
(no subject)

Oh, come on. How bad can it be?

So a bunch of people wanted to tell you they think you're brilliant.

Boo bloody hoo.



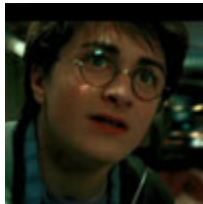
 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-15 18:03:33](#)
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There must've been five hundred of them. And there were cherubs. And they sang. And I couldn't breathe from the perfume.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 18:36:21](#)
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Five hundred? What, did some of the girls send you a baker's dozen?



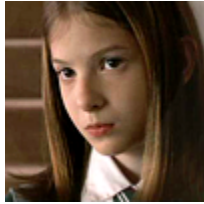
 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-15 19:01:36](#)
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Pansy thought they might be breeding!!!! Like MICE!!!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 19:04:20](#)
(no subject)

or COCKROACHES!




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 21:23:31](#)
(no subject)

Breeding? That's just silly.

Now they might have a charm on them that would make them increase in number over time. I read about a charm that makes a fly buzz around and then every time you swat it, it turns into two flies. The book didn't say how to do that one, though, I expect if you wanted instructions you'd have to get into the restricted section.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 21:49:05](#)
(no subject)


Well, they are *Valentines*, so I don't think it's *that* far-fetched...



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 23:20:14](#)
(no subject)

EW, Pansy!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 18:30:34](#)
(no subject)


There's a difference between friends sending you something because they *like* you, and people sending you something because they think they ought.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 18:38:14](#)
(no subject)

I was just coming out of my dorm when Harry stepped out of Slytherin this morning, it was about as romantic as a load of howlers. Especially the singing ones.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-15 18:45:31](#)
(no subject)


Your paper roses were ever so much more tasteful.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-15 18:48:55](#)
(no subject)


I did warn the girls who wanted to buy them for Harry that he'd be happier if they just left him alone, but I don't think ANY of them listened to me.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-16 01:22:10](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

They were nice, thanks. My Gran sent an owl yesterday, so I was able to send the roses I got from you off to her and my little sister Evelyn.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-16 01:42:30](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Well, good. I hope they like them.

You really DIDN'T have to pay me, you know. I don't mind folding them free for friends.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2010-02-15 19:42:57](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Don't blame him a bit, really. They were awful loud. I bet it was embarrassing. I don't think he likes it when people make a huge fuss over him.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-15 21:26:02](#)**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

No, he really doesn't.

Ron if you really think it would be brilliant to get piles of Valentines I could try to arrange something. I'm thinking I could start a superstition among next year's firsties that it's good luck to get your first kiss from a ginger and then I'll spread a rumour that you've promised to kiss everyone who sends you a Valentine.

2010-02-15 11:29:00

Order Only: The Ministry and Owls, plus Rookwood



 [alt_bill](#)

Two things: first I want to report that the Minister of Magic is being flooded with owls from parents demanding that the MLE take over the investigation of the latest incident at Hogwarts. Apparently, Fudge is not particularly appreciating the complaints. The order came down from Senior Undersecretary Umbridge that any owl used to deliver one of these complaints should be promptly confiscated from its owner by the Ministry, with the excuse that the Ministry needs the owl's services 'for the duration of the crisis.' Dolores Umbridge failed to consider, however, that her title does not impress most owls. They'll only work for someone other than their owners if the owners expressly gives permission for them to be lent out to somebody else. The Ministry owl handlers suffered some bad pecking and talon scratch attacks while the owls made this clear to them.

Secondly, and this is big. Two members of my analysis team, Aloysius Archer and Tabitha Dames, have been cross-indexing Lucius Malfoy's journal posts (especially any mention of the movements of Augustus Rookwood) with the camp security log-book entries and the reports of epidemic outbreaks. The evidence can't be ignored. The pattern of outbreaks following Rookwood's visits to the camps is more than a statistical probability, it's a dead certainty.


On October 5, Malfoy told Regulus in a comment that Shroton and Ampfield were selected as 'test sites.' The LP inspected the camps on October 14, and that's rare. There's a whole lot of other corroborating evidence that they presented to me, and I can go over it with you, Dad, if you like.

I've gone and pulled what budgetary parchment work that I can. Of course, Rookwood works with the Department of Mysteries, and so those budget spreadsheets never see the light of day. BUT I did find a few mentions of mysterious requisitions in the budget for the Department of Squib Affairs, with Rookwood's initials.

I don't know what Rookwood's up to, but if Archer and Dames are right, I'm very much afraid that the evidence is damning.


Somehow, the Ministry of Magic, specifically the Department of Mysteries, is behind the cause of the epidemic.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-15 17:31:55](#)
(no subject)


WHAT?!



 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-15 17:33:15](#)
(no subject)


Dad...I'm afraid it's so.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-15 17:33:51](#)
(no subject)


No. No, no, no, NO!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-15 17:34:45](#)
(no subject)


Arthur?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-15 17:36:51](#)
(no subject)


Look, Dad, why don't you come see me over lunch. We'll grab something outside the office, and I can go over Archer's report with you.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2010-02-15 17:43:37](#)**
(no subject)

Bugger lunch, anyway. I'll make some excuse and come see you right now.




 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-15 18:39:26](#)**
(no subject)

Part of me wants to say, 'are you sure?' but I know your team doesn't throw around wild accusations.


Never expected anything like that. None of us Players did.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-15 18:47:32](#)**
(no subject)


Look at that passing comment Lucius Malfoy made in his latest journal entry. Something about Rookwood again, and some trials he's doing.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-15 18:48:18](#)**
(no subject)


But surely if they were behind all this, they would have caught on by now?



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-15 18:50:54](#)**
(no subject)


Aloysius is guessing that whatever Rookwood did, maybe now he's trying to undo it. Maybe that's what these trials that Malfoy mentions are about.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-15 19:27:45](#)
(no subject)


But St Mungo's! Surely if the Ministry knew anything about what was causing the epidemic, they would have let the healers know?



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-15 19:30:17](#)
(no subject)


Not if they were too busy covering up their own bloody arses. Maybe that was part of what all that sacking and reshuffling was about last month.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-15 19:31:28](#)
(no subject)


Oh, Arthur, how dreadful. Are you all right?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-15 19:33:19](#)
(no subject)

I don't think he really is, Mum. I told him he should take the afternoon off.

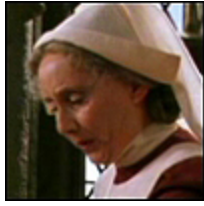



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-15 19:39:50](#)
(no subject)

I thought I could go back this afternoon, but you're right, Bill, I really can't. I was on my way back to my office, but I had to duck into the loo, and I just--

Merlin. All those people. All those children.

Molly, I'm sending a note back to my office giving them an excuse, and I'm heading home. Warrington can bloody well get out this afternoon's reports without me.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2010-02-16 20:11:02](#)**
(no subject)


Indeed.

I've been thinking about this. I believe that Rookwood must have hoped the St Mungo's researchers would identify the disease and find a cure without ever needing to know the details of its source or contributing factors. His department and his overseers must have hoped it could all be resolved without anything pointing back at them.

And I can't help thinking, too, that they behaved as though they expected there would be no danger to the St Mungo's crews that were in the camps dealing directly with the disease.

There's something in that.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2010-02-16 02:27:21](#)**
(no subject)

Al hasn't read this yet. I don't know what she'll say once she does.

makes me sick to think on.


why do you think they did it? did they want to wipe out the muggles altogether, but it got out of hand?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2010-02-16 02:31:16](#)**
(no subject)

that can't be it, though, cause they'd have done it a lot more straightforward-like a lot sooner than this.




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-16 13:15:56](#)
(no subject)

I don't think so, no. We need the work that the Muggles do too much. The Ministry is too dependent on slavery, damn them all.

I don't know how I'm going to be able to face going to work today.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-16 15:16:38](#)
(no subject)

sorry, old boy.

at least it's not anyone you work direct with.




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-16 15:31:46](#)
(no subject)

I work for the Ministry of Magic. I can't reconcile my conscience that easily, Frank.

Molly's tried to tell me that our work for the Order balances out what I have to do at the office. But it seems like such a pittance, when balanced against the devastation we've unleashed upon this country.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-16 15:48:47](#)
(no subject)

Arthur, I think you're right about one thing: Whatever this was, I don't see how it can have been deliberate. The more I think about it, the more I think perhaps the first cases were as baffling to them as everyone else.


We're still left with the deplorable, unconscionable lack of response for far too long while innocent people died, and the disgusting disregard for protecting the public even if it meant exposing their culpability. But frankly, the Ministry had a penchant for covering up its foibles even while Albus Dumbledore was there to force them to own up to their mistakes. I can't imagine that the tendency would have

improved without him as a watchdog.

That aside, at least we're forming a picture now.

I'll need a little more, but it sounds like Bill's team might soon get us enough hard facts to put together the whole truth.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2010-02-16 15:56:03](#)**
(no subject)


if it makes you feel any better, I don't think of you as working for them at all. you work for us. you're our inside man. you and Bill both are.

ever since the old man left us, you and Minerva have both done one hell of a job.

and if Min is our general, you're next in line in my book, mate.

and that is something you should be proud of.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-16 15:39:25](#)**
(no subject)


Thanks, Bill. I had a feeling; something about Malfoy's posts was not adding up. Or rather, it was adding to too much, if you follow me.

Do you trust Dames and Archer? I mean, do they know what they're looking at - and is there any possibility they'll say something to the wrong person?

I'm still not sure how Squib Affairs connects, though. But I remembered that when Malfoy wanted to redirect Carrow over the summer, he brought him to Rookwood. Is it possible that Rookwood was trying to understand how Muggleborns develop magic, and Squibs don't?

If that's so, then how does that relate to the epidemic? What trials was he conducting back in the autumn? I'm still a bit stumped.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-16 17:16:28](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I trust Archer and Dames all right. Their work has always been impeccable, they keep their mouths tightly shut, and they have as much reason to hate the Ministry as anyone: they've each had relatives that ended up in the camps, although they're counted as Purebloods themselves. (Tabitha has a son who got taken away from her as a squib, and Aloysius a muggleborn sister-in-law and her children.)

I'll get them to look at the Carrow angle. I don't think that anything having to do with that monster can be good news.

Poppy, have you heard any of your sources at St Mungo's breathe anything at all along these lines?



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2010-02-16 20:05:23](#)**
(no subject)

I'm afraid not.

It's been weeks since I've had any contact with St Mungo's: with all the concerns about exposure--and especially since the restrictions on firecalls--I've been instructed not to call unless there's a pressing need.

[2010-02-15 22:36:00](#)

Valentine's Day was pretty nift

and it sort of spilled over into today, since it was a Sunday. And now that we don't have Astronomy observation anymore, Monday's aren't so long, either, so it feels a little more like a regular day.



 [alt_padma](#)

We don't have Astronomy observation anymore because we're not supposed to go round the corridors without a teacher at night. Not since Draco's what happened last week. So we're just having our lectures. I miss the stargazing, but I have to say I don't miss being out at night in this cold!

Anyway, I sent loads of valentines to people - to most of the prefects (well, the ones I know), and the YPL counselors and Malfoy and Finnigan and Moon and so on. Marvolo, I hope you know that I'd have sent you a valentine in any case, just like I sent them to all of Ravenclaw Corner and all my other friends in school, because it's a friendly thing to do. It's not sappy or anything.

It certainly wasn't anything like those ridiculous *singing* ones. House-elves should not be allowed to sing, I think. At least not *to* humans. I heard Marvolo got a really awful one - Chang told us, she saw it get delivered - something about comparing his eyes to a toad? Ugh. Who'd have written something like that?

Some of the kids had Perks' little folded roses, which were really very pretty. It's highly enterprising of you, Perks, to come up with something like that. And convincing people to pay for bits of parchment and all, that's quite clever! It's rather like that little black market on protections last autumn, isn't it? And even sort of like Stretton's potion scheme - only not illegal, of course. And the best part is, now you've got some pocket money so you don't have to miss out on things. It's really remarkable, what people will do to overcome their shortfalls. Sandoval says that it's important to have skills people find valuable, especially once we're finished school. I don't know how much people would pay for folding parchment outside of school, but it sounds like you'll be able to keep customers for at least the next three years. Five if you go on for N.E.W.T.s.

I got loads of Valentines, myself, too! From Belinda and Lavender (and Parvati of course) and Morag and Daphne, and even from people I didn't expect, like Thompson and Bobolis and Dames and Edgcombe,


and even some of the first-years! Thanks, everyone - if I left you out it's only because I didn't want to list everyone and make other people feel bad if they didn't get as many. It's not because I didn't like your valentines!



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2010-02-16 16:22:57](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks for the Valentine. (That goes for everyone who sent me one, actually.) I'm sorry I didn't send out any in return, but it just sort of slipped my mind, what with everything else.




 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-16 17:58:47](#)**
(no subject)

Well, of course you forgot! Honestly, it's almost like losing a pet, maybe even worse, because with a pet you can tell they love you, but they can't really be useful or anything. And with a house-elf or a mudblood, especially one that's around all the time, well I guess that's got to be really difficult.

But it's okay, I know boys sometimes forget things like valentines even when they don't have a really good excuse.




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2010-02-16 16:33:35](#)**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Interesting how she manages to insult you while making out that she's praising your roses, Sally-Anne.

And she wonders why somebody hexed her bald.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-16 16:44:14](#)**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Well, and there's the whole thing where she's all snooty about making money by selling stuff when her own mum's just a dressmaker.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-16 16:55:24](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Oh but now she's making ROBE PETS and that makes all the difference in the world!

Jeremy Stretton was selling robe pets yesterday, along with the quills and sweets and everything else. He's the one to go to these days if you need something you'd normally purchase by owl post. I know Padma pointedly ignores everything he does so she probably doesn't know. They looked brand new, so some students must have got them as gifts, then tossed them in their trunk instead of wearing them. And then traded them to Stretton for quills or gloves or who knows what.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-16 19:44:47](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Ha!

You know, I'm beginning to think Stretton might not be such a bad bloke as he seemed.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-17 02:26:13](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Well those potions they were selling last year were not on, really. And he's charging an outrageous price for those quills he's selling.

But he's not bad for a Ravenclaw.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-16 16:58:59](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

And I made almost three galleons! Well, two galleons and ten sickles altogether after I paid the firstie girls who did deliveries for me.

I've NEVER had money before. Not that I can really spend it right now, but the ban on parcels can't last forever.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-16 19:51:37](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Whoa. That's really great.

You're ace at those folded thingers. Everyone's still talking about those flowers you made. I don't know if you saw, but Honoria Sandoval was weaving a bunch of them together this morning at breakfast and put them on like a scarf.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-17 02:26:57](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Ron did your mum ever owl you? If she does can you let me know before you send a letter back to her?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-17 14:45:42](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Yeah, last week I asked her about, well not about your parents straight out, but I asked about a warlock who's a halfblood that she used to take food to sometimes and I also said all my friends are really worried about their parents and I wished she'd write and let us know that people she knows are okay. She may just think I meant Mr Lovegood, though. Except I think he's still in St Mungo's and Mum can't get any information out of them about him.

But, anywiz, Errol usually comes on Wednesday or Thursday, so if you wanted me to send your letter I could if you get it to me. He didn't come this morning, but it sometimes takes him a long time to get here cause he's old and gets really tired.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-17 15:00:11](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Yeah. I want to send your mum a letter and the two galleons I made so she can buy food and send it on to my parents.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-16 16:52:01](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

'Like Stretton's potion scheme, only not illegal!'

Sort of the way Padma's just like a hag, only without the winning personality.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-16 19:23:59](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Just to let you know, Lee Jordan snorted milk out his nose when he read this at the lunch table, he was laughing so hard.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-16 16:52:32](#)

(no subject)

Have you seen what Stretton's selling these days? You'll never guess!



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-16 17:54:41](#)

(no subject)

Oh, that stuff, I know about that. Some of them are last year's. And some of them are knock-offs, I'm fairly certain. Mum's robe pets would never limp around like the one I saw on Archer's robes the other day. I tried to tell people not to trust him but he's really rather hard to avoid.

It's actually quite amusing to see him trying so hard to grab up as much as he can in this whole situation. I mean, he acts like the quarantine was created just so he could gouge everyone and make as much money as possible, almost like his parents don't have any, or he's a halfblood or something. Really, he's more like one of those mountebanks that will sell you 'genuine' Loramide pricklers and it turns out they're just regular boar's bristles. It's ever so silly.

2010-02-16 09:33:00

Lovely things

Sally-Anne Perks' origami roses.

The look on Celia's kitten's face when it stretches in the patch of sunlight on her bedspread.



 [alt_luna](#)

The look on Portia's face when I gave her a valentine. I don't think she expected to get one from anyone.

The firelight in the Common Room.

Sunrise over the Forbidden Forest. I'm very partial to sunrise. I sometimes go out early in the morning before breakfast to watch it.

The painting on the third floor corridor beside the head of the staircase leading down to the Charms classroom. I think it's supposed to be a bacchanal. The nymphs are charming, although I think the satyr has had a bit too much wine to drink. Nobody seems to mind, though, except the Dutch aldermen in the next painting over.

The spider web tucked into the corner of the window over my bed.

The knitted wristlets Ginny Weasley made for me.

2010-02-16 10:24:00

Contemplating past history



 [alt_sinistra](#)

First -

As noted to students yesterday, observation sessions for astronomy are limited to students preparing for OWLs and NEWTs as scheduled. Thank you for your cooperation, and do see me if you have any questions.

Second -

As you may know, I generally keep up an energetic correspondence with my family by owl, but that's stopped since Mum's donated the family owls to Ministry use. But in the last one she sent, she asked a question I've been thinking about ever since, and thought might be of interest to others.

As you may know, my last year at Hogwarts was the year our Lord Protector came to power - and it was a time of great uncertainty in many ways. Mum asked how I felt about being here now, compared to being here then.

Back then, it was - well, scary. You'd hear scraps of news, or see someone being pulled out of class by a teacher, reappearing hours later pale and teary. There were rumours of all kinds about who was doing what, and who was helping which side. There was great tension not only between the four houses, but between members of many of them. All of us - purebloods included - worried about what might be coming for us and how that would affect not only us, but our friends. Not that different from now, though the reasons for nervousness are different.

Like now, we felt quite isolated. News was filtered before it reached us, to avoid panic in the school. Trips outside Hogwarts were rare in those last few years. And yet, the world inside Hogwarts was painfully limited, for everywhere you went, there was a possibility of an argument, or a messy conversation, or news you just didn't want to hear. No matter how big the castle, you find other people eventually.

Two things were especially hard. One was the news of people you'd thought you knew, doing things that didn't seem possible. Any number of deaths, especially for those recently out of Hogwarts, who were still remembered by their housemates and siblings and cousins and extended families: people we remembered vividly and clearly as

laughing and joking and living. Most shocking, I think, were the Head Boys, Head Girls, and prefects who came to bad ends. How confusing to have looked up to someone for years, and then find out, all in a rush, that they were dead or disgraced, often for something no one would discuss in detail.

The other hard thing was that we had very little guidance. Now that I'm in a teacher's shoes, I understand the difficulty. All rumour to the contrary, I did not get presented with some magical device to help me guide students wisely through complex decisions when I returned as a teacher.

But I do wish there'd been something. Of course, I asked my parents, my aunts and uncles and older cousins for advice. But those people - as loving as they are - also remembered me as a tot, and as a silly ten-year-old, and all sorts of other things that shape memory.

As I look back, I wish more and more for guidance from other adults in the community as we left school and cast about in those first few years about how to make our way in our new lives. We went from the protection of Hogwarts to the deep waters of a strange new world, and had nothing to help us keep our balance. And again, some of us succeeded more than others, and all of us remember those of promise who fell along the way. And yet, without knowing why those others fell, all of us feared doing the same, for some reason we didn't know to avoid.

As a teacher, I have no wish to stick my nose into a student's personal affairs, unless those affairs directly affect their learning or other students. And, like all the staff here, I certainly have enough other things on my mind that I'm scarcely looking for more things to fill my day. And yet, I keep wondering what might be different if we did make more time for these things.

But I am glad, these days, to see that more staff here make some attempt to reach out . Poppy has made it easier and easier for students to seek her out. While Professor Slughorn's gatherings are legendary, I'm delighted to see more staff opening their doors for similar gatherings or sponsoring clubs of interest.

To that end: students who are interested in general conversation, I am glad to open my office to you on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights, after dinner until eight. No particular agenda, and no butting into your decisions, but a chance to have conversations somewhere about topics other than school

I would also - for any students who read this far - encourage you to take time to find things that engage you in multiple ways. Find time to be quietly alone and think. Find time to spend with friends. Spend time on both your studies and your hobbies. Be gentle with each other - you may not know the pressures someone else or their family is under right now. Get to know others - the people you meet now will continue to intersect your lives for decades to come. I'm excited about steps students have already taken - the new proposed clubs and organisations for example - and I hope to see still more in future.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-17 02:24:17](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

My mum was a prefect but it was hardly a secret she was a muggleborn.

Neville is she talking about your father? When I looked up the old annuals to see pictures of my mum I saw that there was a Frank Longbottom and he was a prefect and then head boy.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-17 14:55:01](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh. Maybe so.

I figured she meant like Sirius Black and his lot. But I guess they're older than Professor Sinistra? I can't really tell about grownups. They all just seem old, you know? But then they act like some of them are loads older and they'd never know one another because they were so far apart at school or something.

Like my Dad said he doesn't know the Minister very well because she's loads older, but they look about the same to me. And, y'know, someday when Sandoval's Minister for Magic or whatever, I expect she'll be just like she is now and we'll look back and know it was going to happen 'cause we know what she's like.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-17 14:57:23](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well Sirius Black was never a prefect, let alone head boy. I rather think from the annuals he got in trouble a lot.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-17 15:11:02](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

But I thought my dad said he was friends with the Head Boy. Maybe not, though.

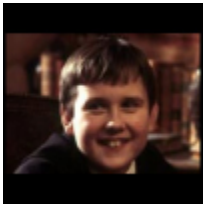


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-17 16:14:45](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, they were in the same house and there was a picture of them together where they looked like friends.

But I don't think this made him behave any better.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-18 20:21:11](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I dunno, maybe she is. I wonder how many of the teachers remember my dad, or know what happened to him. None of them have ever said anything to me about it.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-17 03:04:44](#)

(no subject)

The time when you were in school sounds a lot like now I guess. I mean, different things are happening now but that, that feeling of things being scary and maybe bad is just the same.


I'd like to come to your discussion nights, I think. Last term I tried not to talk to people much at all, but I'm not sure that really made things better.



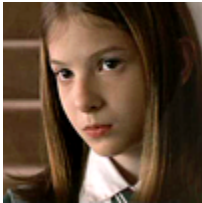
 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2010-02-17 12:30:13](#)
(no subject)


I'll look forward to seeing you. And yes - there is a lot like then, now.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-17 14:57:36](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

D'you think Professor Sinistra wanted the Protector to take over?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-17 16:19:48](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well she certainly is trying hard to sound like she's sympathetic toward the people who might not be as in LOVE with the Lord Protector as Lana Sandoval.

But that might just be to get people to come and confide in her if they have disloyal thoughts so she can keep an eye on them. Not because she'd throw them to the MLE, she's subtler than that, but she'd know who to watch and if they were still disloyal by the time they were getting out of Hogwarts...

I mean I'm tempted to go to one of those discussion sessions just to hear what people in other houses are saying but I'm certainly going to watch what I say.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-17 15:07:44](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Professor. It's very kind of you to open your door to those who wish a place to unburden themselves or are seeking reassurance from someone who has experience and wisdom but who also remembers and understands what it is like to be a student.

These are unsettling times, but I can't help thinking that there is an important difference between this time and the one you describe: we now live in a peaceful realm, protected by Our Lord with justice and

order administered by a strong Ministry. Whatever challenges we face--and the repercussions of this epidemic have undoubtedly challenged us all--we take hope and strength from the knowledge that Our Lord is guiding us through all difficulties.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2010-02-17 16:59:22**
(no subject)

You make an excellent point, of course.

That said - my childhood was also, to me, a time of peace and order. I was, of course, a child: I did not know or understand the difficulties of living in a society surrounded by Muggles in the same way that the Lord Protector did.

There is also the question of comparing unsettling times - those times were chaotic and worrying, these times have those moments too. Rather than compare them, and say that one was much worse than the other (especially since, as students, you have relatively little experience to compare them to), I'd rather focus on remembering what would have helped me then, and trying to provide that now.

The Lord Protector will certainly guide decisions that I hope lead to both the rapid end of the epidemic and a resolution to the petrifications and death here - but in the meantime, a little herbal tea and biscuits and jam and good company will scarcely hurt matters.

2010-02-19 08:31:00

The gathering in Professor Sinistra's offices



 [alt_percy](#)

It was quite a nice evening, I must say. I thought I'd drop in for a quarter hour or so, just to show support as a Prefect, you know, but the conversation drew me in, and I ended up staying for almost an hour and a half.

We started out talking about the night sky, of course. As all of you who've been doing observations know, Venus is about to reach a point of exceptional brilliancy, to the point that (as the moon wanes) Venus can almost cast a shadow by itself. It'll reach its brightest point on the 24th. The usually elusive Mercury can be spotted at twilight, too. Professor Sinistra mentioned in passing that this year marks the 450th anniversary of Copernicus' *De revolutionibus orbium coelestium* (*On the Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres*). This led to a lively discussion of the different ways that wizards and muggles have understood science through the years. Well, Darius Warrington argued that muggles do not have the brain capacity to grasp science at all, but although some students were quieter in the debate than others, it seemed to me that this viewpoint was in the minority.


From there the conversation turned more general, to theories of knowledge. How do we know what we know? Some argued that knowledge must be based on authority (I noticed that it was primarily purebloods who maintained this view, interestingly enough), while others insisted it must be based upon information gathered through one's own senses, and through the reshaping of hypotheses through experimentation.

Eventually, the conversation broke down into two or three smaller groups, ranging widely in topic from the professional Quidditch season to students' plans for the Easter holidays. Everyone wonders whether the quarantine will force us to remain at Hogwarts, if an answer to the epidemic isn't found by then.

Students from all four houses came and went through the hours of the evening, mostly younger ones, although a few seventh years did show up, too. Professor Sinistra offered a lovely selection of teas--I was quite taken with the ginger-raspberry one, myself--and some shortbread and biscuits that the house elves provided.

Thanks again, Professor, for a very interesting evening. I hope the younger students enjoyed it as much as I did.




 [alt_lana](#) at [2010-02-19 19:36:59](#)
(no subject)

It sounds as though Professor Sinistra's soiree went down a treat. Were you the only Prefect to attend?

I'd thought Moran and Preece were planning to be there, as well.

I'm putting this on the agenda for next week's meeting. At the very least, we should arrange a rota to help escort students back to their Houses at the end of the evening. I'll confirm with Chang that he's able to go on Tuesday evening, and I believe Jenkins said she could make it. Would you check that with her? Cheers.




 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2010-02-19 19:57:34](#)
(no subject)

That would be lovely, Miss Sandoval - though if it's a struggle, please don't worry. You all have quite enough on your plates.

I wouldn't have offered the time if I weren't also committed to making sure that everyone got back to their common rooms safely. (Albeit with a few detours.) However, if sixth or seventh years wish to attend and escort their own housemates back, that is, I admit, most helpful.




 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2010-02-19 19:41:15](#)
(no subject)

It was very pleasant to have you - and the other students who came, of course. I'm rather sorry I didn't have the idea sooner.

The tea - and the jam I had out - are both from my mother, who's gotten very interested in making such things in her spare time. She sent me a very large package early in the fall, and I've barely used any of it, so it was nice to be able to share. (I'm quite partial to the rosehip and raspberry leaf, or lavender-chamomile before bed.)



 **alt_susan** at [2010-02-21 03:55:57](#)
(no subject)

Could you tell your mum thanks for the tea and jam?
They were ~~dele~~ ~~deli~~ very tasty.

2010-02-19 10:53:00

Order only: a windfall

This morning I received an owl. It wasn't signed, didn't have anything to identify where it came from, but from the narrative I could figure out that it was sent by Theresa Spinnet.



 [alt_sirius](#)


I was a little surprised to hear from her - last I knew, she and Gary had had a little girl - but it sounds like she's had a rough time of it. When the ministry separated pureblood and muggleborn couples, Gary resisted and their daughter got caught in the crossfire. Terrie says she renounced him on the spot, but I gather the damage was done. It also sounds like she later regretted it, though I can't say I blame her, under the circumstances.

Anyway, the reason she wrote is, she's now working as an administrative assistant to the head of one of the camps. She wouldn't say which one, probably because it'd be too easy to find her if the letter had been intercepted. She says she came across a folder in his office with a Department of Mysteries stamp on. Frank, Bill, you know the one I mean: The stamp they put on communications to keep unauthorised personnel from reading or copying what's inside. I guess it took her weeks to work out how to get round the protections to access the file.

Well, she finally managed it not too long ago, and then was faced with the question of what to do with the information she'd found. Not that I disagree with her about not trusting the Ministry, the *Prophet* or even St Mungo's with the knowledge, but it's a little surprising that she thought of me after over ten years. I suppose she took a chance that an owl could make it through and find me. The poor creature is still fast asleep in my owl rest, by the way; it must have been journeying for a few days to get here.


The important thing is that we now have the proof we were looking for to link the Ministry to the epidemic. I'm writing up the details now; it should be out later today, if I can get it put together quickly enough.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2010-02-19 16:04:23](#)**
(no subject)

I don't know a 'Theresa Spinnet.' Bill, do you? I don't have the capability that you have to check the census rolls.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-19 16:07:02](#)**
(no subject)


I don't know the name, either. Bloody hell, I'd give a cauldron of Galleons to talk to her, if she's really found a way around the Department of Mysteries stamp. I didn't think that was possible.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-19 16:09:57](#)**
(no subject)


Sirius, what if you sent a note back to the woman, using her owl? Maybe she'd be willing to share that trick with us?



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-19 16:12:48](#)**
(no subject)

Well, when it wakes up, I can try. I don't know, though, Kingsley. Her note reads like she was really frightened when she wrote, almost like she wished she didn't know what she'd learned. But you're right - that's too good a trick to pass up.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2010-02-19 18:18:44](#)**
(no subject)

I'd be careful about sending the owl back. She might've had to steal it, and if it's going back into the camps, there's a fair chance it'll be intercepted. if it's traced back to her, you've lost your source. and if they find out that someone can get through department of mysteries stamp, that's also problematic because they'll change protocol so she won't be able to do it again. so if you do send one back, I'd keep it super simple -- message received, many thanks. and if you can mention the stamp in a


real vague sort of way -- "the way you found out your news is very useful. I'd like to know more. how did you manage it?"

course you're a smart sort, you've probably figured on all that already, but it bears repeating for caution's sake.

that's good news though.

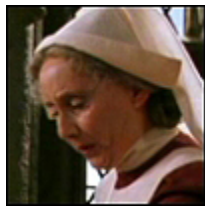
they were at Lily and James' wedding, weren't they? Al probably remembers them better.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-19 18:47:17](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, I was thinking about that, myself. I'm not sure what she had to do to get at the information.

She was a chaser, too, but after your time.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2010-02-19 18:43:03](#)**
(no subject)


Oh, gracious! Frank's right.

I shouldn't think it a good idea to send that owl back to her. If she has escaped detection so far, it would be a terrible thing to bring suspicion down on her for her trouble!

Sirius. You are confident she can be trusted? What if this is not what it appears, this sudden windfall of information from a strange owl. After all, we know that almost every owl in the country is now in the Ministry's control. What if you are being baited? A test to see if an owl sent to someone they suspect is you will produce confirmation by way of a Grim Truth essay?

You've checked the bird for tracking spells?




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-19 18:55:48](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, I've checked him, at least as much as I can without waking the poor thing. Frank's also right that she appropriated the bird to send me the letter. She said as much.

There's always a possibility that she's been turned to the Ministry, but I'm certain it's Terrie, at any rate. And if what she told me is true, about little Alicia, then I can understand why she'd want the truth out.

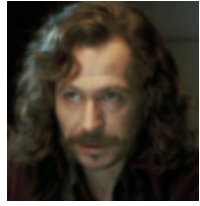
Too many things about her story add up - the dates match Bill's analysis and things I remember seeing in the journals. Umbridge's, Malfoy's, even Scrimgeour's and old Bertram MacMillan's. If they're feeding me the truth to find me, they're taking a big risk of public embarrassment to do it.




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2010-02-19 19:39:24](#)**
(no subject)

You are, of course, the one best placed to judge whether the letter is genuine based on its details. I take it she proved her identity by referring to things only she and you could know? I don't mean to pry or question your judgement, though I suspect it sounds that way, but I suppose I want a bit of reassurance because the more I consider this the more questions the circumstances raise.

I agree, however, that if her information is confirmed by outside sources--if it matches Bill's intelligence and lines up with dates and events mentioned by so many of those involved--that's a good sign. And I suppose that I'll concede at the very least that if they are feeding you this information themselves, the Ministry deserve whatever humiliation comes of having you publish it.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-19 19:46:42](#)
(no subject)

Don't fret, Poppy, I'm not offended. Yes, she had privileged information. Even if people had found out the basics, like Moony did, there were some ... moments ... when no one else would have been able to observe us.

I could do something other than write a column, too, if you think that's better. I could easily copy out the pertinent information and send it back to St Mungo's. If we think they'd actually act on an anonymous tip. In fact, I might do that anyway - just to cover the bases. I don't necessarily know whether the Ministry will respond to public humiliation if it comes from my quill.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-19 20:47:42](#)
(no subject)

To be honest, I rather relish the idea of the whole country reading this from your pen.

I agree, however, that it might be a good idea to copy and send the details to St Mungo's so they have an opportunity to evaluate the evidence themselves whether or not the Ministry bow to pressure and initiate fuller information sharing with the Research Healers themselves.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-20 00:24:18](#)
(no subject)

poppy's got a point -- as much as I'd like to hope that she's that good, she would have had to break DoM stamps without her wand, and commandeer an owl, all without raising an alarm. and that's pretty damn hard to do.


maybe they're trying to find out who your contacts are, try and do a sweep. sounds like something they'd do, plant false information and follow the paper trail. and if they know you and her were in school, they could be using her to try and get

to you. I hate to say this, but it could extend to passing false intel to bill's people -- if they're trying to find a leak, this would be a pretty tempting story.

do you think she'd be capable? did the letter sound forced? other than her seeming nervous, did anything seem off?

if they are trying to track your connections, you'd head them off by printing it yourself -- although there'd be a chance you'd get mud on your face.



 **alt_sirius** at [2010-02-20 02:23:12](#)
(no subject)

I'm not convinced she got her wand snapped, Frank. Would the camps even let a blood traitor rise to become an assistant to the head administrator? Somehow I don't think so.


You're right, of course, that it could be a false trail, or even that she's working with them. But if I understand Bill correctly, his team's analysis was based on cross-checking the journals, not on intelligence that fell into our laps.

I don't know as we have a choice. I've sent the owl back with an anonymous note for the Head Healer at St Mungo's. We have to hope that it does some good.

As for being mates in school, that was all it was - mates. Even if someone forced their way into her mind with Legilimency, all they'll get is a bit of snog under the mistletoe. Once.

I dunno. We could drive ourselves round the twist analysing and fretting over whether this is real information or a trap. I think it makes too much sense to be deniable.




 **alt_frank** at [2010-02-20 17:49:03](#)
(no subject)

good points all.


I'd say there'd be a fairly small shot someone at st mungo's or the prophet would stick their neck out by running the story, but it's worth a chance.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-19 19:49:35](#)**
(no subject)

Bill, you might try Theresa Taylor if Spinnet doesn't get you results. But be careful not to spook her - or anyone who might be watching her. We don't want to tip our hands to either side on this one.




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2010-02-19 18:05:50](#)**
(no subject)

I don't think it's surprising at all that she thought of you. Your Grim Truths have made an impact, Sirius. I should think it was precisely the thought that she might get you this information that drove her to take the risk and to continue making attempts on that seal.

I remember the Spinnet boy; I had to patch him up many times. He was the sort to make up for having been raised in a Muggle home by throwing himself ears over elbows into magic. You must have been here at nearly the same time, yes?




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-19 18:13:48](#)**
(no subject)

I suppose it's hard for me to tell, out here, just how much the Grim Truths make any sort of dent in people's blinkers. I hope Kingsley's right and she'd be willing to talk directly to Bill or Arthur. I think she'd be an asset. I'm just not sure. She took an awful risk even looking at that file. It might take her a while to work up the nerve for anything else.


Gary was a couple years older. Terrie herself was a year ahead of me and James. She was on the Gryffindor Quidditch side, too - that's mostly how we knew her - but she was also a friend of Lily's.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-19 18:38:00](#)
(no subject)


Tyler, was it? or Taylor? Her surname, I mean. Perhaps that would give Arthur and Bill another angle to pursue if they could look for her through her family.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-19 18:42:57](#)
(no subject)

Taylor, yeah, and good point. In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if she went back to her maiden name, for a couple reasons.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2010-02-19 19:00:35](#)
(no subject)

Theresa Taylor! Good lord, I haven't thought of her in years. I think she was pregnant the last time I saw her, you know, and so excited about becoming a mother.

You're quite certain it's from her? Did she, perchance, reference a certain Christmas party?




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-19 19:10:39](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, she was pregnant at Lily and James' wedding, only they weren't telling anyone yet. I'm one of the only people she did tell that day.

And, er ... yeah. James told you about that, then? I thought we'd managed to keep it quiet.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2010-02-19 19:16:32](#)
(no subject)

I must have run into her somewhere else then, after the wedding. I'm sure I remember a bump. Although it's been so long, my mind may be playing tricks.

He mentioned it. You know what he was like, he was just pleased for you. And it's not as though I would've gone around shouting about it. Until now, that is.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-19 19:29:28](#)**
(no subject)

Well, it's possible. Lily did keep in touch with her, seeing as how their situations were similar. Family integration and mixed household, that sort of thing.

James was pleased for me because he knew I'd always rather fancied her. And believe me, the closer we got to his wedding the more he seemed to want to pair me off with anyone who'd hold still long enough. I think he'd about given up hope for me, despite my assurances that I was far from rubbish in that department. If he'd thought about it for more than five seconds he'd have realised how daft the whole thing was.

At least he never told Lily, at least as far as I know. She'd have been *furious*.



 **[alt_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2010-02-20 07:33:10](#)**
(no subject)

Well.


It takes a deal to surprise me; but I must admit that I never had truly believed that we would find this to be true. Not because I would put it past them, but because I find it difficult to believe that the Lord Protector would be so genuinely concerned for young Harry Marvolo's well-being if -

Well, in any case, it has not been spoken of among the Death Eaters. And I can't believe it is widely known among them, that it is being kept from me; but -

Theresa Spinnet was always a steady enough girl; if it is truly her, of course, and not some fabrication. If it is her we can trust this information, I am certain; she had the stable wand-work that always seems to signify a stable mind. But then I have a great deal to think about. A very great deal.

I quite agree with the above suggestions; we mustn't spook her, and we mustn't lead them to her. First do no harm, as they say. Yet we must press a little, and see if she can be of further help. Anyone who can puzzle their way through Ministry documents' wards and seals would be of the greatest use.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-20 16:43:06](#)**
(no subject)


Does that mean you think we ought to go public with her information or not?



 **[alt_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2010-02-20 19:49:00](#)**
(no subject)

Yes - I think we must. If nothing else, then I shall be able to raise the topic - determine whether I have been purposely kept in the dark or perhaps compromised.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-20 19:50:04](#)**
(no subject)

You got it.

2010-02-20 14:50:00

Grim Truth 93/20/02

Greetings, British Wizarding World!

Last weekend in America, they celebrated the birth of one of their former presidents. He was a man named Abraham Lincoln, and he was perhaps most famous of their political leaders because he led the country during its Civil War. That war was fought over a difference in philosophy astonishingly similar to the one in which we find ourselves. When half his nation chose to defend the practice of racial slavery, he freed them by presidential edict. Lincoln followed in the footsteps of great British men like William Wilberforce, who successfully outlawed slave trading in Great Britain more than fifty years before Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.



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While Wilberforce died peaceably just three days after learning Britain would abolish slavery, Lincoln was assassinated because he made a decision that was progressive and just.

Obviously, I'm over-simplifying the situation. Other historians can offer a lot more detail, most of it more accurate than I can provide. Books and examinations of his life - and death - fill entire shelves in libraries and bookstores, not just in America, but all over the world.

In the case of British wizardom, your leaders have borrowed opinions and positions from, among other things, slave-owners of the 18th and 19th centuries, undoing all the good Wilberforce achieved on the topic two hundred years ago. They cling to the fiction that purity of blood is a shield to all sorts of hardship - especially illness. I've read posts swearing that 'Muggle paralysis' (also known as the Herfordshire Scourge) has no effect on purebloods, that halfbloods who contract it are somehow weaker for their susceptibility to the disease. I have even seen purebloods claiming that those who have died due to the Scourge somehow deserved their fate. As if anyone who falls prey to a germ *deserves* to sicken and fail!

But there are those who have suspected for a while that this disease had a more sinister beginning. They theorised that the Ministry may have been trying to kill off the Muggle population, despite the fact that without them, as we've seen, your society would quickly collapse. Well, they're partially right. The motive wasn't genocide, but in some ways, much more insidious and repulsive. I recently came into

possession of evidence that the source of the epidemic gripping the country was none other than an experiment begun in the camps by the Department of Mysteries itself.

'Project Panacea,' so dubbed by its Ministry overseers, began as a trial in selected internment camps in the spring and summer of last year. The premise was to introduce a potion into the drinking water, which would ensure the cooperation and willing subjugation of all its drinkers. I gather it was conceived as a potable version of the Imperius Curse. Unspeakable Augustus Rookwood conducted a few controlled experiments, first on animals in the DoM, then on human subjects in Epping Forest and elsewhere. The effort was expanded to all camps in the early autumn. The effects, as we have seen, were dramatic. By mid-October, there were cases spreading throughout the Muggleborn and Muggle communities.

I don't believe it took long for the Ministry to realise the camp populations were under attack, but I do think it took some time for them to connect the DoM's involvement to their predicament. Tracing the threads, it looks like what turned the tide was an incident in early November, when the Ministry attempted to meet the labour shortage by awakening some of the Muggles you refer to as 'Sleepers.' The Ministry and the camp administrators must have known that the Sleepers would be disorientated and less docile when they were revived, so they contrived to provide a high-dose regimen of Rookwood's 'panacea' potion in an attempt to make them pliable. You may recall that in mid-November the epidemic suddenly took a dramatic turn for the worse? That was the moment that these poor souls were unwittingly infected with enough of Rookwood's panacea poison to send them into paralysis.

Unfortunately, by that time, it seems the disease had taken its own turn for the worse. It adapted somehow, mutated to find new hosts, and the first halfblood cases were already showing up. If it can mutate once, it is only a matter of time before a pureblood falls.

In all fairness to the Ministry, I suppose it should be acknowledged that the goal was not to kill any of the subjects. The fact that the contagion was introduced in the water explains why the camp personnel were never infected; I can't imagine many workers would deign to drink the same water as their charges. But the fact remains that the Ministry covered up its secret agenda. Had anyone shared the Department of Mysteries dossier with St Mungo's, the Healers might have been able to understand and control the spread of this ailment much sooner. The lives that could have been saved, the


suffering that could have been avoided, had they owned up to the Grim Truth, may never be quantified.

But they must be held accountable. The Ministry are responsible for this plague. Even had not a single life been lost, they are responsible for the wholesale oppression of innocent people and they are culpable in the attempt to rob those workers of their free will. Augustus Rookwood and his colleagues directly brought about a public health crisis and compounded it through their attempts to obfuscate their involvement in that same crisis.

I don't pretend that the Ministry will seek justice on behalf of the thousands who have died or become paralysed, even those who have suffered milder cases of Panacea poisoning. Nonetheless, I could not in conscience withhold this information from you, especially when forcing it into the light might also compel the Ministry to work with St Mungo's on a credible cure.

I pray they put reason above self-interest, for all your sakes.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-20 21:37:51](#)
Order Only

I'm not certain what to say to this. It's considerably worse than I imagined, and yet it's impossible to feel surprised. It makes perfectly appalling sense that the whole thing begins with an attempt to turn human beings into docile cattle.

I feel as though the pieces of a puzzle have suddenly shifted themselves and fallen into place. Of course, they were adding it to the water: that's precisely why the camp staff never fell ill. And that's why Rookwood felt no need to inform St Mungo's: there was no danger to their research staff. Until the disease altered itself, as diseases will do.

And now we are all at risk. (And rightly so, I'm afraid.)



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-20 21:53:18](#)

Order Only

Well done, Sirius. You've certainly stirred SOMETHING up. An emergency all-department meeting has been called for tonight--a Saturday! Unheard of. I'll be extremely interested to hear what sort of bluster and excuses they make in answer to this sensational accusation. I'll report back.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-20 23:52:10](#)

Re: Order Only

Cheers, Arthur. When you can, let us know whether it's because I've played into their hands ... or hit the nail on the head.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-22 23:26:21](#)

Re: Order Only

I got the impression from the meeting that the Ministry has been caught very flat-footed by your Grim Truth. Warrington and Spencer-Wells and the rest didn't have glib answers ready, and the tone of the questions that they were trying to field were angry and accusatory. It makes me hopeful: people aren't rejecting your accusations out of hand.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-21 02:17:46](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


Ron and Neville are you reading this?

It's ~~This is just Can you believe~~

Was Carrow in on this? Didn't he mention Rookwood when he was babbling about the camps over holidays?

Giving people a POTION to make them be docile is just about the worst thing I've ever heard.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-21 03:00:39](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He--

That--

Wow, I don't even know what to say. Nobody in the Gryffindor Tower does. Everybody's talking all about it, of course, and most of the Prefects are all saying it's a lie, it must be. But people are whispering in corners, and I dunno. I think some might believe it's true. I mean, no one's ever caught this Sirius Black in a lie, have they? But how can he know this, anyway?

What are they saying in the Slytherin Common Room?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-21 03:10:36](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Until a few minutes ago we were still at the point where everyone was pretending they hadn't read it.

Now people are talking about it, though. Antigone Fletcher thinks it's all a lie. Cassandra Calderwood doesn't, she thinks the potion is probably real because it's an excellent idea and just the sort of thing the Ministry would try to develop BUT she doesn't believe for a minute it had anything to do with the disease.

Some people are being really quiet and I don't know if it's because they think it's all true and don't want to say, or if their parents knew something about it and they overheard enough during Christmas hols to KNOW it's true.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-21 04:09:07](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I don't know. I don't really ever remember what Carrow says. I mean, it's always just mad.

Boot would know. Terry, I mean. But that doesn't help. Maybe GraHermione knows.

And yeah, it's just the kind of rotten thing the Ministry would do, don't you think?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-21 05:30:30](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Terry would know.

And it's EXACTLY the sort of thing the Ministry would do. They'd think it was a grand idea to make all the muggles into sheep (but less wooly) and they'd certainly do it with a potion (because Imperius is far too much work when you're talking about thousands of poeple) and trying it out without working out all the problems first? Well I hardly think they were expecting Fred and George to work out an invisible ink and a special code to use the journals when they sent them to all of us.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-21 05:43:40](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Alright I found it, it was last April 18th. During spring hols, Carrow went to the camps and took Terry with him and then threatened to leave him there, he said Rookwood was interested in his notes on Terry, so he WAS working with him.

I remember reading it last spring, it made me feel sick. It's different reading it now and seeing the parts under the lock. Carrow isn't any less of a beast, but I'm glad Terry had friends talking to him that Carrow didn't know about.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-21 14:15:40](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Huh. They were using this lock all the way back then. That's kind of, I dunno, it's odd to see they were talking to Terry and we couldn't see it at all.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-22 16:12:35](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I haven't any idea. I mean, I know that Carrow did horrible things to Terry, but I don't know what they were - none of us wanted to think about it too hard, Terry included.

One doesn't really talk about things like that, you know. It doesn't do any good to bemoan things, so we all just sort of take it, and then we maybe think about it on our own, but especially in the camps, complaining isn't the done thing



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-22 16:40:36](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

But now you've got to wonder if that's because the Ministry have been giving everyone in the camps stuff to drink that makes them not complain. Like not be able to think about complaining because now they don't really mind having to live like that and work for wizards and all. Yeah?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2010-02-22 16:41:20](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I don't want to think about that!!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-22 16:57:01](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Sorry, then. I guess.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-22 16:55:20](#)


Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

What a horrid thought.

I don't think that's it though, I mean Terry did

complain under the lock about the smell of the fish. If this potion to make people happy with their lot were any good at all it would surely make you not mind something like fish smell, don't you think? I mean I'd think the point of the potion would be to sort of turn everyone into Dennis. Dennis would NEVER complain about fish smell, I don't think it would even occur to him to complain about fish smell. Terry was still Terry when he was in the camps. I think maybe the potion was new this fall, they just started using it when everyone got sick.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-23 00:44:32](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Who'd want a whole load of people like Dennis? I mean, no offense, but he was really odd. I wasn't around him much, but I wouldn't have wanted to be. He was just creepy. Like someone transfigured his brains into sawdust and made him a toy or something.

Terry wasn't like that. I mean, maybe it's worse, but you could always tell he had to work really hard at not getting punished. Like it wasn't normal for him to be the way he had to be for Carrow. The thing about Dennis was that he just was that way, like he didn't even think about being anything else.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-23 00:59:55](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

The MINISTRY would want a whole load of people like Dennis, brains of sawdust is just what they want in a muggleborn. I mean, not your father of course but Lucius Malfoy? Or even Pansy's mum? Dennis is was just the way they thought all the muggles ought to be.

I reckon muggles taking the potion were a lot happier than they were without it. Just like Dennis always looked happier than Hermione and Terry, at least until his magic came. But UGH. I'd rather be unhappy but able to think my own thoughts.



 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-23 01:37:49](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, yeah. Exactly.

Oh, wait. There was something I was meaning to ask you about this earlier. Er.

Yeah. D'you think that's what Carrow's doing with those rats? With his NEWTs group, y'know? Figuring out how to turn rats brains into sawdust or corn or something? So they could really do that to Muggles?



 **alt_sally_anne** at [2010-02-23 04:44:19](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well rats are already animals. The magic ones want to be your pet and they act like pets, at least the ones I saw when Pansy got Pyewacket. Non-magic ones mostly just act like wild animals - they're pretty clever for non-magical animals and if you work at it you can sometimes tame them but

I mean I suppose you could make a rat a little more obedient but I don't know how well it would work to do that to a human because rats really aren't much like humans.

I don't know. I would think that if you transfigured just the rat's brain into corn the rat would die. Usually when you transfigure an animal into something else you change the whole animal, like a mouse into a teacup or a hedgehog into a pincushion, you know?



 **alt_percy** at [2010-02-21 02:55:42](#)

(no subject)

How can you get AWAY with telling lies like this?!!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-21 04:05:25](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Great.

Way to stick your wand in it, Perce.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-21 05:27:18](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh for Merlin's sake Ron, for a second there I thought you hadn't put this under the lock.

I expect your brother thinks Black's attacking your father, since your father works for the Ministry. Even though he doesn't work in the Department of Mysteries.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-21 13:55:03](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Right. Or maybe Percy thinks he has to make a show of attacking Black, 'cause he's a Prefect.

I noticed, though, that Percy wasn't one of the Prefects in the Common Room last night loudly insisting that it was all a lie. He was one of the quieter ones.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-21 21:57:52](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He knows as well as I do that Dad hates a lot of what he has to do, working there. It makes him-- Dad, I mean--really tired and just sad all the time. That's why I think Black probably knows what he's

talking about.

And Percy? He wants to work for the Ministry, y'know? He doesn't want this to turn out true, cause then he'd have to think harder about whether it's right to go work there. He sees Dad, same as I do.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-21 05:14:18](#)

(no subject)

I could hardly call my column 'Grim Truth' if it were lies, could I?

Sometimes the truth is much harder to believe than a lie, however, and much, much more cruel. I wish it weren't true, but I believe my sources and trust that they would not misinform me, whether to my embarrassment *or* the Ministry's.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-02-22 04:19:08](#)

(no subject)

When will you stop?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-22 04:25:22](#)

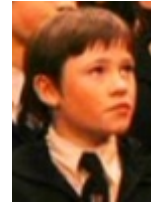
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When do you think? When *he* is stopped.

I'm sorry

2010-02-21 22:26:00

YPL this weekend




 **alt_seamus**

The Young Protectors League meeting this weekend was wiz-nift. Professor Brutka started by showing us a salamander, a fire crab, and a knarl. And then he took us all for a walk in the Forbidden Forest. We didn't go very far in, just along the edge a bit and we had some prefects with us as well as Professor Brutka so it was perfectly safe. He told us to move as quietly as we could so we wouldn't scare things off but mostly we just saw things like rabbits. Also I reckoned I saw a fox once. And we saw signs of magical creatures like tracks in the snow and Professor Brutka showed us unicorn droppings.

It was WAY more interesting than the wand care one (no offense if those professors are reading this).




 **alt_padma** at **2010-02-22 05:14:00**
(no subject)

Well, in fairness to the wand care one, they did rather throw it together last minute. But yes, it was much more interesting to go outside.

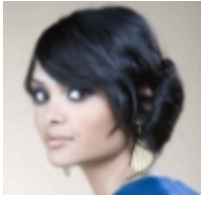
Except my warming charm wore off earlier than I expected it to. It took a few minutes to figure out why I was suddenly so cold!


I thought I heard someone once, something really big. But when I looked all I could see was a reddish sort of eye, and then it was gone.



 **alt_seamus** at **2010-02-22 05:33:07**
(no subject)

Ooh what do you suppose it was? I can't remember all the things Brutka says live in the forest.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-22 15:09:01](#)
(no subject)

I dunno but it looked positively evil.


Whoever goes wandering in there is just asking to get eaten, I think.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-22 16:48:28](#)
(no subject)


You ought to go out there more often.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2010-02-22 16:50:33](#)
(no subject)


Oh shut it Weasley.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-22 16:54:58](#)
(no subject)

Well, it's not as if anything'd want to eat Patil, anyway.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-22 16:58:10](#)
(no subject)

Shove off, Weasley. Anyone can see you'll come to a sticky end someday.

Not soon enough, either.




 [alt_luna](#) at [2010-02-22 18:17:05](#)
(no subject)

Oh, there are lots of possibilities, and some of them Professor Brutka didn't even mention.


I don't think it's the time of year for Spinhowers to come out of their dens, but perhaps some of those larger sets of tracks could have been one of those. They're rather rare in this part of the British Isles, though.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-22 16:52:38](#)
(no subject)

I bet we'd have seen more than rabbits if Bulstrode and Goyle hadn't got in such a row. Anywiz, she was wrong. It was Nott who made all that snow shoot up and dump on her head. Did she really think Goyle could've cast that spell?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-25 03:51:03](#)
(no subject)


Yeah, I thought it was pretty wizard too. I'd like to see a real unicorn someday.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-25 04:34:19](#)
(no subject)

Didn't you see the one last spring? The one they had Parvati Patil attract?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2010-02-25 04:43:15](#)
(no subject)

That doesnt count. I want to see one that's well, free. Alive.

2010-02-22 10:55:00

Order Only: Fears Allayed

Well, I am grateful to be able to report that things are not as bad as I'd feared.




 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

Typically I only engage with other Death Eaters through the Lord Protector's informal salons; I am rarely invited to take part in the workings of the government in any official capacity. Indeed, as an extra-governmental group, not all Death Eaters are even as engaged as I - though all are influential in their own particular ways.


The world is naturally buzzing over the Grim Truth, and therefore I had an excellent excuse to contact my various colleagues and ask their opinions. I am certain that over half of them had no knowledge of the Ministry's involvement in the matter of plague. Even Mulciber, who I always thought to be quite high in the Dark Lord's opinion. So I may rest easily. I do suspect Lucius Malfoy to have known *something* - I know him well enough by now to recognize a guilty countenance when I see it. And there are others I find harder to read - Nott and Rosier. But I shall continue to pry, and no longer fear for my own skin quite as much. It seems likely that I was merely deemed insignificant to their greater purpose.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-22 16:45:19](#)
(no subject)

Insignificance has its advantages, I always say.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-23 05:01:18](#)
(no subject)

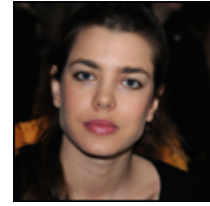
Yeah, I could have bet that Malfoy knew what was what. But it's good to hear that you've not been frozen out, and that others are as taken aback as you were.

More importantly, we have confirmation that Theresa's intelligence was not a ruse. Which means she may be open to continuing to help us - if she can be approached carefully.

[2010-02-22 18:24:00](#)

XV.

Professor Babbling asked me to remind all interested 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years that tonight is the second meeting of the Future Interrogators Club at 7pm in the Runes classroom. She tells me that she has enrolled a good group of committed students, but she assures me that there is room for a few more should anyone wish to go along tonight.




 [alt_lana](#)

Tomorrow at 8pm the Debating Society meets in the Charms classroom, but you are out of luck, I'm afraid, if you have not already signed up. Professor Acton has announced that the programme's roster is full.

This is, of course, a Duelling Club week--as we were all reminded by this morning's impromptu duelling exhibition at the end of breakfast. I understand that the offending parties will be serving detentions with Professor Alecko Carrow every morning at dawn for the remainder of the week. Surely, it needn't be repeated that magic is not to be practiced in the public spaces of the castle and that it is never acceptable for students to attack one another with or without magic. Honestly, people!

Speaking of illicit behaviour, the Prefects and staff have been concerned by reports of a growing black market in various goods. If any of you has suffered loss or damage as a result of goods purchased from another student, you are asked to please report the circumstances to your Head of House or to one of your House Prefects. It is strictly forbidden to sell unlicensed, unsafe, or illegal goods inside this school, and we will see that any abuse of school rules is met with firm disciplinary action.

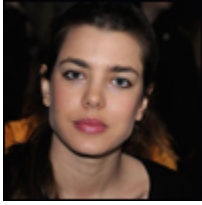



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-23 04:55:34](#)
(no subject)

Thanks for the reminder or I'd have forgot! Mondays are just ever so full.

It was really interesting tonight, though. Did Orion tell you? We picked our case studies for the Model Wizengamot. There are going to be two cases and two teams - and we'll each get to defend one and argue for one.

I think it'll be really nift.



 **alt_lana** at **2010-02-23 15:56:03**
(no subject)

Orion was really chuffed about how many people came out for it last week, and he did say that his group had worked very hard (along with Professor Babbling, of course) to choose the most significant, most interesting cases of Protectorate law. Johns and I intend to sit in on the Model Wizengamot since we'll be finished with NEWTs by then. It's a pity it has to be scheduled for OWLs week, because I imagine that some of the fifth years will wish they could be in the gallery, too.

2010-02-22 18:43:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



My mum's birthday is on Wednesday.


Last year I thought about trying to send her an owl but I was too scared of being caught to do it. And I couldn't say anything about it in the journals. Mum doesn't even have a journal and I'm not sure my father reads his.

 **alt_sally_anne**

And this year I couldn't send her an owl even if I wanted, because the owls are all gone to the Ministry. I sent money to Mrs Weasley to buy food for my parents though because I'm sure things are really bad right now, we were always hungry during the winter but I expect my father can't work at all right now because of the risk of exposing my mum to the sickness, so it would be even worse unless he's been lucky with hunting.

Anyway there isn't anything really I can do that I haven't done already but I just wanted to say, it's my mum's birthday and I miss her.



 **alt_ron** at **2010-02-23 01:27:58**
(no subject)

You aren't at that Future Torturers meeting, I guess.
(I wouldn't go if you paid me.)

What's your Mum like?

I know you said she's good at Charms. Or Transfiguration, was it?




 **alt_sally_anne** at **2010-02-23 04:38:16**
(no subject)

I actually went to the first one! Because I was curious, but it was deadly boring.

My mum is really nice and she was very good at Transfiguration. I think the Headmistress taught it back when mum and dad were in school, though.

There are a few things she can still do without her wand, but transfiguration isn't one of them.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-23 15:48:55](#)**
(no subject)

Did they take her wand away or just tell her she can't ever use it?




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-23 15:52:04](#)**
(no subject)

They snapped it and took away the pieces.

You didn't know that's what they did? All the grownup muggleborns had wands once.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-23 16:08:16](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I knew that. I mean, your Mum was a student here, so she obviously had a wand.

I guess I hadn't thought about what had happened to them, though. I just thought it was illegal for her to use it.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-02-23 16:09:27](#)**
(no subject)

I can still remember what it sounded like when my wand snapped.


yeah



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-23 16:13:26](#)
(no subject)

They couldn't let the grown muggleborns keep their wands. They all hate the Protectorate, because who wouldn't? So they'd be a danger. My mum was as good a wizard as Lucius Malfoy, think how frightened he'd be if he met her in a dark alley AND she had her wand.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-23 16:24:18](#)
(no subject)


I'd like to see that.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-23 16:42:36](#)
(no subject)

Not half as much as I would!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-23 04:06:43](#)
(no subject)

Well, I reckon if you sent your parents money through Mrs Weasley, your Mum knows you're thinking of her. And it'll mean a lot to her to know that, and that you're doing something practical to help her.

Anyway, I'm sorry. I know--I mean, I know what it's like. To have parents, and to not be able to see them, because it would be too dangerous.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-23 04:39:37](#)
(no subject)

You're right, it's almost like sending a letter to send the money. Better in some ways because you can't eat a letter.

Do you know what your mum's like?



 **alt_neville** at [2010-02-23 18:50:42](#)
(no subject)

I didn't know anything about my mum or dad for most of my growing up. They left me with my Gran when I was only about one or two, and they left Evelyn with her right after she was born. I just got the idea I wasn't supposed to ask, you know?

But in the last year or so I've learned a little more, because, well, some people have been a little more willing to talk, I guess, since I'm growing older. My mum was in Hufflepuff and she was a Prefect. Both my parents were Aurors, so they were both really good in school. He was three years ahead of her, and he was supposed to be her trainer, so they weren't really supposed to date, but they fell in love, and so there you go.

My Gran says she always loved roses. When my parents went on the run, Gran took all the rose bushes out of the garden to their house and transplanted them into her own garden (maybe you'd think my mum's parents would have done that, but they were already dead by then. They got killed a couple of months after my parents' wedding, in the Troubles). So ever since my Gran told me that, I sometimes spend a lot of time in the garden in the summer, you know, pruning and tending the roses. It's where I think of her the most.

2010-02-23 23:50:00

Ongoing Investigations

Sat in this morning on an MLE meeting to update Scrimgeour on the Aurors' progress. Declined interview from the *Prophet*, as well - Bole has reporters loitering outside Fudge's offices in the hopes that someone will give a quote.



 [alt_lucius](#)

Naturally, the leak of the name 'Project Panacea' has been the primary concern, since it was the only iota of accurate intelligence in that screed of Black's from the week-end. By its nature, the DoM must be ensured of absolute secrecy in its operations. The idea that their vital work might be compromised by persons who have been seduced by Black's insurrectionist influence threatens the security of the entire Ministry. As yesterday's *Prophet* article documented, the Minister has acted swiftly to mobilise the Aurors to discover how Black could have learned the name of the project, and more importantly, how he was able to subvert its intent.

It is clear from the ongoing investigation that Black incited his followers to tamper with the water and food supply to the camps, in order to blame the DoM for his own actions. It is a classic pattern with him, by now reaching the proportion of serial psychosis. Project Panacea had been meant to improve productivity and reduce the need for disciplinary demonstrations; it followed that Rookwood and his team, of necessity, altered their formulae in order to reverse Black's damage. Only when Black believed his plans were in danger of coming to ruination did he launch his additional assault directly into the journals and minds of the Protectorate.

Happily, the Aurors have been hard at work pursuing several highly profitable leads. Auror Lestrangle tells me she is particularly pleased with the progress. In fact, we received word this evening that the Aurors have a few persons of interest in custody already. Am confident that we shall know considerably more about Black's accomplices shortly, possibly by morning.

The meetings went long enough that the Minister extended this morning's itinerary into and through luncheon. Very pleased to see that his staff are all settling well into their new or continued positions; Ms Robins especially seemed quite content with the increase in her responsibilities and remains as affable as ever. Despite the severity of

the day's business, Fudge was able to maintain a convivial spirit throughout the meal, and set a far superior table to Dolores', one must admit.

Consequently told Ari I should be ill company for tea, however he urged me to come anyway. Turns out he invited Pandora and Narcissa both in order to deliver some additional news: He has been asked to take Ogden's seat in the Wizengamot. Ogden had announced his decision to retire over the Christmas holidays, of course, but his retirement will not take effect until just before the summer session. Ari accepted, naturally - he begins sitting as a delegate after the Easter recess.

Think Narcissa is cooking up something for Friday; she returned with me to the St James' house to my surprise and had a deal of conference with Crispin. He refused to tell me the nature of her questions, though one may guess the topic concerned timetables and the probable docket for court of the afternoon.

Finally, Clarriker owed the quarterly reports for Folkestone. Disappointing, but not entirely unexpected, given the state of commerce. Another circumstance we may attribute to Black and his traitorous malefactors!




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-24 18:25:08](#)

(no subject)

What I discuss with Crispin is between me and Crispin.

Pandora's quite pleased to see Ari taking a post in government. She's been telling me for some time that he could be more involved, if not for Ptolemy's sake, for Malcolm's. Of course, his private sector work is of great use to the Protectorate, but it's not direct service.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2010-02-25 18:32:28](#)**

Order Only

My goodness, Sirius. According to the Ministry you have been a busy boy lately.

I suppose they'll start blaming the weather on you next.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2010-02-25 18:34:44](#)**

Re: Order Only

It's absurd.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-25 18:35:21](#)**

Re: Order Only

Of course it is. But that's never stopped them before.

2010-02-24 12:07:00

Barter network




 [alt_molly](#)

We're getting into the lean time of year, too soon for spring crops, but people's larders have more and more empty shelves. I've had many occasions to bless our well-developed barter network in previous years. There are about thirty-five families in the network Arthur and I use. Usually everyone can find something to sell or trade, which helps us all get through until the gardens start producing again.

The quarantine is complicating things this year, of course. As one of the network organisers, I made the rounds yesterday of about a third of the families in the network--not going into people's houses, you understand of course, just in case, but simply popping into people's yards and checking that everyone is healthy and well. And everyone is, thank goodness. We've organised a system of drop boxes on people's back steps. If you have something to barter, you leave a message in your journal for the recipient and leave whatever-it-is in the box, under antiseptic protective charms. There are several of us who have taken the job of ferrying goods between drop boxes (to assist those who are stuck in their houses under the travel restrictions). We'll drop the package in the drop box at the house of the recipient, and then that person will scourgify the item again, and take it in.


So I had a number of pleasant visits yesterday, held under awkward conditions, with me standing there in my boots ankle-deep in the snow, conversing with somebody through the glass of their kitchen window (using amplification charms, mind you--I'm sure we frightened away a lot of birds). A few people haven't seen anyone else since the travel restrictions were put into place, and seemed just starved for company. It was past dark before I said good night to the last and made it home. But everyone, as I said, was quite well, and they were all happy to see me, as well as the packages I delivered. It was rather pleasant to play delivery owl for a day.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2010-02-24 20:45:55](#)
ORDER ONLY

So sorry for the delays, Molly. We've been a bit swamped here. Do let me know if you or any of the others in the barter network need to order anything, and I'll try to get it out to you as a priority.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-24 20:59:45](#)
Re: ORDER ONLY


I'll send you a list. Some of these families are quite desperate, so this would really help them out. You can send the items to me, and I'll see to getting them delivered.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-24 22:04:26](#)
(no subject)

Your barter network sounds really lovely, Mrs Weasley. And what a good idea you had for making deliveries without breaking the quarantine.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-25 02:56:30](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I guess she must have been to see your parents. That's what she means, don't you think?


I mean, she may have been out to take stuff to loads of other folks, too. But I think she must have taken stuff to your parents like you asked. Maybe she'll say something in her letter this week. Y'know, stuff she couldn't say on the journals.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-25 03:29:44](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I think you're right, I think she posted this partly to let me know she checked and they're alright.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2010-02-25 16:00:56](#)**
(no subject)

It's worked out quite nicely for everyone, I think.
And as I said, I do appreciate the opportunity to
catch up with everyone.

2010-02-24 13:29:00

Order Only: Archer

Aloysius Archer's in trouble. He--

Wait.

More later.



 [alt_bill](#)




 [alt_molly](#) at **2010-02-24 19:37:09**

(no subject)

Bill? What on earth is going on? I looked at the clock, and your hand was on 'Working.' Then it started spinning around wildly, and for a minute there it was resting on 'Mortal Peril!' Now it's moved back to 'Working' again. What's happened?



 [alt_arthur](#) at **2010-02-24 19:38:01**

(no subject)

Do you need me to come see you, my boy?




 [alt_bill](#) at **2010-02-24 19:39:42**

(no subject)

**NO!! WHATEVER YOU DO,
DON'T COME SEE ME.**


**DON'T LEAVE YOUR OFFICE, DON'T DO
ANYTHING TO CALL ATTENTION TO
YOURSELF. JUST SIT TIGHT.**



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2010-02-24 19:40:45](#)**
(no subject)


All right. But please, son, as soon as you know, let us know.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-24 19:45:45](#)**
(no subject)

Bill, what's going on? Has there been some kind of tip-off? Do you need someone to come help you get out of there?




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-24 19:49:43](#)**
(no subject)

No, I don't. I . . . I think not. I just had a really narrow escape, though.


Oh, Merlin. Archer's dead.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-24 19:50:05](#)**
(no subject)


What?!



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2010-02-24 19:50:53](#)**
(no subject)


Oh, no. Are you sure, my boy?



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-24 19:51:45](#)**
(no subject)

A portrait just told me. That's what saved me-- it saw me headed to my meeting with him, and it warned me off. Hang on, I'm talking with it now.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-24 20:25:53](#)
(no subject)

Bloody hell. It's true. He's dead. I don't know how. But the portrait told me it was his brother who betrayed him, the one with the wife and kids in the camps. They brought him

along.


He sold out Aloysius because he hoped they'd let him see his kids again.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-24 20:27:55](#)
(no subject)


Oh, no! Bill, you have to get out of there!



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-24 20:29:05](#)
(no subject)


No, Molly. Bill's first instinct was right. Sit tight, son. Don't lose your head now and draw their attention to you.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-24 20:29:53](#)
(no subject)


Arthur! They could be on their way now to arrest him!



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-24 20:31:24](#)
(no subject)


Do you have any reason to believe Archer's brother knew anything at all about you, Bill?



 **alt_bill** at [2010-02-24 20:34:27](#)
(no subject)


None at all, Dad. I've never met the bloke. Unless Aloysius said anything, but I don't have any reason to think he did.



 **alt_kingsley** at [2010-02-24 20:36:45](#)
(no subject)

I'm with Arthur on this one. Act as normally as you can, Bill, but don't talk with anyone if you can help it. Don't leave any earlier than usual.




 **alt_arthur** at [2010-02-24 20:42:05](#)
(no subject)

What a fool. The brother, I mean. They'll probably reward him by declaring him a blood traitor and banishing him to the camps himself so he can see his kids every day.

Bill, I'm so sorry. Have you found out yet what happened?



 **alt_bill** at [2010-02-24 20:53:10](#)
(no subject)

The portrait saw the whole thing. A picture of some poncy-looking chap named Chauncey Chudley, says he's a distant ancestor of ours, Dad. That's why he was looking out for me.

The portrait said Archer had a ring, shaped like a serpent, an old family heirloom. When he saw his brother come in with the MLE, as soon as they started asking questions he knew the game was up. The portrait says he said to the MLE, 'So the worm has turned then, eh?' He must have pre-set it as a code trigger phrase. The serpent ring bit him, then, poisoned him, and he was dead within seconds.

The MLE don't realise it, though. Thought he had a heart attack or stroke or something.


Buggering, bleeding hell, he killed himself, Dad. He did it to protect the Order.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-24 19:42:56](#)
(no subject)

Bill!




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-24 20:28:10](#)
(no subject)

Archer's dead?!

They killed him? Before even questioning him?

Merlin, Bill - watch out for yourself.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-24 20:55:47](#)
(no subject)

See my comment to Dad. He killed himself, to protect the Order.

Bugger, bugger, bugger.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-24 21:34:34](#)
(no subject)

Bugger it all. Tabitha.

I've sent her a patronus, to warn her.

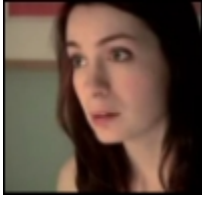



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-25 03:01:40](#)
(no subject)

hard luck, mate.

how did his brother know what he was up to? how bad a leak do you think we're talking about?


keep us posted. and if it looks like they're coming for you, you get your arse over here as quick as you can.



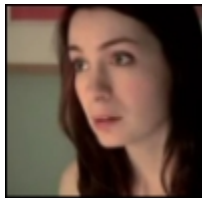
 [alt_alice](#) at [2010-02-25 03:24:39](#)
(no subject)


frank?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-25 03:26:36](#)
(no subject)


just on my way in. you in the bedroom or the nursery?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2010-02-25 03:27:46](#)
(no subject)

The bedroom.



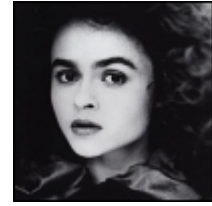
 [alt_frank](#) at [2010-02-25 03:28:52](#)
(no subject)

hang on love. on my way.

2010-02-24 17:16:00

XVI

February has been a month to burn the midnight floo powder. Fortunately, it looks as if I will be able to return home to my husband and child at a reasonable hour tonight. Not so fortunately, the MLE's business today was not wrapped up entirely as planned. All I will say on the matter is that when bodies show up at all-too convenient moments, I can't help but become immensely suspicious.



 [alt_bellatrix](#)

The net tightens, however, and it shall tighten further still.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2010-02-25 01:09:49**

(no subject)

Lucius mentioned some unexpected frustrations.

Should you or Rodolphus care for some time without Mrs Baylock, I'd be happy to welcome little Rigel for a visit. I declare I have never seen such a perfect little angel of a baby. Not even Draco used to be so consistently well-tempered.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at **2010-02-26 00:34:24**

(no subject)

I do not think I am ready to put aside my pursuit just yet, but perhaps your offer will be more timely in late spring, before the children return from Hogwarts and Hydra descends upon her father to sop up all his attentions.

2010-02-24 21:09:00

A Poem

Certain things people read tell lies
Certain things people write brings truth to our eyes
What these thing are I cannot say
But there are thoughts and memories
I would like to cast away

It hurts to think
and I cannot speak
Things of old trouble me
What to do what to say
nothing will make it go away

My tongue is bound
but truth will come out
And as I have said,
I shall say again
1+1 is what its all about




 [alt_dean](#)



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2010-02-25 02:28:11**
I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good

He writes poetry?!




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2010-02-25 02:36:46**
Re: I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good

I really do not know what to think of Dean Thomas.

Ron and Neville, what's he like in person? Dead strange or just really quiet?




 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-25 02:52:25**
Re: I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good

Yeah. Hard to be sure of.

I mean, he's nice. But a bit of a porcupine, y'know?

I didn't know about the poetry thing, either.




 **alt_neville** at [2010-02-25 15:28:27](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good

I dunno what to think of him most of the time either. But I wonder...

I mean, he was in the camps, right? So he maybe he saw some of the stuff this Sirius Black is talking about.

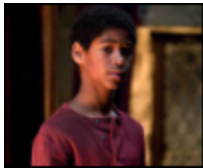


 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-25 02:53:18](#)

(no subject)

All right, then, mate?

Didn't know you could write poems. Kind of like a riddle, really.




 **alt_dean** at [2010-02-25 02:54:36](#)

(no subject)

Kind of...

I'm good.



 **alt_ron** at [2010-02-25 03:02:06](#)


(no subject)

Are you going to Duelling Club tomorrow? I was thinking maybe we could be partners this time. If you don't mind, y'know, my wand and all. It's just that it'd be good if I didn't end up with Smith again, and it seems like maybe there are people you shouldn't end up with, either.

You don't have to. And, y'know, you can hex me all you want. Just, I'm not ever really sure what my wand's going to do when it's someone who really cheeses me off. And that wouldn't happen if it's you.


Anywiz, it doesn't matter if you don't want to.



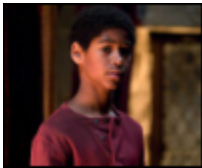
 **[alt_dean](#)** at **[2010-02-25 03:06:41](#)**
(no subject)


I wouldn't miss Dueling, and I don't mind partnering up with you. Yeah, I try not to cheese people off. It really wouldn't benefit me to do so.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2010-02-25 04:05:01](#)**
(no subject)

That's a bit grim, Thomas. But I rather like it.



 **[alt_dean](#)** at **[2010-02-25 05:35:54](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, I guess

2010-02-24 21:33:00

ORDER ONLY: A message.



I received the following today:

My dear friends,

 **alt_mcgonagall**

If you are receiving this, it means that I am dead, likely by my own hand. I have never trusted in my own ability to withstand questioning by the likes of Bellatrix Lestrange -- sooner or later, I fear, I would tell them anything they asked -- so I made provisions that would provide me with a swift exit. A family heirloom passed down from my great-grandfather, my ring was first used for murder, then later to control an inconvenient spouse. It gave me a certain satisfaction to know I was using it instead to provide for my own escape, if it ever became necessary.

My greatest fear has never been the quiet release of death, you understand, but that I might betray others.

Please keep watch over my family. None of them ever knew of my work, and I hope their innocence will protect them.

Aloysius

It burned itself as I copied out the last few sentences; so I cannot guarantee that it is perfect.

I remember Aloysius well, and particularly his wife, who was a denizen of Gryffindor house. It is perfectly fitting that he should have the presence of mind to do - well, to do away with himself.

It does not, however, shed any more light on the circumstances of his death, or rather the circumstances that led to his death.



 **alt_sirius** at **2010-02-25 04:07:19**

(no subject)

Minerva, Bill, can we be certain that the Aurors will believe Archer died of natural causes?

It's not surprising that Bellatrix seems dissatisfied

that Archer robbed her opportunity to torture him. I'm worried that frustration will make her look even harder.




 **[alt_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2010-02-25 14:58:20](#)**
(no subject)

We can be certain of nothing. It has headed them off at the pass, but as you note, Bellatrix Lestrange is an exceedingly focussed mind. I imagine she shall find the poison out eventually.

We ought to think of contingency plans.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2010-02-25 12:52:58](#)**
(no subject)

Who were his family, Minerva? Did he have children at Hogwarts?

I wonder what will happen to them now. I suppose it all depends on what they're able to find about what Archer was doing. I hope the foresight he showed about having the ring ready also means he had contingencies in place to take care of or destroy any incriminating parchments.


Ugh, how horrible.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2010-02-25 12:54:39](#)**
(no subject)


How's Bill holding up, Molly? I assume you've seen him?



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2010-02-25 12:56:13](#)**
(no subject)

Not very well, Kingsley. We had him come over for dinner last night. We thought that would be all right because it wasn't very different from his usual routine to join us.



 **alt_arthur** at [2010-02-25 14:56:09](#)
(no subject)

I let him spend a couple hours getting thoroughly pissed on the last of my Firewhiskey. Not even Molly objected. But then we gave him the Sober Up and got started on that list of questions you and Emmeline sent with your patronus. Molly was inclined to argue at first--she's even more upset about all this than Bill--but Bill and I think you're quite right. If the MLE are going to question him, they'll strike quickly, while he's still reeling from the news about Archer, so it's important that he be prepared.

He was a bit shaky at first when we practised, but he got firmer and more convincing the longer we went on. I think--I hope he'll be all right.

We also had some serious discussion on the question of, if worst comes to worst, whether he should retreat to Moddey Dhoo. Bill really doesn't want to do it. His position at the Ministry really is critical for our operations, and there's the worry of what would happen to the rest of the family, particularly those at Hogwarts, if he flees. Presumably, he'd then be declared a traitor, and well...I'm sure you can imagine what would come next.



 **alt_mcgonagall** at [2010-02-25 15:15:35](#)
(no subject)

I am afraid he did, Molly.

Though he was in Slytherin, his son Gareth is a Gryffindor; he is distraught, although mainly because thanks to the quarantine he is not allowed to see his mother. I gather that Gareth and his mother knew nothing of the father's activities - Aloysius had been estranged from his son and wife for some time. Fortunately for Gareth, he has a cousin at Hogwarts: Aurelia Archer. He has spent quite a lot of time comforting her; she is a Slytherin and, I gather, was very close to her uncle. So she has been keeping his mind off the situation to some degree, I gather.

I have winkled out of them that there are other family members - but they are in the camps. I couldn't get more out of them, and I can only vaguely recall the last of the Archer brothers - I believe the

youngest was in Hufflepuff; they must be his children. They can hardly have known Aloysius, however, if they have been in the camps all the while.

I wonder if those nieces or nephews were part of Aloysius' motivations for being part of the Order? He never spoke of them.

2010-02-24 22:22:00

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 [alt_alice](#)

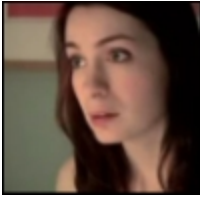
Colin is such a brave boy. I'm sure he'd be sorted into Gryffindor in a heartbeat. He's one of our oldest here, and sometimes I forget that he's so very young still, and would only be a first-year at Hogwarts.


We've spent a lot of time together this past week, and he's much quieter and sadder than the Colin I'm used to. He used to talk about what it would be like when he and Dennis could be together again. He often told me that he kept at his studies so diligently because Dennis couldn't, so he had to learn for the both of them.

One thing we've decided to do is that this spring, once the ground has thawed enough, we're all going to make a memorial garden of sorts. Colin's been drawing up plans for it ever since we started talking about it. We'll have benches, and possibly a fountain - perhaps we'll have the older children work on it with Danny as a project - and we'll plant trees. One for each person that wants to remember someone they've lost. Benjy has kindly volunteered to teach the children how to carve names into stone so that we can have little plaques at the base of each tree. Colin will have a tree for Dennis, and Felicia will have one for her mum and little sister, and a tree for Matthew Fawcett's mum, and Judith and Freddy for Freddy's father, and Victor for his wife (not Arabella, of course, but the woman he was married to before), and Danny for his parents, and Alec and John for their parents, and Frank and I will plant a tree for all our close friends and family we lost during the war.

And it's not just for Moddey Dhoo, it's for all of us, so if there's anyone that you want to plant a tree for, we will. We've all of us suffered many losses over the years. Too many, really. And it's a bitter potion to swallow each and every time. But I'm hoping that a peaceful green place where we can remember happier times might help. It certainly can't hurt.

The news of the Panacea project is truly frightful. I don't think I've ever seen Stephen quite that angry, nor Jacinda that grim. It's horrid, and perfectly ridiculous that they're trying to blame it all on you, Sirius. I know it must be hard for you sometimes to put yourself out there so publicly, darling, but your message is getting heard. And I'm so proud of you.



 **alt_alice** at **2010-02-25 03:23:50**
(no subject)

Oh

Oh dear

And now I've had a chance to read about Bill. I didn't know

I wouldn't have written about the garden if I'd known

Oh dear

Arthur, Molly, Bill, my heart goes out to all of you tonight, and I hope with every fibre of my being that you are able to ride this out. I don't think I could bear it if

I just hope everything's alright. You know there's a place for you here if you need it, although I hope to Merlin you don't have to take advantage because


I'm sorry to hear about Mr Archer, Bill. It's awful.

I'm so, so very sorry

this is all too

frank?



 **alt_sirius** at **2010-02-25 04:01:13**
(no subject)


Don't fret, Allie. The arbour is a fine idea.

I don't mind them blaming me for everything, so much, really. It's a bit of a joke when you know what's really going on. And I'm sure it'll come back to bite them sorry, it'll backfire on them all the worse, in the end, when people really figure out that the Death Eaters have been manipulating them so atrociously all this time.

Them finding Archer was bad luck, but you're an Auror, you know the risks involved in covert work as well as anyone.

I'm grateful that he had the strength to make sure he *couldn't* betray us, if the thought of it worried him so much. I'm just sorry it had to come to that.




 **[alt_alice](#) at 2010-02-25 18:48:55**
(no subject)

I am too.

Oh dear, sometimes I feel as if my heart's going to burst.

I'm sorry. I'm not myself today.



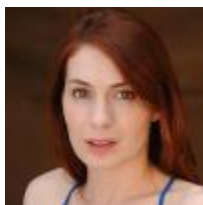
 **[alt_bill](#) at 2010-02-25 15:40:10**
(no subject)


I'll want a tree there for Aloysius. I'll come and place it in the ground personally.

I knew this could happen when I joined the Order. I knew it was only a matter of time. But he's the first I've lost, the first one where I feel responsible.

I knew it, but now that it's actually happened....

Oh, bloody hell.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2010-02-25 18:53:49**
(no subject)


I'm so sorry, Bill.

He's the first of us we've lost in a while. In the Order, I mean. It's easy to forget how risky everything really is when you have to live it every single day.

I'm sorry I didn't get a chance to know him.

He'll have a spot waiting for him.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2010-02-26 17:00:31](#)
(no subject)

I think it's a lovely idea, Alice, and more appropriate than ever at the moment, as we all reflect on the losses we and others have suffered, recently and in the past.

It's up to Hermione, of course, but perhaps we might plant a tree in memory of her father?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2010-02-28 00:29:49](#)
(no subject)

I thought we might ask her if she wanted one, yes.

And thank you, Remus.

It was just extremely poorly timed on my part. Goodness, what terrible news.

2010-02-25 09:04:00

Order Only: Aftermath

Nothing so far today.


The code's been sent out to all the analysts to *fly silent go deep*. No one else has been picked up yet either, to my knowledge, but none of them will be contacting me again until I send out the all clear. We're all flying blind for the time being.



 [alt_bill](#)

Keep your fingers crossed for us all.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-25 15:19:27](#)
(no subject)

Bill, I've been up most of the night thinking. Archer may have presented my cousin with a scapegoat, but she won't let up until she knows why he packaged himself up so neatly for her. I'm glad you and Arthur practised your story; keep rehearsing, but make sure you leave room for her to intimidate you.


The time may come when you need to show proof of loyalty. If you don't wish to abandon your post - and I agree with you, it's important to keep you rising at the Ministry - we shall have to think of some way for you to give the Death Eaters something they can use.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-25 15:29:52](#)
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Something they can use...what are you suggesting, Sirius?

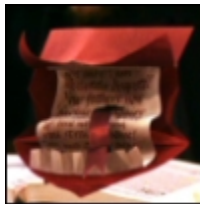



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-25 15:35:20](#)
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I'm not sure what I'm suggesting yet, Bill. Something - someone - that will take the heat off of you, show them you're willing to throw someone else under the centaurs' hooves.

Trouble is, we can't send one of ours to the slaughter, it's too dangerous. And we can't hand over an innocent, either. That leaves someone who's guilty, but not of what we're doing - and that doesn't suit our purposes at all, even with a solid frame-up.

Maybe ... maybe we could put them on my scent?




 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-25 15:52:40](#)
(no subject)

Are you INSANE?! Are you seriously suggesting that Bill try to doublecross Bellatrix Lestrange by throwing you to them? If he does, and they miss you, they'll be angrier than dragons on a rampage!

Why won't they figure he has even more to tell them if he even hints he knows anything about you! Why, they could use legitimacy on him, and then we're really sunk!

And if he does it and they capture you--Sirius, don't you realise what they'll do to you?!

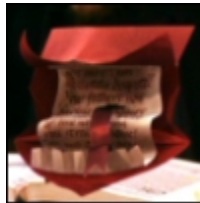



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-25 16:03:08](#)
(no subject)

Well, I don't figure on being captured. I'm not *that* deranged.

And I don't suggest that Bill do anything to imply he's in contact with me. More that he's brought his impressive skills to bear and discovered a clue as to where I might be.


We'd have to be careful, I agree, that it doesn't seem like a diricawl hunt. But it's something to think about.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-25 16:57:36](#)
(no subject)

I WON'T ALLOW IT!!




 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-25 16:59:45](#)
(no subject)

Mum, calm down. Please.

I agree, it should be a last resort. But if we need to take the heat off me, Sirius is right, maybe this would help.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2010-02-25 17:03:23](#)
(no subject)

Molly, my friend, gently does it.


Bill's best hope, if he's truly in a tight spot, is to keep his cool and do everything he can to show he's on the Protectorate's side. You know that.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-25 17:04:12](#)
(no subject)


Kingsley, I just can't bear this. The not knowing.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-25 17:07:10](#)
(no subject)

Yes you can, Molly, dear. Courage is what is needed, and you're a Gryffindor after all, remember. Right now, Bill needs to keep calm and steady. If you can do the same, that will help him.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-25 17:09:10](#)
(no subject)


Oh, you're right. You're right, Arthur.

I'm sorry, Bill.

There's no point in pretending we didn't know this might

happen. I'm sorry for...for letting my fears get the better of me. I won't let it happen again.




 **alt_sirius** at [2010-02-25 18:03:40](#)
(no subject)

It's all right, Molly. I promise you I've no death wish, to play right into their hands. But if we do come to the point where Bill has to give them some evidence of his loyalty, I'd rather we arrange a Sirius Black close call than throw someone else to the wolves, even if it's someone who deserves it for something else.

But one thing that does occur to me is that Bill could afford to let some of his shock and dismay through the mask, if he can do it without opening a floodgate.

What I mean is, he did work with Archer on legitimate Ministry business, didn't he? So, it's natural for Bill to be as shaken by the news as anyone else in the Ministry - just not for the reasons we know are the real ones.



 **alt_poppy** at [2010-02-25 21:13:07](#)
(no subject)

All right. I've been thinking about this, and while I sympathise with Molly's concerns, I have to say that I think Sirius is making a sound proposal. Honestly, Molly, I do sympathise: I hate having to sit tight here whilst others of you run terrible risks.

We've just had a terribly close call, and Bill's right that he's not yet out of its shadow. I don't think we can count on the danger passing quickly by, and I believe that Bill is in especial danger because, well, he is a Weasley, and like it or not, the Weasleys have built a reputation for fairmindedness, which this regime has identified as a propensity towards what they term blood-treachery. I hate to say it, but I'll be most surprised if Bill does not come under suspicion. (And I wouldn't trust it if the eye of official scrutiny appeared to pass by him.)


I don't think Bill ought to wait. Caution at this point may only lead to an appearance of guilt.

Here it is: if Bill were truly innocent, he'd have been caught utterly by surprise yesterday to learn that a trusted member of his department may well have been some sort of traitor. If Bill were truly loyal to the Protectorate, then the first thing he'd be expected to apply his formidable skills to solving is the question of whether anything in Archer's work will yield any clues upon a close reinspection. So I'd think Bill ought to be making a deliberate show not only of co-operating with the investigation, but also of re-examining anything in his files on which Archer had a role.

I agree with Sirius that it would be a very good idea if Bill were to 'find' some information he could offer the MLE or the Aurors that would shed some (carefully styled) light to confirm (and shape the interpretation of) Archer's treachery.

And I hate to say it, but I also agree with Sirius that the obvious thing would be for Bill to 'find' some 'encoded' hints that Archer was in league with the Archtraitor Black. And I agree, though with much trepidation, that it's not enough to manufacture evidence of collusion between this conveniently dead traitor and Sirius: what's needed is some clue to Sirius's whereabouts. That's what they most want. It's what all of them would curse themselves to get hold of. And it's the only thing I can think that would appease their thirst for scapegoats if we wish to avoid actually sacrificing someone to their interrogation.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-25 21:56:55](#)
(no subject)

Aloysius paid for the Order's safety with his life. All he asked from us in return was that we protect his family.

What will happen to that poor boy Gareth Archer and his mother, if we feed the Ministry information showing that Aloysius Archer was in league with Sirius Black?



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-25 22:15:01](#)**
(no subject)


Molly, if Bellatrix Lestrange connects that ring to his death, and determines that he deliberately killed himself to avoid being questioned, then we won't be doing anything more than confirming a conclusion they're likely already going to draw.

As for what happens to his family, we have to hope that the fact that he distanced himself for so long is enough of a shield. Or there may be a way for Minerva to intercede - that part of this still has a number of options.

But Poppy's right: Bill ought to go now to his superiors and ask what they need or want from him to help in the investigation. He needs to make it clear that he never suspected Archer, but that if he can be of any assistance he's only too eager to contribute.


We may not need to fabricate my location right away, but I think we ought to be prepared in case it becomes necessary.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2010-02-26 02:35:06](#)**
(no subject)

I can certainly do that--go to speak to Plympton and Massopust, I mean. It'd be better than simply sitting around wondering whether they're about to come after me.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2010-02-25 18:55:27](#)**
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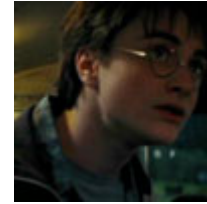
all ten fingers and all ten toes, mate.

2010-02-25 09:58:00

Aurelia Archer


Does anybody know where Aurelia Archer is?

She barrowed a quill from me last night. And she said she'd give it to me at breakfast. But she wasn't at breakfast. It was a nice quill.



 [alt_harry](#)




 [alt_padma](#) at **2010-02-25 15:13:39**
(no subject)

I've an extra quill if you need one.

You might not get the one you lent back for a while.


Didn't you hear the news?



 [alt_harry](#) at **2010-02-25 15:16:25**
(no subject)

What news?



 [alt_padma](#) at **2010-02-25 15:27:05**
(no subject)

About Archer. Well, about her uncle, anyway.


He died yesterday. Very suddenly, they say.

But I asked Parvati, since Archer's uncle is also Gareth Archer's father, you know, in Gryffindor? She said Professor Lockhart came to get Gareth last night. And the word is that Gareth might be sent out of school, because his father--

Well, his father didn't just pop his clogs or have an accident. Psyche Bobolis told her cousin this morning that she heard from Towler that Mr Archer had just been taken in for questioning about that awful Black's posting! She thinks he must have been a traitor, maybe even he was the one who told Black about that Panache thing or whatever it's called.

I asked Sandoval, but she said that Aurors aren't supposed to discuss an investigation while it's in progress.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-25 15:33:10](#)
(no subject)

Nor should students spread vicious rumours about other students' families when they are in the middle of suffering a family tragedy.

Really, Patil. Show some human decency for once.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-25 15:40:37](#)
(no subject)

Oh, come off it, Weasley. Towler and Jenkins *told* Bobolis and Dames and they *told* some of the others that Archer hasn't even seen or spoken to his father in years or something. That he lives with his mum. I mean, isn't that suspicious right there?

If his father was a traitor, then I don't blame him or Aurelia Archer for being really upset. And Marvolo oughtn't to bother her for something silly like a quill. That's all I'm saying.


I'm not gossiping, I'm explaining to Marvolo why he ought to leave them alone, which is the same thing you're saying, so leave off.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2010-02-25 15:45:12](#)
(no subject)

Somehow, I highly doubt that you repeated Towler and Bobolis' disgusting comments here in the journals for the whole school to read because you were moved by a touching concern for Gareth Archer's welfare.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-25 15:51:44](#)
(no subject)

Spoken like a Weasley. Are there any of you who don't embarrass yourselves on a regular basis?

You may be a prefect, but you do have an odd habit of sticking up for anyone with even remotely undesirable points of view.


I wonder why that could be?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-25 15:44:43](#)
(no subject)

Like Patil said, her uncle died, the one who worked for the Ministry. She hasn't gone anywhere though, she just didn't come to breakfast this morning. If you keep an eye out for her in the common room I'm sure you'll see her sooner or later.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2010-02-25 16:09:31](#)
(no subject)

Oh.


Bad luck for her. All right.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-25 20:44:50](#)
(no subject)

I saw her in the loo after lunch and she's pretty broken up. But I'm sure she'll give you back your quill when she sees you.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-25 20:43:50](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Ron, I'm pretty sure Aurelia's uncle worked in Public Information, maybe even in Wizarding Communication. Isn't that where your brother works?

There are all sorts of rumours flying around Slytherin right now,

some a lot crazier than what Patil's saying. Aurelia's uncle was a Slytherin himself when he was at school, it's part of why she's so close to him. Her own parents were Ravenclaws.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-25 21:36:17](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

That's Bill's department, yeah. He just got promoted, too, to second spot in the office, I think. So I imagine Mr Archer must have worked with him. Or for him, or something.

It's really awful. Archer's a good sort. Gareth, I mean. We were just playing chess the other day, and he puts up a good game. And I saw him last night, coming back through the Common Room with the worst face I've ever seen. I mean, just, yeah. It was really dire.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-25 22:28:39](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

They're not going to even be able to go to the funeral, Gareth and Aurelia I mean.

The rumours -- well Aurelia admitted it a few hours ago, there was another uncle, a blood-traitor. She says she never mentioned him because who'd want to admit to something like this, he married a muggleborn, like my father, and they had a kid a little younger than us, just before the rules went in saying they couldn't have any more.

But they didn't follow the rules like my parents did, that uncle and his wife had another baby. So the older halfblood kid got sent to the camps with the mum and the new baby, and the uncle should've been sent to Azkaban but I guess he wasn't.

Anyway the rumours say he was involved somehow, he was there when it happened.

People have been looking at me all afternoon while talking about it. It's very uncomfortable.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-25 23:02:14](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

What do you mean he was involved somehow?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-25 23:04:10](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I mean people are saying he was there when Gareth's father died.

They're saying MLE was there, too, but also that uncle. (Aurelia's father wasn't, though.)



 [alt_neville](#) at [2010-02-26 02:40:58](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Whoa. The rumour mill works fast in Slytherin. Ravenclaw, too.

People aren't talking about it too much in Gryffindor Tower. Mostly because everyone's sorry for Gareth--Ron's right, he's a decent sort, and people like him--but also because Percy Weasley looks squinty-eyed at anyone who brings the topic up.

2010-02-26 12:19:00

(no subject)

Happy Birthday, husband!

I hope you like your surprise. Crispin assured me he would see to its installation while you were at your Ministry luncheon.



 **alt_narcissa**

I thought it was high time for a little update. Besides, you'd mentioned that with the Presto board and the other new committees, your files were growing out of hand. I've put a self-organising charm on the cabinet for you (and Crispin, of course).

As for the writing table, I saw it three months ago in Harvington Hall and thought it would be perfect for your library. The district manager was most helpful in arranging for its relocation.

I shall see you this evening.



 **alt_lucius** at **2010-02-26 18:30:42**

(no subject)

They're both exquisite, my dearest. Napoleonic period, yes?



 **alt_narcissa** at **2010-02-26 21:47:57**

(no subject)

Napoleon III.

Ursula Avery just owled; I gather we're expecting quite a crowd at The Wolseley tonight.



 **alt_lucius** at **2010-02-26 21:51:26**

(no subject)

Yes, at least twenty, last I counted.


Court was short this afternoon; a few of us decided to drop in to White's before the restaurant.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-26 21:52:00](#)
(no subject)


You'll not be terribly late, I hope?



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-26 21:55:33](#)
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No, indeed; only a fortifier for the party. A few of the chaps will not be joining us for supper.



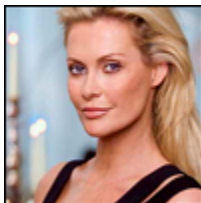
 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-26 21:56:11](#)
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Ah. I see.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-02-26 22:54:27](#)
(no subject)

I trust Crispin will do well with his newly installed self-organising charm. I hadn't understood he was greatly in need of improvement in that regard, but I suppose there's always room for a bit of fine-tuning.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2010-02-26 23:11:30](#)
(no subject)

Ah, the beauty of the charm is that it will shuffle the drawers based on what Lucius needs, so there's no searching for the file involved.

Are you foregoing White's then? We'll see you at supper?




 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-02-27 23:07:35](#)
(no subject)

I didn't realise Crispin had drawers. Ones in need of shuffling, at any rate.

Supper was lovely. Such a lively gathering, especially at my end of the table. In fact, I've had to take most of the day to wallow in the aftermath. You?




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-28 03:01:57](#)
(no subject)

Narcissa is not prone to over-indulgence, as you know.

For myself, I confess it was well after noon before I awakened today. But worth it. I daresay we have all been under strain of late, which this week's events have done little to relieve.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-02-28 03:24:27](#)
(no subject)

Too true. On all counts.

[2010-02-26 13:36:00](#)

Good news

That owl I got at breakfast this morning was not bad news. I heard someone whispering about it and saying it was a black letter with bad news that someone in my family was a traitor who died or something but THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!




 [alt_ernie](#)

Actually it was good news, it was from my parents. My mum's going to have another baby. Well two actually. She said it's going to be twins. She went to St Mungo's today for a check up with healer to make sure everything was still okay, and it was, so she and dad are going to start telling people now.

Twins sort of run in the family. My mum has two older brothers who are twins. It's pretty exciting though. Mum said in the owl that she's been feeling a bit sick, more sick than with the rest of us, so she wondered if it might be twins, but she wasn't sure until the healer did the charms to check.

She said she's feeling better now though, so that's good. The babies should be born in September, right when I have to go back to school, but they might come a bit early. I hope it's two more boys! Yeah!



 [alt_padma](#) at **[2010-02-26 19:25:32](#)**


(no subject)

Congratulations! Is your mum going to have the babies at St Mungo's or St Gerard's or at home?

Mum had us at St Mungo's, but she'd always wanted to do St Gerard's, she says they're much better for it because they're specialists and babies are all they do (well, babies and mothers, I mean). But it's also very exclusive, she says. She was going to have Sanji there but then he came so quickly that the St Gerard's healer just Apparated to our house. It was really exciting.

How old are your other brothers and sisters again? I know you've told me but I can't remember.




 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2010-02-26 22:08:33](#)**
(no subject)

I don't know, she didn't say. I'll ask her. I think probably St Mungo's, because dad works there so she already knows a lot of the healers who are there.

I've got two brothers (so far!!), Pip's 10, he's coming up to Hogwarts next year, and Laurie's 7, so he's got a few years yet. When will your little brother start?



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2010-02-26 22:15:45](#)**
(no subject)


Yeah, I thought maybe since your dad works there.

Sanji's 9, so he'll be here pretty soon. But he acts a lot younger. I dunno, though, we've got an older brother (who's nift) and a younger one, but I don't think I'd want another younger brother. If our mum has any more kids, which I don't think she will but if she does, I think we'd like a sister.

And of course, we're twins (obviously!), but I don't know if I'd like it if she had another set of twins besides me and Parvati.

Did you see the paper this morning? About the St Mungo's team working on the cure to Black's poison? They said they don't know how long it'll take to get it to everyone. I hope we can go home by Easter holidays, though.



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2010-02-26 22:31:11](#)**
(no subject)


They might be in the same year. That'd be funny!

I didn't think my mum and dad would have any more, but it's pretty exciting that they are! I hope it's two more boys, but I suppose sisters would be okay too, or it might be one of each. I think my mum might like a girl or two.

I saw that in the paper yeah. It's good that they know now that there was a poison making people sick, so they can find a cure and we can go back to normal. School's okay, but it would be a bit

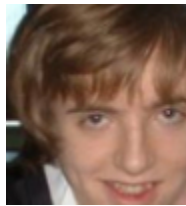
of a shame if we couldn't go home for hols at Easter. And even worse if we had to stay here all summer! Although I suppose if they organised stuff like the camping trip, that wouldn't be so bad.




 **[alt_padma](#) at [2010-02-27 00:58:24](#)**
(no subject)

If we're still in quarantine, though, can they even take us that far away? I thought the point of the quarantine was to keep us separate from anyone who might be ill or from anyplace where there might be sick people. Or the other kind, you know, the ones who have the disease but don't actually get sick themselves. Carriers.


~~Besides, I didn't care for camping~~ Maybe it'll be too much trouble. But yeah, I hope they cure everyone soon. Mum says it's hurting business a little.



 **[alt_ernie](#) at [2010-02-28 18:23:06](#)**
(no subject)

I dunno. If there are no other people around, and we're just in a field or something, I don't see why we can't go! But I suppose if the Ministry say no, then that's the right decision. Maybe we could camp in the grounds of the school instead. That'd be safe, but also fun!




 **[alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-26 22:58:54](#)**
(no subject)

Congratulations, mate!

Although, look out with twins. They can be a real menace cause they get together and plot stuff.




 **[alt_ernie](#) at [2010-02-26 23:11:33](#)**
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Thanks mate!

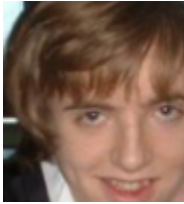
They'll be much younger than me, so hopefully, once


they're old enough to plot, I will be big enough to beat them up and make them stop! Hah!



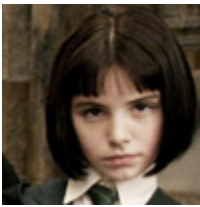
 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2010-02-27 03:19:54](#)**
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Congrats Ernie! Pretty soon you'll have even more sibs than I have.



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2010-02-28 18:25:03](#)**
(no subject)

Hah, yeah! Thanks Sue!




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-28 01:17:13](#)**
(no subject)

It is silly, isn't it, how people will take every bit of news and just blab any old thing about what it could be?

I guess we're all just feeling a bit cooped up.

Congratulations about your new brothers, though. That's dead cool.




 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2010-02-28 18:26:42](#)**
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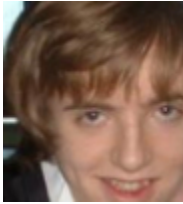
I think sometimes people don't know what's going on, so that makes them scared, so they make stuff up by guessing. They guessed totally wrong this time though.


Thanks! Have you got any brothers or sisters?



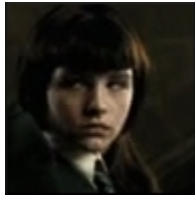
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-28 21:02:42](#)
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No, it's just me and my mum.



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2010-02-28 21:15:53](#)
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What's that like? I can't imagine not having my brothers.

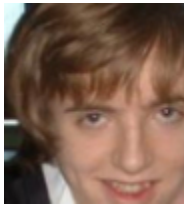



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-28 21:36:18](#)
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I think it's nice. When I'm home, we usually do all sorts of things together. I like reading the Prophet with her over breakfast. We trade off sections and talk about the bits we think are interesting. And we have tea together every day, and go for lovely long walks. And she reads me stories before bed. At least when she's feeling well.

And when she goes out, sometimes I get to go along too, to dinners and shows and things. Because it's just us two.

This Christmas it was different, though, because of her friend, Mr Campbell. He's courting her, so he was over an awful lot.



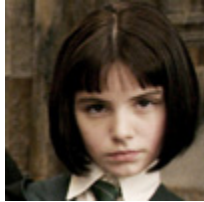
 [alt_ernie](#) at [2010-02-28 22:42:14](#)
(no subject)

It sounds nice having so much of your mum's time and not having to share her, although you have to share her now with that Mr Campbell, but it sounds like you still get to do loads of things together just you two. My parents have to be careful that we all get the same amount of time, only not now so much because I'm here instead, but when we were younger they had to make sure that all three of us got the same amount of time so no one thought it was unfair that someone else got more time with

mum or with dad.

I think I'd still rather have my brothers though. It's fun always having someone around to play with, even if they're a bit young now. They're still always there, so there's always something to do and someone to talk to and that.

I hope we get to go home at Easter hols.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-28 22:56:35](#)**

(no subject)

I do too.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-02-28 03:58:03](#)**

(no subject)

Congrats about your new siblings. That's wizard. After three boys I think your mum's due at least ONE girl. Maybe it'll be one of each?



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-28 06:04:14](#)**

(no subject)

Hah, I guess it hasn't been settled on yet, has it? So they could both be girls just as easily, I guess.



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2010-02-28 18:29:02](#)**

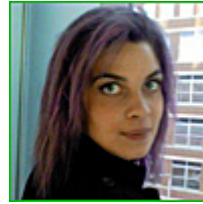
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I suppose she might want a girl, yeah. A sister would be okay. Or even two sisters.

2010-02-27 17:11:00

Order only

Hello you people out there. I hope this works. I don't want to write too much, in case.. Well. Hello.




 **alt_nymphadora**

I meant to write sooner. I've been reading for a few weeks, but it's been a bit overwhelming. It still is, really. My head's pounding.

I think I might go and have a lie down, actually.

I feel quite



 **alt_alice** at **2010-02-28 00:38:35**
(no subject)


Hello? Do you prefer Ms Tonks, or just Tonks?

I'm Alice. Alice Longbottom. And you used the spell just wonderfully. It's perfectly safe.

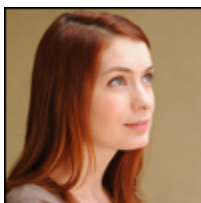
I know these are trying times, but I'm very glad you're working with us. And I'm so pleased to meet you, even if it is only in writing.


It sounds like you're not feeling very well, sweetheart. Are you quite alright?



 **alt_lupin** at **2010-02-28 00:47:51**
(no subject)


Tonks? Are you all right?



 **alt_alice** at **2010-02-28 01:03:50**
(no subject)

Are you able to pop by and check in on her, Remus?



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2010-02-28 02:06:04](#)
Order Only

Is everything quite all right, Miss Tonks?

It's good to see you writing here. We're very glad to have you with us.

2010-02-27 19:24:00

(no subject)

Well, I thought I'd better write in here so I could say Happy Birthday to you, Lucius. I wrote mum an owl last week to remind her and I hope she got you your present in time. I suggested it. I'd say, but I don't want to spoil it if you haven't gotten it yet. Anyways, I hope you have a very happy birthday.



 [alt_pansy](#)

This whole month has been downright nutty, with all the goings on here and all the gossip and news that's been flung around lately. It's terribly hard to study in the Common room when everyone is talking about every little thing, and it's almost all rumours anyways, and rumours are dangerous and hurtful. And they might be untrue, so saying them is almost like lying. So I don't try and make it worse by talking about things that aren't known for sure. It's terribly distracting. I mean it was bad enough when there were cupids singing those awful sugary songs and zipping around at all hours. I am just in despair of ever getting proper studying done in the Common room at all, ever. It's a good thing we have our weekly study group at the library, cause at least we actually talk about school things and not about nonsense.

I have gotten my studying done today, though. It's very handy to have quiet little hiding places that only a few other people know about. And now I'm done and horribly bored. Anyone up for Exploding Snap?




 [alt_ron](#) at **2010-02-28 02:26:37**

(no subject)

I hear what you're saying about being bored from too much studying. And from everybody wanting to talk about every little thing like it's something dire. Even about the things that really are dire, y'know, but that no one can do anything about. I mean, who cares that Parvati thinks it's really so unfair she and Lav always have to have one of our Prefects take them anywhere they're going at night when none of our Prefects are as gorgeous or whatever they think as the ones in Ravenclaw and Slytherin? I mean, honestly. They just go on and on about Chang and Moran and whatisname, the new Slytherin Prefect.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-28 02:45:07](#)
(no subject)

Sounds awful.


I mean, it's for their safety. Not for fun.

And like Chang or Moran would give second years the time of day any road.

You want to go for a walk or something tomorrow afternoon? I've finished my Charms essay already, so I don't have terribly much left to do tomorrow, and I'm feeling a little cooped up lately.


Can't imagine why.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2010-02-28 03:12:36](#)
(no subject)


Yeah. That'd be wizard.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-28 03:26:26](#)
(no subject)

Ace.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2010-02-28 02:54:18](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Little Bit - and yes, I did get the gift from you and your mother. Though not until this afternoon; I'm afraid I slept rather a long time after last night's festivities.


At any rate, thank you for thinking of me. Did you remember that I prefer silver tips to brass, or was that your mother? No matter. I can always use new quills.

As for the other, it can be difficult to concentrate when one cannot

find privacy. I very much doubt, however, that it suffices as an excuse to let your marks suffer. (And I am quite sure that I know you well enough to detect your strategy, my dear. It's no use trying to soften the blow by claiming you've been distracted by idle gossip, or that your studies suffered from *over*-preparation!) So it's good to hear that you've discovered a place where you may focus your efforts. See that you guard the privileges carefully. It would be a shame to share your secrets with the wrong people.

Hiding place or no, I'm sure your marks will not disappoint.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-28 03:25:12](#)**
(no subject)


I will! It's a really nift little room. It even has a window.

I'm glad you got the present on time. I was worried mum wouldn't remember, and I know I shouldn't have sent an unnecessary owl to remind her, but I didn't want to spoil the surprise. And it gave me a chance to write her too, so it wasn't completely unnecessary.

And I'm glad the silver was right. I wanted them to match your cane, and silver is sharper-looking than brass. Brass just looks sort of dirty sometimes.

Did you have a good day? What was your favourite thing you got? Besides my present, of course.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2010-02-28 03:56:13](#)**
(no subject)

My cane ...? I'm getting older, Little Bit, but I hardly think I need to use a cane to -- Oh. The walking stick? Yes, I suppose I was carrying it on my last visit up to the school. I'm surprised you remember.

Besides your present? Well, you must understand I do receive a large number of presents; it would hardly be fair to single them out. But I would say the gifts from those closest are naturally the most valued. Draco is under the same restrictions as you, as you know, but he sent a card with a portrait he drew himself: A fairly good likeness of his Aunt Amanda, actually. Your 'Aunt' Narcissa

arranged for a stunning writing table for the library at St James' and for a lovely cabinet there as well - both antiques and quite special. And of course, we had a marvellous supper last night at The Wolseley, including The Warlocks, which was great fun.

There are a few other items of a more personal nature, also very pleasant to receive.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-28 04:08:06](#)**
(no subject)

Oooh. I've got two of their records. That does sound brill. And I can't wait to see the new furniture.

And Draco is pretty good at drawing. Sometimes he does caricatures, they're pretty clever.


I'm glad it went well. I know you must have been extra busy at work lately, so it's good you were able to take some time to actually enjoy yourself.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2010-02-28 04:19:53](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, it has been a difficult couple of months. Black and his rag-tag network have seen to that. But it has not been without its enjoyable moments. I'm not certain whether your mother has told you that she and Narcissa have been spending a little more time together. Her friend Campbell and she invited several of their friends to an evening at the opera a couple of weeks ago, as well. I must say that your mother's recovery in the company of Campbell has been remarkable.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-02-28 04:32:36](#)**
(no subject)

She did talk a little about that in her last letter to me, and she did seem very happy over hols. I'm glad to hear she's doing well. Especially coming from you.

~~It doesn't mean I'll start liking him.~~


And it's good she's getting out and about, and Aunt Narcissa is so kind to spend time with her. I know mum enjoys her company, and really admires her a lot.



 **alt_lucius** at [2010-02-28 05:15:27](#)
(no subject)

Liking Mr Campbell is not, I believe, one of the things anyone expects of you. If you have any concerns, though, I am sure your mother would care to hear them, as indeed would I. I hope you know that you can come to me any time you need to, Pansy. Valerian will continue to travel weekly for Draco's letters home; I'm certain he would be able to carry a note from you, as well, should you wish to speak more privately.




 **alt_pansy** at [2010-02-28 05:25:09](#)
(no subject)

Well, that's certainly good to hear. All of it, really.

And thank you for the offer. I'll be sure to take you up on it.




 **alt_regulus** at [2010-02-28 03:20:39](#)
(no subject)

I remember times when it was impossible to concentrate on homework in House. It happens; people will be idiots.

I'm glad to hear you've availed yourself of some of the alternatives the castle affords.

More importantly: did you find a cure for boredom?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-28 03:34:01](#)
(no subject)

Writing in this does help pass the time a little, and it's nearly time for bed anyways. I've decided to listen to records with Sally-Anne in our room, because people are being especially idiotic tonight. Only we can't listen to them very loudly, because Millicent keeps complaining. I think she's just doing it to be troublesome, though. She's been in a bad mood for months now.

And those alternatives are entirely thanks to you, you know.

I've finished both books, by the way.


They were really marvellous. Why aren't more history books like that? I mean, I didn't understand all of the Slytherin one, but I got most of it, and what I did get was really interesting.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2010-02-28 03:58:31](#)
(no subject)


Milli's in a bad mood. Lucky Fergus is in a GOOD mood or we'd really be in trouble.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-02-28 04:05:28](#)
(no subject)

She's *always* in a bad mood, but lately, it's upgraded to a *foul* mood.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-02-28 15:28:19](#)
(no subject)


Well, secrets are for sharing. With the right sort of people. (Which is, of course, a stupid sort of aphorism that's only true when it is, and isn't at all true in other situations. So don't quote me as an authority.)

I'm glad you enjoyed the books. What seemed obscure in the

Slytherin one? Some of his 'sayings'? Or the history itself? He lived a very long time ago, of course, and in a very different society than ours today. By which I don't just mean that the political conditions were different, though they were, but that people thought differently about everything, not least about other people and how they ought to behave. I did wonder what you'd make of his views about witches: he was quite opinionated about young females and their proper conduct.

Magister Wigbold, though: he was a fellow with an interesting life! When I was small, I used to play that the upper landing of the stairs in our house was the crows nest of a ship and that I was a young stowaway who'd earned his way to become first mate for the vessel. The captain, of course, was a mighty piratical bloke who swaggered about making pronouncements and threatening to pound me if I didn't watch myself. He was a lot like my brother, come to think of it.



 **alt_pansy at 2010-02-28 20:50:50**
(no subject)

I'm glad I'm your right sort of person.

I think that was it -- I mean, on the one hand, the book kept talking about how much more forward-thinking Slytherin was about developing new ways of using magic that other people hadn't even thought of before, but it's magic we use every day today, or we've developed even better ways of doing things because it's been so long, so it takes a bit to think on why it would have been brand new back then. And on top of that, a lot of his ideas did seem so... old fashioned. Even for the time he was born in.

I mean, I'm glad two of the Founders were witches, otherwise I doubt he'd want witches taking the normal classes at Hogwarts at all. Which seems so funny these days, because witches can do any job that wizards can, and we wouldn't get half the things done that we do now if all witches could only use their magic for things like music and art and cooking and making tapestries.


So, it was forward in a backwards sort of way and then even more backwards sometimes. Which can be hard to wrap your mind around.

And I can't imagine getting married at fourteen.

And also the way they talked was different, so I had to read some things twice to get at what they actually meant, because the words they used sometimes don't mean the same thing anymore, or don't even exist anymore. It was really nift to get their original letters and speeches and things to read, though, instead of just having the book give you a summary of it. It made it more real.

Wigbold was great. He was so clever! The captain he first sailed under was really mean, though. I couldn't believe he really hung the ship's cook and three of the sailors for mutiny. I'd imagine things are very different when you're in the middle of the ocean, though, and when you're in charge, you must make really hard decisions like that to stay alive.




 **alt_regulus** at [2010-02-28 23:53:04](#)
(no subject)

It's a pity about the ban on parcels to Hogwarts. Mother and I were talking today about your interests in reading, and we thought of several books you'd enjoy.

One is about Sir Martin Frobisher, the Elizabethan adventurer. There was at least one near-mutiny during his voyages and some skirmishes with natives, including a time he lost several disobedient men who allowed themselves to be captured--possibly, one feels, because they hoped they would find better treatment amongst their captors. Certainly, the food would have been better!

At any rate, Frobisher did all right for himself, though as I remember the story, he was more good-looking than brilliant. Rather like his latter day offspring: the fruit falls close to the tree in that family.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-03-01 00:45:23](#)
(no subject)

That does sound like a good one. You'll have to save it for me when we're allowed to receive packages again.

Or even better, if we're able to come home for Easter hols, you can drop it off in person. And we've got a library right here that has yet to be thoroughly explored, perhaps I'll get bored enough to read some of the books in it for fun instead of school. Crazier things have been known to happen.


There's a whole Knight's bus full of Frobishers here, actually. And to be fair, William is rather fit. He was a prefect until he got caught selling potions. Which rather proves your theory, I think.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-03-01 01:25:52](#)
(no subject)

I was at school with a Wil Frobisher and his brother, Walter. Both were in my year and both of them Hufflepuffs. They'd an older brother who was a Chaser for their side--there was quite a lot of joking about old Nick and what he was really chasing. Skirts and status, y'know, rather than Quaffles. Still is, by all reports.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-03-01 01:45:40](#)
(no subject)

Well, good looks certainly help with the skirt part. I'd imagine it can't hurt with the status part either.

Have you met Mr Campbell?

I'd be interested to hear what you think of him.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-03-01 02:07:50](#)
(no subject)

I have met Mr Campbell, yes.

I think he hopes your mother will think a great deal of him.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-03-01 02:15:19](#)
(no subject)

I think I agree with your assessment.

The reasons why he wants her to think a great deal of him is one thing I'm very interested in.


But that's probably for a letter and not for a journal.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-03-01 02:37:40](#)
(no subject)

Very wise.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-03-01 01:51:28](#)
(no subject)

Oi, I never threatened to pound you. And besides, better than half the time you *wanted* me to be the captain, or the King, or the Chief Auror, or what-have-you, whenever we played together. Which was more often than not, at least before I started at school.

(Forgive the intrusion, Miss Parkinson, but there are only so many fallacies about my character I can stomach. It's all well and fine to be called a traitor by the likes of Dolores Umbridge, but to be accused of childhood bombast is quite another matter!)



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-03-01 02:05:26](#)
(no subject)


I wondered if you'd turn up.

Are you sure you didn't threaten to pound me? Maybe it was thrash. And then, of course, you went and got a wand, and then it was all hexes and jinxes and curses.

It was fairly obvious you'd be the pirate captain or the king or whatever: you were oldest. And tallest. And biggest, too. And got your wand first.

Anyway, it seemed to matter more to you.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-03-01 02:21:15](#)
(no subject)

Predictable, am I? Have to work on that.


I suppose it depended on the game. But if we were playing at pirates then it was more likely walk the plank, or throw you in the brig.

And are you seriously holding my age against me? Wow. As I recall, it mattered more when Mother and Father sent me off to spend time with you, not so much when it was our own idea to play together.

But

Well, I guess I can see how you'd think it did.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-03-01 02:31:54](#)
(no subject)


Oh, do you remember the time you told me I'd have to walk the plank off the second landing?

Mother was really not amused when I went crashing down on top of that potted palm she had in the hall.

I don't think I do hold your age against you, no. You were just a fact of my life from the beginning. I'd think the more likely thing is that you held--not my age so much, but my existence--against me.

Actually, I'd say I was more glad of you than not. When we were young.




 **alt_sirius** at [2010-03-01 02:39:53](#)
(no subject)

I do - I also remember that the ginger jar the palm was in was atrociously ugly.


Though if we're going to continue this little pensieve exchange, perhaps we'd best remove it from Miss Parkinson's journal. I'd hate her to suffer by association.



 **alt_pansy** at [2010-03-01 02:42:34](#)
(no subject)

You might've thought of that before writing anything in the first place, you know.



 **alt_sirius** at [2010-03-01 02:49:32](#)
(no subject)


As might he have done, before he compared me to Wigbold's Captain Holliston.

Anyway, I thought you weren't supposed to speak to me direct?

Don't worry, I can see you've transferred your affections completely. I guess spending time with Mother rubbed off in more ways than one.

Cheers.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-03-01 02:59:25](#)**
(no subject)

Well, any road, if you'd leave off, you'd save me a load of potential trouble, so just asking you to stop is probably the responsible thing for me to do, really.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-03-01 03:14:45](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, isn't it odd that often people say 'the responsible thing' when they mean 'the thing that's less likely to be interesting?' I always hated that, myself.

As I said, don't worry, I'll take myself out of the equation. I should hate for anyone who doesn't deserve it to get into trouble on my account.

Ta-ra.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2010-03-01 05:03:08](#)**
(no subject)

Are you TRYING to get my friend into trouble?

Argue with your brother in HIS journal. Or your own. Leave Pansy out of it.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2010-03-01 02:24:35](#)**
(no subject)

You probably resemble a ship's captain much more now than he does, so at least there's that. You might even be taller, too.

You really can't change the fact that he's older though. I'm terribly sorry about that one. There are laws against that sort of thing.




 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-03-01 02:38:15](#)
(no subject)

No, I'm afraid he's still the taller bloke. Unless he's met with some accident I don't know of.

And, yes, they do look askance at any sort of tinkering with time. Although. It may be a subject for the Restricted Section, but if not, you might want to see if you can find any books on that subject. It seems to me there was a chap named Parkinson who got himself in some rather dire straights over his experiments with temporal magic. Fifteenth century, maybe, or sixteenth. I'm not sure.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2010-03-01 02:41:16](#)
(no subject)

How did I not know of this sooner?

I'll ask Madame Pince for permission to do a little digging. After all, he might be a relative.


And I might need to know what he looks like in case he stops by for tea or something.



 [alt_regulus](#) at [2010-03-01 03:38:49](#)
(no subject)

A good thought, that.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-03-01 03:23:14](#)
Order Only

Also the more handsome bloke still, too.

Though I do agree with his reading recommendations.

2010-02-28 12:13:00

Order Only: How are you all?

Moony, is Nymphadora all right? Only that, you know, the full moon's tonight. Have you a way to see she's tended to if she needs it?



 [alt_sirius](#)

Bill? What's been happening? Did you talk to your department head on Friday?

Alice, feeling better? How's Colin bearing up?


I'm sure I sound like a nervous auntie, but give us a clue, will you?

Me, I'm rustling up more supplies for you, paying Sabola and keeping tabs on that situation. It sounds like Remus' owl order business is doing well, so I doubt the wisdom of pulling out from Sabola's operations, at least right away. Clarriker over at Folkestone and a few of the other imports houses have also been in contact through the Calais-Dover channels (by which I mean, Marguerite, who has been invaluable in keeping the home Floo open while I've been filling the larders). It seems that with the restrictions and all, many people are asking for imported goods over domestic. I guess it makes sense that imported substances are less likely to bring in contagion. Odd, since usually it's the other way round in epidemics!

Anyway, I'm doing well. Haven't heard from Harry, but I suppose that's not surprising, given the quarantine. I gather owls are hard to come by.


I just hate waiting for news as much as the next wizard, I suppose.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2010-02-28 17:57:15**
(no subject)

She's at St Mungo's. She has the sickness.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-28 17:59:57](#)**
(no subject)

Merlin and Morgana.

How bad? Do they - Is - What happened?



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2010-02-28 20:27:03](#)**
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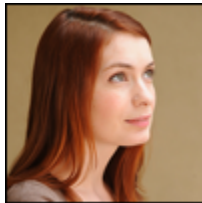
I thought I'd better check on her, after she wrote that slightly odd note yesterday. She was obviously ill, running a temperature, and she said she just ached all over. She was sure it was just flu, but I thought it best not to take any chances just now and insisted on taking her in to St Mungo's.


They admitted her straight away, and the night staff were very helpful, but I wanted to wait and speak to the day shift healer. I rather stupidly forgot to take my journal, or I would've updated from the hospital itself. Anyway, the day shift healer came over as soon as she arrived and confirmed it's the sickness.

She seemed to think that we'd caught it relatively early, which I suppose is better than too late, but until they find a cure, it's still very worrying news.

She's still conscious and moving, but the healer seemed to think it was only a matter of time before the paralysis started to hit, and then the coma. I stayed for a while, but she was exhausted and needed to rest, so I thought it best to come back here for a while, to pick up some things she might need before heading back.

I'm going to go now, actually. She shouldn't be alone.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2010-02-28 20:29:35](#)**
(no subject)


Oh dear. I'm so sorry, love.

Please keep us informed as you find out more.

And be careful you don't get sick yourself.

And Remus, if she's still feverish, she might get delirious and say things. Just to warn you, you may have to watch her to make sure she doesn't say anything suspicious sounding.



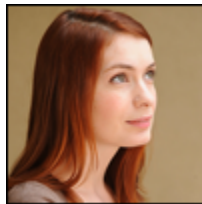
 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-02-28 20:38:13](#)**
(no subject)


I doubt Remus will be susceptible to the disease, Allie. Especially at this time of the month.

The more worrisome problem is what will happen when the mediwitches make him leave for *fear* of infection. Let's just hope she doesn't say anything compromising - or if she does, that she can say it was all fever-dreams later.

Moony, they're not buying into the line about purebloods being immune, are they?


Hm. I'm of two minds about informing Narcissa. On the one hand, if anyone can make sure Dora gets a cure quickly, it's the Malfoys. On the other, I hardly think Moony needs them descending on him!



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2010-02-28 20:48:52](#)**
(no subject)

I believe they'll stay fairly far away. All Remus would need to do is drop her mother's name and they'll connect the dots at St Mungo's well enough. That should be enough to ensure she gets the care she needs.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2010-02-28 22:14:55](#)**
(no subject)

We'll keep a close eye, Alice, don't worry. I doubt any of the staff here will have a spare moment to sit and listen to the feverish ramblings of the patients though - they're rushed off their feet.

If I thought they'd accept it, I'd offer to pitch in and help, if only just to feel useful. As it is I shall just have to sit here and resist


their gentle suggestions that perhaps a ward full of contagious patients isn't the best place to remain for a prolonged period of time.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2010-02-28 20:32:10](#)
(no subject)


Mind the time, then. I don't know if St Mungo's still has a secure centre for werewolves, but even if it did, Junius Ponds, Jr certainly can't avail himself of it!



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-28 21:41:03](#)
(no subject)


I'm heading to St Mungo's to relieve Remus.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2010-02-28 22:15:40](#)
(no subject)


I'll be home before dark, never fear.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2010-02-28 21:34:37](#)
(no subject)


Remus, just saw this. I'll come to the hospital to relieve you and sit with her so you can go home to be there at the full moon, but she won't have to be alone, at least not until we get more news. I can also be the one to inform the Malfoys if you like; we can keep Junius Ponds out of it entirely. I'm known to be a friendly acquaintance of hers, and so it shouldn't cause suspicions if I say I popped around the shop to see her and learned that she was ill.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2010-02-28 21:52:14](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks Arthur. I'm sure she'd really appreciate a visit.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2010-02-28 20:45:23](#)**
(no subject)

Colin will be fine. The plans for the garden have really helped him, I think. It's been a lot for him to process, and he's so very young.

I just was a bit shaken up after Bill's close call. Don't you fret, darling. I'll be fine.

You and I both know that it's twice as hard to handle bad news when you must sit back and wait for it to come for you, and can't do anything to fix it. All of this waiting and hiding can get tiresome after a while.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2010-03-01 03:26:51](#)**
(no subject)

Right. Waiting does funny things, all right.

Like prompting me to pick quarrels with my brother. Which he wins, seeing as I'm not on my best game with all this going on.

Bugger.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2010-03-01 03:46:29](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, my darling Sirius.

If it makes you feel any better, I believe you are definitely the more handsome Black. And you're certainly my favourite.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-28 21:42:56](#)
(no subject)

Went into to talk to my boss, Plympton. I couldn't read much in the way of reaction from him when I offered to provide whatever help possible, but at least he didn't reject the offer out of hand.


I'm sure that Bellatrix Lestrange and her merry band will get around to me eventually.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-28 21:43:50](#)
(no subject)


Don't even joke like that.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-28 21:45:18](#)
(no subject)


Better to joke then the alternative, Mum.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2010-02-28 21:45:52](#)
(no subject)

What's the alternative, for Merlin's sake?




 [alt_bill](#) at [2010-02-28 21:48:35](#)
(no subject)

Dunno, really. Go shouty-crackers, or start popping off hexes, I suppose.

You know, right now I almost envy the twins. They can get into the worst sorts of trouble, and you think they're going to have their hides finally nailed to the wall, but somehow they emerge unscathed every time, cracking jokes. I wish I had their, er...aplomb.




 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2010-02-28 21:49:34](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, mercy. The thought of those two running afoul of Bellatrix Lestrange...

It's enough to turn my hair grey.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2010-02-28 21:50:08](#)**
(no subject)

We've still got emergency portkeys at the drop point, Bill. You know how they work, and the password hasn't changed. Please, for my state of mind, be sure you have one just in case you need to leave in a

hurry.

2010-02-28 23:04:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



People in Slytherin have been talking all weekend about Mr Archer.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

At first they tried not to do it when Aurelia was there because she was really close to her uncle. He was so proud when she got Sorted into Slytherin and he started sending her owls regularly. Her own parents were a little put out, I mean they weren't HORRIFIED but they would have preferred her in Ravenclaw. He gave her advice on her electives, what would be good for working at the Ministry since she thought she might like to follow him there.

So at first no one wanted to believe he'd really been in TROUBLE when he died. People in the Ministry talk with Aurors all the time and there isn't anything scandalous about it, it doesn't mean they're 'being questioned' even if the Aurors have questions for them you know? And people do die suddenly sometimes.

But there was the thing Mrs Lestrangle said in her diary, which implied he'd been in trouble. And if he really hadn't been in any trouble, the family would have said so. And they didn't say ANYTHING. And it's been days, I mean, Aurelia and Gareth got the news on Wednesday night.


But they haven't said he was a traitor, either. And they would, if they knew.

On Saturday Aurelia started telling everyone she'd never really liked him, she just wrote back because her own parents said he was lonely. It was a complete lie, but for now everyone's pretending they believe her. Anyway it's clear Aurelia believes the worst. Or at least she thinks MLE is going to say in the end that he was a traitor in league with Black, so she wants to protect herself. She's also trying to protect Gareth, she said today to anyone who'd listen that her uncle was a TERRIBLE father. That he sent owls to her but almost never to Gareth. She said she thinks he rejected Gareth because he got Sorted into Gryffindor and I think that's a lie too but I'm glad she's trying to protect him. If someone's parents are found to be traitors they can get expelled from Hogwarts and sent to the camps. They haven't done anything yet though and that's a good sign.

But it made me think, if Mr Archer WAS in league with Sirius Black, that might explain why he ignored Gareth so much. I mean it was strange he would write so much to Aurelia and hardly ever to Gareth, and that much was true. I wonder if it's like how Nev's parents left him with his Gran, you know? Maybe Mr Archer was trying to keep Gareth safe.

Or maybe he was just a prat. I mean he's been avoiding talking to Gareth for years now and Sirius Black isn't even in England.



 **alt_ron** at [2010-03-01 16:26:30](#)
(no subject)

If he was trying to protect Archer like Neville's parents, I don't think he knows. Gareth, I mean. He's been really quiet, but he seems like he's steaming, y'know. Like he might just blow up.

I mean, it makes sense he might have been trying to protect his son, but it seems like Neville's gran did a better job letting Neville know

I dunno.

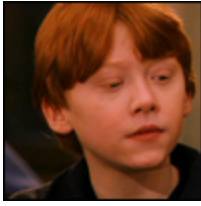
What do you think, Nev?




 **alt_sally_anne** at [2010-03-01 19:40:20](#)
(no subject)

Well Nev's parents don't work at the Ministry. Wherever they are, they're really hidden. So if they ever get caught everyone will know Nev didn't have contact with them for years, and he can't be blamed.

If Gareth's father had ever told him he was working with Black, or even hinted at it, and Gareth didn't turn him in -- Gareth would be a lot more likely to be sent to the camps if anyone realised. And they may have MLE talk to Gareth once the quarantine is lifted, to see how much he knew. If all he can say is, 'my dad was a wanker and barely talked to me since I was six,' they'll probably leave him be. If they think he's hiding anything, it'll be a lot worse for him.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2010-03-01 19:55:06](#)**
(no subject)

I guess that's so.

I think Archer's really scared, but he doesn't want to talk to anyone about it.