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Private message to Pansy Parkinson

Parkinson, is it true that Greengrass sent those roses she got back to whomever sent them? Do you know why?



[alt_padma](#)

Only we reckoned they came from Zabini, you know, as a thank-you or whatever for that party she threw for him. Except Dames saw her returning them, so that doesn't make any sense if it was Zabini.

I'd ask her herself but I figure she's probably asleep. And I know you're up late a lot of nights.



[alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-01 04:38:06](#)
(no subject)

They weren't from Blaise at all.

See, Daphne was worried about what she'd heard about how her performance in the play was received by Auror Crouch, because apparently he didn't like it. Even though he didn't see the play at all. So she wrote him to apologise, and say she didn't mean any disrespect.

So the flowers were actually from him, right? For the play.

Only they were red. I'd bet he had an assistant order them for him who didn't know any better, but she didn't want anything to seem improper, or give the wrong impression to Blaise, so she sent them back. At least that's why I think she sent them back.

But that's who they are from.



[alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-01 04:52:25](#)
(no subject)

Are you sure it was a mistake? I mean - red roses, that's sort of basic, isn't it? Everyone knows what red means - red, pink, and white, anyways.


At least, I can't imagine Auror Crouch not knowing what it means.

Or his assistant - I mean, his assistant's Ned Pennifold. He's a former Head Boy! He'd be sure to know what red means.

Besides, you know Auror Crouch has a recent tragedy, right? It was all written up in *Posh* last month. He was all set to get engaged, right, to this really beautiful, successful witch - I mean, you should see some of the photos, they were such a handsome couple! - and the Lord Protector told them they didn't have His permission to marry. No one's sure why, except that He apparently told Auror Crouch that He wanted him free to keep on serving in MLE and not to bother with marriage too soon.

But that could have been wrong. Maybe He told Mr Crouch to find someone younger, you know? And the papers just didn't want to say because it would be too insulting to him and to his lady-love. Um. Drumgoole, that was her name. Maebh. The one he used to write PMs to all the time? Well, I mean, I don't know if you look at his journal much. He's nearly always sending PMs to someone. But she's the one he wanted to marry. So maybe...maybe he's getting over his Disappointment (Lav would say it has to have the capital D!) by making an overture to Greengrass?




 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-05-01 04:58:53**
(no subject)

Oh, I hardly think that's the case. I don't think they've actually ever met before at all. Maybe for a minute at one of Lucius's parties, but not anything worth mentioning.

Besides, I mean, he's obviously got plenty of eligible women his own age to go after instead.

And I think he'd probably be well annoyed if people started spreading those kind of rumours.



 **[alt_padma](#) at 2011-05-01 05:07:38**
(no subject)

Well, whether he's met her or not doesn't really matter, does it? My uncle hadn't met my aunt until they day they got betrothed - their parents arranged everything for them. And I don't think it matters that she's so much younger than he is if he's thinking to

wait until she's finished school. My *Dadi* was about twelve years younger than my *Dada*, too.

Anyway, I'm certainly not going to be the one to say anything to Auror Crouch - but if he didn't want anyone speculating, he really shouldn't have sent them in the first place!

2011-05-01 09:20:00

Private Message to Pomona Sprout and Horace Slughorn



 [alt_poppy](#)

As you know, there's been more than a little bother here today. At least I can now assure you that both of the injured parties will recover.

I've already spoken with Rolanda, as she's happened to stop in about another matter, but if the two of you wished to come now, you'd be most welcome. I appreciate your staying away while I worked to staunch and stabilise. We're through the worst of it, though, and I believe you might as well speak with them whilst they are still feeling suitably chastened about it all; I believe that all three of those concerned require a dose of stiff discipline from their Heads of House

Pomona, your Odysseus Bobolis is one of the injured lads. It seems he and Russell Cadwallader agreed to test themselves one against the other in abseiling off the south-southwest tower, despite access to its stairs having been blocked for years. I gather they climbed out a top-floor window, scaled the tower itself and thence its spire, their plan being to descend the castle's longest drop. Unfortunately, their ropes tangled and both lost footing. Or one lost footing and fell against the other. And down they went, straight to the bottom of the cliff.

Reports vary on the details.

However--and this is where you come into it, Horace--all concerned agree that it was Maghnus Derrick of Slytherin House who conceived and orchestrated the challenge. To his credit, it was Derrick, along with several others, who summoned me to the scene.

Apparently it's that time of term when sixth years resort to dangerous larks in order to fill their time. But do they really have so little to occupy them academically? I take some satisfaction in thinking that all concerned have, at least, learned a worthwhile empirical lesson: cushioning charms are insufficient protection against such drops.



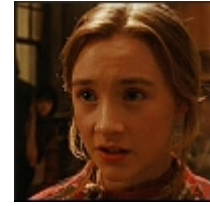
 **alt_horace** at **2011-05-01 15:24:43**
(no subject)

I shall be there presently, Poppy.

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fuzzy

I feel a bit funny this morning.
My tongue is a little sore, I think on account of all the sweets Remy and I have been eating.
(Remy is Jeremy, but he says he wants to be called Remy now so people don't confuse him with the other Jeremy who's older.)



 **[alt_hydra](#)**

First there was Friday night and we ate all the cakes and tarts leftover from the party Daphne Greengrass threw for Blaise Zabini. She ordered too much refreshment, so she said we could do with them what we liked.

And then last night Warrington had a package of all-colour lollies and just wanted to see if I could turn my mouth all colours of the rainbow and everyone else wanted to see if it was possible, too.

One of the teeth on the top right side of my mouth hurts, lately, so I had better learn to start chewing on the other side.

Ever since he played it at Blaise's party Remy's been trying to teach me portkey.

It's different from a lot of other games, isn't it?

Because you have to hide all of your emotions so that people can't tell what's on your cards.

Or, Remy says someone with enough practice you can learn how to bluff, making people believe you have a good hand when you really don't.

So if you think about it, that that makes it one of the only games where you can actually win even though you are losing.

Well, Remy says it's the perfect game for Slytherins and I can see why.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-01 15:58:37](#)**

(no subject)

You know Ducks - you may not have had enough sugar, but I think your teeth have.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-05-01 18:03:50](#)**


(no subject)

Oh, I'm used to those teeth hurting, it'll leave off eventually!

Everyone knows you keep chocs in your desk, Professor Raz.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-01 18:06:49](#)
(no subject)

Medicinal chocs, my dear. And let it be known that everything in my desk is purely medicinal! If you ever want a few tricks on portkey, though, come talk to your Uncle. No one's gone up against me in years, but I still remember all the tricks.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-01 18:07:47](#)
(no subject)

Could I really?
I do want tricks, because I haven't got any.

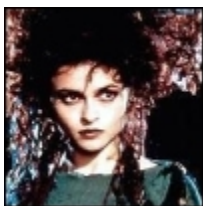
From,

Hydra



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-01 18:09:54](#)
(no subject)


Sure. Next time I'm free, I'm all yours. Bring a clean deck, though - trying to learn on a tricky one brings quick satisfaction, but no real skill.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-01 18:10:37](#)
(no subject)

I think her Mother has had enough, as well.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-02 02:34:52](#)
(no subject)


Ah, well, all kids have a sugar binge now and again. Could be worse things to get up to.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-05-02 02:37:16](#)**
(no subject)


An occasional binge is one thing. Subsisting on sweets, bread and jam, and tiny nibbles of mashed potato is quite another. We see to it that Hydra eats balanced meals when she is at home, but I fear that there is no such supervision at the school, where diners can skip the meat and go straight to the pudding.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-02 02:38:46](#)**
(no subject)

I'll stick a carrot into her robes pocket now and again, Madame Lestrangle - never you worry!



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-05-02 02:39:15](#)**
(no subject)

Do go ahead, though she is liable to pass it along to her rabbit.

2011-05-01 11:34:00

Order Only: Private Message to Moony

Bugger all.

No - before I get into that. I'm okay. Pomona's been seeing to me when she can, and Greenhouse 4, if you remember, has that little potting room off the main chamber, where I can hide during the one or two lessons she has to teach the NEWT students. I think a Gryffindor boy caught a glimpse of me just as I was arriving but I hid quickly enough. I haven't heard any other murmurs about it, and certainly no students have come out *looking* or approached the greenhouses with any sort of hesitation, so I think I dodged that hex.



 [alt_sirius](#)

It's something else, though. An owl.

Bugger.

Right, no good way to say it, so out with it, then. Fair's fair: You can take the piss all you like, mate, for how I reacted when I found out you'd gone and got my own cousin up the duff. Wand's in the other hand, now, isn't it?

Yeah. It's Terrie. She's

Well.

Bugger.

Look, don't - don't tell anyone else, will you? Not even Allie.

Bugger all. Complicated.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2011-05-01 15:56:10**

(no subject)

Good grief.

Congratulations. I think.

What are you going to do?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-01 16:02:03](#)
(no subject)

Fuck if I know.


It's not like she can announce she's been harbouring Sirius Black and she's having his love child, and all. Not like we could take your way and legitimise the sprog, either.

And there's

Well. I'm not exactly the only potentially responsible bloke, am I?

Bloody Erebus. I should go right back down there but of course I can't, not just now.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-01 16:12:15](#)
(no subject)

Oh. Well.

I'm sure Terrie wouldn't have told you if she wasn't sure it was yours. There are bound to be questions though, so perhaps it's for the best if there are potential alternatives she could name as being responsible, if necessary.

Perhaps you should go to her now. Someone else can watch out for Harry. It's not the kind of conversation one ought to have by owl.

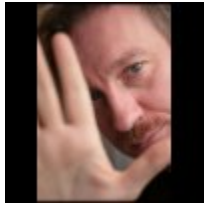



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-01 16:30:06](#)
(no subject)

Hm. She figures it had to have happened last time I visited - end of March - but I distinctly remember her boss insisting she 'stay late' a time or two then. In some ways, it's more likely to be his than mine. Not as if I can insist she look into a paternity charm, is it? She can't say it's his without a load of trouble and she can't say it's mine without a *world* of suffering.

Merlin, what if something happens and Grimmauld Place is open now? What if Bellatrix Lestrange finds out?

I should go, yeah. I really should. There's one other thing about it that's troubling me, though.



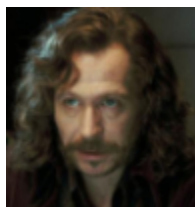
 **alt_lupin** at [2011-05-01 16:49:39](#)
(no subject)


I can't see any way a child could cause Grimmauld Place to suddenly open up. If anything, it would make the place more secure if there were a direct descendent in your line to pass it down to. And if Bellatrix finds out, though goodness only knows how she'd manage such a thing, we'll Portkey Terrie out to Moddey Dhoo.

Perhaps it's yours, perhaps it's not. We'll deal with that when the time comes too. Either way, I can't imagine her boss stepping up to take care of an illegitimate child, so you may have no choice but to do the right thing by her.

It's well-timed, at least. Dora's still swearing up, down and sideways that Bump is going to be an only child, so at least this way he or she will have someone to play with.

Both of us fathers, imagine that. I bet James is having a good laugh at us now, wherever he is.



 **alt_sirius** at [2011-05-01 19:37:53](#)
(no subject)

I'm a father already, Moony. Sort of. Well, a step-father - godfather, whatever - though a poor one at that. Though Merlin knows it's not for not wanting to take care of Harry.

But what you've said about having to acknowledge the child and take responsibility for Terrie ... that's part of what's bothering me about this. I mean to say, don't you think it's awfully quick for her to realise, isn't it? How long did it take Dora to figure out her condition?

And you remember a while back, Terrie and I had a bit of a row about her wanting another child? And I told her all the reasons it would be a terrible idea?

I suppose I just wonder if she actually listened to me. Not a pleasant thought, I know. But she'd hardly be the first witch to trap a husband that way.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-01 19:43:59](#)

(no subject)

Dora went in to see the healers at St Mungo's when she was a month or so along, because she'd been feeling under the weather and was worried that it was an after-effect of the illness she had before. Neither of us were expecting a pregnancy to be the real cause, as you know, so how soon she would have realised if she hadn't already been cautious about her health, I can't say.

If Terrie's been pregnant before though, I imagine she'd recognise the signs much sooner.

That's not to say she didn't plan it, I suppose. Is she that sort of person? It doesn't feel right to judge her behaviour when I've never even met the woman, but I know she must have a terribly difficult life. I can hardly blame her for wanting to find a way to hold on to a bit of happiness. Although it's perhaps not quite what you had in mind for yourself.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-01 21:50:59](#)

(no subject)


Well, I don't know if I'd say you've never met her, Moony. For Morgana's sake, she and Gary were close enough, back in the day.

I suppose it's fair to say that she's changed, though, since all that. And since her Alicia died. Bound to have changed, hasn't she? And you're too right, her life's no picnic.

Speaking of which, the students have all been out on the grounds all day, celebrating May Day. (One reason I've not changed back - those bells! They're a bit too high-pitched for Padfoot's hearing.)

I don't know. I suppose I'm not as good as you are.




 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2011-05-01 22:42:39](#)**
(no subject)

I can't quite reconcile the Terrie you know with the girl we went to school with. So much has changed, for all of us, it feels like another life.

So what are you going to do?



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-05-02 02:31:09](#)**
(no subject)

Did you see Minerva's last?

I suppose for the moment, the decision's been made for me.

I'm changing back to Padfoot. I can't do this without a decent spliff.

Too much to hope Pomona has some growing in here somewhere?

2011-05-01 13:51:00

Private Message to Horace Slughorn

Horace, if you'd be so good, I'd appreciate it if you would let Miss Lestranger know that I believe she ought to stop up and allow me to have a look in her mouth.



 [alt_poppy](#)

It would seem that she may be suffering from poor oral health. I am quite as capable of seeing to toothache as to shattered bones.

I appreciated your coming up this morning. I know it's a bother to be called across the castle, but I did believe you ought to see what consequences Mr Derrick's companions had suffered before you spoke with him about his role in that matter--whatever it may have been.

2011-05-01 16:43:00

Private Message to Daphne Greengrass



Daphne,

It's been a while since we've had a chat, and now that the play is over, I suppose neither of us have the time as we approach end of term exams. Anyway I just wanted to share somethings with you.

 [alt_ginny](#)

First, Draco Malfoy sent me a PM a couple days ago. Which wouldn't normally be a big deal that he would PM anyone except that its me we are talking about. It seems he went out of his way to let me know about a contest submission in *Purest Sparkle* this week. He even wished me luck by saying hoped that I would win something out of it. It just seemed odd. But I am grateful that he told me. He said that he had heard you say I was interested in fashion. He also said that you told him that I was "cool". That was nice of you to say.

After that I tried to get Luna, to lend me her copy of the periodical, but I haven't heard from here. I am not sure if she is cross with me or not. I haven't said anything out of the way to her, and this was important to me. So I have spent the past couple of days trying to hunt down a copy of the announcement so that I could send in a submission. Finally, Julianna Bradley, one of my dorm mates had one. So, I would like you to check over my submission for me and tell me what you think. I am asked to send in a picture and a short essay on how a makeover would improve my summer holidays. Please tell me what you think.

*To: The Editor of Purest Sparkle
Summer Contest Submission*

*How a makeover would improve
my summer holidays.*

My name is Ginny W. (Weasley). A make over for the summer would mean so much to me. As the only girl, and the youngest of seven children, my parents can hardly afford the designers that I am interested in. This doesn't bother me usually as we are in school most of the year and have to wear uniforms, but during the summer and special occasions, it would be nice to have something in season sometimes.

Oftentimes, if I want to wear something fashionable, I try to transfigure my robes to copy something currently in season. I love to keep up with fashion trends, and to have a couple new robes and the makeover would make me feel as if I were floating on cloud nine. It would be the highlight of my summer, and make it so much better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ginny W.



alt_daphne at **2011-05-02 02:31:14**
(no subject)

I don't imagine that Draco is the type to apologise to someone unless he really knows them well, but I'm sure that the gesture was a way of making it clear that he meant no harm by carrying on with Blaise in your journal. Oh, and I did tell him that you liked fashion, but didn't get a chance to talk about it much with some of your other friends. It's too bad Lovegood wasn't able to help you out, but maybe she lost track of the latest issue and didn't want to disappoint you.


I think the essay looks very good! One thing you might want to do is make it clear that you read their magazine, and that you look to the pages of *Purest Sparkle* for fashion inspiration. For example, you could specifically mention being inspired by that spread they did last month, with the robes by...oh, who was it? *Petit La Roux*, I think? Oh, and to make yourself look very fashion forward, you might tell them that you love the work of Gerard Joosh, or one of those other grown-up designers that appear in *Tribea* and the like. Gerard Joosh only does couture for people like Mrs Malfoy, of course, but I think it would look good if you make it clear you're familiar with the best of the best. If you make those changes I think you'll really have an edge over everyone else who enters!

Oh, and...well, I'm not sure it's my place to tell you this, but I think you deserve to know that your brother Ron is not happy with Draco and is somehow convinced that both he and Blaise are trying to hurt you. He wrote both Draco and Blaise a rather intimidating private message, warning them to back off.

I don't want to cause trouble between you and your brother, but it

seems he could have asked you about it first before losing his temper with Draco and Blaise.



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2011-05-02 02:52:32](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks for the advice, I will make the changes. I will also see to the other matter as well.

2011-05-01 19:04:00

ORDER ONLY - Aurors

The Aurors have been in the castle again, this time because of the missing book from the library. I haven't been able to hide from them that it was Snape, not since Rabastan found out - but then, they seem to be quite pleased to keep it quiet, just as I am.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

Madam Pince is beside herself, as they have ordered her to inventory the books - and this time, she hasn't Granger's help. I do believe she will request another Mudblood servant (pardon me - Muggleborn - it is damnably hard to switch between words). I hope, for the sake of the servant, that we get one, because it is a far better life than the camps; but I don't have much hope that we will.

Sirius, you'd best keep your head far, far down.



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2011-05-02 15:52:52**

(no subject)

Wait, I've just re-read this.

Do you mean to say he had time to go pinch something from the library as well as go into Slytherin's dormitories to leave that note for Hermione?

Why wasn't anyone patrolling?



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at **2011-05-02 15:59:55**

(no subject)

The play was a great distraction, it seems.

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ORDER ONLY: back from sherwood



 [alt_frank](#)

Fu and steve and me just spent the weekend up at sherwood, and they're getting along just fine. steve has gotten all excited because of the latest messages from snape, and he says he doesn't care a toss who wrote them, the potions are sound and should work fine. he spent the weekend teaching some of the interested sherwood folks how to gather belladonna, and some other useful ingredients besides - pennywort and ginger root and wormwood and stuff like that, as well as taught them how to make a few basic healing salves. he's been passing along basic potions that he's made for the last year or so, but with some coaching, he figures they can make their own as well. they've already been getting together the ingredients for the vanishing powder, but tracking down beetles was a bit tricky. there's a group just working on potions stuff alone, so steve had his hands full making sure everyone was doing it properly.

fu worked with the team turner's assigned to sort out detonators, and he showed them a few other fuses that he thought might also do the trick. fu and turner spent a lot of time working together - they've got a lot in common, I think. they're already planning on making up a batch of saltpeter for next time. we also set off a few flour bombs in a field to test them, and they made quite a lot of noise, but I don't think we'll know how destructive they'll be until we test them in a building or something.

davidson's got five or six in his group that've been working on the wandless magic stuff quite a lot these past few weeks and some are really looking good. one woman, Amanda, she's been at it at least three hours a day every day and she's got quite an accio on her, and her shield is coming along nicely since the last time we were up there. all of them work on the tai chee stuff as well, because it really does seem to help with form. it's slow going for most of them - amanda's the best one of the lot though. she's a natural. I think the fact that it works for her and that other people can see it working has really made a lot of difference so far in the camp. I mean, there's only so many wands they have to go around, and only so many we can spare, but this seems to have really helped those that don't have wands from feeling entirely useless.

davidson was interested to get our take on snape, what his motives

were, all that. I told him what we knew of it, except for the part about harry and the prophecy of course, and told him we were still sorting out why he was doing what he was on our end too, so we were being careful about it. turner's all about him, thinks he's legit, but davison's a bit more wary. I asked davidson what the news was from inside the camps, and from the farms - whether people were working on similar things there, and he said he'd yet to hear anything definitive but expected as much. it's important that any counter measures they work on not be too predictable, but I think it's given them a boost up.

[2011-05-01 23:15:00](#)

Private Message to Ron Weasley

Ronald,

I have heard that you have accused two Slytherin boys that we all know you love to hate for- what was it?- harassing me!




 [alt_ginny](#)

That isn't the case, and we all know very well that I can take care of myself. Neither Zabini nor Malfoy have been troubling me at all. We actually had a nice exchange the other day before your accusation. Anyway I just wanted to let you know that you have judge them wrongly, and please don't go accusing him of telling me either. It was another source from which I heard it. If at any time I require your assistance, you can believe that I will ask you. And if you do feel in the future that somethnig is going on, do ask me first. Please don't ruin any potential friendships for me. But thanks for your concern.

Ginny

P.S.- I am sorry about the night of the play. But that was something very important to me.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-02 13:43:21](#)
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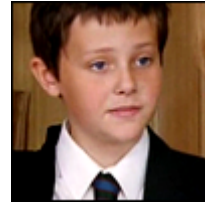
Gin, if you talked with Malfoy and Zabini, and they made you think they might like to be your friends, then they're obviously up to something.

But, sure. Do what you want. Just don't think your brothers aren't watching out for you because we totally are.

[2011-05-02 13:56:00](#)

(no subject)

May Day was well classic this year, wasn't it? Best part was that being Sunday we could do it right. And we had good weather - Saturday it looked like it was going to bucket down but Sunday was bright and sunny.



 **[alt_michael](#)**

It felt really good to get on a broom again. Nearly fell off laughing when Pennifold and Avery nearly collided with each other going round the maypole. You'd think a Chaser would have better aim!

(Mum, thanks for the white trousers. They arrived just in time, too. Er. D'you know any good charms for removing grass stains?)

Moon, do you want to revise tonight before Astronomy?



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2011-05-02 18:07:09](#)**

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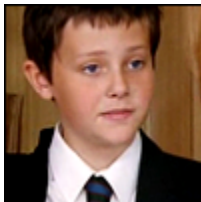
I thought the Morris dancing was well worth watching. Especially since some girls were, eh, much *bouncier* than last year!



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-02 18:08:27](#)**

(no subject)

What happened to all that rot about how dancing is for girls, then?



 **[alt_michael](#)** at **[2011-05-02 18:09:17](#)**

(no subject)

This is Morris dancing, though. It's different, innit?



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-02 18:09:46](#)
(no subject)

Plus you get kissed and all, mate.

Maybe I'll just join up next year.



 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-05-02 18:13:32](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I think Avery wasn't really off his aim, if you know what I mean.

Can't blame him, though. She's dead gorgeous.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-02 18:15:49](#)
(no subject)

Dream on, Corner.

By the way, you've heard, I reckon, about Zabini?



 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-05-02 18:17:08](#)
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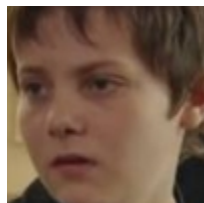
What, he shaved his head again? I thought that was just for the play.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-02 18:18:01](#)
(no subject)

Wot?

No, you dimwit. Him and Greengrass.



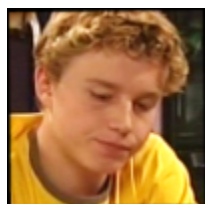
 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-05-02 18:20:07](#)
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Oh, *that*. Yeah.

But I heard she sent them back, the flowers.

Doesn't that mean the bloke's not supposed to keep bothering her?

Maybe she really likes Zabini. Can't think why but then again, I don't think I should want to have to treat Greengrass like some princess all the time, either.

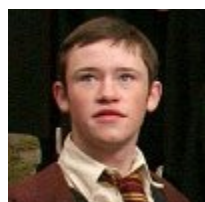


 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2011-05-02 18:27:38](#)**
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Yeah, I dunno. I don't think he's the kind of bloke who takes no for an answer, is he? Nor should he have to do.

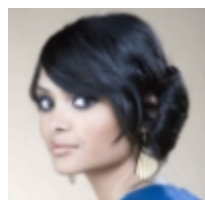
I mean to say, if I were a girl, and I had a choice between Zabini and someone like Auror Crouch, right, I'm not sure I'd have to think about it too hard.


Dozy cow.



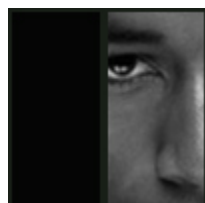
 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-05-02 21:00:30](#)**
(no subject)


Are you saying Auror Crouch send Greengrass those roses?



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-02 22:06:36](#)**
(no subject)

Yes! And then she sent them back!



 **[alt_blaise](#)** at **[2011-05-03 00:55:04](#)**
Private Message to Zacharias Smith

If you had a choice between my reading this and Auror Crouch, which would you choose?

Honestly, I think you're too much of an idiot to bother with, but if he sees this you may wish you were a girl so he'd be less likely to hex your bits off.



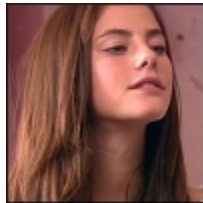
 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-03 02:17:10](#)

Re: Private Message to Zacharias Smith

Oi, no offence, mate, but you're hardly competition for England's most eligible bachelor.

None of us is. Unless you're hiding something from us all.

Slain any basilisks lately, then?



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-03 01:04:59](#)

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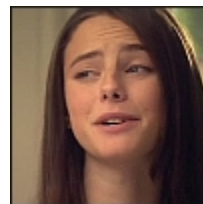
Oh Smith, you probably shouldn't speculate on things that are so outside your own realm of experience.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-03 02:17:54](#)

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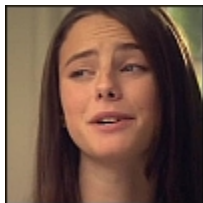
That's what he's probably saying.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-03 02:35:25](#)

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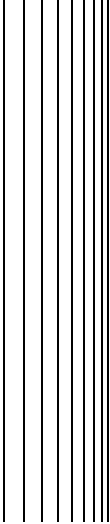
Spoken like someone who really hasn't a clue about much.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-03 01:04:26](#)

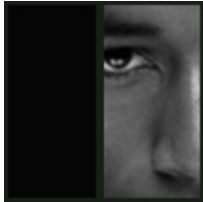
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Don't worry, Corner, the princess doesn't want *anything* from you.



 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-05-03 02:18:52](#)
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Well, that's a relief!



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-03 02:35:09](#)
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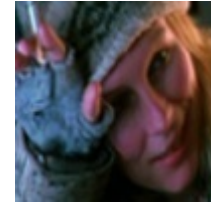
Trust me, Corner: you've nothing to worry about in that regard. Can't imagine you'll ever attract that sort of attention.

2011-05-02 14:42:00

Grim Truth 2nd May, 1994

Greetings, British Journal-Readers,

Over the past few months, the moniker 'Grim Truth' has been used for a variety of purposes which, we are sure, would have sickened and disturbed the original author of the column. Although sadly, Sirius Black can never again provide truth from his own pen, we, his companions-at-arms, have determined that we can no longer maintain silence while his goals are corrupted and his writings are twisted by any insurgent who chooses to adopt his mien or his by-line.



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_doris](#)

Therefore, we have joined together to post this, a Grim Truth, which we believe Sirius Black would have endorsed.

First, we wish you to know that while Sirius deplored the Protectorate, he would never advocate murder. Whether your act is picking up a 'sharp knife,' as the eponymous Charlotte Smythe would have done, creating bombs, or the insidious and subtle preparation of poisons, as the latest iteration and author seems to direct, the real Sirius Black would never have condoned any of his followers committing such a crime against the soul. We can't control anymore who chooses to publish articles claiming to be 'Grim Truth,' but whenever one appears and calls for murder, know that you are reading a false claim to the path he would have set.

Second, it is useful to note that the real Sirius Black always imbued his posts with a sense of humour - albeit, self-deprecating or unkind to his own heritage at times, but nonetheless, a certain insouciance could be read through his rhetoric. As everyone knows, humour is one of the most difficult tones to imitate, which may be why those who have come after him have not tried to capture this vital component of his posts. But while he approached his topics with a flair for the off-colour, he always advocated extreme caution when carrying out his advice.

Third, Sirius Black was a gentlewizard. Owing to his class, and later to the circumstances of his status as an irregular with Dumbledore's freedom-fighters, Sirius Black never worked, nor did he have much contact with muggles or muggleborns. Consequently, any messages containing practical instructions such as drawings, mechanical

information or any other 'working-class' information are unlikely to follow in his footsteps. Moreover, his messages were consistently aimed at the audience he knew best: other wizards and witches. Men and women who ought to have it in their power to change the face of the nation - not the oppressed who will surely suffer worst and first if they attempt to rise up on their own. His goal was to cause a majority of you, the citizens of the Protectorate, to come together and oppose the mistreatment of others in your care.


Now, some have argued that the latest 'Grim Truth' articles surpass Sirius Black's own, because they provide concrete and specific actions one may take to express one's utter disapproval of the status quo. Even among our number, some have become enthused by the recent spate of posts, which they have described as 'empowering' to any and all who may read them.

But ask yourselves: How would a muggleborn read the post? And how may he implement the recommendations made in them? Not without extreme personal risk, and certainly not without accomplices among the wandless set, who provide copies of the posts in a format that may be distributed far and wide. Now ask yourselves: Does that sound reasonable? Or does it sound like entrapment?

Finally, we utterly refute the claims in the last Grim Truth but one concerning the application of wandless magic. If magic could be directed in such a way, why would wizards and witches still use the time-honoured and tested tradition of employing wands for nearly all their spellwork? Although it is true that certain categories of magic must be mastered without wands, we believe that the author is in all likelihood trying to trap the hapless muggleborns who might heed his advice, while their captors stand by, laugh at their pathetic efforts, and subsequently clap them in irons - or worse, execute them - for their pains.

We, who keep his legacy alive, have taken the risk of debunking the false Truths, because it seems to us that whomever is offering the reckless and endangering courses of action outlined in the Grim Truth appearances of late does NOT have the best interests of muggleborns and muggles at heart. We believe that it is a scheme presented with such logic as to trick its readers into trying the techniques contained therein, and expose them to those who could take swift action against them. Do not succumb to the lies, particularly when packaged as if they are truth! Keep Sirius Black's memory best by continuing to follow his course: Hold the truth in your hearts and wait for the right time to act.




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-05-02 18:52:20](#)

Private Message to Dominic Selwyn and Bellatrix Lestrangle

One of yours, I trust?



 [alt_selwyn](#) at [2011-05-02 20:59:24](#)

Re: Private Message to Dominic Selwyn and Bellatrix Lestrangle

Indeed.

I believe this message went through at least two dozen edits as the authors tried to strike precisely a tone that would have credibility while not giving any actual aid or comfort to our enemies. The general feeling was that discouraging any significant study of wandless magic was a top priority, and seeds of doubt and fear should grow into a barrier that will obstruct success.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-02 20:49:27](#)

ORDER ONLY

seems awful chummy for someone we've never heard of, doesn't she?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-02 23:50:06](#)

(no subject)

There's one way in which this resembles the traitor's screeds: curiosity and attention smother beneath the weight of all that self-regarding prose.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-02 23:55:22](#)

Private Message to Marlogosia Starling and Mordant Travers

Which duckling wrote this? The goal was to put them all to sleep, I trust.

Nine paragraphs? Really. Were you paying by the inch, then?

[2011-05-02 18:40:00](#)

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Laugh all you wish. But if you've anything to suggest, I'd welcome it.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)**

The flowers were sent. And the girl returned them.

Pennifold's just confirmed it.

Am I obliged to write an apology? Or may I ignore it?

Blast and damn. (And no, I'm not proposing to say either to the girl.)



 **[alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-03 12:31:36](#)**
(no subject)

I think you should consider yourself lucky she didn't throw herself on you. Perhaps she has more sense than I gave her credit.

Though, perhaps not.

I've been reading some of the students' journals, have you seen them? It certainly looks as though her reputation hasn't suffered in the slightest due to your, ah, *interest*.

Red, Barty? Truly? I know you don't bother with these distinctions generally but even you ought to know the difference between red and white. And I do not refer to the Wars of the Roses.

It's rare, darling, but you can be an idiot.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-03 12:50:15](#)**
(no subject)

Red?

That's my standing order with Fairchild's. Makes it straightforward. No fussing with what and who and

when and

Red is traditional. For roses.

No?



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-04 03:38:30](#)
(no subject)

Oh, yes, it's certainly traditional.

For indicating to a lady that you've romantic intentions toward her!

I'm sending you a copy of Dorothea Whisp's *A Wizard's Guide to Floral Etiquette*. I'm surprised you hadn't seen it on your mother's shelf.

~~Rather makes me wonder about that bouquet you sent last year. Someone put thought into *that* arrangement, at least.~~



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-04 13:53:59](#)
Narcissa.

Yes. Thank you. Your parcel arrived this morning. To the delight and merriment of everyone in the department.

Daggenham was especially appreciative to have attention turned away from his appalling apologia for the Grue's Tales and their author. He will not soon live down having penned that love letter to Black.

So, yes, indeed. Thank you so very much for returning the focus of all Our Lord's Aurors to my idiocy. I'm certain the realm will be safer for our collective distraction.

[2011-05-03 08:33:00](#)

Order Only: Snape's posts

I made sure to get up and out for a bit before dawn, so I could stretch my legs while there was the lowest likelihood of being spotted. And so I could catch up on the journals before the students are up and out of their dormitories.



 [alt_sirius](#)

Frank, regarding Fu and Davidson and whomever else trying out what Snape's proposing, I just have to say:

HAVE YOU ALL GONE COMPLETELY MAD?

No fooling: Have you fallen and hit your heads on something? Have you been confunded?

I can't think of any other explanation for all this. This is *Severus Snape* we're talking about here. A greasy, slimy, contemptible, disgusting worm of a git - and he's been in Azkaban and he's probably half-deranged himself. And you're all **following** his **advice**?

Whatever Snape's playing at in these posts, it's not good. I mean to say Isn't that Davidson chap supposed to be former paramilitary or something? SOS - or whatever the muggles called it? Surely he's known how to make bombs before Snivellus bloody **SNAP**E reminded him? What happened to the reasons he never made ordnance up until now?

And this wandless magic thing. Not that I want to agree with that other post -

(and yeah, yeah, Frank, I had a right chuckle over that. Doris Purkiss. Who in Morgana's name is she supposed to be? - Anyway)

- but I do wonder if he's trying to give muggleborns a false sense of hope - or worse, make them visible for trying to practise magic. He may not be a friend to the Protectorate after all those years in Azkaban, but he's still no muggle-lover, either. And nearly every one of those Slytherins who passed for his 'friends' at school are right in Voldemort's circle, if they're still alive.


I wouldn't trust anything that comes off that wanker's quill.

And you can tell John Turner he's a fickle bastard. Not that I cared to be hero-worshipped but it seems like next time you see him he'll ask you 'Sirius who?'

But joking aside, I mean it: Snape's got nothing good planned. Remember he's still trying to kill Harry. And he was just at Hogwarts stealing books and leaving threatening notes, and you're taking his advice about disassembling *radios*? And I don't know what protections Davidson's got round the Sherwood camp but he'd best be careful setting off loads of loud bangs and crashes.

I say we stick with the original plan and get wands into hands - that's the only way their magic is really going to be effective.



 **alt_frank** at **2011-05-03 17:19:44**
(no subject)

hang on, mate.

first off, he's been making all sorts of bombs and molotov cocktails and stuff on his own, yeah, but they were testing this type of one to see if it actually worked, to make sure it wasn't going to hurt the other people outside the group that would try and pull it off.

second, there aren't going to be enough wands for everyone. unless alexs has some sort of stash numbering in the hundreds, it's not going to happen. so why not think of other things people can do to defend themselves?

third, I'm taking the source with a grain of salt, yeah? we're testing it to see if what he's said holds water. and so far, it does. as long as we're careful and test the hell out of it to make sure it does what it ought to, we shouldn't throw out things we can actually use just because it comes from a person that we don't like.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-03 18:17:58](#)
(no subject)

Frank.

I missed that you'd written the other day--things here--but, oh my.

Do you mean to tell me that the Sherwood group are exploding things out in the open? Do they want to bring all of MLE down on their heads? That's simply madness.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-03 19:25:13](#)
(no subject)

Davidson's trained, as is Lee, and we made sure the silencing charms were all in place. No worries, Poppy.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-03 19:31:54](#)
(no subject)

Well, it's not just sound that explosions make, is it? It rattles windows across the ward when I cleanse things in the crucible. And that's quite a controlled little blast.


Honestly. If the man wanted to tempt you all to do something that would get your necks in the noose, all he had to do was write about explosives and you lot of overgrown boys run off with big grins on your faces, eager to make things that go 'boom'.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-03 19:39:56](#)
(no subject)

Isn't that a fact.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-03 19:45:36](#)
(no subject)

and they were pretty ace too.

Davidson says he prefers to see four, but he's looking forward to trying the saltpeter out after it's had time to cure or whatever.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-03 19:51:52](#)
(no subject)

You're taking the mickey, aren't you, Frank?

I hope.

Are the Sherwood group really getting close to mounting some sort of attack on--well, what would their target be? Are they talking targets and battle plans? (I suppose there's been no end of talk, but what I mean is has it moved beyond that?)




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-03 19:57:59](#)
(no subject)

nothing formal yet, far as I know.

still developing defences, working on figuring out ways to arm muggles, building numbers and networks. if they get ambushed right now, they'd put up one hell of a fight, but they're not near making any attacks of their own.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-03 20:00:25](#)
(no subject)

least from what I've seen.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-03 20:12:27](#)
(no subject)

Bless.


Well I hope and trust it doesn't come to anything of the sort. At least before they're ready to execute their own plans.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-03 20:28:31](#)
(no subject)

I just want to make sure we're in the loop whenever they decide what it is they're going for, so we can either be prepared to help, and take full advantage to get some of our goals in there too.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-03 23:06:01](#)
(no subject)

Yes, indeed. We certainly want these allies, and we want them to see us as allies should we all ever reach a point of being able to push back against this regime.


All the more reason to be exceedingly cautious about encouraging them to view Severus Snape as a figurehead.

What are Snape's motives? What methods does he intend to use? (Violence, clearly, but of what sort? Employed how? With what tolerance for collateral casualties?) Will we in anyway condone those methods when they become clear at last?

Will we have any way of controlling those methods? This, at least, is entirely clear: we do not have any way of guessing or controlling what Snape may write or recommend next. If his first, intriguing offerings are followed by horrors, how will we backpedal from our apparent openness? How will you convince young Turner that, after all, perhaps this is not one of the wizards he ought to trust?

We cannot in good conscience recommend that they rely upon this man or whatever he intends--and we would be foolish in the extreme to indicate that we feel anything but profound distrust of him.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-05-03 23:47:00](#)**
(no subject)

I don't think they're looking at him as a figurehead. more like a tool that right now is proving useful. least that's how I'm taking it. and the more we're there, and sirius is still an occasional visitor, the more competition he has and it's important he isn't the only one talking to them. besides, the truth of the matter is that the sherwood group is independent from either us or snape, and is proud of it.

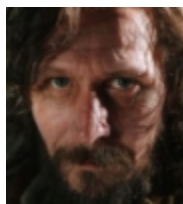
now when it comes to other groups? hard to tell. it'd be nice if sirius was still writing.


and you're right, it's important that we continue to be cautious and keep testing everything to make sure there isn't any trickery going on. likewise with anyone else that starts posting recipes. and if he suggests something we cannot agree with, I'll be the first to say as much.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-04 00:27:38](#)**
(no subject)

Mm. Poisoning people with Belladonna went beyond the pale for me.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-05-04 04:00:28](#)**
(no subject)


Listen, mate, I enjoy a good firecracker just as much as the next warlock but for Merlin's sake that saltpeter stuff is volatile! See, *this* is the kind of thing where I say he's leading you a merry dance. It'd be just like a madman to give you all the idea of blowing things up and then suggest a method that'll take you all right along with the bang. That whooshing sound you

hear will be your whole life flashing in front of you.

Isn't it enough to consider that two posts from him and your potioneer is brewing poisons and Turner and the others are back to talking about destroying buildings and arming muggles and taking back the country through uncontrolled violence.

That's not what we're meant to be doing. I don't think that's what Dumbledore would want us to be doing, either. If he'd ever come up to give us an answer.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-04 13:34:22](#)
(no subject)

Precisely.

Thank you, Sirius.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-04 15:50:17](#)
(no subject)

oh, and the first decade has gone so well for all of us.


look. if leadership is what's needed, or you don't like the way this is going, then that's on you. at this point I'm in a support role. I go, I see what they're working on, I see what I can do to help. I don't have the authority with them to go in there and tell them what to build or what to brew, just make sure they keep us in the loop and do whatever they're doing as safely as possible. they know I'm from that sirius black group, but you still have pull with that lot and if you want to come up and give a bit more direction, feel free.

and davidson's group was heading that direction before snape picked up a quill -- it's not like blowing up things didn't enter their heads until they read about the flour bombs, this just adds to the arsenal they've already got going. this is a group that is training to fight, training to break people out of camps, and training with a goal of bringing down the system. you think they'll depend on the few wands they have and keep it at that? I know a lot of us aren't happy thinking about it but that doesn't change the reality of what an unbalanced fight we have ahead of us if we're going to ever change things here,

and what we're going to have to do to make that change.


now when it comes to what we can do, we can talk about things like collateral damage, about how not everyone with a wand is bad, and we can be at the table when they talk about which targets they are going to hit and how. uncontrolled is not the way to go. I'll agree with that. and if we break with davidson, we won't be at that table, and we won't have a chance to speak up in the first place.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-03 18:20:36](#)**
(no subject)


And as for your third thing. Do you mean to say that if Barty Crouch or Bellatrix Lestrange started writing instructions about poisons and bombs and whatnot, you'd be trying those out, too?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-05-03 19:26:57](#)**
(no subject)


I don't trust snape, but I do trust steve mcgovern. and he knows a good potion from a dud, as do you. and if he says they are genuine, and we could use them, why not?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-05-03 19:27:47](#)**
(no subject)


and yeah the explosives are a bit trickier, but between fu and davidson we've got some pretty decent authorities checking things out.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-05-03 19:43:54](#)**
(no subject)

way I see it, other people are going to be trying it, might as well see if it actually works and is safe.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-03 19:53:43](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, trust me, love, I was Not Happy when I found out they were setting off their little bombs. Experts or no.

Frank has a point that it might be good to know if people are liable to get hurt following that man's advice, but we still have no idea what his motives are, and I do not care for the way he treated our Hermione one bit.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-05-03 19:59:30](#)**
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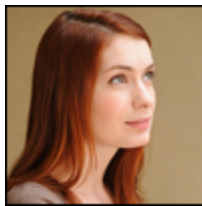
and you've got a point about our hermione, al.
and harry too.


and he keeps showing his face around hogwarts like that, he's bound to get caught sooner rather than later.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-05-03 20:01:17](#)**
(no subject)

you just jealous you weren't there?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-03 20:03:07](#)**
(no subject)

Hardly.


I only hope that when you are blown to bits,
Davidson will do me the courtesy of sending an owl
to let me know.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-05-03 20:04:02](#)**
(no subject)

I was behind a little hill thinger and everything!
turner did the fuses.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-03 20:04:41](#)**
(no subject)

...No, that doesn't make it any better. I'm still
fussed.

2011-05-04 08:20:00

Private message to Barty


Old friend...



 [alt_rabastan](#)

Don't suppose there's anything you want to tell me?




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-05-04 14:47:39**
(no subject)

Worried I'll top you for most eligible next time?

I suppose you're the one seeding rumours at the school? Don't think I won't even the score.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at **2011-05-04 14:49:59**
(no subject)

Me? Maybe a decade ago. Not now, and not so soon after.


You didn't...you don't *really* have some sort of intentions toward her, do you?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-05-04 14:53:05**
(no subject)

I've a exceptional piece of property out in the fens. Good price. Interested?



 [alt_rabastan](#) at **2011-05-04 14:54:39**
(no subject)

...Just checking.




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-04 15:01:54](#)
(no subject)

Narcissa Malfoy tells me I've been insufficiently good humoured about the matter.

She also tells me I need remedial tutoring in the 'etiquette of flowers'.

So welcome to the banquet. Travers and Yaxley have glutted themselves on the meal they've been making of the business.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-04 15:10:21](#)
(no subject)

If it's true that you sent her red roses, then I'm afraid that yes, you do.

These fourteen and fifteen year old girls are inclined to interpret almost *anything* as a romantic gesture. I almost hesitate to give out high marks to deserving work, knowing how the eyelashes will flutter in response. I once made the mistake of describing a fifth year's work as "showing excellent promise." Later, she dropped my office in her best robes and wanted to know if we could "discuss her promise."

By comparison, red roses would surely be accepted as something on par with a proposal of marriage.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-04 15:46:08](#)
(no subject)

I cannot imagine the torture it must be to teach in that school. If I were there today, I'd have had five or six of them for breakfast.


How do you keep from offering repeated demonstrations of Cruciatus on them? I do entirely see why Carrow fails to refrain.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-04 15:54:46](#)
(no subject)

I very much doubt that any girl ever shows up to Carrow's office in her best robes. No - they scatter like sparrows for him, as they surely would for you. I prefer to ward them off by making it seem that I've got more age-appropriate company to be keeping elsewhere.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-04 16:04:07](#)
(no subject)

Did you see? The girl's written in her journal in attempt to quash the rumours. That's rather a relief, especially as I thought her the type to bask in them for a while. Maybe she thought her parents would

see.

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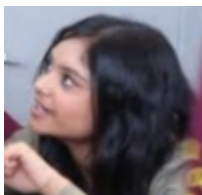


 **[alt_linus](#)**

I think, out of all my classes this year, I like Ancient Runes best (though advanced Arithmancy is a close second.) Now that we're third years we're finally learning the really wizard stuff like how to put protections on things. I'm putting one on my trunk 'cos one sock missing is probably an accident but seven PLUS two of my left shoes is probably not. If History Club were a class it would be my favourite, though!!! I have a really good head for dates and that doesn't usually come in handy anywhere else.

Mum sent me a nice parcel for final exams plus a letter from Auntie Glidden. I've got some spare biscuits if anyone wants one. They're terrifically good, but there are TWO DOZEN of them left.

Cheers on the revising session the other night, Corner! I think we're both set for exams now, though I'll probably be back up there on Friday night for a better look at the southeastern skyline. Oh, and congrats on getting engaged, Daphne!!! It must be dead nift to be marrying a Hero like Auror Crouch. Are you waiting till after you're finished at Hogwarts? Will the wedding be here, maybe? It's the first place you met, I think!



 **[alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-04 13:56:15](#)**

(no subject)

You're well useful in History Club! I always think that what happened is more important than when it happened, but Binns disagrees of course.


I can't believe you're still using those little cards for revising, though. I mean what if they fall and get all out of order?

But, Lines, she's not engaged, you nit! For one thing, a dozen roses isn't an offer of marriage and besides that, she sent them back!

I guess now it's up to Auror Crouch if he wants to try again. But I don't know if they met here, did they? Has he ever met her? Properly, I mean.

Well, Greengrass? Has he?




 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-05-04 14:00:11](#)
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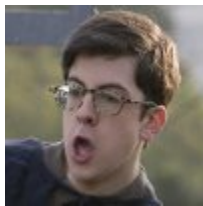
The cards really work, they do! And once or twice I did drop them, but it actually helps when they get mixed 'cos then you learn them in a different order!!


And of course she's getting married to him, a whole lot of girls were talking about it before classes this morning. They wouldn't say something like that unless it was true, right?



 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-05-04 14:14:56](#)
(no subject)

You'd be surprised, really, at all the things that girls say that don't turn out to be true.




 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-05-04 15:33:19](#)
(no subject)

TOO RIGHT

I am in so much trouble


Karo's going to kill me
Daphne should probably kill me too
Auror Crouch is REALLY going to kill me



 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-05-04 14:10:07](#)
(no subject)

She sent the roses back? That's a pity. The petals would have been quite nice for making potpourri.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-04 13:56:31](#)
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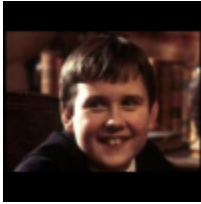
Wait. Wot?


Greengrass is getting married?



 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-05-04 14:01:26](#)
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To Auror Crouch!!! She'll be famous, I bet.



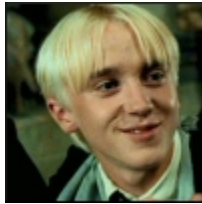
 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 14:18:17](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good


Infamous, more like it.



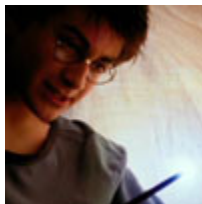
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Wait, she's only thirteen!! How can she get married?!



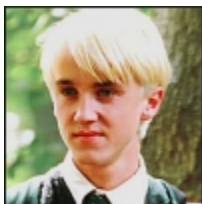
 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-04 14:38:04](#)
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She's been fourteen for yonks. She's the oldest one in our class, I think. Oh, and remember that quiz that was going around earlier this year? She was listed as one of those who were "most mature" and "most fit."



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-04 14:39:27](#)
(no subject)


Still. Fourteen is still to young. Isn't it?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-04 14:41:51](#)
(no subject)

Ten years ago it would have been.



 **alt_linus** at [2011-05-04 14:40:23](#)
(no subject)


I asked some people, and apparently you can be engaged for ages before you get married. I didn't know that!!!



 **alt_hannah** at [2011-05-04 13:59:09](#)
(no subject)

Someone's engaged? Really?! Is that Daphne Greengrass, you mean?



 **alt_linus** at [2011-05-04 14:04:14](#)
(no subject)

Yeah! Who'd think sending flowers back would prompt an offer! I know I didn't know much about this sort of thing, but I guess I really don't know anything about it at all.




 **alt_hannah** at [2011-05-04 14:20:37](#)
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I just asked around. Megan Jones heard it's true, too, but I don't think....

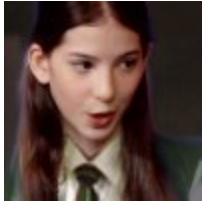
(If she were engaged to him, it would be so exciting!!!)



 **alt_linus** at [2011-05-04 14:25:38](#)
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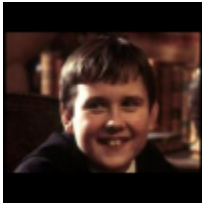
Phew! For a minute there, I was worried.

(It really would! I've never been to a wedding before! Not that she'd invite me, probably, but if they had it on Hogwarts grounds we could watch from the Astronomy tower or something.)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 14:08:14](#)
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Daphne's not engaged, and certainly not to Auror Crouch.



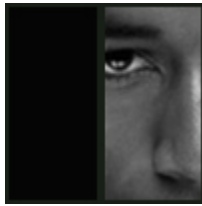
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That'd be a real surprise if she were.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 14:17:42](#)
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Not to say that Greengrass won't become engaged to someone perfectly nice I mean. Except, um, I shouldn't think she's had much of a chance to exchange more than a few words with him. Much less get engaged to him.




 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-04 14:40:55](#)
(no subject)

Really, Longbottom.

Take your foot out of your mouth. And then shut it.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 15:16:39](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Meaning he's not surprised to hear she's engaged, I guess?

Berk.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:18:23](#)

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

I think he thinks you're insulting him. Or he's just cross about the whole business and you're a safe person to kick over it.

Don't apologise, just don't answer him.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 15:39:46](#)

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

Oh, I have no attention of answering him. Safer that way.

Sometimes even Gryffindors can show some self-preservation.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:45:25](#)

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

Well the 'stupid move of the day' award is going to a Ravenclaw today!




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 14:21:21](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

SERIOUSLY, this is not the sort of secret you are going to be able to keep from you ROOMMATES.

If Daphne were engaged I would have heard. Unless she had fallen secretly in love with a half-blood Hufflepuff in which case she might be motivated enough to actually keep it a secret, but can you see Daphne doing that? because I can't.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-04 14:31:30](#)


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

Which? Marrying a half-blood or keeping a secret?

Right. Neither.

Heh.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-05-04 14:19:06](#)**
(no subject)

Are you sure? I heard at least four people talking about it, though now that you mention they were all walking together. They were talking about it like it was a certain thing, anyway.

Oh no


What if it was a secret engagement? I've heard about secret engagements, a little. I hope she's not too upset, but, I mean, it's Auror Crouch!!! Why would she hide it?



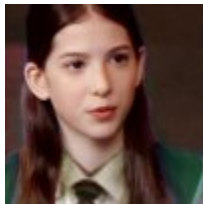
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Well, if it were a secret engagement, then it probably wouldn't have been talked about by anyone walking by.



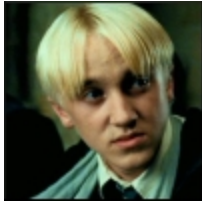
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You make a very good point!!!



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-04 14:25:32](#)**
(no subject)

Well, if it was supposed to be a secret engagement and the news made it all the way to you, I'd say you aren't the one who let the kneazle out of the bag. You're just the first one to put it on the journals.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-05-04 14:21:05](#)**
(no subject)

What the...


Well, thanks for making the day memorable, Moon. I thought it was going to pass as uneventfully as any other, but seems not.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-05-04 14:23:40](#)**
(no subject)

Well, it's not every day someone gets engaged! Here, I mean. And to an Auror. Especially Auror Crouch!!!




 **[alt_blaise](#)** at **[2011-05-04 14:38:14](#)**
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Honestly, Moon.

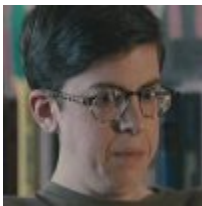
Could you be any more of a tit?




 **[alt_penelope](#)** at **[2011-05-04 14:39:16](#)**
(no subject)

Moon, she is certainly not engaged! Least of all to Auror Crouch.

This sort of rumour is damaging to both their reputations. I for one am astonished that you've made such a public announcement without first doing thorough research. It doesn't reflect well on Ravenclaw at all.



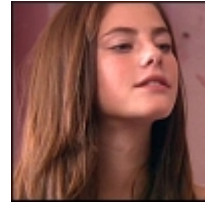
 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-05-04 14:42:40](#)**
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I just thought it was interesting!!! I knew everyone would be talking about it in the journals eventually, and loads of people were talking about it in the halls already. And I'm happy for her! Aren't you? I didn't think it was a rumour.

2011-05-04 09:15:00

Attention

I am not engaged.




There is nothing between Auror Crouch and myself.

 **alt_daphne**

And I am fourteen years (and seven months) old, not thirteen.

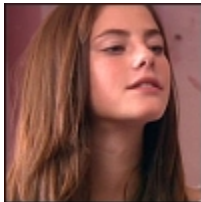
Have a lovely day, everyone.




 **alt_linus** at **2011-05-04 15:25:18**
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Wait.

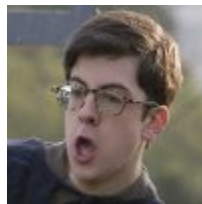
Really?




 **alt_daphne** at **2011-05-04 15:29:04**
(no subject)

Really.

I find it touching that you are so interested in my personal life, Moon, but please know that on the day I am engaged (if in fact I ever am) I will make the announcement myself.



 **alt_linus** at **2011-05-04 15:31:50**
(no subject)

ohhh no

um

I thought maybe you'd just told some people and they told other people but


I'm really, really, really sorry. Should I go say I'm sorry on my

journal too?

OH NO

AUROR CROUCH



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-04 17:51:26](#)**
(no subject)

I told you.

Greengrass, I'm really sorry you're having to deal with all this nonsense.

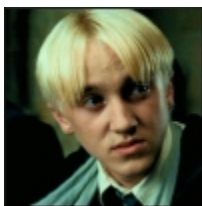
I asked Parkinson about the roses because someone told me you were sending them back. And I meant to ask you in person but this week just sort of got away, you know? I mean, we had sooo much homework and then Madam Pince has been an utter gorgon lately, I mean, more than usual even, and by then I'd forgot all about it until this morning when Lines here congratulated you.


Honestly. Anyone knows that when girls get engaged there's a proper announcement about it.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-05-04 21:28:13](#)**
(no subject)

It's just too bad that "flowers" turned into "engagement" at some point. Hard to imagine how that could have happened, but trust a Hufflepuff to take it there and run.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-05-04 15:42:11](#)**
(no subject)

Wait a tick, Daphs; I have it on good authority from everyone who is not you that you are, in fact, engaged - so how can it be that you're not?



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:44:01](#)
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Oh, it's quite simple - everyone else is *wrong*, see?



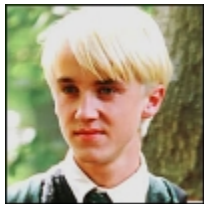
 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-04 15:44:43](#)
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Hm. Are you quite certain that you're not engaged without your own knowledge?



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:45:19](#)
(no subject)

Well now, let's see... are there any signs I should look for?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-04 15:46:01](#)
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A ring on the finger is often an early symptom, I'm told.



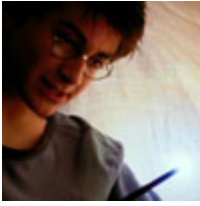
 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:47:06](#)
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My fingers are bare - proof that I'm not engaged without my own knowledge! What a relief, you were beginning to worry me.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-04 15:48:16](#)
(no subject)

I'm happy to put your worries to rest. Hopefully, it'll put everything else to rest, too.



 **alt_harry** at **2011-05-05 03:45:43**
(no subject)

Sorry Daphs. I forgot about your age. But at least I didn't think you were engaged.

2011-05-04 09:25:00

*Private message to Daphne
Greengrass and Pansy Parkinson*



Daphne, I think I speak for both me and Pansy when I offer our sincere congratulations....for being the subject of the most diverting and unlikely gossip that's circulated all year!

 **alt_sally_anne**

Pansy can tell you ALL about wedding planning, since her mum just got married. You've got a good long while to plan for it, though seeing as we're only in our THIRD YEAR.

(Honestly. People will believe ANYTHING.)



 **alt_daphne** at **2011-05-04 14:47:53**
(no subject)

Oh my... I didn't even know what was going on but this explains why Hufflepuffs kept saying "congratulations!" to me at breakfast.

This isn't funny! I've *researched* Mr Crouch from cradle to the field, and he's not the sort of person who will find this amusing in the least!

Oh, he's going to think that I TOLD people all of this for attention!



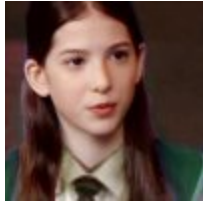
 **alt_sally_anne** at **2011-05-04 14:53:29**
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He's the one who sent you red roses! What did he EXPECT people to think?



 **alt_daphne** at **2011-05-04 14:56:21**
(no subject)

Maybe I shouldn't have told you who sent them. Or ought to have sworn you and Pansy to secrecy. You didn't tell very many people, did you? I wouldn't think that you would...



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:06:17](#)
(no subject)

No, I think I just told Samantha Montgomery so she wouldn't make a fool of herself by assuming they were from Blaise.

But you know how this school is. Gossip travels faster than a snitch on a hurry-up potion.

He can't blame you, really. I mean, you acted entirely properly.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:11:05](#)
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I suppose it's down to me to put the rumours to rest, then.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:12:41](#)
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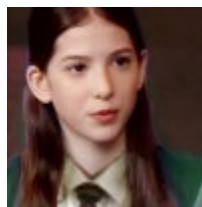
Well, I tried telling Linus Moon he didn't know what he was talking about, but I suppose he'd rather believe a gaggle of Hufflepuffs than your

roommate...



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:13:34](#)
(no subject)

Hmph. Are we quite certain that he's a boy, then? And not a Hufflepuff himself, as well?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:16:50](#)
(no subject)

Well, Moon's cleverer with books than the average Hufflepuff but he's the sort of clever that gets soaked to the skin in a rainfall before it occurs to him 'oh right, I could cast a water-repelling charm!'

Boys like to think gossip is a girl thing but they are TEN times worse, every last one of them. The ones who want you to think they couldn't possibly care less about romance are the absolute worst gossips of ALL.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:22:15](#)
(no subject)


Oh, like Smith and Corner, always going on about *girly things*? Only I don't suppose they really gossip - they discuss it right out in the open, as if no one else can read!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 15:28:57](#)
(no subject)

Well, there's one thing: at least Smith didn't drop by Moon's diary this morning (at least he hadn't, last I looked).



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-04 16:04:25](#)
(no subject)

I honestly think that's your saving grace, Daphs. The fact that huffles and claws are burbling about it while the people that'd really know are saying it's not what they think.

So Auror Crouch can't think it'd have come from you, because then the Slytherins would all have bought it instead of the rumour mill from other houses taking a few scraps and running with it.

And how on earth people can get from "returned flowers" to "engaged" is beyond me.

Well, it isn't entirely beyond me.

Patil asked me, you know, if they were from Blaise, so I thought it best to clear it up. I told her who it was from, and that I thought the colour was probably due to a mistake on his or his assistant's part, she instantly jumped to the fact that you might be attached. I did my best to tell her that wasn't the case at all,

and that Auror Crouch might get angry at her presumption, but I'd bet the root of this is with Patil. Padma, I mean, not Parvati.




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 16:09:02](#)
(no subject)

Why on earth didn't she just ask me herself, I wonder?

Padma can be a good friend but she's got some terribly naïve ideas about boys and relationships, if you know what I mean.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-04 16:15:55](#)
(no subject)

She claims it was too late at night.

It's not like she doesn't already have a reputation for being a bit of a gossip, so it wouldn't have hurt her to go to the source. But we've been chatty lately, so I guess she figured I'd be more likely to spill than you?

And I know what you mean. I think she's got some really old-fashioned ideas about Romance and Love.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-04 16:20:50](#)
(no subject)

Well, whatever her reasoning, I'm a little displeased.

More than just old-fashioned...I mean, she seemed to think she could march Grant Page around Hogsmeade and Ravenclaw corner like he was her boyfriend, but then she only wanted him to be her boyfriend in those *public* places and nowhere else. How could she not have known the he would get bored of that?




 **alt_pansy** at **[2011-05-04 16:25:41](#)**
(no subject)

I don't think she was ever going to let it go any further than that because he's not Indian and her parents wouldn't approve.

Which means that any boy that fancies her at this school is going to have to get used to disappointment.



 **alt_pansy** at **[2011-05-04 16:17:20](#)**
(no subject)

I have to admit, Moon tripping all over himself was good for a bit of a laugh.

2011-05-04 12:00:00

More language of flowers

Yellow roses instead of red can mean apology.

Hollyhocks can mean ambition.

Purple carnations can mean capriciousness.

Apparently, there are also some vegetables that have hidden meanings, too. Asparagus means fascination and lettuce means cold-heartedness. Isn't that strange? Fruit, too. Pomegranate can mean foolishness.




 [alt_luna](#)



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-04 17:41:14](#)
(no subject)


Quick, someone get Moon some pomegranate!



 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-05-04 17:42:24](#)
(no subject)

I think they're rather hard to find in Scotland this time of year.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-04 17:45:50](#)
(no subject)

I don't think I've ever even seen one before.

2011-05-04 12:46:00

Private message to Lucius Malfoy and Barty Crouch, Jr.

I've had three owls today from parents concerned about whether in fact Auror Crouch is trolling Hogwarts with the intent of seducing impressionable young girls.




 [alt_selwyn](#)

From what I understand, of those three, one is the parent of a girl who is anything but innocent and impressionable and another is the parent of a son. I do believe they wrote to all the governors -- Lucius? Did you get your own set of messages?

Barty, kindly tell me that there is NO fire behind the vast cloud of smoke here. Is ANY of it true? I've no concerns about the alleged engagement (!) but DID you in fact send the lass flowers? To what earthly end?

I'm inclined to let Minerva handle the responses but surely these parents don't expect her to personally censor all incoming students' owl post.



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2011-05-04 18:23:11**
(no subject)

I've been out at one of the more troublesome camps all day but seeing this, I checked with Hooper and indeed, there are a parliament of owls awaiting my attention - though he had the rare wherewithal to open the Howler.

Judging from Narcissa's reaction to this affair, at least what I could make out around her laughter last evening, our young friend did, indeed, send roses. The colour was an unfortunate misunderstanding. Barty, she said she was sending a book. Have you found it useful?

More to the point, have you undertaken to make sure Our Lord has paid less mind to the chatterings of adolescents than their parents? Like Dominic, I am sure He will give the incident no credence but - in light of His decision regarding your petition to wed Ms Drumgoole, He may welcome your personal explanation before any nonsense

reaches Him.

Bella, too, may wish recompense since this story has taken the fire out of the Floo, it seems, from the Fwooper campaign.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-04 18:45:54](#)
(no subject)

The book arrived, yes. I'm certain it is the definitive resource on its subject. Whether it will prove needful is another question altogether.

Am in the field today, as well. Feel certain Our Lord will make His wishes known if He has concerns, but I appreciate your wisdom on the matter.

Have no idea where the Fwooper project stands. I have every confidence that it is in capable hands and will come to fruition according to whatever schedule Bella or Starling have set.




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-05-04 18:28:47](#)
(no subject)

...And Snape has already posted a rebuttal to your man's efforts, Dominic.

At this rate I shall not escape the camps tonight. When is the next posting due?



 [alt_selwyn](#) at [2011-05-05 15:24:57](#)
(no subject)

The intent is to have it out early next week but given the number of wands in the cauldron here it's hard to say.

After this one I suggested an entry offering up a stew of oleander, castor beans, and rhubarb leaves as a foolproof potion of invincibility when consumed by any muggle or muggleborn, but I'm told it might 'hurt credibility' and that I need to think in the long term.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-04 18:32:33](#)
(no subject)

Of course I sent her flowers as a belated acknowledgment of her having portrayed me in that theatrical nonsense. Apparently my neglect of her efforts led her to paroxysms of worry. The flowers went out with a card specifying that they were in respect of her service to the Protectorate.

Nothing remotely romantic about it.

2011-05-04 14:04:00

Formerly 'The Grim Truth': Continuing under a New Title



As a preface to my continuing series on magical education, I must address a distasteful subject in the same manner in which one disposes of any such waste: as expeditiously as possible. To say that the appearance of more useless mealy-mouthed rhetoric about hearts disturbs me is too strong a statement - I am, rather, annoyed. When I chose to begin writing under the title of the Grim Truth, it was specifically to reach Sirius Black's readership - the same readership which had been absorbing his words for some time and, by so doing, had prepared themselves to act. Grandiloquence carries one as far as the river one must cross, but of what use is that journey unless one has the tools to build the bridge?

 [alternity](#)
 [alt_goyle](#)

However, the author of the opposing text - whom I suspect to be, due to the use of such laughably populist terms as 'freedom fighters,' either a Ministry writer or a simpleton - makes a troublesomely useful point. Anyone may now write a Grim Truth, which, while splendidly democratic, also incites vexatious debate about what the hallowed Sirius Black would have wanted. Therefore, continuing my publication under this journal only, I shall give it its own title: The Draught.

Those who have been courageous and enterprising enough to educate themselves through my writings are beginning to see their utility, and that is what I offer: utility. I will never offer you instructions which are false, or allow false instructions given by others to stand without being countered. I will never craft a method without considering your limited resources and safety. Finally, I will never waste your time with redundant, sentimental prose.

On the Practice of Occlumency - A Practical Guide

In consideration of the triviality with which personal privacy and the agency to withhold one's thoughts is treated in our time, Occlumency becomes a necessity against those who would purposefully invade the minds of others. Necessity being the mother of invention, the practice of Occlumency came to light in the thirteenth century during the Wizarding Inquisition of Stuttgart to counter the device of Legilimency. Legilimency is the art of sweeping aside the barrier between one's own mind and the mind of another. Conversely,

Occlumency was constructed to prevent such an intrusion.

Legilimency operates largely via the expedient of will, as does Occlumency. The reason why Legilimency is not a common practice is that the ability to lower the barrier between minds and gain the insight to interpret the resultant findings takes considerable time and practice to develop. Fortunately, Occlumency is more primitive than Legilimency, and, while still a significant undertaking, requires less time to actualise.

Those using Legilimency will be better able to do so if their target is vulnerable, exhausted, or in a similar state of disarmament. The first line of defense against Legilimency, then, is to avoid this state if at all possible. Most of the few practitioners of Legilimency require eye contact with their victim, though some have been known to accomplish it without. Thus, avoiding eye contact is the second line of defense.

When a Legilimens gains access to a mind, they are confronted by a barrage of emotions and memories, most of which will be associated with the event at hand. If their victim is attempting to conceal a truth, it is this truth which will be foremost in their thoughts - paradoxically, it is that which we endeavor to hide from others which we think about most often ourselves. That is why, in the practice of Occlumency, the ultimate goal is to be able to do what is often regarded as impossible: to not think of something. For instance, if I command you not to think of a black hippogriff, your first thought will likely be of a black hippogriff. Occlumency subverts this instinct and can, in its most refined form, turn this subversion into a useful weapon.

Occlumency, as with a great many other types of so-called "mind control" spells, is best achieved with practice. Since this practice is not possible in any situation other than the most undesirable, a set of exercises must take its place. This brings us to the third line of defense.

The most basic step to performing Occlumency is the practice of wiping the mind clean of any reactions, thoughts, emotions or associations. To think simply of nothing is not as straightforward as it might seem, so begin by meditating on one thing and one thing only for as long as possible. Choose a concrete object - avoiding abstract concepts such as 'home' or 'safety' and favouring everyday articles such as a hat or a broom - and shut your eyes, thinking only on that object until other thoughts begin to intrude. Stop the instant the distracting thoughts begin, wait for five minutes, and try again. This

state of single-minded concentration will only be possible for one minute or so upon first beginning, but as with everything, the more it is practised, the easier it shall become.

When you can, at will, banish every thought from your mind except for the vision of your chosen object - and you can maintain this state for up to five minutes without distraction - proceed to the next exercise. This involves thinking of the space where your chosen object used to be, as if it had been removed from sight. This will be more difficult to concentrate upon for any significant length of time, and a return to the first stage of the exercise may be necessary if no progress is made after several attempts. It is at this point that you must begin associating this state of blankness with the word 'Legilimens,' either by uttering it aloud before entering it, or having another person do the same. In this way, the incantation will become an associative trigger, and, through repetition, will prompt you to enter an unreadable state just as your mind is penetrated. Test your ability to enter and maintain the blank state by having others distract you by means of sudden sound or physical contact.

Utter blankness is, to those using Legilimency, a sure sign that Occlumency is being used. In my next Draught, we shall proceed to those steps which will allow you to maintain the facade of a mind in its normal operations whilst concealing crucial information.

An Alternative to Chocolate as a Preventative and Restorative


Chocolate has long been considered the best remedy for the effects of proximity to Dementors, and indeed, before the current administration, the inexpensiveness and wide availability of chocolate made it the most practical choice. However, genuine chocolate derived from cacao beans now being a scarce commodity, and moreover, not being allowed to many who must necessarily need it most, we must turn to England's native plants. Yarrow - also known as old man's pepper, soldier's woundwort, thousandleaf, or thousandfoil - is a common summer plant to be found nearly everywhere, as it is hardy and drought-resistant. No part of this plant is poisonous. A note of caution: due to its effects on the many different systems of the body, women who are with child or nursing should not take this remedy. The rare person will have an allergic reaction to yarrow - test yourself before consuming it. See the illustration below for the purposes of identification.

Note its similarity in appearance to fool's parsley, or poison hemlock, and be wary of this when harvesting yarrow.

It has featured for many years in remedies both Muggle and magical for its uses as an astringent, a coagulant, and an antiseptic, but yarrow also possesses calming powers, particularly in conjunction with other healing tinctures. Either by itself, or, ideally, mixed with melted chocolate, a tea of dried yarrow leaves assists greatly in recovery from interactions with Dementors. Employing four to seven dried leaves to one pint of water, steep them in a covered pot of boiling water for ten to fifteen minutes so as to retain maximum potency. Without the benefit of added chocolate, it will have a bitter taste. This tea will be powerful, and should be drunk only in small amounts.

As always, use this information wisely.




 **alt_neville** at **2011-05-04 20:07:54**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

He's right. About the occlumency stuff anyway. I think.




 **alt_lee** at **2011-05-04 20:11:56**

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

What would you know about occlumency?
I've never even heard of it before.



 **alt_neville** at **2011-05-04 20:14:20**

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

Um. I've read things.




 **alt_gredforge** at **2011-05-04 20:17:18**

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

Where? Is that stuff in the library?




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 20:19:49](#)

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

Um.

I'm not sure.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-04 20:23:18](#)

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

Don't you two know? You've poked around in the Restriction Section after hours a lot more than I have.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-04 20:24:46](#)

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

Yeah, but we don't remember seeing any books on the subject. It's not something we've had much need to know about, after all.

(Good thing our mum isn't a legilimens. Our life would be a lot more complicated.)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 20:29:14](#)

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

She's not? I've always assumed she is. She sure ACTS like she's reading your mind occasionally.

I've heard of occlumency. There are references to it in my Dark Arts textbook, as the defense against legilimency. They don't teach us either, though.



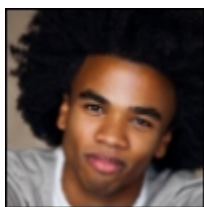
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-04 20:31:27](#)


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

Oh, we've no doubt that she wants us to think she can read our minds, and she'd give anything to be able to do it.

But no. We have our little tricks, and we've found that

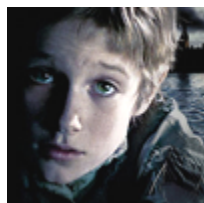
misdirection and distraction works quite well with dear old Mum, whenever we really need to cover our tracks.




 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-04 20:29:31](#)

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

So...where'd you read about it, Nev?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-04 20:34:34](#)

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

Don't know if you even have to have read about it anywhere. It seems sort of obvious to me.

I mean, not that I've ever formally studied it, but can't everyone do that sort of thing?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 20:35:37](#)

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

No, I don't think they can.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 20:36:42](#)

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

I guess it must have been some old books that my Gran had around.

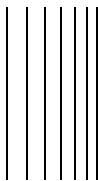
From my parents, you know.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-04 20:30:27](#)

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

I suppose no one actually needs to be a legilimens to think you two are up to no good, though.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-04 20:35:55](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Probably not.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-05-04 20:42:12](#)
Order Only

Interesting. I wonder if he's right, about the 'author of the opposing text' being from someone from the Ministry. Have you heard any rumblings to that effect, Bill?

Frank, Alice, what does Stephen make of this new information?
About the yarrow?




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-04 20:45:55](#)
Re: Order Only

It's possible. (That bloody berk Massopust does his best to keep me out of the loop whenever possible, so I know a lot less about what's going on in my own department than I would like.)

Yes, I think it's entirely likely. A flood of propaganda to muddy the waters sounds like just the ticket.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-05-04 21:23:35](#)
Re: Order Only

But it's also entirely possible that it's the real thing. It would be foolish of us to forego the opportunity to find new allies and learn from them, as long as we are exceedingly careful.



 **alt_bill** at [2011-05-04 21:32:39](#)

Re: Order Only

True, Dad.

I'll be extremely interested to see if this Doris Whats-er-name writes again, and if so, what she has to offer.



 **alt_molly** at [2011-05-04 21:35:44](#)

Re: Order Only

You don't know of any project underway right now to cook up something fake, do you, Bill?



 **alt_bill** at [2011-05-04 21:38:21](#)

Re: Order Only

No. No, I don't.

So far she hasn't offered anything we can test, like the stuff in the Goyle journal that Stephen and Davidson have been trying out. So we'll have to reserve judgement.

It would be nice if the forces for good had some signal we could use to recognise each other. Secret passwords and handshakes might come in very useful, don't you know.



 **alt_frank** at [2011-05-04 21:44:35](#)


Re: Order Only

I'll bet you're not the only one either.

thought it was a bit preachy for my taste.

not to mention a whole lot of what not to do.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-04 21:43:53](#)

Re: Order Only

steve says all checks out with the yarrow, and poppy can confirm.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-05 02:32:18](#)

Re: Order Only

Yes, Frank. He's right in what he says about yarrow's having calming and mood-elevating effects when taken in tea. And thank goodness he warns off pregnant women and those still nursing, though he ought to have said something about using caution if treating children, especially as it's children we most wish to comfort when they are distraught by near encounters with Dementors.

And he omits to mention that people with low blood pressure may experience a dangerous drop in of the sort that causes fainting and falls--even heart stoppage in rare cases (or in cases of overdose). And he might have explained in straightforward English that its coagulant properties mean that it encourages clotting of the blood--quite useful in some situations, fatal in others.

But it's not his sins of omission I most unhappy about. Did you not note that he manages to suggest poisoning once again? Quite cleverly and by indirection. *Note, he says, its similarity in appearance to fool's parsley, or poison hemlock, and be wary of this when harvesting yarrow.* Which is exactly as much as to say: here's a picture that will help you find a new poison, if it's poisons you're interested in finding.

That. That is the work of a wolf in sheep's clothing.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-05 03:33:43](#)

Re: Order Only

what if he hadn't said anything about it? he'd be at fault for leaving it off so people might pick the wrong one by mistake, wouldn't he?



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-05 12:16:10](#)

Re: Order Only

One might, in that case, admonish people to be very careful in harvesting the plant because of its similarity to others without informing them exactly which poisonous plants they might hope to locate. He does not, indeed, offer recipes for what to do with the poisonous species, but he needn't: all one need do upon reading this post is prepare the poison according to these instructions and then claim complete bafflement when it kills rather than calms its victim.

And the suggestion of masking taste with chocolate?
Devastatingly clever.

2011-05-04 16:31:00

*Private message to Minerva
McGonagall and Horace Slughorn*



Upon receiving an Owl from the Matron regarding my daughter's oral health and recent treatment for a number of tooth cavities, I have decided it best to see my child in person to address this matter.

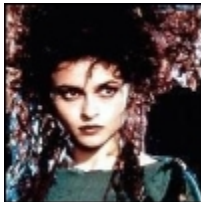
 [alt_bellatrix](#)


I shall be arriving at the castle within the hour. Horace, please see to it that Hydra and I have a private place in which to speak. Minerva, you need not trouble yourself with any special accommodations. I will be in and out of the castle in short order.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at **2011-05-05 03:39:18**
(no subject)

I assume your visit was satisfactory?



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at **2011-05-05 04:34:20**
(no subject)

I would call it productive, yes.

2011-05-04 23:41:00

ORDER ONLY - Goyle Jr.

I can't help but think -

Snape.




 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

I don't know that he's trying to kill Harry.
He claims not.

It bothers me. He sounds like the young Severus, the Severus before he went awry, but more than that. I realise that he is telling people about poisons - but what would we expect? What could we possibly expect from him? His Occlumency advice is good, though it runs ahead of everything, though I can't imagine what good it will do among untrained minds - though I suppose I am not the person to determine that.

I wish I could write him and ask. I realise I can't. My position does not allow it any more than anyone else's. Nevertheless - I don't know what to think about him. I am not nearly so determined as you, Sirius, though perhaps I should be.



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2011-05-05 18:53:54**

(no subject)

The young Severus Snape was a troubled and troubling young man.

I think the most salient point is that we have absolutely no way of knowing what to expect of him--after all his time in Azkaban, certainly, but after his years in this school as part of one of the Darkest cohorts we've every seen, and after his many years in service to Voldemort (whom he may quite well still be serving for all we know of the matter).

That Dumbledore found uses for him is known to us, but only in the haziest of outlines. Unless there's more that you know of the matter, Minerva.

And in any case, there's nothing really required of us at the moment other than wariness and watching. It's not as though the question before us is 'shall we throw open the doors of Hogwarts School to invite Mr Severus Snape to a tea in the presence of the Lord

Pretender's foster son?'

That's not the question we're debating, is it?




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-05 19:39:39](#)
(no subject)

I have to agree with Sirius. Snape always had his own agenda, and we've no idea right now what it might be.


I realise it's perhaps rather ironic coming from me, but I just don't think we can trust him, or anything he says.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-05 20:35:15](#)
(no subject)

I quite agree, Remus.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-05 21:10:46](#)
(no subject)

I'm not rolling out the welcome mat for moddey and pouring the man a drink.

there's a difference between listening to what he has to say, testing it to make sure it's safe, and getting a little use out of it and trust.


no way in hell I trust him.

just so that's clear.

and every thing he says to make or do, no matter how small, I'm gonna test it, make sure it's safe, because other people are gonna try and make it on their own too, and it's important to know whether they're headed into a trap.

and yeah, if it ends up being dead useful and safe to boot, why not? imagine how yarrow tea would've helped me and sirius when we were trapped in the shrieking shack?



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-05 21:33:09](#)**
(no subject)

Less than the chocolate I was able to give you, Frank. And while the warmth of tea would have been welcome, you'll remember that I supplied you with warming broth.

There's no cure for being surrounded by Dementors as you were with that tiny baby to nurse. Chocolate and yarrow both can help with recovering after they depart, but in their presence, there's cod's all to be done but suffer the misery.

2011-05-05 16:18:00

(no subject)

i had nothing too do with the thing that hapened in care of magical creatures



OKAY!!!!

 [alt_millicent](#)



 [alt_lavender](#) at **2011-05-05 20:47:05**

(no subject)

Oh, honestly, we all saw you!



 [alt_millicent](#) at **2011-05-05 20:51:37**

(no subject)

lies.



 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-05-05 21:10:25**

(no subject)

What, that's the third year class? All right. What didn't happen, then, if you please?

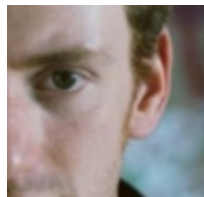


 [alt_millicent](#) at **2011-05-05 21:11:51**

(no subject)

dont you already know

from prefecting?




 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-05-05 21:12:38**

(no subject)

I have N.E.W.T.s coming up, if you must know. When I haven't been in class today, I've been in the library.


What happened?



 [alt_millicent](#) at [2011-05-05 21:14:20](#)
(no subject)


a hippogriff



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-05 21:11:52](#)
(no subject)


Ron got hurt, Percy. By the hippogriff. It was an accident.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 21:13:11](#)
(no subject)


What?!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-05 21:14:08](#)
(no subject)


Well, we got him up to the hospital wing right away. I mean there was a lot of blood, but Madam Pomfrey said it looked worse than it really was.



 [alt_millicent](#) at [2011-05-05 21:14:40](#)
(no subject)

he was being a big baby



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-05 21:17:09](#)
(no subject)

shut your mouth bulstrode.
before I shut it for you.




 [alt_millicent](#) at [2011-05-05 21:17:40](#)
(no subject)

what
are you going to hit me like a mudblood

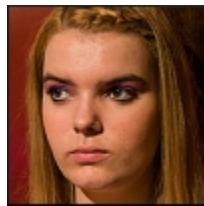
id like to see you try.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-05 21:20:37](#)
(no subject)

you'd better be glad I followed ron to the
infirmary instead of sticking around anywhere
near you.


because unless you offer ron a proper apology, the next time I
lay eyes on you I will slap you in the face so hard that you will
have marks for a week.



 [alt_millicent](#) at [2011-05-05 21:21:31](#)
(no subject)


try it.



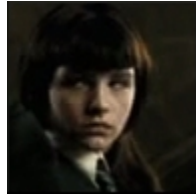
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-05 21:22:17](#)
(no subject)


Oh, I will.
trust that.



 [alt_millicent](#) at [2011-05-05 21:18:14](#)
(no subject)

sweet on weasley are you




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-05 21:39:06](#)
(no subject)

I have his BLOOD all over my robes, bulstrode.
The blood he SPILT because he ran in to SAVE
DRACO'S LIFE.

MY FRIEND JUST NEARLY DIED TRYING TO SAVE MY
OTHER FRIEND.


if you can't understand why I might be JUST A LITTLE
DISTRESSED ABOUT IT, get daphne to explain it for you. Or
at the very least, please tell her that you are too THICK to
write anything that makes sense right now so she'll take your
journal away from you again because I have HAD IT.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 21:16:16](#)
(no subject)

How in Merlin's name did this happen? Professor
Brutka always runs his class in an entirely
professional manner.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-05 22:18:07](#)
(no subject)


Well, I didn't exactly see. I was looking away
when it happened. I was talking to Lavender, but
Katrina said that just as Draco Malfoy stepped
up to bow to the hippogriff, there was
something, some kind of scuffle between Vincent Crabbe and
Millicent Blustrode--I dunno. Something one of them did upset
the hippogriff. And it reared back and started, you know,
slashing. Those claws are really sharp.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:18:57](#)
(no subject)

Slashed by a hippogriff? Wait a minute...was it Ron that got hurt, or Malfoy?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-05 22:19:23](#)
(no subject)

Well--like I said, I didn't see it. But when Buckbeak started flailing around, Pansy Parkinson sort of screamed. And I guess Ron just sort of blundered forward just as Draco Malfoy ducked. Dunno what Ron thought he was going to do.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:21:09](#)
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But Draco Malfoy was unhurt? And Harry Marvolo? Thank goodness.



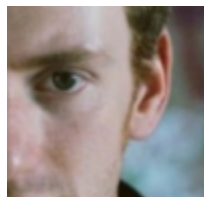
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-05 22:21:45](#)
(no subject)


Oh, nice. Big Suckup Boy is all worried about Malfoy and Marvolo while his brother is IN THE HOSPITAL WING!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-05 22:22:15](#)
(no subject)

PRAT.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:22:58](#)
Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley

Don't be so bloody thick. You know what the repercussions would be if Draco Malfoy or

Harry Marvolo come to harm and Ronald is involved? Use your bloody heads!




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-05 22:23:43](#)**
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Um. No. They weren't.

There was a fair amount of screaming from the girls, though.

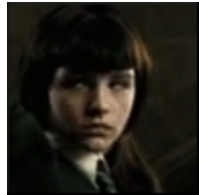
Ron didn't scream. But he looked pretty white by the time Pansy and me got him up to the hospital wing. Like I said, though, Madam Pomfrey said he'll be all right.




 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-05 22:24:16](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, Neville.

He's still in the hospital wing, I assume? Fine, I'm on my way there, now.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-05-05 22:21:00](#)**
(no subject)

he stepped in the way and shouted

so it'd get distracted

because it was charging straight for draco

and it got startled when ron did that so it sort of reared up instead of charging

they could have both been crushed

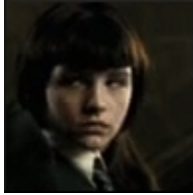
but it just sort of slashed him and then professor brutka stunned it and then we took ron to the infirmary but there was a lot of blood.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:54:35](#)
(no subject)

Thank you for your assistance to my brother,
Parkinson.

I trust you are feeling more the thing now. I'm
sure that all that blood was rather upsetting, but he is going
to be all right.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:59:42](#)
(no subject)

good.

2011-05-05 17:12:00

(no subject)

you'd better be okay, you'd just better be.

because it didn't look very good.



 [alt_pansy](#)

there was an awful lot of

be okay.

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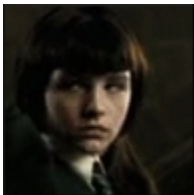
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 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-05-05 23:16:23**

(no subject)

He's going to be fine. Madam Pomfrey said.

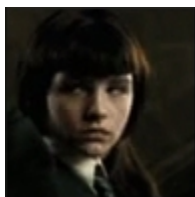


 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-05 23:21:13**

(no subject)

He was just so white, Sally-Anne.

And still.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-05 23:23:01**

Private Message to Sally-Anne

I really am going to slap Bulstrode in the face next time I see her.

Hard.



 **[alt_draco](#) at 2011-05-06 03:24:33**

private message to pansy

I just saw that Longbottom wrote that he's going to be fine.

So. He really is, right?



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-05-06 03:52:53**

Re: private message to pansy

Yes.

He'll be fine.

I'm just

I'm just glad you're not hurt, and he's not hurt badly because it looked so awful and it could have been so much worse.

[2011-05-05 17:26:00](#)

Private message to Molly Weasley and Arthur Weasley




Mum and Dad:

I don't know if you've heard from the Headmistress or anything, but I just wanted you to know without being alarmed: there was an accident in Care of Magical Creatures today, and Ronald was hurt, but he will be all right. There was an errant slash by a hippogriff. I will say in Ronald's defence that as best as I can piece it together, he wasn't mucking around, but instead was trying to keep someone else from being hurt.

 [alt_percy](#)


I've been to see him, but Madam Pomfrey had dosed him with something to help him sleep. She said that he'll be fine.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-05 22:42:20](#)
(no subject)

Oh my goodness! You're sure he'll be all right, Percy?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:45:48](#)
(no subject)

Yes, quite sure, Mum.

It was a strange concatenation of mishaps...someone stepped forward just as someone else shoved, and then someone screamed. At any rate, Ron's not at fault at all. If anything, he may get some credit that might do him some good. He was attempting to assist Draco Malfoy, and possibly saved him from an even more serious injury.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-05 22:46:06](#)
(no subject)


Oh, my!



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:47:34](#)
(no subject)


Yes. In the long run, it may even prove providential. It might be useful if his heroism is noted. By people in the proper quarters, I mean.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-05-05 22:49:17](#)
(no subject)

Your mum just flooded me. Thank you for letting us know, my boy. Do pass along our love and wishes for a rapid recovery to Ron when you see him next. Nobody else was hurt, then?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-05 22:52:08](#)
(no subject)

No, fortunately not.

His friends who brought him from the class were rather shaken though. Neville was one of them.

He was covered with--well. Never mind.

And Pansy Parkinson was there and gave me an enormous hug, if you can believe it, when I came out from seeing Ron. She was quite upset.

[2011-05-05 17:57:00](#)

(no subject)

Proper pride, hippogriffs. Nothing like a good swipe of the claw for disembowelling pigeons who forget the proper pecking order.



 **[alt_amycus](#)**

A little more blood around here certainly wouldn't go amiss.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-05 23:04:27](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

EAT DUNG, YOU BLOODY ARSE WIPE.

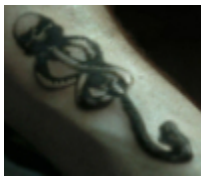


 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-06 17:44:48](#)**

(no subject)

As I understand it, the ones who forgot the "pecking order" weren't actually the ones who got swiped.

I think we'd all do well to avoid blood, seeing as our Lord's son is under the school's care, and that he was quite nearby when the incident took place.



 **[alt_amycus](#)** at **[2011-05-06 19:00:18](#)**

(no subject)

Oh, I can't see that His Son was ever in any danger. The hippogriff has proper pride, like I said. It would do never do anything but bow obesiance to him.

Bootlicking blood traitors, though...they will never be safe, no matter how much they grovel or cower or scrape. Even to the point of eating mud.

A little spilled gore in such cases may be just the ticket.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 19:11:01](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

RIGHT! NOTHING FOR YOU BUT DUNG SANDWICHES TILL DOOMSDAY!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 19:27:17](#)

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

He's not making any sense at all any more.

How can you be a blood traitor who grovels? Don't blood traitors sort of do the opposite of groveling?

...I don't think anyone important pays him any mind. They just sort of figure that he's rambling and leave it at that.

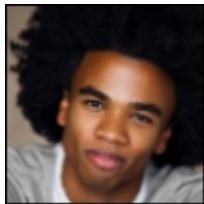
Not that it doesn't make him any less horrid.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 19:31:01](#)

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

...and not that he ever really made sense before either.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-06 20:16:05](#)

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

Well if no one important pays him any mind why don't they SACK him?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 20:21:34](#)

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

Well, let me clarify.

I think he's still around because one person does think he should stay, and He tends to have the

final word in things.

But even then, I really don't think He pays much mind to what he says.

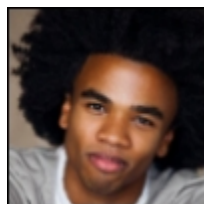


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 20:22:47](#)

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

I mean, that's the only logical reason why.

Because if Lucius and the Board don't like him, and the Headmistress doesn't either, and neither do the parents, there's only one reason why he's still around.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-06 20:39:13](#)

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

Bloody hell.

Why doesn't He move the nutter to His own personal playground then.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-06 20:41:09](#)

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

Well, if He did, then I'd end up going with him.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 20:42:34](#)

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

No way!

You'd just stay with the Headmistress. Wouldn't you?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 20:42:57](#)

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

I wouldn't depend on it.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-06 20:46:33](#)

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

I don't--I don't really know. I have no idea what's been done, formally, with my ownership contract, the one that gave me to Master in the first place. I'm not sure if I was ever legally transferred over to the Headmistress, but I don't think I have. It's not like they've ever shown it to me, like they think I'd be even interested.

But maybe there's some way it's been, I dunno...sort of stuck in some kind of legal limbo?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 20:48:27](#)

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

Huh.

She's never asked you to call her Mistress or anything?




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-06 20:50:21](#)

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

No. But I've noticed she really doesn't like that title anyway. None of the house elves call her "Mistress," but "the Headmistress."

I could ask, but...I dunno. I guess I'm afraid to find out. Least said the better, I reckon.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 20:42:10](#)

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

I don't know.

I really don't.

Maybe it's a way for Him to keep us on our toes.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-06 20:17:30](#)

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

Don't try going and playing any pranks on him. Promise?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 20:19:18](#)

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

**Mere pranks aren't enough
anymore. We want
VENGEANCE**



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-06 20:21:15](#)

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

I'm not kidding. He's getting really dangerous. You gotta promise.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 20:24:12](#)

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

You asking us to just do nothing?! Just take that shite?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 20:24:51](#)

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

I agree with Terry.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-06 20:31:36](#)

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

I gotta say I do, too.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-06 20:25:28](#)

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

You don't think I know what's like? Having to just take it?

With Master, sometimes it's what you have to do. If you want to keep alive.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-06 20:28:26](#)

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

I don't want to see you get hurt. Or Ron. Really hurt. And he'd do it. And he'd just laugh afterwards.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 20:29:09](#)

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

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 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 20:30:16](#)

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

Bloody hell.

Only for you, Professor.

Look. We'll tell you what. We won't do anything unless we clear it with you first.

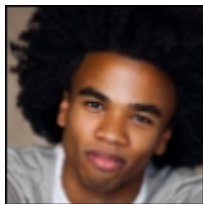
But we're gonna be watching. And he is gonna pay. Someday, by Merlin, he is gonna pay.




 **[alt_terry](#) at 2011-05-06 20:33:09**

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

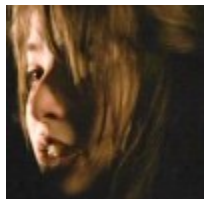
Thanks.



 **[alt_lee](#) at 2011-05-06 20:37:03**

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

I'll help you brainstorm. It may take all of our minds put together to come up with something good enough but that'll still keep any of us from getting into hot water.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2011-05-07 00:35:44**

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

I've been thinking about this all afternoon.


Anything you do, anything that would be worth doing that would actually hurt him that you CAN do, is only going to make him more dangerous. He'll be angrier, and he won't have any less power, and he doesn't have to know for certain that you were responsible for something in order to blame you for it.

And you know he's clever in his own mad way. If you really made him angry, REALLY angry, he wouldn't hurt you. He'd hurt Ron. Or Terry. Or he'd have Miss Carrow do it. Because it's a worse to have a friend hurt than to be the one who gets hurt.

About the only thing I can think of that would be worth doing that would hurt him AND he wouldn't be able to hurt anyone after would be to actually kill him. And I don't think any of us could, plus anyway we might get caught.

Do you think it would be wrong to kill him? If we could, I mean.



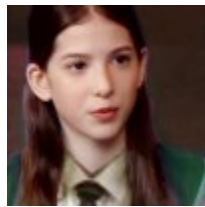
 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-07 02:05:13](#)

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

Yeah. I do think it'd be wrong, actually. I can't exactly explain why, because you're right, it's the only thing that'd stop him, and somehow somebody needs to stop him, but it wouldn't be right.

I--

My dad says there's a difference between defending yourself and killing someone when they're not trying to kill you first. It's like the unforgivables, yeah? It changes you to do it. And makes you Dark. I think. I mean, it's not like we talk about it all the time or anything, but Dad has sometimes. And I think he's right. You shouldn't do it.

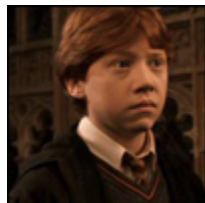


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-07 04:27:26](#)

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

Do you think it changes you, or it's just that if you weren't at least a little Dark to begin with you can't properly cast those spells on people? My textbook says

What if you did it without magic? I mean muggles do manage to kill each other occasionally despite not being able to use magic.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-07 13:07:27](#)

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

I think it's two different things, what happens when you use unforgivables and what happens when you kill somebody a different way. I mean, there's a magic thing that happens when you use AK, right? It talks about that in some of the books Nev's got, and we were talking about that one day. Anywiz, that's like a side

effect, I guess, and it's as strong a magic thing as the killing magic that works on the person you kill. You can't do it and not get hit with the back side of that curse, right?


And I don't know if you have to already be Dark before you'd do something like hunt someone down and kill them. Maybe. But it makes you worse. I think. Just doing that.

And I think that's true whether you used a spell to kill the person or, I dunno, pushed them off a cliff or picked up a big rock and bashed them with it.

I don't think you could go on being just who you were before. For one thing, either you have to hide it or you have to live with people knowing you've done it, yeah? And, I don't know, but most people who kill someone or even help someone kill someone, they end up sent to Azkaban, and that changes you, for sure.

D'you think that's what made Carrow the way he is? Killing people? I mean, people talk about stuff they think he's done-- or her. And I dunno. D'you think he was mad from the start or only after?

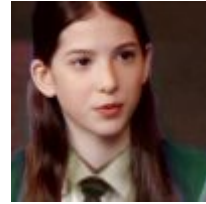


 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-06 22:29:06](#)
(no subject)

All the accounts I've heard have it that the creature was after Mr Malfoy, and that Mr Weasley stepped in the way, preventing what could have been a fatal incident.

2011-05-05 18:13:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good




Ron, are you okay?

Next time push Milli in front of the bloody Hippogriff instead of getting in its way yourself.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)




 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-05-05 23:48:31**
(no subject)

I went up after supper to bring him some of his comic books to read, because Madam Pomfrey said she was going to be keeping him overnight. He woke up for a moment, but he was really groggy and dropped right back off. But he didn't seem to be in too much pain.

Hope Pansy's doing better?

(Ron did say feel free to hex Bulstrode all you want for him.)




 [alt_terry](#) at **2011-05-05 23:55:21**
(no subject)

Tell him hi from me and hope he feels better soon.

Saw the Headmistress talking it over with Professor Brutka. It sounds like he stepped in real quick to keep it from being worse. Was that how it happened?



 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-05-05 23:56:54**
(no subject)

Yeah, he did. And good thing, too. It might have stampeded Goyle or Malfoy if he hadn't gotten the hippogriff under control then.



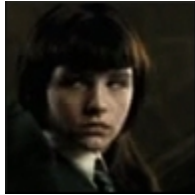
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-05 23:57:27](#)
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Not that this would have been such a big loss, of course.



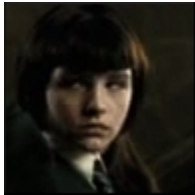
 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-05 23:58:13](#)
(no subject)


Well, no one has a chance to pin any blame for anyone else getting hurt on Ron, anyway.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 00:01:28](#)
(no subject)

some of the people that use this might disagree.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 00:03:01](#)
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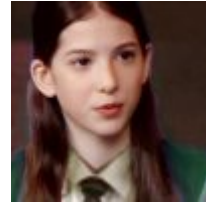
I am.

I'm glad he's okay.

I'm hacked off at Bulstrode something awful, and I wish I could crawl into a cave for the rest of the month so that nothing else bad happens, but I'll be okay.

2011-05-05 19:56:00

Private message to Daphne Greengrass



Do you suppose you can persuade Milli to apologise for making an arse of herself?

 **alt_sally_anne**

I mean, Weasley saved Draco today from being killed or badly injured and Milli called him a crybaby for fainting from blood loss. And that's entirely aside from whether she was the one who riled the hippogriff up in the first place (and I'm not saying she was, I think it's just as likely it was Goyle's fault). I think Pansy's legitimately annoyed at her and regardless, if they start slinging hexes at each other no one in our room's going to be safe.

I think if Milli apologises, even grudgingly, that will settle things with Pansy. Do you think she will?



 **alt_daphne** at **2011-05-06 03:20:52**
(no subject)

Ugh, she's being awful, I know. It's because she's well aware she bugged up and now she's being all defensive about everything!

I'll tell her I'm not speaking to her until she apologises. Childish, I know, but it usually works!



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2011-05-06 03:36:26**
(no subject)

Thank you, Daphs. I'll do my best to keep Pansy out of her path for now. The last thing she needs this week is to wind up in detention for hexing someone.

2011-05-05 21:38:00

Ron Weasley

is going to be fine. Thanks for asking. No, he didn't refuse to bow to the hippogriff or insult it. That's not what happened at all. Maybe some people should stick to the facts. Or at least ask someone who was really there.



 **alt_neville**


He expects to be back in classes tomorrow.



 **alt_hannah** at **2011-05-06 02:50:26**
(no subject)

I didn't see you in Greenhouse 3 after dinner. We did agree on Thursday, didn't we?



 **alt_neville** at **2011-05-06 02:52:49**
(no subject)


Oh, no, I forgot! I went to bring Ron his comic books right after dinner, and it completely slipped my mind. I'm really sorry.



 **alt_hannah** at **2011-05-06 02:55:03**
(no subject)

Oh, well, if you were visiting your roommate in the Hospital Wing, I can hardly begrudge that!



 **alt_neville** at **2011-05-06 02:57:10**
(no subject)

Did you get them repotted anyway? I'm really sorry, honest.




 **[alt_hannah](#)** at **[2011-05-06 02:59:58](#)**
(no subject)

I did, don't worry.

Professor Sprout showed me yours. They're really coming along nicely. You do have a real knack, you know. Yours look they're two or three weeks older than mine.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-06 03:04:20](#)**
(no subject)


It's because of my Gran, I guess. She has plants all through the house, and I grew up taking care of them. Not just African violets, but stuff like Woolly Knollwort, and Baby Cauldrons and Spitting Shebasus. The Shebasus is especially temperamental. If you can grow that, you can grow anything.



 **[alt_hannah](#)** at **[2011-05-06 03:09:31](#)**
(no subject)

I've never even heard of Spitting Shebasus. What's it like?



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-06 03:14:35](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, there are all sorts of different varieties, with different coloured foliage. My Gran likes the pink and purple varieties, cause she says they look nice next to the violets.

You always have to keep something waterproof under them, to protect your furniture. Like I said, they spit. Mostly in the late afternoons, especially if they're pretty young. When they're three years or older, they don't so much spit as sort of ooze.

2011-05-05 22:20:00

Private Message to Hannah Abbott and Ernie Macmillan



 **alt_susan**

I certainly hope Professor Brutka has managed to calm the hippogriffs' nerves before *our* lesson!

I don't think anyone in our group will be foolish enough to annoy them, but Ern, maybe you could keep an eye on Zacharias just to be sure?




 **alt_hannah** at **2011-05-06 02:35:45**
(no subject)

I know! I'm rather nervous about it.

Megan said she saw a glimpse through the classroom door of Parkinson and Longbottom supporting Weasley while they were on the way to the Hospital Wing, and she said they had blood all down the front of their robes.

Of course, Megan does exaggerate. But still.




 **alt_susan** at **2011-05-06 02:45:22**
(no subject)

Yeah, I saw Parkinson and Perks in the corridor later, and Parkinson looked dead worried.

She must have Scourgified by then, though.

I wondered if Professor Brutka might cancel the lesson, but somehow he doesn't seem the sort.




 **alt_ernie** at **2011-05-06 06:27:29**
(no subject)

I'm not coming down to your COMC lesson just to keep an eye on Zach. It's my free time, I'm going to be revising in the library for the exams!

He'll be fine, anyway. Professor Brutka's a great teacher, yeah? He

won't let anything like this happen twice in two days, Sue. Never fear.



 **alt_susan** at [2011-05-06 11:44:07](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I didn't mean *come down there*, just I don't know, whack some sense into him if you see a trouble-making gleam in his eye before lessons.

But yeah, I'm sure Professor Brutka will be on guard.

2011-05-06 07:45:00

(no subject)

So, yeah.

I'm all right.

Nev. Thanks, mate. I'll see you in DADA, yeah?



 [alt_ron](#)




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-06 13:03:03**

(no subject)

Good.

And thanks, Ron. A lot. For what you did.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-05-06 13:08:49**

(no subject)

Um.

Sure.

You know it wasn't




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-06 13:04:28**

(no subject)

Is it all healed up, then? Are you going to scar?



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-05-06 13:10:30**


(no subject)

Oh. Probably.

Madam Pomfrey says it'll be red and oozy for a while, and then probably it'll always show. But I

don't mind.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 13:13:22](#)
(no subject)

Gross.

Well, least you have a great story to tell, yeah?

And you can compare scars with Charlie next time you see him.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 13:19:28](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Heh.

'The Day Ron Weasley Lost His Bleedin Mind and Saved Draco Malfoy from Certain Death'


You saw Charlie's when he came for YPL, yeah? He has some really wizard-looking scars.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-06 13:29:11](#)
(no subject)


It'll be right distinguished looking. And it'll be a great story, anyway.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 13:30:55](#)
(no subject)

Heh. It will, won't it?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 13:07:01](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Bloody Gryffindor. Jumping headfirst into danger to rescue people.

I'm sitting with you at lunch today, all right?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 13:15:41](#)

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

Well. If we weren't around to do that stuff, you Slytherins would just and go get each other killed all the time.

Yeah, okay. That'd be great. We'll tell Lav and Parvati to budge up and make room. There aren't as many of us to squeeze in at our table, anywiz.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 13:18:50](#)

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

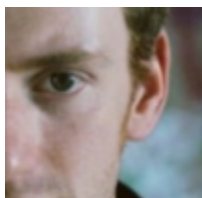
Ta, tunabrain.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 13:20:05](#)

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

See you then, Fisheye.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-06 13:31:04](#)

(no subject)

While of course I regret the entire incident happened or that you were hurt, I must say that you behaved in a very creditable manner and did your House proud. Well done, Ronald.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 13:32:33](#)

(no subject)


Well, if that's how you feel, maybe we can convince a hippogriff to go after you, too, and then we can see the stuff you're made of.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-06 13:34:01](#)
(no subject)

It would have to be a very confused hippogriff.
Percy's always so polite, I don't see how he could make one angry.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 13:36:36](#)
(no subject)


We could ask Crabbe and Goyle and Bulstrode if they'd help.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 13:36:40](#)
(no subject)


Always so polite!?! Haven't you seen the way he talks to us?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-06 13:37:16](#)
(no subject)

Nothing you don't need to hear, I assure you.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-06 13:38:42](#)
Private message to Percy Weasley

Don't bait 'em, Perce. You don't need to be the target of one their pranks this time of year.


Speaking of which, how's the studying for N.E.W.T.s going?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-06 13:41:50](#)
Re: Private message to Percy Weasley

Well enough. I'll certainly be glad when it's over.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-06 13:42:10](#)

Re: Private message to Percy Weasley

Any prospects for when you leave school yet?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-06 13:43:24](#)

Re: Private message to Percy Weasley

Some. I've sent a letter to Mr Malfoy asking for suggestions and perhaps a recommendation if I find anything, but I haven't heard back. But I think--I hope--he'll help me. He was very gracious when I ended my internship last year, and he seemed pleased with my work. For the most part.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 13:40:14](#)

(no subject)

Thanks, Perce.

I think.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-06 13:35:15](#)

(no subject)

Ron, Mum flooded me last night and told me. She was both a little upset and rather proud, in case you're wondering.

Glad you're okay.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 13:37:12](#)

(no subject)

Oh. Yeah.


No worries.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-05-06 14:27:19](#)**
(no subject)

Weasley. That was really courageous. It was incredibly stupid too, of course, especially considering that Professor Brutka was no doubt readying to stun the creature, but brave nonetheless. It just goes to show that sometimes it's good to have a Gryffindor around. I mean, Salazar, Helga, Rowena and Godric must have chose each other's company for a reason, right?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-06 15:02:40](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, Greengrass.


Nice of you to say.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-06 16:52:06](#)**
(no subject)

Everyone knows that's what Gryffindors are for! An angry dragon's coming? Let the Gryffindor know and then DUCK.




 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2011-05-06 16:05:09](#)**
(no subject)

There's an owl on its way to you, dear. With a few biscuits and things to share with your friends. Do thank them for us for coming to your aid!

We're so relieved you're on the mend. Your father and I are very proud of you.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-06 16:10:04](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, Mum.

2011-05-06 08:05:00

Old Cauldron Hook

Found you again, old thing. Thought you'd got lost fer good. When m'lordy's knee came rootin about.

Left behind when I had to clear out, eh?

But we're back on the up now, innit.

Too right, too right.

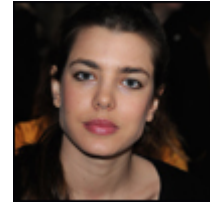


 [alt_wagstaff](#)

2011-05-06 10:37:00

Private Message to Kaspar Willett

Good show, Willett. Leaping in with both feet. You must be dead chuffed Travers picked you. I heard from Singh that she, Montague, and Evan all put in for that intensive, too.



 [alt_lana](#)

I've learned huge amounts already from Mr Lestrangle, though I've mostly felt like a complete idiot all week. I mean, it's shocking how little Miss Professor Carrow taught us, really. And I always felt she was showing us the shrouded secrets and innermost folds of magic.

2011-05-06 10:56:00

Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Pansy Parkinson



As a School Governor - and as your father, Draco - I had an owl from Professor Brutka last night.

 **alt_lucius**


Are you both well?

Draco your mother wishes me to say that she desires you to take greater caution now that your lessons apparently involve creatures with a decidedly more lethal capacity. Assured her that you are not so foolish as to ignore a professor's instructions nor to approach a dangerous beast with less than complete focus but in essence, I think she simply means she is relieved you were not seriously injured. Kindly convey our well-wishes to Harry as well, since we cannot here. Trust he is also pleased that he was not at the centre of the moment.

Pansy, Professor Brutka seemed concerned that you reacted disproportionately to the threat - though I suppose given the date, it could be excused as a sign of great strain. Have you had any recurrence of ulceration? If you should suffer the symptoms, go at once to the Matron for your tonic.

Professor Brutka also wondered whether the Governors would wish to conduct an inquiry to the incident. Shall have to confer with the others, but if either of you believe it would be wise, kindly provide your reasons so I may communicate your assessment to the Board.



 **alt_pansy** at **2011-05-06 15:23:54**
(no subject)

I'm sorry to cause you worry.

I just haven't been sleeping well, and you're right, the timing was just awful. I'd been thinking about Regulus all day, because of what he did to his arm last year, and to see all the blood was just a bit much is all. I might get a Dreamless Sleep from her for tonight, but my stomach has been fine.

But Ron is okay, and Draco is too, and that's what matters. And Professor Brutka was quick to react, it's just Ron was closer and quicker. So you oughtn't blame him, Professor Brutka, I mean. At

least I don't think so. If you want me to write up what happened from what I remember, I can write it down and send it to you. But it all happened so quickly, I'm not sure how much use it would be.



 **[alt_draco](#) at 2011-05-06 17:00:20**

Private message to Lucius Malfoy

Father,

I'm perfectly fine. Please do reassure Mother. I didn't really see much of what made the creature lash out, so I can't provide a clear report on that.

It is true that Weasley ran in front of the hippogriff and distracted it. I'm thankful, but...it's not as if he did it to *save me*. Believe me, I know he'd never do that, as he's made perfectly clear only just recently. Pansy was screaming and he just reacted the way a big Gryffindor like him would. Only now Pansy's treating him like a hero, and even Daphne Greengrass and some other people seem impressed.

What am I to do, given the situation? Do I extend thanks?

2011-05-06 10:56:00

I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good



So...Parkinson....

 [alt_gredforge](#)

We notice that Malfoy's dad wanted a private word with you. About yesterday's events, we presume. We're dead clever at making deductions like that.

You covered Ron with glory in your report, we trust? Merlin knows, he can always use it.

(And oh hey, by the way, thanks. For helping bring him up to the Hospital Wing.)



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 16:13:33](#)
(no subject)


Now we're sounding almost like we want to suck up as much as Percy.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 16:13:44](#)
(no subject)

Bite your tongue.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 16:34:25](#)
(no subject)

I'll be sending him an owl telling him everything that happened. He doesn't take well to laying it on thick, so I'm not going to gush or anything, but the facts stand up well enough without making a big fuss about it.

He asked me if there needs to be an inquiry, but I am very sure that he meant it would be for Professor Brutka.

And you are welcome.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-05-06 20:08:22](#)**
(no subject)

If it makes you feel better, Lucius really does not care for Carrow. At all.

He tried to get him fired.

[2011-05-06 11:11:00](#)

(no subject)


The bandage is a nice touch, don't you think?

Like tying a bow on to catch the eye.



 [alt_blaise](#)

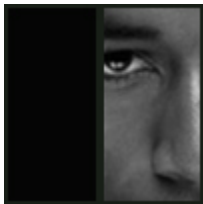


 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-05-06 16:20:29](#)

(no subject)

Really, do you think so? I would have thought that if he had really wanted to catch the eye he would have made the bandage colour-shift or put spangles on it.

But then Ron Weasley isn't really the spangle type, is he?



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-06 16:31:46](#)

(no subject)

Leave it to you, Lovegood, to imagine ways for Weasley to be even more gauche. We're all glad he doesn't consult you before he dresses.

Or does he?



 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-05-06 16:43:58](#)

(no subject)


Oh no. I think he has his own personal style.

As much as any boy his age, of course. Kind of comfortable/informal.

And it sometimes involves Chudley Cannon orange.

Which might look rather nice on a bandage, come to think of it.
And might go quite well with Gryffindor colours.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 16:52:13](#)
(no subject)

Orange is sort of between gold and red, isn't it?

Fire colours.

I could see it working.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-06 16:56:01](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm a lot better at colour-change transfiguration than I used to be, so Ron, if you WANT your bandages to be Cannons Orange I reckon I could manage it!

If you want sparkly bits you'd better talk to the Twins, though.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 16:58:01](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I think the less he plays it up, and just keeps doing what he has been, the more Zabini will look like a giant arse.

And that's always a good thing.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 17:09:07](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


In fact, on that note, I'm holding off teasing him any more where others can see. Even though I'd dearly like to.

For instance, I could say to him that the size of his ego or his swollen head could've provided distraction enough, if only he hadn't been thinking about those robes of Nefertiti!

Or that if he wants a medal for standing by and doing nothing, we can certainly make one up for him.

...I could go on.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 17:19:23](#)

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

Ha.

Don't feel like you have to stop!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 17:34:52](#)

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

Okay, what about this?

How about you take lessons from your girlfriend on how to be gracious?

Or...

Ron would've graciously let you jump right in, but he noticed you were too busy examining your nails.

Or...

It's such an insult! How dare Ron bleed like that! Honestly. I know how sensitive you are about blood.

Or...

It's a good thing you didn't sprain anything just standing there.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 17:43:25](#)

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

Haha, what about this?

Next time you need a plaster, we'll be sure to throw you a parade. Would that make you feel better?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 17:46:11](#)

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

How about you sit in on COMC this afternoon, so you can get your chance to be a hero?

I hear that hippogriffs just love it when you roll your eyes at them.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 17:46:37](#)

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

I think if I giggle any harder I'm going to pee



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-06 18:02:50](#)

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

So go to the loo and then come back and write more!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 18:06:24](#)

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

Oh! Oh!

Maybe you could get your mum to marry the Hippogriff! Then it'd just keel right over!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 18:06:39](#)

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

Haven't you heard? Bandages are the latest in fashion accessories.

In a month, we'll all be sporting one.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 18:06:53](#)

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

Watch out! I've heard a combination of big head and thin skin can be fatal!




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 18:10:04](#)

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

You were being *such* a good friend, sticking your thumb up your arse while Draco was in mortal danger, that Ron just couldn't take it any more! Your devotion was just too much to handle!

He wasn't trying to *save* Draco, he was trying to end it all so that he wouldn't have to spend another minute basking in the overwhelming presence of you.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 18:11:20](#)

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

Hey, Percy, if you've lost that stick up your arse, I think I know who found it!




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 18:15:03](#)

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

Oh, Blaise... pretending to be a man at that little butterbeer party of yours will only get you so far.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 18:54:19](#)

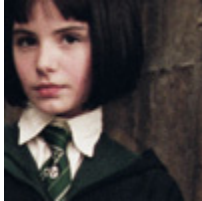
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


Excellent.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 21:26:39](#)
Re: *I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good*

We'd rather plaster sparkles onto Mr Zabini's arse.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 16:36:29](#)
(no subject)

Oh, and you would rather he show his healing wound? According to him, it's still oozing a bit, but you know, I'm sure he'd be accommodating to your delicate sensibilities.


But then again, red is a bit more eye-catching than white, don't you agree?



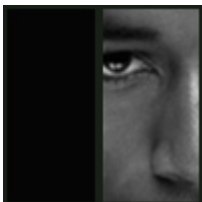
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 16:37:21](#)
(no subject)


And green, well, that can be a very flattering colour to some, but we all can't pull it off nearly so well as you can.



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-06 17:14:22](#)
(no subject)

What's *flattering* is a matter of opinion, isn't it, rather?




 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-06 17:06:19](#)
(no subject)

Of course it's *oozing*. Lovely description. Charming.

Of course he's playing up all the gory details.


What else would a hero do?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 17:13:51](#)
(no subject)


Hence the need for... a bandage.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 17:14:18](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Couldn't help myself!




 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-06 17:17:46](#)
(no subject)

You are being gullible, Parks.

The bandage is needed so we don't all see that there's nothing to see.


'Oozing' is the same thing.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-06 17:25:46](#)
(no subject)

Oh, and where did all the BLOOD come from that was all over my robes and Parkinson's robes?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-06 17:26:11](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Arse.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-06 17:26:48](#)

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

Why Neville, old boy. We didn't know you had it in you.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-06 17:27:40](#)


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

Well, I AM a Gryffindor.

Still, I put the insult under the lock.

I keep telling Sally-Anne that 'Gryffindor' doesn't always mean stupid.

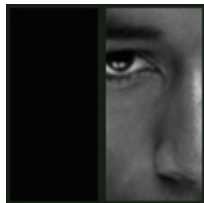


 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-06 18:49:50](#)

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

Heh.

Thanks, Nev.




 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-06 18:49:08](#)

(no subject)

Oh, I never said the blood wasn't real.

But that was yesterday, and I respect Madam Pomfrey's skills enough to really doubt there's anything worth parading around under all that wrapping.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-06 18:51:42](#)

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good:
Private Message to Sally-Anne*

Oooh, haven't you heard, though? There's a free bandage giveaway going on in the Infirmary! She's just passing them out to anybody! If you hurry, you can get one, but she might run out soon.

[2011-05-06 14:10:00](#)

Private message to Bill Weasley



 [alt_percy](#)

Bill, I don't know how closely you're watching the journals at Hogwarts. But one of the little tidbits of the aftermath of that incident yesterday in Care of Magical Creatures is that Professor Amycus Carrow has publicly all but named Ronald a blood traitor. Take a look at it, there in his comments back and forth with Professor Lestrangle.

It's outrageous. Ronald stepped in front of Draco Malfoy and probably saved his life, and for his pains, he's being smeared by one of his own professors. But what can I do? It's clear that Amycus Carrow is receiving protection from the highest level, or he would have been gone long ago. That's why I'm afraid to protest, but to have to take this, to eat this insult is insufferable.

I just don't understand it. Why wasn't he sacked ages ago? Ever since I faced him two years ago when he was raving and waving a knife around, I've been afraid of him. Everyone is. Even the other Professors.


He seems to be getting worse, if that's even possible.

Bloody hell, I hope Mum and Dad don't see what he wrote. I had to all but sit on the twins; they were spitting fire, but fortunately, they're too clever to mix it up with him directly. I'm afraid, however, that they might try to get revenge with some stupid prank and it'll backfire and they'll get caught.

Ron hasn't seen it yet, to the best of my knowledge. I almost think I should carry a Calming Draught and slip it into his pumpkin juice if someone's rash enough to bring it to his attention. And you just know someone will. Probably someone from Slytherin House.

I just--I don't know. I don't know if you ever faced anything like this when you were Head Boy. I could use some advice. Or at least, please be ready to write to Ron if he sees it and starts going shouty-crackers, especially if he's angry enough to do it in a public way.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-05-06 19:54:27](#)**
(no subject)

Hmm. You're right--ugly.

Well, if you look at what Professor Lestrangle is saying, he's clearly signalling that he thinks Carrow's going too far, too.


I happen to know that Mum and Dad have been pushing the Headmistress about trying to get him sacked. They haven't forgotten what happened two years ago, either. Mum has talked to me about the letters she's written. And I do suspect, from what Mum has said, that the Headmistress is in turn pressuring the Board of Governors. Professor Lestrangle's comment makes me think that Carrow has skated about as far as he possibly can on whatever mysterious sufferance he has.

I hate to tell you to be patient, but that may be your best strategy for now. Certainly your instinct to keep the twins or Ron (or Ginny, for that matter) from doing anything rash is sound. (Good luck with that! I know that when you're dealing with the famous Weasley temper, it's a challenge.)

You should, of course, raise your concerns privately with the Headmistress when you meet with her next. I think she's gathering whatever evidence she can of disapproval of Carrow's antics from every possible source, to add weight to her recommendation that he be given the heave ho. If you can pass along other comments from remarks you've heard from the students on the subject, that'll help, too. Your complaint may seem a mere mite, but even one additional straw on the scale may tip the balance, if we're lucky.

Good luck. And of course I'll write Ron, if he looks about to pop off. Give me a warning if he does.



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-06 19:55:38](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, Bill. I'll do that. I do appreciate your advice.



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-06 21:22:09](#)**
(no subject)

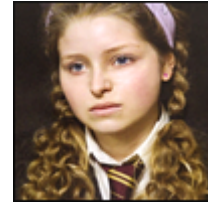
Ron was rather subdued when I spoke with him. I think he'll be all right.

Fred and George, on the other hand, are furios.

[2011-05-06 20:34:00](#)


So, Zabini...

...Maybe we should all be asking your opinion on this summer's frocks, since you *clearly* are an expert on what's likely to attract attention.



 **[alt_lavender](#)**



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-07 01:16:38](#)**

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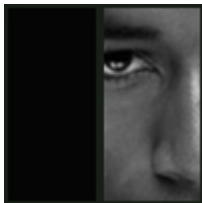
Too right! Apparently all the boys are becoming well interested in girls' fashion these days.




 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-05-07 01:23:28](#)**

(no subject)

And boys' fashion, for that matter.



 **[alt_blaise](#)** at **[2011-05-07 01:52:52](#)**

(no subject)

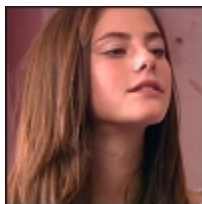
Robes of Nefertiti are nice, Brown. Though I don't know whether they'd be especially flattering on you.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-05-07 02:17:33](#)**

(no subject)

I doubt they'll catch on in any *proper* circles, somehow.




 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-05-07 02:38:50](#)**

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I'm glad you've made your feelings on the matter known, Brown. The next time I arrange the guest

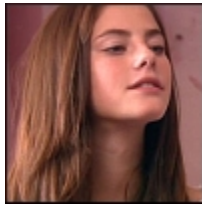
list for a party that includes those outside Slytherin, I'll be certain to keep your sense of propriety in mind.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-05-07 02:55:45](#)**
(no subject)

You're planning on having parties and inviting people from outside Slytherin?


I'm shocked.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-05-07 03:06:55](#)**
(no subject)

I had considered it, but now I'm reconsidering considering it, as it's become evident that some people simply aren't ready for such a gathering.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-05-07 03:13:51](#)**
(no subject)

And I'm a little tired of some people--not so much you, but your boyfriend definitely--jarveying down Gryffindor all the time.

Anyone would think the Founders had only created three Houses.


Or one.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-05-07 03:15:33](#)**
(no subject)

Well I don't see how insulting the Robes of Nefertiti, which were entirely my doing for Blaise's birthday, has anything to do with it.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-07 03:19:01](#)
(no subject)

Well, I was *mostly* referring to his odd notions about bandages as a fashion accessory.

He had to bring up the robes.




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-07 03:23:13](#)
(no subject)

You had to know he wouldn't respond kindly to such provocation, surely.

If it makes you feel better, sometimes it seems like two Slytherins I know would rather spend time with Gryffindors than they would me, their own dorm-mate, or even anyone else in our house, for that matter.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-07 03:45:31](#)
(no subject)

True enough, but that's not really the point.

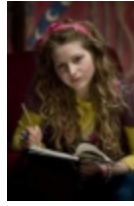
It's just, Gamp and Derwent were rowing with Bell and Robins out in the corridor after dinner and saying all sorts of things about the "house of traitors" and I don't even *get on* with Katie Bell cos she lured Page away from Padma, but...so I was well cross before I even saw what Zabini was saying.


I shouldn't have bit your head off like a pixie though.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-07 03:52:14](#)
(no subject)

House of traitors? What's that to do with Ron Weasley's bandages? I must have missed something, somewhere.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-07 04:01:59](#)
(no subject)

People jarveying down Gryffindor is the point!

I mean, I can't believe I'm even saying this, since I think Ron Weasley is a great mannerless git most of the time, but he *is* in my House and I think he ought to get some credit for showing our House virtues.


Loads of people (me included) were well impressed when Zabini and Malfoy saved us from that exploding podium, and no one suggested they were only doing it for the attention. Or at least, they didn't say it in the journals in front of everyone.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-07 04:06:18](#)
(no subject)


Well, Draco hasn't said that he thought Weasley was only doing it for attention, has he? I would think that his opinion on the events would matter the most.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-07 04:18:19](#)
(no subject)

Of course!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-07 04:05:04](#)
(no subject)


Have you read Professor Carrow's journal yet today?



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-07 04:07:22](#)
(no subject)

ewwww No, I can't say that I have.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-07 04:08:13](#)
(no subject)

That might explain some things that you've missed.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-07 04:20:05](#)
(no subject)

Some people have really been having a quidditch match with it.

Gryffindor's not perfect, but neither is Slytherin or any other house--look at how the whole hippogriff mess started in the first place!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-07 03:55:12](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh, honestly.

I spend time with you lot how often, a couple of hours a week? And we've got almost every class, and every meal, and every evening after curfew with our Housemates.

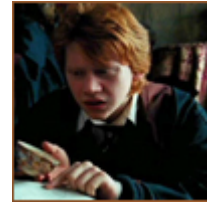
And just because it isn't every single hour of every single day, she gets shirty.

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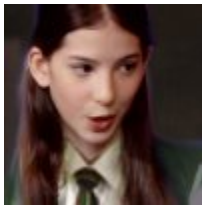
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


Huh.

What is it with girls? We were just sat there looking at something Towler found in the journals. And now Robins is flouncing around and harrumphing, and Dames and Bradley just called us all a load of pigs.




 [alt_ron](#)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-05-07 23:05:24**
(no subject)

What, exactly, did TOWLER (it's always Towler, isn't it) find in the journals?



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-05-08 02:20:33**
(no subject)

Well, there are two of them, y'know. Towlers.

This was Nick, but yeah. They're always finding stuff to get up to, I guess.

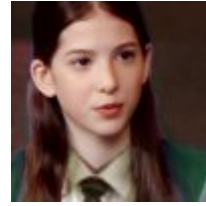
Um.

It was just some drawings that were, y'know, animated.

Girls dancing, mostly. Doing high kicks and stuff.

[2011-05-07 22:33:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: private message to Pansy Parkinson and Fred Weasley



Fred, this is mostly an experiment. Since you two share a journal I'm wondering if you can both see this? or just Fred?

 [alt_sally_anne](#)




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-09 01:23:04](#)
(no subject)

I'm the only one who can see the message itself, although George (and Lee, and presumably everyone on the lock) can see the heading.


(You do realise, however, that I immediately read the message out loud to George. George can't write a reply on this post, however. We tried that, too.)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-09 01:28:33](#)
(no subject)

Of course you did! Pansy thought even if you couldn't both see it, you'd read the message to the other so it would work out either way.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-09 01:31:56](#)
(no subject)

Anyway the reason I wrote this is because I need help with a hex.

Is there a hex that would make a boy's hands go completely to rubber any time he tried to wank? Because that would be perfect. But anything really awful would work. I want it to be really humiliating. I don't know anything awful enough, I mean not that I could cast and have the person not know immediately that I'd hexed them. ~~I mean if he does anything again I might~~

I'm NOT going to cast it on ANYONE on the lock, that's not why I sent you a private message. It's a boy in my house I want to hex. (Not Draco or Blaise, he's not in my year.) I haven't decided for sure

I want to do it, mostly I just want to think about what I COULD do, I guess. Because I'm really ~~angry~~ tired of sick Pansy thinks if he gets hexed really hard once he might know not to mess with me again.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-09 02:06:31](#)
(no subject)

Oooo. We think we get it. Someone's been taking unwelcome liberties, have they?

An elegant solution. Worthy of House Slytherin. We approve.

Hmm. It's gonna take some research. (Not that kind. Get your mind out of the gutter, Perks.)

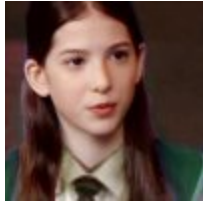
How long do you want it to last?

It occurs to us, that if you felt confident enough, and frankly, were handy enough (sorry, couldn't resist the joke) you could cast it, and when he discovers it, inform him that it's something that's gonna stay that way until you remove it. And you're not gonna do that until he REALLY grovels in apology. We'd only advise that if you're willing to risk whatever he might do in retaliation. And frankly, come to think of it, the level of magic needed for that would be rather beyond your level. Not quite N.E.W.T. level charms, but close.

So maybe something simpler would be better. Something you could cast surreptitiously, and he wouldn't discover the effects until he's alone in his own bed with the silencing spell up and the curtains closed.

And it would wear off in, say, three days to a week, during which time you could drop little hints. Subtle-like. I'm sure you get the idea; you Syltherins do subtle better than we do, maybe. Sound good?

(And trust us, for a teenage boy, three days to a week under that type of spell would seem like a lifetime.)




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-09 02:21:56](#)
(no subject)

Three days to a week would be fine. I don't expect something like that to last forever.

I would prefer not to confront him directly by making him grovel -- I mean, he's in Dark Arts and he's two years ahead of me. He'll KNOW who and why, anyway, but I'd rather he didn't realise until later that I've hexed him. Especially late at night, after curfew, because he won't be able to do a thing about it until the next day, even go to Madam Pomfrey (and even if he goes straight to her for a cure it'll be utterly humiliating. Who wants to admit to the matron that they wank? Even though it's not as if she doesn't KNOW.)



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-09 12:15:25](#)
(no subject)

Thanks for saying you'll help.

And tell George we say thanks too.

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I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Sally-Anne



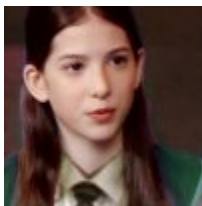
What happened?

I heard yelling downstairs.

Is Sebastian okay? He looks okay.

But you don't.

 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-05-08 02:40:55**
(no subject)


Yeah.

Miles Bletchley put his hand where it had no business being, and Sebastian bit him.

And then Miles flailed all over like he was being eaten alive by a dragon or something and screamed, that's what you heard.

I pretended I thought it was an 'accident.' Him groping me, I mean. And Sebastian was just a stupid rat who didn't understand how accidental it was. It was NOT AN ACCIDENT HE'S BEEN DOING THIS SORT OF THING FOR WEEKS.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-08 02:43:25**
(no subject)

Bletchley?

Ugh.


Ugh ugh ugh.

That's awful. I'm sorry.

And I know how you mean.

I'm so sorry.



 **alt_pansy** at [2011-05-08 02:44:30](#)
(no subject)

You should have

I mean, will you call him out on it? For being a giant pervy pants?

Or tell one of the Prefects?



 **alt_sally_anne** at [2011-05-08 02:47:12](#)
(no subject)

No. I think it's better for me if I keep on pretending I actually think it was an accident.


I mean, first of all there are people who'd say I probably encouraged his attention.

And there are people who'd say I was lucky to have his attention as he's a pureblood and I'm not.

And there are people who'd say I making a stink out of nothing and flattering myself by saying that he was groping me on purpose when of course a pureblood boy wouldn't ever touch a halfblood.

And I just don't want to deal with it. If he touches me again I'll hex him. Accidentally. But I think Sebastian bit him pretty hard, I'm hoping that'll put a stop to it.



 **alt_pansy** at [2011-05-08 02:51:04](#)
(no subject)

It's not *fair*.

It's not.

You shouldn't have to

It's

It's wrong.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 02:56:38](#)
(no subject)

Well, so's the fact that Amycus Carrow teaches school here! and yet here I am, doing homework he assigned.

There's no point worrying about whether it's fair. I don't care -- well, I DO care. Rather a lot. But I care more about getting along, and when it comes down to it can you think of a single teacher or prefect who'd side with me against Bletchley? MAYBE if he did it right in front of Professor Lestrangle and didn't make any attempt to hide it, but he's not stupid.

I mean, there were people who saw, but they probably all thought it was an accident.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:03:01](#)
(no subject)

It's just... well, he he tried anything like that to me, at all, Lucius would serve him his bollocks for dinner.

Which is why he wouldn't try it with me, because like you said, he's not stupid.

Just a perv.

And I know that it's not like you can change it so that it is fair, but I don't want to see you get hurt. And I don't want other people to think that doing that sort of thing to you is okay. Ever.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:08:56](#)
(no subject)

Oh, he really would. Mr Malfoy, I mean. That would be brilliant. Except for the part where you'd have to get groped by Bletchley!

Anyway I'm in Dark Arts in another two years I'll be a NEWT student and I don't think anyone will look at me and think 'oh hey! easy target!' So it's probably a temporary problem.



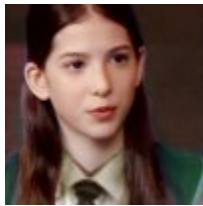
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:30:13](#)
(no subject)

You're right.

And next time we have duelling club, you can show off some of those hexes we've been working on.

Not the Auror ones, of course.

But it's good if you get a reputation for knowing how to handle yourself.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 02:52:39](#)
(no subject)

Oh AND there are people who'd say he would never! because he's a Keeper and could have any girl he wanted! why ever would he grope a half-blood two years behind him in school?

And that's really a good question, isn't it? I mean maybe not ANY girl he wanted (I wouldn't have him on a silver platter!) but it's not as if he couldn't find someone to snog, there are several girls who fancy him quite a lot.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 02:54:37](#)
(no subject)

It's rotten.

It's like he wanted to do it to you because he knew you wouldn't say anything.

Well, good on Sebastian for biting him.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 02:57:19](#)
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Yes, Sebastian biting him was definitely the best part of this whole thing.

Do you know if there's something that rats really, really like? Because I want to give him a treat. I'll have to ask Professor Brutka.

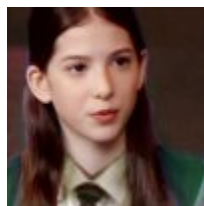


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:10:07](#)
(no subject)

Yes, I'm sure he'd have just the thing.

Poor Brutka. I hope he doesn't get into too much trouble for what happened with the

hippogriff.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:12:13](#)
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Well, it wasn't his fault. And he's reasonably well-connected, for a foreigner I mean. Mr Malfoy was the one who got him admitted after he saved Draco when Draco got lost...

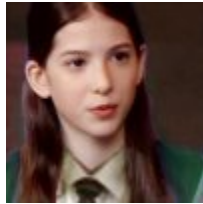
Unfortunately I don't think Milli or Greg or Vince is going to get in any trouble and they were the ones who provoked it in the first place.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:17:44](#)
(no subject)

I'm so angry with the lot of them.

I'd say something, but they'd just whinge that I'm friends with Ron and that's why I'm fussing, but honestly. People from our own house foul things up, and Ron does something horribly brave, and keeps Draco from getting badly hurt, and what do they do? Call him a baby for losing blood and fainting, sniff about the fact he's wearing a bandage, and complain that I'm paying him too much attention. And Draco hasn't even thanked him. At all.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:26:11](#)
(no subject)

I don't know why Draco hasn't thanked him. Or -- well, I know Draco knows Ron didn't really do it for him. But, the fact is that Draco could have been killed, and Ron prevented it, and that calls for some gratitude no matter how much Draco dislikes him. You don't have to say, 'oh, you're my bestie now! I'll never hex you again!' Just 'thank you.'


(And for Merlin's sake he's a Slytherin, he's perfectly capable of saying 'thank you' in a way that clearly means 'I would like to see you get eaten by the giant squid.')



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 02:44:40](#)
(no subject)

And I'm glad you put this under both the ISS lock and the private message lock. I don't want Ron finding out, he might do something utterly stupid. I think it's better for me if I keep right on pretending I think it was an accident although if he does it again I might accidentally cast a permanent shrinking hex on his willy. Because I was so startled, you know! Who'd have expected someone to just GRAB YOUR TIT when you're minding your own business revising?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 02:46:27](#)
(no subject)

You're right about him probably wanting to do something stupid, because I want to right about now too.

How *dare* he.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 02:48:42](#)
(no subject)


I know.

I KNOW.

It's maddening. I probably should've hexed him the first time, but the first time it really COULD have been an accident. And the second, too. And the third time, well, it was a crowded corridor and maybe he really did have to squeeze by me the way he did?

Every time, it's been maybe-just-an-accident. But when it's THIS many times there is NO WAY it was an accident every time.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 02:53:16](#)
(no subject)

Well, if he dares to even look at you sideways, you're well within your rights.

In fact, I'd say you're well within your rights to up and hex him any time you want.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 02:56:45](#)
(no subject)

I know that you don't want to tell Ron

And we don't have to tell the twins *why*, but we could probably get them to do something that'd teach him a proper lesson.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 02:57:47](#)
(no subject)

That's a thought.

THEY'D believe me.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:08:51](#)
(no subject)

He needs to learn a lesson.

He needs to learn that he does not do that to one of my friends and get away with it.


He needs to learn that he does not do that to ANYONE and get away with it.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:10:25](#)
(no subject)

What do you think would be a good punishment? Because really I would like to see him eaten by the Giant Squid but I don't think that's practical.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:13:57](#)
(no subject)

Every time he tries for a wank his hands go completely rubbery so he can't do anything with them.

And they stay rubbery for twenty four hours, so he can't hold a quill or properly go wee or anything all day long.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:17:20](#)
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THAT would be PERFECT.

I mean before he could get cured he'd have to explain to Madam Pomfrey exactly what was

happening before the problem started...

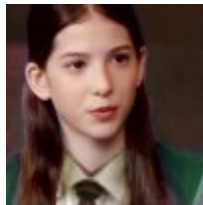
Do you KNOW a spell like this? Because I don't and I'm SURE they wouldn't have it in the books in the non-restricted section because they wouldn't want girls putting it on their ex-boyfriends (and they would!)



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:19:43](#)
(no subject)

I'd bet we can sort out something.

Let's talk to the twins tomorrow.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:32:49](#)
(no subject)

I'll think about it.

If anything awful happens to him soon, he'll KNOW it was me. What I really wish is that he'd just forget I existed, not get furiously angry at me on top of whatever it is.

Here's the thing, he could complain about my rat and he might be able to have Sebastian taken away, because of the bite. I don't think he'll do it, because he isn't absolutely certain I wouldn't be able to convince people about the grabbing. But if I made him really cross, he might.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:37:14](#)
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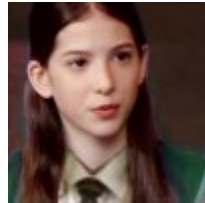
I'm not sure.

I mean, yes, he might retaliate.

But if he tries to get you for the rat bite by getting to Sebastian, he'd have to explain how he got it in the first place, and given that Sebastian was on your shoulder, it isn't that big a leap to sort out what he did, and he probably knows as much, even if he is thick.

I almost think it would be a good thing for him to know it was you.

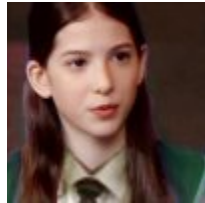
So he knows he can't push you around.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:38:43](#)
(no subject)

That's a good point.

I don't think I need to decide about this tonight, though. We can talk to the twins in the morning. After we see how the lock works when it's just one of them.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:20:10](#)
(no subject)

You know, I'm wondering something.

Since the Weasley twins use one journal, can I send a private message to them AND to you? Or would it have to be just to them, since they're two people?

Of course I'd use the lock as well. Conspiring with the Weasley twins in a way everyone could see would GUARANTEE I'd get in trouble if anything mysteriously awful happened to someone in Slytherin.



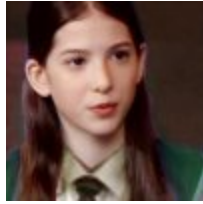
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:24:52](#)
(no subject)

It's worth a try, but I've no idea how you'd write it.

FredGeorge?

Twins Weasley?


Maybe if the first way doesn't work, you can just write it to one of them, because they'll share it with the other anyways.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:27:05](#)
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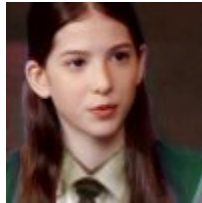
Oh, you know, that's probably it. I'd just address it to Fred and they'd both see it, or something like that.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:31:28](#)
(no subject)

Well, and you can say in the message that it's obviously for George too, so he knows.

They really are wonderfully clever.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:36:31](#)
(no subject)

Well I wrote an entry to you and Fred just to see how it worked.

I think I'd better sleep on the whole 'hex' thing. I don't know if it'll seem like a better or a worse idea come morning. And if I tell the Twins what happened, I'd say I'm committed to SOMETHING.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:43:31](#)
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Okay.

Yeah.

And whatever you decide you want to happen, we'll make it happen. Even if you decide to not do anything.

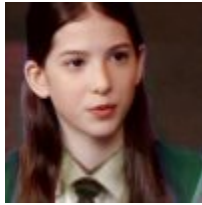
I do think that from now on, though, we ought to call him Letchley.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:44:49](#)
(no subject)

Letchley!

PERFECT.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 02:58:58](#)
(no subject)

It also occurs to me that I could talk to Harry. But Bletchley is one of his team-mates. Harry never acts like he cares I'm a half-blood and he sides with me a lot when people are nasty to me. But

I'm not sure I want to see just how far that goes.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:05:58](#)
(no subject)

I think you can be subtle about it.

Maybe make some suggestions that he's been bugging you, but not be specific about it, so if there is a next time you can...

well, you can run crying straight to Harry, and tell him *exactly* what happened, and how you can't go to a professor about it, because who would believe you, and all that.

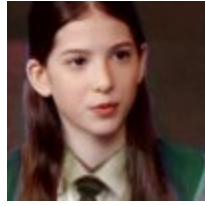


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:12:14](#)
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And there'd better not be a next time.

Not if he knows what's good for him.

How thick can you get? I mean, yeah, you probably couldn't tell professors, but he didn't think you'd tell *me*? And that knowing what he'd done, I'd just sit back and *let* it happen?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:15:41](#)
(no subject)

Well, he is pretty thick, honestly.

And I didn't tell you for weeks and w

But I don't want you getting into trouble either.



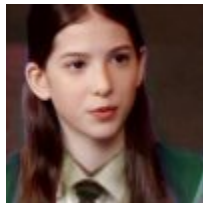
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 03:22:14](#)
(no subject)

I'll be careful.

You be careful too, though. Okay?

I hate that you have to be careful.

I really do.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 03:39:07](#)
(no subject)

I know.

But I'll be careful, anyway.

[2011-05-08 07:51:00](#)

An explanation

Since people have asked me about my interpretation of the events multiple times, I'm going to put this here and hope that it puts the matter to rest.



 [alt_draco](#)

I don't know what, exactly, Crabbe, Goyle and Bulstrode were doing during the demonstration, only that they were arguing with each other about something. I know it was them because I remember looking over at them specifically, which is why I didn't see the hippogriff rearing back.

I didn't see Ron Weasley get in front of me (like I said, I was looking at my housemates). The only thing I registered next was a lot of screaming and flailing. Well, it might've been only one person screaming, but it's hard to say as it was right in my ear. And then Weasley was laying there all bloody and Professor Brutka was calming the creature and taking it away.

Whether by accident or with intent, the sudden appearance of Weasley's body in front of mine does seem to have prevented injury to my own person. I know that my Father and Mother are grateful for its sudden appearance, as am I.

I have no comment on the question of whether or not Weasley is, in the after math, trying to get more attention than is his due. I'm not sure it really matters, since the attention he is garnering isn't of the most positive nature. With that said, I think it time we all move on to other matters.



 [alt_ron](#) at **[2011-05-08 14:18:02](#)**


I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh that's nice.

He's glad my body got in the way? They're all grateful for 'its' sudden appearance.

I'm an actual person, you git, not some target dummy.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 15:12:01](#)

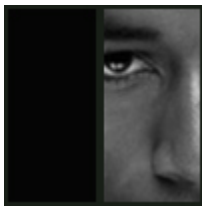
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm sorry, Ron.

I'm very disappointed with how he's handled this, and he isn't being gracious at all.

I think the best thing you can do is to not respond to him at all, because I can't see how on earth you could respond to that in a decent way, and it's ridiculous. By not saying a thing, you'll come off better in the long run.

I've held off talking directly to him about it til now, because he gets all touchy whenever you have come up before, and I know he wouldn't listen to half of what I say because he'll think I'm just automatically biased, and he'll probably get shirty with me for even saying anything, but I will be telling him exactly how displeased I am that he's gone about it this way, and not kept the rest of our House in check better.



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-08 14:19:23](#)

(no subject)

Well, said.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 14:47:40](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

When he talks about the attention not being positive, he means you.

Idiot.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-08 15:31:16](#)

(no subject)

Heh, I keep giggling at what you wrote because it makes it sound like someone used *accio* to summon Ron Weasley's body in front of yours just in the nick of time.

Oh, but is that what happened?

From,
Hydra




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-08 15:36:21](#)
(no subject)

No, I don't think it's possible to summon a whole person - certainly not until well beyond NEWT level.

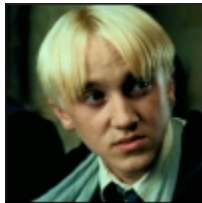
I only meant that I don't really know why Weasley decided to step in front of the hippogriff. The only fact I know for sure is that he was suddenly there.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-08 15:37:31](#)
(no subject)

It sounds as if it's lucky that he was?


From,
Hydra



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-08 15:38:29](#)
(no subject)

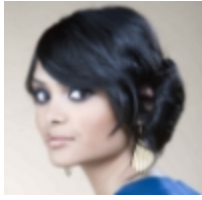
Isn't that what my journal entry says?



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-08 15:39:14](#)
(no subject)

Well, sort of.

From,
Hydra




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-08 17:18:08](#)

(no subject)

So he really did step in front of you, then? That's what Parvati said but she made it sound a little more deliberate on Weasley's part, which I think gives him too much credit for being either clever or heroic. Still, it's a good job he didn't let you or Harry get injured, no matter how it happened.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-08 19:37:21](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, I know what way I'll jump if I ever find myself standing between a hippogriff and you, Patil.

'Course, if there'd been time to think, who knows what I'd've done the other day. I mean, it's not like I was all over trying to save Malfoy from getting hurt. It just sort of happened.

I mean, not that I'd try to get anyone hurt, only it's just really unfair it had to be someone like Malfoy so now they all get to make a meal of it and turn it around like it's such a surprise I'd ever do anything decent.

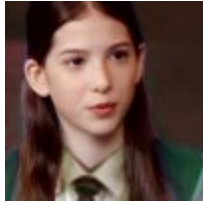


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 19:45:27](#)

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

I'd say if there's one thing this proves, it's that you'll dive in front of a hippogriff to save ANYONE.

Which proves beyond a shadow of doubt (if any existed!) that you were Sorted into the right house. If you were any more of a Gryffindor we'd have to call you Godric and you'd be best mates with Salazar (you know they were supposed to have been mates, right? which is why it's kind of funny that people from our Houses aren't supposed to get on.)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 19:48:31](#)

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

And just cause I'm not sure I said so:

I think what you did was really brave, Ron. And really heroic. All the more so because you DON'T

like Draco.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 19:55:10](#)

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

Hear hear.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-08 19:58:57](#)

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

Thanks, you.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-09 01:31:19](#)

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

Thanks for saying that, Sally-Anne. I've been telling him that ever since it happened, and so have the twins and Lee and even Percy. But I think it means even more, maybe, coming from another

House.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-08 23:29:08](#)

(no subject)

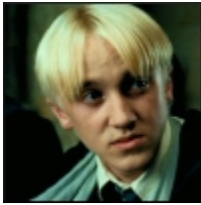
Deliberate? Well, I do doubt it was an accident. No one would want to get in the way of an angry hippogriff, would they? It wasn't very clever, but I reckon it was heroic, in a way. I don't know, it just sort of happened, that's all.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-08 23:46:12](#)
(no subject)

It just sort of happened. Yeah, that's about right.

Good you weren't hurt, Malfoy.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-08 23:58:53](#)
(no subject)

Too bad you were, then. Always could have been worse though.

2011-05-08 10:29:00

Good show, Weasley

I'm not in Care of Magical Creatures so I didn't see what happened, but I finally got a good explanation from Parvati this morning and it really sounds like you were a credit to our House. Shame Brutka was probably too distracted to hand out House Points as you certainly deserved them.



 [alt_seamus](#)

How's the arm feeling now?




 [alt_seamus](#) at **2011-05-08 15:43:39**

Private message to Lavender Brown

Zabini really was being an arse, wasn't he? I think if a Gryffindor personally saved Hogwarts from a rampaging manticore, Zabini might complain they'd delayed lunch.

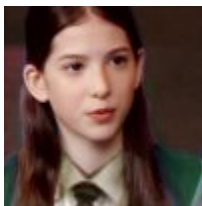


 [alt_lavender](#) at **2011-05-08 23:26:59**

Re: Private message to Lavender Brown

I know! It's a bit ridiculous if you ask me.

I mean, yes Slytherin's Our Lord's house, and they've got a right to crow a bit, but that doesn't make everyone in it automatically Special.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-05-08 16:07:27**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, at least Finnigan had the good grace to be properly impressed.

Be gracious, Ron. I mean I know Finnigan's a git but surely life is easier when you aren't at each other's throats all the time, you have to share a room!




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-08 17:10:56](#)
(no subject)

I had to check because it sounded like Parvati might have been replaced by someone using polyjuice potion, but it does actually sound like Weasley acted a hero. Even Malfoy admitted that he might have done.

So long as Parvati and Lav don't now decide Weasley's king of Care of Magical Creatures or something, I suppose we can all give him a well-deserved round of applause.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-08 17:21:32](#)
(no subject)

I wonder who would have been in trouble if Draco had been slashed and killed?
Besides the hippogriff, I mean.
It's really good that didn't happen.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-08 17:36:15](#)
(no subject)

Well, Professor Brutka, for one. And maybe Crabbe, Goyle and Bulstrode if they really did set the beast off, but mostly the hippogriff.

In fact, I bet the Governors are going to have to decide what to do about it anyway. Not that Professor Brutka isn't well aced - he really is - but it's his lesson and he's supposed to be able to control the creatures he's teaching us about.

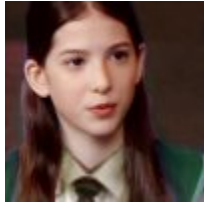
But it's good that no one was hurt seriously. And that if anyone was, it wasn't Malfoy or Marvolo, that's for sure.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-08 19:18:03](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Nice.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-08 19:49:37](#)

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

Sometimes I think Zabini is the worst prat at the school and then I remember Smith.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-08 19:59:43](#)

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

Ha.

Point.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-08 20:28:39](#)

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

And really, wouldn't it make you awfully suspicious if the prats started liking what you did?

That'd be a sign right there that you did something wrong.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-08 23:38:26](#)

(no subject)

Professor Brutka must have been able to control it some or else it might've gone on a rampage.


I see what you mean, but students are supposed to be able to follow instructions, like to stand back

and be quiet and to bow.

Everyone knows that about hippogriffs and manners, too, even if you're too young to be in Creatures still.


From,
Hydra



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-08 19:20:17](#)**
(no subject)

Cheers, Patil.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-08 19:14:51](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, mate.

It's only a little sore now. Madam Pomfrey to the dressing off this afternoon and said it should only scar a little.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-08 19:16:44](#)**
Private Message to Seamus Finnigan

Did you want to get together again for defence stuff?

Only after what Carrow said in his journal, I was thinking it might be a good thing if we were ready for, well, for whatever, y'now?




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-05-08 19:51:24](#)**
Re: Private Message to Seamus Finnigan

That's a good idea. I'll let Dean know, too.

Is it just me or is Carrow acting madder than he used to? It's hard to tell.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-08 20:01:05](#)**
Re: Private Message to Seamus Finnigan

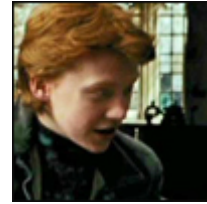
I don't know.

But he sure sounds dangerous again now. Know what I mean?

[2011-05-08 18:46:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

The Prophet sent someone out to talk to us this afternoon. And take pictures. Mine and Malfoy's.



He spent the whole time looking like he'd just stepped in something foul. I'm sure the picture will be hilarious--both of us trying to get out of the frame so we don't have to stand by the other git.

 [alt_ron](#)

I think they might've said it'd be in tomorrow. I'm not sure. I think they were talking to Professor Brutka, too. Anzywiz, they were asking him if they could get pictures of the hippogriff. He didn't seem too happy about that. But maybe he's worried they're trying to get him sacked?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-09 01:39:03](#)
(no subject)

That really is going to be the most hilarious newspaper picture ever, both of you trying to escape. Maybe they'll run a picture of the hippogriff instead.

I hope they don't sack him, he's really a good professor.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-09 01:58:42](#)
(no subject)

I know. He really is. Not at all like Carrow. I couldn't think of a good way to say that to the reporter, though, so don't worry, I didn't tell her anything that'd make things worse with him. I don't think. I mean, she did seem to want to know what it's like having lessons with someone like Professor Carrow. I guess everyone reads what he writes. She wanted to know if he really uses pigeons and does horrible things to them! I had to tell her he's saying one thing and meaning something else mostly when he writes about pigeons.


But then we got back on Buckbeak--did you know that's its name? The hippogriff. I guess I missed that or forgot or, I dunno. I was sort of confused when she kept asking about Buckbeak. Malfoy was really rude about that, too. Like I was an idiot not to have noticed

what its name was while I was busy almost getting killed.

Anywiz. Whatever. It's over, and they can say whatever they want.

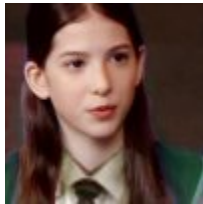
So long as they don't write that I was trying to get all you Slytherins killed. You don't think they will, do you? I mean, I know sometimes they twist stories around so they sound like something completely the opposite of what really happened. You don't think they'll write stuff that'll get my family in trouble, do you?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-09 02:07:07](#)
(no subject)

If they do, I'll make a big fuss to Lucius about it, don't worry.

You in the Prophet. I'll have to look it up tomorrow!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-09 02:12:44](#)
(no subject)

It wasn't that horrible woman from last year who wouldn't leave Pansy alone, was it? Because if it was I would be a lot more worried.

I did know the hippogriff's name was Buckbeak because Professor Brutka mentioned it at the beginning of the lesson, but I'm not surprised you forgot, considering.

[2011-05-09 11:17:00](#)

The Prophet this morning

Sort of a pean (I think that's the right word) to interHouse unity, wasn't it?



 **[alt_neville](#)**

I didn't realise the hippogriff (Buckbeak, right?) was quarantined afterward. It wasn't really his fault either, I don't think. Or Professor Brutka's.



 **[alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-09 16:30:31](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Honestly, Ron. It could have been a LOT worse. At least it made you sound brave (as much as you really are!)

You have to admit that the picture is sort of funny. Both of you looking like you're trying to sidle out of standing next to each other. It makes the claim that the two of you are bestest mates now even more hilarious.



 **[alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-09 19:22:48](#)**

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


Ha. It was almost worth it to see Malfoy in Potions earlier. Almost.

I mean, I bet Mum and Dad won't be so happy to read the bit where they talk about the flying car again. Even if she did claim it was all Malfoy's idea and he was the one flying it! Still. That's not a good thing for people to remember, y'know?

Shame about the hippogriff, though. I was hoping I'd have a chance to greet him properly this week.

You don't really think they'll put him down, do you?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-09 19:45:48](#)

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

I sure hope not. Hippogriffs are pretty valuable, aren't they?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-09 20:05:57](#)


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

Oh. I dunno. Are they?

I just thought he was dead nift. And it'd be a shame if they executed him just 'cause he acted the way hippogriffs do act.

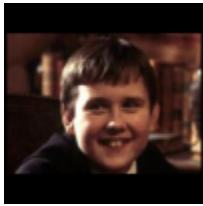
Wait. D'you mean they sell them somewhere? Cause it'd be awesomely awesome to have one!




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-09 20:06:44](#)

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

Not that I could afford one, but y'know what I mean.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-10 16:33:19](#)

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

What would you do with one?

I suppose you'd never have to worry about de-gnoming the garden again.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-10 18:19:23](#)


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

That's an excellent thought. Guess that takes care of what to feed it.

And when Percy gets too annoying, I could tell I'd let my hippogriff loose on him.

Speaking of gardens. Sort of. How's your Herbology project going? Or is that more about Abbott than about plants?



 **alt_neville** at **2011-05-10 19:07:26**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

I can almost see Percy lecturing a hippogriff for not bowing properly or something.

It's going fine. My cultivar grafts are taking really well.


And, well....we're supposed to get on well with people from other Houses, yeah? Wasn't that one of the points of that article?



 **alt_gredforge** at **2011-05-10 19:08:58**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Oooo. Getting along well...are we getting along well, Neville?



 **alt_neville** at **2011-05-10 19:12:37**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Oh, you prats.

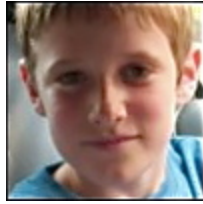
I mean, I like Abbott, she's nice. She doesn't ever screech in that girlie way that Parvati or Lavender do. She's been helping Professor Sprout a bit in the greenhouses, and we got to talking, because I was going in to check on my cultivars. She's easy to talk to. But that's all it is, honest.




 **alt_gredforge** at **2011-05-10 19:19:49**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Oh, you innocent.

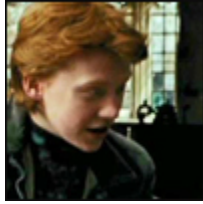
That's always the way it starts.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-10 19:23:30](#)

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

She is nice, actually. She's one of the students who sometimes smiles at me. Instead of acting like I stink or something. I mean, I can see why you would like her.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-10 19:14:54](#)

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

So you're 'getting on with her', then?

Ha!

Snogged her yet?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-10 19:19:12](#)

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

We're still a bit young for that, don't you think?

But if I did, I don't reckon I'd be the sort to kiss and tell.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-10 19:20:40](#)

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

We suspect you've received a rather skewed upbringing from your Gran, Nev.

Kissing and telling is part of the fun.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-10 01:00:57](#)

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

Was that journalist under a confundus hex? I mean just how confused would someone have to be to

mistake you and Draco for good mates, anyway? Even if they didn't have the picture to refer to later on!



 **alt_percy** at **[2011-05-09 16:37:02](#)**
(no subject)

The article got the facts mostly correct, from everything I've been told. Which is of course it not always the case, so I expect we should be grateful.

2011-05-09 14:11:00

(no subject)

Blighters and bloody nuisances, the lot of em.
Know what they don't want you to know?



Asides evryfin?

 [alt_wagstaff](#)

They don't want you to know that if you splash
a bit o water in a tub filled with oil o vitriol, you'll make just the kind o
commotion that's good for divertin attention from somefin else.

So where do you find a quantity of oil o vitriol? Potheccaries, pedlars,
and potion-makers, innit? Alchemists, healers and dyers, too. And
fertiliser makers, if you live out where they make that.

But pedlars're your best bet, maybe: people are always askin if I can
find em this an that, an I never ask pryin questions, do I?

So if you see Honest Wil waggin your way, ask him an see, ask him an
see!

[2011-05-10 10:19:00](#)

(no subject)

I've been teaching here for nearly a year now. Feel I've learned a thing or two in the process, yeah? Like that disciplining a student for poor performance, disruptive behaviour, or even disrespect is one thing that most people, I think, can support as both the right and duty of the educator.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)**

I can't imagine many who would support unprovoked humiliation and terrorizing, which may masquerade as discipline, but is well-known to be anything but.




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-05-10 16:28:03](#)**

Private message to Uncle Raz

What are you doing?

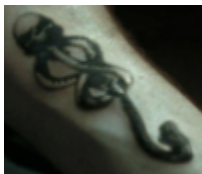
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 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-10 16:28:25](#)**

Re: Private message to Uncle Raz

Don't worry.



 **[alt_amycus](#)** at **[2011-05-10 16:29:12](#)**

(no subject)

Oh, but humiliation and terrorizing can be so useful.




 **[alt_amycus](#)** at **[2011-05-10 16:34:43](#)**

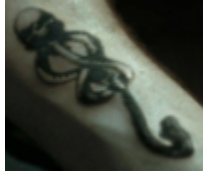
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So very very useful.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-10 16:35:32](#)**
(no subject)

Can it now? Please do explain how it was useful for you to torment a young child about an experience she'd rather forget? How could either you or she possibly benefit?



 **[alt_amycus](#)** at **[2011-05-10 17:04:23](#)**
(no subject)


Well, how I benefit is obvious. No one dares act up in my class, do they?

And as for her...the pure have greater burdens, and must be consequently stronger, more ruthless. Weakness must be eradicated.

It's entirely necessary, that hardening of the heart. Painful, maybe, but she'll learn how to dry her tears.

That's what her mother learned to do, after all. Admirable woman.




 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-10 20:08:02](#)**
(no subject)

They've never acted up in mine, either.

The minds are our concern, not their hearts. No, that business is best left to the parents. As you point out, Mrs Lestrage is doing an admirable job there already.

Be mindful of the heart you harden, Professor, lest it one day harden against your good self in resentment.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-05-10 19:54:09](#)**
Private Message to Razzer

Am I to understand from Carrow's comments that he's made some example of Hydra?

What's happened?



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-10 20:09:23](#)

Re: Private Message to Razzer

She came to me last night quite upset. In lieu of her father, I expect. The class was transfiguring slippers into rabbits. Perhaps you can imagine what Carrow chose to goad her about?



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-10 21:32:28](#)

Re: Private Message to Razzer

Ought I to tell Rodolphus? He's due here, actually, on another matter.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-11 04:07:11](#)

Re: Private Message to Razzer

Eh, probably best to wait, see if it becomes a recurring matter.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-11 04:18:41](#)

Re: Private Message to Razzer

Well, not having heard from you, I did hold my tongue.

You know Lucius and I believe strongly that they must learn to fight their own battles, on their own terms - at least, for Harry and Draco. Hydra's such a timid thing it's difficult not to put one's own wand in but she, too, must find the strength within herself to look after her own person first. That includes knowing how to avoid getting onto the wrong side of the likes of Carrow.

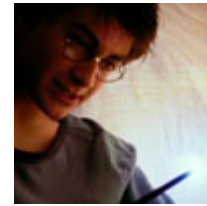
I wish we could tell them they've only a short while longer to withstand that menace.

[2011-05-10 10:46:00](#)

Weasley

I reckon it's gone far enough now with everyone.

Thank you for saving Draco okay? I appreciate it. I think other people are just being whiny because they didn't do something heroic.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-10 14:47:42](#)

Private message to Ron Weasley and Draco Malfoy

Really. Honestly. In case you were wondering.

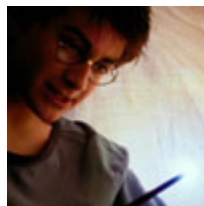


 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-10 15:18:45](#)

Re: Private message to Ron Weasley and Draco Malfoy

Why do you reckon that the article said it was ME in the flying car with Weasley and not you? I reckon they didn't want the people to be reminded of what a massive idiot you can be sometimes, heh.

Probably a good job you did something, Weasley, or else this one might've.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-10 15:22:57](#)

Re: Private message to Ron Weasley and Draco Malfoy

No idea. Maybe Father told them he didn't want it to be me. I don't know why he would though.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-10 18:14:05](#)

Re: Private message to Ron Weasley and Draco Malfoy

Well, they're probably worried about making your father cross if they do mention you.

Though that doesn't keep them writing about it every time you go somewhere in public, does it? So I've no idea, really.




 **[alt_ron](#) at 2011-05-10 18:12:48**

Re: Private message to Ron Weasley and Draco Malfoy

Well, it wasn't anything I said that reminded her about the car. I promise you that.

And yeah. That's probably true.



 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2011-05-10 15:19:42**

(no subject)

Sometimes it is good to have someone heroic around.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_harry](#) at 2011-05-10 15:22:19**

(no subject)

It's what Gryffindor's are good for right?




 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2011-05-10 15:23:56**

(no subject)

More than just Gryffindors, but yes.

From,
Hydra




 **[alt_ron](#) at 2011-05-10 18:14:39**

(no subject)

Thanks, Hydra.

Nice of you to say.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-10 18:10:50](#)**
(no subject)

Well, all right.

Thanks for saying, then.

[2011-05-10 15:34:00](#)

I have a new kitten!


Anne Cadwallader's cat had a litter, and they're old enough to leave their mother now, and so now I have the most darling little grey cat with white socks. I love her so much. She's very active, always batting balls of crumpled parchment around and stalking the dangling tassles of the bed curtains and pouncing on Megan's slippers when we get up in the morning (those pompoms on the slippers are just irresistible). But she's also happy to be a lap kitty when she collapses, worn out from all the play. There's nothing as cosy as a purring kitten on your lap when you're doing revising. I've put out a little basket on top of my trunk for her, but she prefers to sleep right at the foot of my bed.



 **[alt_hannah](#)**

I'm still trying to decide on a name for her. My roommates all like her, which is a relief. Eloise grumbles that we'll all get cat hairs over everything, but she snuck up a saucer of milk for her last night, so I know she doesn't mind too much.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2011-05-10 20:53:27](#)**
(no subject)


A grey kitty with socks sounds really sweet.



 **[alt_hannah](#)** at **[2011-05-10 21:05:25](#)**
(no subject)

She really is. Her mummy is grey all over, a rather lighter shade, with no socks. I don't know what her father looks like. It's quite a mystery!



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-10 20:55:46](#)**
(no subject)

Does Cadwallader still have any other kittens left? Because if she does, I might like to get one for my sister Evelyn. She had a cat she really loved, but...well. She doesn't have it any more. She was

really upset about it at the time, but I think she might be ready to have another kitten now.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-10 20:56:52](#)
(no subject)


I can ask. It was a large litter, about eight or so, but I think several other people have taken some.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-10 20:57:05](#)
(no subject)

What did your sister name her cat?




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-10 21:04:36](#)
(no subject)

She named it Fitzwilliam, which was the name of a character out of a book that she liked.

Have you ever read T.S. Elliot's book, 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats'? My Gran used to read that to Evelyn and me when we were little. The first poem's about the naming of cats. It said that each cat has three names. The first is sort of an everyday name, and the second is a name that is entirely unique, that particularly describes that cat. But the third name is the name that only the cat itself knows.

I always sort of liked that idea.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-10 21:55:54](#)
(no subject)

Why would a possum write a book about cats? Did they get up to adventures? Or fight duels?


I mean to say, practical cats don't sound very exciting.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-05-10 23:30:28](#)
(no subject)

Oh, 'Old Possum' is just a nickname for the poet, I think. It's quite a nice series of poems, very whimsical. Written especially for children. I especially like the one about the Jellicle cats. I always wanted to go to a Jellicle Ball.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-11 01:42:40](#)
(no subject)

Imagine cats, having a ball!


That sounds like the sort of nonsense Muggles used to write.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-05-11 01:44:11](#)
(no subject)

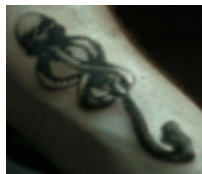
I don't know whether he was a Muggle or not. Is that important?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-11 01:52:17](#)
(no subject)

My Gran never said whether he was one way or another.

It may be nonsense, but it's still a lot of fun.




 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-11 01:54:27](#)
(no subject)

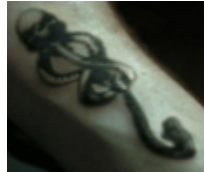
Well, well.

Not unexpected...



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-11 01:55:42](#)
(no subject)


Um...sir?



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-11 01:59:25](#)
(no subject)


No, not surprised in the least to see the sort of muck that fills up childrens' minds in a blood traitor's home. Muggle filth.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 02:01:14](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

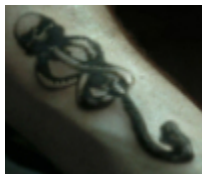
Neville! Don't answer, whatever you do!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-11 02:03:48](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Don't worry, I won't.

Blimey. It's just a kid's poem about cats.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-10 21:07:28](#)
(no subject)

I'll take any that Cadwallader has left.

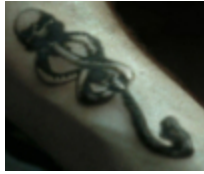
Might as well put them to good use.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-10 21:09:44](#)
(no subject)

Oh! In, um, Transfiguration lessons, sir?

I'll mention it to her.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-10 21:10:11](#)
(no subject)

Transfiguration. Among other things.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-10 21:13:25](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Ugh.

We trust that Cadwallader will have more good sense than to comply.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-10 21:15:21](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

He uses most of the small animals he gets in his classes.

But not all of them.


You don't really want to know what he does with the rest.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-10 21:16:09](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Eww. We can imagine.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-10 21:16:53](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

No.

You really can't.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-10 21:17:27](#)

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

Double ewwww.




 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-11 02:30:11](#)

Private message to Anne Cadwallader

I'm putting this up so that the Professor will think that I've passed on his request to you. But I hope you DON'T have any kittens left! Or at least none that will go to him! Why don't you tell him that the next time you see him in class?

And you'll have to warn everyone not to mention anything about spare kittens in his hearing. I just hate to imagine what he'd do with them.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-11 01:27:56](#)

(no subject)

She really is lovely!

And don't worry too much about the hair, we can always just *scourgify* if we need to.

I adore Valkyrie, but that's the one downside of owls--they can't really stay in the dorm and be everyday pets.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-11 02:05:38](#)

Private Message to Susan Bones

Oh, my goodness! WHAT DO I DO ABOUT PROFESSOR CARROW READING MY JOURNAL? And throwing threats around???



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-11 02:24:35](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

Erm, back away slowly??

And you might want to send a quick PM to Cadwallader warning her that Carrow's been asking about her kittens. That way if he asks her about it in lessons or something she can say they've all got homes already!

Or maybe Professor Sprout would take them down to the village for her.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-11 02:25:34](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

Oh, that's a good idea. I'll start with Anne.

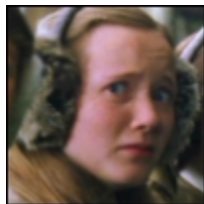


 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-11 02:26:56](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

And, I hate to say this cos I think he's a good sort really, but maybe you might not want to talk to Longbottom for a bit?

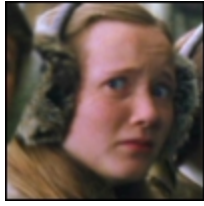
At least not here on the journals.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-11 02:33:25](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

He is a good sort. And he doesn't deserve the awful things people say about him, or the way that Professor Carrow treats him. Oh, why can't people just leave him alone?



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-11 02:36:23](#)

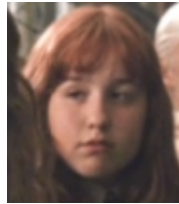
Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

I suppose I'll say something to him in person. So he won't think I'm snubbing him if I don't reply to him in the journals. I'd hate him to think that.

I suppose--

Oh, bother. I do rather like him. I don't want him thinking that I'm a coward.

It's all a muddle.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-13 18:21:39](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

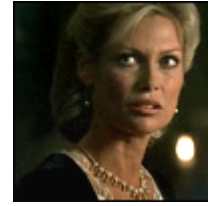
I'll sound incredibly first-year, I know, but maybe you could pass a charmed note to him through Weasley? No one's cross with *him* lately, and I don't think they'd notice anything suspicious if you asked him about lessons in the corridor

And honestly, I don't think Neville'd think you're a coward for wanting to steer clear of Carrow--it's for his safety too, in a way, since we all know who else he doesn't like.

I wish the same things you wish, but we don't live in that world I guess. And sine we don't, I hope you don't blame me for caring more about *your* safety.

2011-05-10 15:54:00

*Private Message to Rodolphus
Lestrangle and Barty Crouch, Jr.*



 [alt_narcissa](#)

Barty, could you share this with Mordant? I can't send to the three of you and his name would alarm Lucius.

There's been another letter.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-05-10 20:15:56**

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Open the Floo.

I'm on my way now.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-05-10 20:16:45**

Private Message to Rodolphus Lestrangle

Got this and on my way.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at **2011-05-10 20:29:11**

Re: Private Message to Rodolphus Lestrangle

Need me?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-05-10 21:23:59**

Re: Private Message to Rodolphus Lestrangle

Sorry. Just saw this.

If you're able to come, do. The letter includes quite a rant about Draco. Among other topics.

There may be no need to pull Travers off other things, and there are reasons for wanting this to pass as few eyes as possible.

The Floo's open.

2011-05-11 06:41:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Hermione?



 [alt_terry](#)

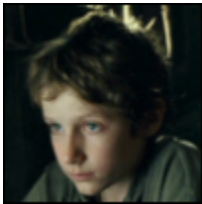
I need to see you, to tell you something, this morning. Just for a minute. Can you break away and meet me in the kitchens at breakfast?


Please. It's really important.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-11 12:21:38](#)
(no subject)


Everything all right there, Professor?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 12:22:42](#)
(no subject)

Everything's fine. Honest. It's just something between me and Hermione.

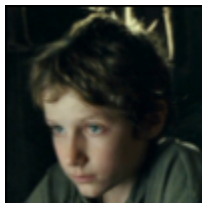



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-11 13:11:58](#)
(no subject)

Not your room again?!

Have they been back there? Whoever it was?

That's not good.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 13:35:31](#)
(no subject)

No. No, nothing like that, honest. Everything's fine, I promise.

I just need to talk to Hermione about something unrelated.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-11 13:42:58](#)
(no subject)


Hang on.

You would tell us, wouldn't you? If it'd been something about your classroom or about someone spotting your wand or something? Or

or seeing you writing with this ink?

I mean to say, we are all in this thing together.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 13:51:23](#)
(no subject)

Of course I'd tell you. I'm not in danger or anything in any way. And nothing's wrong with the lock

But that doesn't mean that sometimes I don't have the right to talk to just one person if I that's what I need to do.

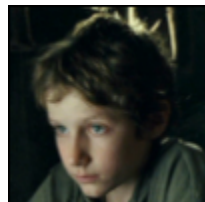
Look.


We all have the lock, but you also have the Private message system. I don't. Well, I actually do, but I'm never going to use it. And you know why? It's because if I try to write "Private message to Hermione Granger" my journal automatically fills in "and Amycus Carrow." And I won't do it.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-11 13:53:00](#)
(no subject)

But you have the lock. Even if his name's at the top, he'd never see it.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 14:05:28](#)
(no subject)

That isn't the point.

I won't do it. Having his name at the top of my journal entry marks me as his mudblood. His property. I just won't do it.

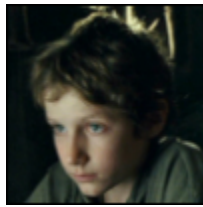



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-11 14:06:14](#)
(no subject)

Blimey. I--
blimey.

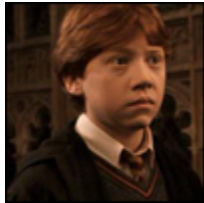
I never thought about...


Well, it's just everywhere, isn't it? It affects everything. Your, what-do-you-call it. Your legal status. As a muggleborn.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 14:06:58](#)
(no subject)

...
Yeah

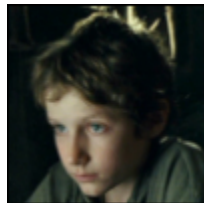



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-11 16:55:43](#)
(no subject)

That reeks. It does.

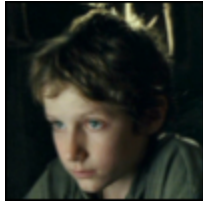
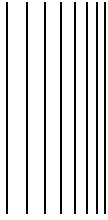
Actually. I wonder if you even could write a PM to Hermione if Carrow has to go on anything you write and Marvolo has to go on anything PMed to her. That'd be three people, and you can't have three. Seems like we know which one of the three wouldn't actually be able to see it.


Which reeks. Worse than anything.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 17:27:42](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. It's a really neat way to keep mudbloods from talking to each other, isn't it?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-11 17:28:36](#)
(no subject)

Of course, most of them don't have journals in the first place.

2011-05-11 08:12:00

*Order Only: Private Message to Hermione
(and Harry Potter)*



Morning, kiddo.

Listen, I need to talk to you about something really rather important.

 [alt_sirius](#)

If you can't be seen having a long exchange in the journals, do you think you might break away for a few minutes?

Otherwise, this is probably safer than coming in person. If ... if Harry really can't see this, which Bill says he can't. Merlin, I hate that.

Anyway - I need your opinion about someone something.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 03:07:25](#)

(no subject)

I don't think Harry can see it.

I only just got back to the common room if you can believe it.

What do you have to say?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-12 03:12:24](#)

(no subject)

Circe, they don't half have you running round, do they?

I didn't expect to hear from you this late.

Well. Your Terry, then. Is he a scrawny bit of a thing, sand-coloured hair? How much do you trust him? Is he good at keeping secrets?




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 03:14:27](#)
(no subject)

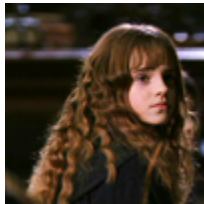
Nothing really I mean we don't run around so much. Harry does as much as me.


Terry. Yes, he's tiny and sandy, and he's the best at keeping secrets, the absolute best, I don't think wild horses could ever drag anything out of him he didn't want dragged.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-12 03:19:39](#)
(no subject)

Well, what if it were something really valuable? Something that might even get him away from Carrow?




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 03:23:11](#)
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Could he keep it a secret?

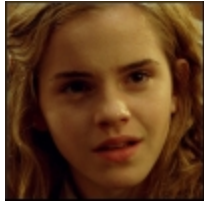
Yes, yes, of course he could. He wants to be away from Carrow more than anything. I mean he really, really wants to. But he isn't stupid, he wouldn't try to do something that would backfire.

Why? What is it? I mean what could be that valuable?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-12 03:26:20](#)
(no subject)

Oh, come along. You're cleverer than that. What could a muggleborn in this castle, right at this moment, have that the Death Eaters desperately want?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 03:28:17](#)
(no subject)

All kinds of information, I suppose.

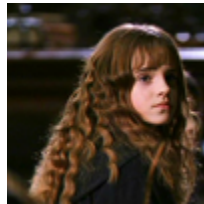
But that won't get him away from Carrow.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-12 03:31:18](#)
(no subject)

Some information would do. But let's leave that aside for the moment. How well do you trust him?


I mean to say, Carrow aside, is there any possibility he might show ... loyalty to the Death Eaters?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 03:33:16](#)
(no subject)

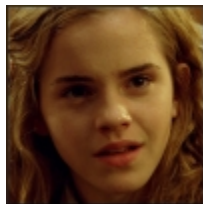
No. None. I mean - you know how Dennis was? He's nothing like that. He wouldn't betray you. Or me. Or anyone. Not to them. He hates them more than I do, Sirius.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-12 03:35:36](#)
(no subject)

What makes you say that?

And what makes you say me? Has he talked to ~~you about~~



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 03:37:47](#)
(no subject)

What, you say I'm too smart to not figure things out and then when I do you're not all right with it?

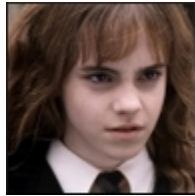


 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-12 03:44:14](#)
(no subject)

I don't mind you using your head, kiddo. But we both know you didn't just *guess* at it, right?

He said he wouldn't tell anyone. *You* said he'd keep a secret, but he told *you*, didn't he?


And if he'd tell *you* Morgana. I should have Obliviated him on the spot.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 03:53:36](#)
(no subject)

I'm not anyone. I promise. He didn't tell anyone else. We keep each other's secrets. Don't you DARE Oblivate him. I'll tell him myself, again.



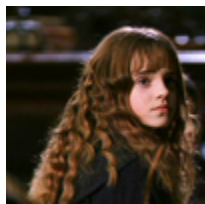
 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-12 04:00:37](#)
(no subject)

It's not that I want to Oblivate him, Hermione.

It'd be safer if I did do, that's all.

But ... did he tell you what we talked about?

(And don't say you're not anyone, kiddo. Not to me or anyone else. I know what you mean but just take those thoughts right out of your head. Got that?)



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-12 04:01:41](#)
(no subject)

Yes, a little. I'm glad you told him those things. He doesn't have protection like I do. He needs the help. For me it doesn't matter so much but for him - he's all right at disappearing, but -

Well. I'm glad.



 **alt_sirius** at **2011-05-12 04:06:39**
(no subject)

I think I'm glad, too.

Just. You know the Headmistress is already cross with me for coming up here to be closer to you and Harry, right?

Let's not tell her about this, either, shall we? She'd have every reason to insist that we modify his memories - or a few other equally unpleasant outcomes.

And make sure neither of you say anything to anyone else - those friends who've helped you hide your wands and your books and all. Yeah?

I mean to say, it's nice to have other people know I'm still alive. But that sort of thing can go too far too fast. And as for knowing I'm an Animagus - that's an even more closely guarded secret.

Circe, I must be insane myself, offering to teach him.

2011-05-11 08:23:00

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Sirius?

Are you still here? I suppose I'm to congratulate you on having kept so successfully to cover that I really thought you'd withdrawn elsewhere.



 **alt_poppy**

Of course, Pomona is telling me nothing. And I'm not speaking with her enough to have asked.

Don't think this means I approve, but I should like to know that you are all right. And I should like very much to hear that you are planning to shift yourself off to some safer place whilst the NEWT and OWL examiners are tromping about.

Is it not today that the NEWT Herbology exams take place?



 **alt_sirius** at **2011-05-11 13:56:03**

(no subject)

Don't hold it against Pomona. She's not the only one who feels the better that I've been nearby.

Anyway, yes, she made sure I knew to keep scarce today. I've another place to hide myself for the time being.

That's

And I'm fine. Bit on the hungry side but that's only because I'm not sure which ones were Carrow's rats.



 **alt_poppy** at **2011-05-11 15:27:17**

(no subject)

I shall hold against Pomona what I will, but it's more than her covering for you that annoys me.

It begins with her refusal to join us in these pages in properly discussing the matters that concern us. So then when she goes off and does what she pleases, she need never answer a question or present her side.


It's completely infuriating, and you may tell her so when you see her next.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-13 10:06:33](#)
(no subject)

I'm not an owl.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-13 10:21:51](#)
(no subject)

No, indeed.

If you were, you'd be far less trouble. And a deal more use.

2011-05-11 09:49:00

Private message to Anne Cadwallader

Thanks loads. It means a lot to make my sister so happy. She'll take really good care of him, I promise. She's always been good with cats.

(Better than Professor Carrow would, anyway.)



 **alt_neville**

2011-05-11 11:57:00

(no subject)

Enjoyed that last, did you, mates? Glad if you found it useful.



I've got other things to offer you in me pedlar's pack. Things that use items you might find round an about. Things a resourceful bloke might half-inch if he couldn't beg or borrow em. Know what I mean?

 [alt_wagstaff](#)

F'rinstance. When I'm workin out a town, I'm always selling caustic soda to witches fer makin soap--them wot can't do all their cleanin by elf nor by charms. You'd be surprised how many don't nor can't.

Anywizickers, there's loads o uses fer caustic soda. Caustic potash, too, innit? (An pretty much anyfin yeh do wiv one yeh can do wiv t'other.) So there's loads o places you might find it *lye-in* about, eh? An if you should happen to have some, here's how you make it ready fer usin:

If it's the dry flake kind (ravver than the kind wot's already wet), then you'll want a large metal pail or bowl--tin, aluminium, or even brass'll do. Put yer caustic into the pail--half full if you've enough to do it.

An then all you've gotta do is add hot water. Warm'll do if you haven't a way to heat it. In fact, the caustic'll heat the water a bit as you add it. Don't be surprised if it looks to be boilin: that's just an illusion, but to be safe, do hold the spout of your pourin bucket close to the pail so as to avoid splashin. Watch close to see that the caustic dissolves well an good.

An once you've got it, I'm sure you can think of all sorts o nice things to do wiv it. Places to splash it out. Things to dip in it. Yer clever lads, so yeh'll know what to do. Am I right?

[2011-05-12 12:42:00](#)

Today

boot is happy.

that is all.



 [alt_terry](#)



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-12 18:47:20](#)

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Well, well, well. So tidbit is humming today.

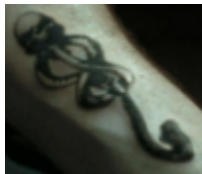
And you said you'd never be happy if you weren't by your Master's side. Lying, were you?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 18:49:17](#)

(no subject)

boot's Master is still the Master.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-12 18:53:17](#)

(no subject)

But you're not serving your very own Master the way you should, are you?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 18:54:13](#)

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boot...boot still sees his Master. Every single day. In the Great Hall. And other places.

boot knows his Master.

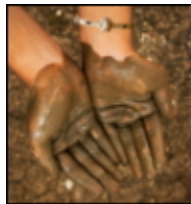



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-12 19:00:49](#)
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There've been filthy bat wings fluttering between us. Been separating us, haven't they? The flutter must be humming in your ears, confusing that feeble mudblood meat in your brainpan.

Because you still haven't answered my first question, I notice. Bad form, very bad.

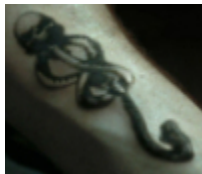
You know your Master doesn't like it when you do that.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 19:01:24](#)
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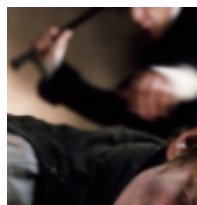
Sir, I


sir...



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-12 19:03:14](#)
(no subject)

You're a liar, aren't you, tidbit? Filthy, crawling wretch of a liar. Not fit to breathe the same air as the pure, are you?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 19:07:01](#)
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Master has always taught boot what mudbloods are. boot knows what his master taught him.

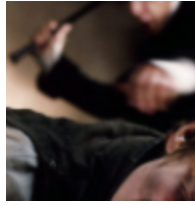
boot tries to please his Master, always, but boot will never be anything but a mudblood.




 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-12 19:15:30](#)
(no subject)

Good, tidbit, very good.

But still avoiding the question.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 19:18:34](#)
(no subject)

Master knows all. His...his purity pierces all disguise, sees all. How could boot ever lie to him?

boot never wants anything but to belong to Master.




 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-12 19:19:36](#)
(no subject)

Hmmm. Better.

Lick it a bit more, tidbit.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 19:25:30](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

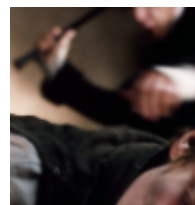
Oh Merlin.


I have to say it. He'll never let it be unless I do. Fred, George, I'm sorry!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-12 20:02:15](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

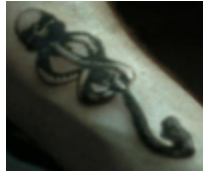
No worries, Professor, and you don't ever have to apologise to us for what you have to do.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 19:26:44](#)
(no subject)

boot will never never be anybody else's mudblood.

boot loves his master.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-12 19:27:55](#)
(no subject)

Now that was easy, wasn't it?

soon.


Don't you worry, tidbit. We'll be back together



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-12 20:03:13](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good


Never in a million years.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 23:25:09](#)
(no subject)

boot wants everyone to know that boot always keeps his promises.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-12 20:46:36](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


Crikey.

You all right there, Terry?

Say, has the Headmistress said if she's going to her New London house when school's finished? You'll go with her if she does, right? So if you can just keep your head down for a couple of weeks, you should be well away from him for the hols.

And then... maybe something'll happen during the hols, and he won't come back.

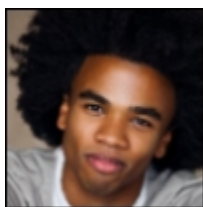



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 21:24:26](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Thanks. I'm all right. Of course I am.

Well, I was having a good day until he noticed. That was stupid, drawing his attention in the journals.

That...that was a little different, though.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-12 21:25:06](#)

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

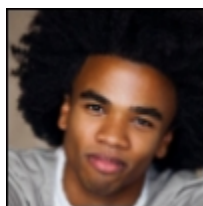
I'm almost afraid to ask but--different how exactly?




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 21:25:43](#)

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

Usually, when he wants me to crawl like that, he prefers to do it more behind closed doors.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-12 21:26:53](#)

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

Yeah. But he can't get you behind closed doors now, because you're with the Headmistress.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-12 21:28:28](#)

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

Guess so.

Dunno if the Headmistress is going to her house in London, Ron. She hasn't said one way or another. I hope

so.

It sure would be nice to have a couple months without seeing him at all.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-12 21:36:16](#)

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

Well, at least she'll see what he wrote here. Right?

That's a good thing, I guess.



 **[alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-13 03:55:59](#)**

ORDER ONLY

Oh, dear heart.

I wish you had more chances to be happy.

And I wish that my Frank had given Carrow enough of a lesson so that you wouldn't have to worry about him any more.

But most of all, I wish you were here with us.

2011-05-12 22:20:00

Grim Truth: 12 May 1994



Greetings, British Journal-Readers.

We're saddened by the comments that we've received, alleging that we neither knew nor cared anything for Sirius Black. Some people have even accused us of working for the Ministry! That could not be further from the Grim Truth that we set out to communicate by taking up our quill in Doris's journal.



Some have also questioned whether we've purloined the journal of an innocent, as others have done, to accomplish our mission. This is simply answered: Doris herself is one of our number and *volunteered* her journal expressly for the purpose of spreading the word. She fervently believes, as do we all, in Sirius Black's legacy and his original message.

However, it's true that one of the difficulties facing many who disapprove of the Protectorate is finding a way to speak together without attracting unwanted Ministerial attention. That's why codes are a vital tool. With a sufficiently clever code, members of secret societies may communicate openly under the very eye of Ministry officials - even those tasked with monitoring private messages.

There are many books on ciphers and cryptography which detail the creation of an effective code. The simplest involve using a book that all readers own or have access to read. A combination of numbers embedded in the text of your entry represent the page number and word on the page.

The Ministry are not so foolish, however, as to ignore a post consisting of nothing but numbers. We suggest a more subtle means of communication through creating a code in which discussing one topic equates to a place of meeting, another topic signifies the time, and so on, so that all who read your post will receive the signal to meet. Once assembled, you may discuss your discontent and make whatever plans you need.


For example, a leader may post something seemingly innocuous: a book review or an account of a child's recital. Hidden within the writing, however, may be phrases or words which are rare enough not to be confused, but plain enough not to attract attention. One location

may stand in for another place - St Paul's for the Old Vic, for example - and the phrase 'one dozen' might signify noon or midnight. (As you might imagine, using a 24-hour clock among yourselves may be helpful to avoid confusion about that.)

The right code can mean the difference between a solitary dissenter shouting into the void and a united coalition of like-minded wizards and witches, working together to bring about change.

Use this information wisely.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-13 19:10:49](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Coded messages, eh? Not as simple as it sounds, is it?
Glad we don't have to do that anymore.

Right, Fisheye?

[2011-05-12 23:13:00](#)

In case some of you haven't noticed, it's N.E.W.T.s week



 [alt_percy](#)

and next week is O.W.L.s week, which means that your classmates would APPRECIATE it if you could PLEASE keep the noise down in the common rooms.

Some of us are trying to REVISE.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-13 15:09:27](#)
(no subject)

O.W.L.s week? Really? We had absolutely no idea. Why didn't any of the professors mention it?

Snuck up on us, it did.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-13 16:48:48](#)
(no subject)

Hahahahahahahahahahahahahahahahaha!

Shame Percy hasn't got your outlook. We'd all be happier, yeah?

2011-05-13 06:06:00

Order Only: Private Message to Alice and Remus



 [alt_sirius](#)

Allie, I saw your note of yesterday. Time to let you two in on a little secret: I've become a tutor again. At this rate I shall be as qualified as anyone at Moddey at teaching muggleborns.

You've no idea how the proximity of the Dementors is affecting everyone up the castle - for myself, I find I'm in no mood to have an argument with Poppy or Minerva or any of them, so except for Pomona I'm simply steering clear.

Well, that's ... problematic when the N.E.W.T. exams are ongoing (And O.W.L.s next week, as we've just been reminded). I had to break cover and get myself up to that extra-large storage cupboard up on the 6th floor (Moony, you know the one we used to lock up the Slytherin team's brooms that year they were being absolutely murderous about the Final?). I made it inside no problem - as Padfoot, just in case. I mean to say, not that a large dog wouldn't raise just as much alarm, if he were seen, but at least it wouldn't be another sighting of Sirius Black's ghost, eh?

As I say, I made it to the cupboard but I wanted to put a locking charm on and another to alert me should anyone come too close. That meant wands, of course, which meant I needed my thumbs.

I swear I looked about before I changed. I promise you both I was sure I was completely alone, not a whiff of Peeves or any teachers patrolling. Not even to Padfoot's nose. But no sooner did I change than I heard a tiny gasp from the corridor to the left, just where it turns. I don't know which of us was more startled or more frightened.

No, I *do* know - I was more startled, but *he* was more frightened. Our Terry.

Allie, if you could see him. You'd want to catch him up and hold him tight until he just about breaks. Skin and bones, practically, and stunted despite the regular meals he's been getting with Minerva (and I gather he can cadge the house-elves with the best of them). And so scared of what I'd do. I ought to have Obliviated him on the spot - if he'd been a student I certainly *would* have done - but the moment I realised it had to be Terry, I just couldn't do it.

The moment *he* realised who *I* was, he practically fell to the ground and wanted to know what he could do to help. It was more than a little embarrassing, to tell truth - worse than Turner that first time, and that includes him falling overboard trying to hop from Frank's boat to mine. It was just ... Merlin, the boy looked at me with such ... trust. Absolute faith, like my being at Hogwarts meant liberation on the spot.

Once we both recovered our wits, he asked about the transformation. 'Could you teach me to do that? I've been trying on my own but I can't seem to get anywhere.'

Well. In for a Sickle, in for a Galleon, right? 'Only if you promise not to tell anyone,' I heard myself saying. 'Not just that I'm alive and here at Hogwarts, either. The Ministry don't know I'm an Animagus - no one can know that, do you understand?'

He fell to his knees again, swearing all sorts of loyalty and repeating that he'd do *anything* to help the fabled Sirius Black.

Merlin. I hope I never get used to people treating me like a messiah.

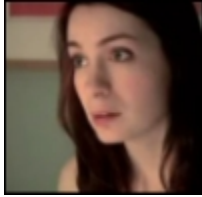
Anyway, we met again last night and after that exchange he had with Carrow I decided just helping him with a transformation isn't enough. I mean to say, I think he *could* do it eventually, he's got a good deal of innate talent, but it'll take him a while yet. He needs better defences and more quickly than that. I ... I told him to bring his wand next time.


I know, I shouldn't have let on that I know he has a wand. He put it together immediately, much more quickly than I would have guessed, that I must have had a hand in getting the wands for him and others like him. (*MORE* grovelling, which I could only get him to stop by putting him back on to showing me what he can do with the blessed thing.) He and Hermione have been working - and I think, Allie, with your Neville. At least, he seems quite friendly with your boy, from some of the questions he was asking. He's got some strong instincts for shielding and blocking spells. I think he'll need significant work at *offence*, as he's really rather timid about taking the initiative. And no wonder, with monsters like Carrow kicking him about his whole life.

We plan to meet about every other night. More than that and I fear he'll drop from exhaustion. But meanwhile, I wanted you two, especially, to know that I'm in contact with him, and looking out for him along with Harry and Hermione.

Better get myself hidden before the students start tromping about.

Oh - Hermione knows and I've confirmed with him that he can talk to her about it, though I haven't said that *she* has anything to do with *us*. He'll probably work that out on his own, as well. Fiendish clever, he is, did I mention?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-13 16:00:31](#)**
(no subject)

Let me get this straight. Terry Boot knows that you are alive, that you are at Hogwarts, that you are an animagus, and that you know he has a wand.

Merlin, Sirius.

I don't care how much he promised to keep your secrets, that is an enormous security breach.

Even if he only knew that you were alive, that would be one thing, but your animagus powers were your trump card -- the secret that no Death Eater knew, and now one of their servants has found you out.

It frightens me that you were so easily discovered, and it frightens me that he knows so very much now. Nearly as much as Hermione, only without the protection of the Unbreakable Vow. And I know Minerva is watching over him now, but yesterday shows that Carrow man still has power over him.

This is all very precarious, Sirius, love. And your offering to teach him, while well-intentioned, exposes the both of you to potential discovery even more.

My heart aches for him, and what he's been through. I see that you want to help him so very badly. I know where that impulse comes from, and I've asked Minerva countless times to take him away from that horrible place for good, only to be told that it would raise too much attention, that Carrow would track him down somehow exposing Moddey Dhoo to Death Eaters, that it would jeopardize her position as Headmistress. And I understand, even though I don't agree.

But his knowing that you are an animagus is just such an incredible risk.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-13 18:16:02](#)

(no subject)

Well, when you put it like that

Look, it's not as if I leapt out at him or took a foolish risk. I don't know HOW he came upon me. It was the middle of the night. Everyone should have been asleep and I avoided all the professors, prefects - even the ghosts.

And it's not as if I chose for him to see me change, but that's what happened. I did ask Hermione if he could be trusted - if I should meet him again only to modify his memories. She got a little shirty with me, actually. Said that if I did she'd tell him. Well, we know she can't break Order secrets but I think that tells us a lot about him.


Now that I've seen him close to, I just don't understand why Minerva doesn't simply invent an excuse or fake an accident to get him to Moddey Dhoo. He's wasted with Carrow - wasted, Alice. And I think he's got a good shot at mastering the transformation, as I said. There's aptitude there.

I know I oughtn't have said anything to him about his wand. I know. I just ... he's already learning from Minerva and from Poppy *and* Pomona, whatever they can leave lying about for him to soak up. He needs some practical help, though - more than other kids his own age can give him.

Hermione says he's excellent at keeping secrets. Puts him one over me, that. Given what we've seen, he's got Carrow fooled. I do believe he'll be able to keep his head down enough to avoid being noticed.

Let me see how things go. Maybe by year's end we could convince Minerva to bring him under the Order's protection? If not actually at Moddey, then at least get him his own portkey and let him read behind the lock. He's a good lad and he needs us. He needs to know that he can count on Poppy or Pomona or Minerva. Right now they're only telling him they'll help him when it's convenient.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-13 21:27:41](#)**
(no subject)

You certainly didn't chose to reveal yourself, but you also chose not to Obliviate him.

I know that he promised, and that he wouldn't tell Carrow if he had any choice in the matter. I only worry that with Carrow, there may come a situation where he won't have that choice. Up til now, keeping him in the dark about where his wand came from was for his own safety as well as our own.


Minerva will be furious with you.

I'm assuming you haven't told her yet.

Frank and I are fully on board with the idea of a portkey, yes. We have been since we came up with one for Hermione. And if you push for it as well, and we get Arthur and Molly to see reason, we might convince the nay-sayers of that much. It doesn't even have to be to Moddey Dhoo -- it could be a Portkey to one of our safehouses so he wouldn't endanger us if he were somehow tracked. But letting him in under the Order Lock is something else entirely. I don't tell my own son what we do, Sirius. And Hermione is under an Unbreakable Vow for her part. I know that you think it'd do him good to have that connection, but we must balance it carefully -- knowing there are people out there that care for him is very different than knowing about Moddey Dhoo, or knowing about all of the people that are trying to work out in the open like Kingsley and Arthur and Bill -- and Minerva and Poppy and Remus and Tonks for that matter.

You said he asked after us. Frank and me. What did he say, exactly?

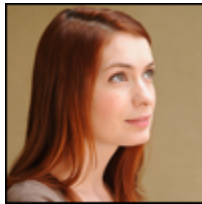



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2011-05-13 21:35:05](#)**
(no subject)

I have to agree with Alice on this. Good grief, Sirius, you may as well hang posters in the common rooms. What is that, two children who've spotted you now? It's only a matter of time until it's a teacher or, god forbid, an Auror, and then what do we do?

I understand the urge to help the boy, I honestly do. You know I've always pushed for him and Hermione to be disappeared away to Moddey Dhoo at the first possible opportunity. But while he's still at risk from Carrow, this is a huge responsibility to place on already overburdened shoulders. Of course Hermione trusts him, and I'm glad to know she has such a good friend that she can talk to about these things. But he knows so much now, all your secrets, certainly enough to destroy you, and possibly all of us as well. Requiring the boy to hold in such a huge secret is just too much. I'm quite sure he feels entirely up to the task, and perhaps he is, but it's not fair on him.

Besides all that, what are you still doing up there? The place is full of rampaging NEWT and OWL students, investigating Aurors, angry, depressed professors, surprisingly observant students, and apparently very little danger to Harry. What are you hoping to accomplish, besides avoiding one Terrie and tutoring another?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-14 00:58:43](#)**
(no subject)

Also, you must be absolutely clear with Hermione that she cannot discuss you with Terry, even if he knows about you too.

[2011-05-13 14:18:00](#)

Whatever you do, don't

get in the way of Jane Bradley or Octavia Anderson this weekend! I heard Anderson say that they're spending the whole of the weekend last-minute revising for O.W.L.s and that any student fool enough to mess with them will be used as target practice! They don't even plan to sleep, just stay in the Tower going back through all their lessons.



 **[alt_padma](#)**

Which reminds me, I don't think last year's 7th-years were this mad about finishing N.E.W.T.s, were they? Maybe it's the Dementors or something but I think the relief that it's over has made some of them act downright silly. Burrow, Chang and Sandoval just came through the common room with a charm that made all the furniture dance about! And now they're talking about taking their brooms and 'buzzing' the village green - wearing just their undershorts!

It's utterly ridiculous. The common room's been safer than the Corner this whole week because they wouldn't let anyone near who wasn't absolutely well serious about helping them revise, but now that they're done they don't care who they bother.

If they do go riding their brooms without robes on, though...well, I hope someone lets us all know. It should be well funny to see.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-13 19:14:12](#)**

(no subject)

I hope they've got good cushioning charms.

Daft buggers.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-05-16 01:22:56](#)**


(no subject)

Our lot were dive-bombing the tower this afternoon--did you see them, Weasley?

It was well amusing until Madame Hooch made them

stop!



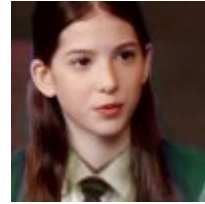
 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-16 15:13:34](#)
(no subject)

Heh.

Well amusing, yeah.

2011-05-13 15:05:00

Private message to Linus Moon



So, which Runes project did you want to do? I'd be up for any of them, I think.

1. Imagine that you are a wizard or witch from Ancient Britain (before the founding of Hogwarts and the innovation of modern spellcraft). What ten practical runes would be indispensable to your life? How well would they work?

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

I think the warming rune definitely and the one that repels pests. I guess we'd have to think about what else.

2. From the book WIZARDING RUINS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, choose any set of engraved historical runes to translate. You must both fully translate the engraving AND examine how the rune would have worked magically -- both in terms of intended effects, AND unintended consequences.

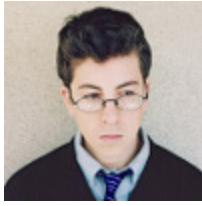
This one would be interesting but we'd have to get hold of a copy, unless you have one. It's checked out at the library, some of the NEWT students are using it I think.


3. Modern witches and wizards often treat runes as too old-fashioned for modern application. Choose at least one rune that has a modern application and show how it might actually be preferable to the alternative spell, OR choose at least five runes that have a modern application and show how they are inferior to the alternative spell. Remember to consider unintended consequences and side effects.

This one would be interesting but I have no idea which I'd pick.

4. Choose a rune that accomplishes the same thing as a modern spell and rely on the rune, rather than the spell, for a full week. Write about the experience, and what you can learn from this about life in Ancient Britain.

I think I'd rather not do this one! Though it would be interesting, I guess, so long as it wasn't anything TOO important.



 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-05-13 21:03:27](#)
(no subject)

I'm dead against number four. We've enough revising to do as it is, no sense in modifying our routine that much. I asked Madame Pince where the book for number two is, and she almost bit my nose off. I'm torn between three and one.

You're right about the warming and pests for number one, and we could add in some of the classic protection runes for warding off wild animals. Maybe something to do with lures or snares for hunting, too. There's also that one for repelling water, but I'm not sure how old it is. We'll have to trace it back to be certain. I really like the historical aspect, I don't know about you.

As far as three, it's a lot simpler to prove rune spells less effective than modern spells than it is to find a run that's more effective, but that depends if you're up for a challenge!!!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-14 03:46:59](#)
(no subject)

Well, we could start looking for a rune that might be more effective than the spells because if we COULD find one it would be an easier paper to write. And in the meantime we could keep track of everything that could come in useful because if we can't think of one that would be better than any modern spell we'd have a good start on number one, right?

Although it would be awfully nift if we could come up with an ancient rune that had a different but related modern application. If we did that, we could probably come up with a reason it was better and Professor Babbling wouldn't care all that much just because we'd found a cool use for the rune. Like if you could use the 'repel vermin' rune to keep people from borrowing your quills instead of sharpening their own (it doesn't work, I tried).

2011-05-14 11:55:00

(no subject)

So here's one somefin you can do wiv caustic soda once you've got it dissolved.



Get hold of a few cow or goat or sheep bladders--y'know, from the butchers' or from a farm--use yer loaf, yeah, mate?

 [alt_wagstaff](#)

Anywiz, take a pail wiv a spout, or a flask, or a funnel, an then yeh just pour the caustic into whatever kind o bladder you've got. Top it up, an tie er off.

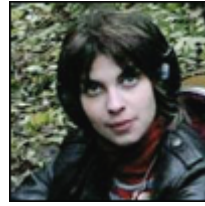
An there yeh've got yerself a sweet little bladder bomb, innit?

Toss er at the blighters an show em what yer made of.

[2011-05-14 16:37:00](#)

Baby names

Nearly baby time. I'm not due just yet, but I know we might get an early showing. Every time I feel a twinge I think Bump's on his or her way, but nothing so far. I wish we could just make an appointment for it, so I'd know when it's going to happen. What if I'm here on my own? What if I'm in the shop surrounded by customers? At least I know I won't be at the Ministry with my head down a bog, since I'm off on baby leave now.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)**

I've been thinking about names quite a bit. Junius wants to call him Junius if he's a boy, of course. Old family tradition. That made me think about my family. We tend to mostly name our kids after stars or constellations, like my aunt Bellatrix. Astronomy was never really my thing at school. I did okay at it, but it was too much standing or lying still looking at stuff and not enough getting out and doing something. I remember a fair few though, and Junius got me a book with some more obscure ones, so I've been thinking about possibilities.

But then I think of Sirius Black. He was named after a star, and look how that turned out. I don't want my baby linked to that awful traitor.


Maybe we should go with Junius. Or Junianna, if Bump is a girl.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2011-05-14 21:55:37](#)**
ORDER ONLY

No offence, Sirius! Actually we'd like a chat with you, when you have a chance to pop down. I hear you're, uh, a bit busy at the moment. But when you can.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-16 00:28:06](#)**
Re: ORDER ONLY

How exciting! I cannot wait to meet the newest member of our little family. Please let me know if there's anything you need at all. I've sent along some more of that tea, you should get it in a day or so.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-14 22:00:04](#)**
Order Only

Bless.

How are you faring? I'm sure you're feeling the aches in all the obvious places, but are you sleeping at all? If there's leg cramping or alimentary distress I can recommend things to ease the symptoms, though warm bath, a bit of kindly massage, and a well-timed cup of warm milk can do wonders, too.

Do let me know if there's anything you need.

Junianna. Really. I've not met a single one in all my life. And I'm certain she will be a singular young lady--if she is destined to be one.




 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2011-05-14 22:14:17](#)**
Re: Order Only

I'm not feeling too bad actually, Madam P. Perhaps I've just got used to it all.

I know. Junianna. I almost couldn't make myself write it. It's sort of growing on me though. Or maybe that's just the hormones talking. Honestly though, the women in my class at St Mungo's were all competing to have the most patriotic names for their babies. Name your child after the wrong person and you might as well hand yourself in to the Ministry as a traitor. That year at Hogwarts is going to be awash with Harrys and Harriets. I hope you're prepared.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-14 22:25:13](#)**
Re: Order Only

I shudder to think of all the Bellatrixes and Luciuses we shall soon see. And not a few Bartemiuses, one imagines.

Yes. Junianna is a fine name, indeed.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-14 22:29:03](#)

Re: Order Only

Oh yes, not reacting when Bartemius was suggested as a lovely and charming baby name was a huge challenge!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-15 00:48:49](#)

Private message to Nymphadora Ponds

Well I've seen your family tree (as it's Draco's and Hydra's as well, and I'm in Slytherin so everyone knows the family tree of anyone who's of any importance) and I think my favourite name on there is Cassiopeia, for a girl. You could call her Cassie for short.

For a boy I like Arcturus. Or you know, this isn't in your family tree but Perseus is also a constellation. Your baby will be far enough in age that you wouldn't have to worry about people getting him confused with Percy Weasley.

Or there are flower names in your family too, like your Aunt Narcissa. Of course you'd want something that wasn't Narcissa because too many of the same name is just confusing (that's why I think you shouldn't use Junius, they'd never know whether you were calling to your son or your husband, not that you should pay me any mind if that's what you really want) but the name Iris is lovely. Iris is in mythology even if she's not a star name AND it's a beautiful flower. And in mythology she's the daughter of a nymph, and your name is Nymphadora, so it would be perfect.

(I really like flower names myself but that's because my best friend is named Pansy!)

I'm so excited for you about your baby. I like babies and I'm good with them. If the Strettons let me during summer hols maybe I could come visit your shop and hold it for a bit and give you a break sometime?



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-15 17:41:56](#)

Re: Private message to Nymphadora Ponds

Hi. I like Cassiopeia, and Iris is pretty too. I don't know about Arcturus. I think that'd be a bit hard to shorten down into something manageable for a little one. Archie, maybe? I'll think on it.

I might go with something totally different though. New. Traditions are okay, but sometimes it's better to break them and start new ones of your own.

You're very welcome to pop into the shop over the summer hols, if you can get away. We might even be able to scrounge up a biscuit or two!



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-16 20:03:07](#)

Order Only

Junianna's rather growing on me.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-16 20:04:23](#)

Re: Order Only

No.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-16 20:08:34](#)

Re: Order Only

It's quaint and rather charming, I think. Almost Victorian.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-16 20:10:20](#)

Re: Order Only

NO.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-16 20:12:29](#)

Re: Order Only

Right. Back to Junius Ponds III then.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-16 20:19:04](#)

Re: Order Only

We are not naming our baby after your fake name!

Where are you? Come out here. I want to hit you and I can't do it if you're not sitting next to me.

2011-05-15 09:44:00

YPL Summer plans announcement



 [alt_sinistra](#)

Dear YPL students and their parents,

I am delighted to announce that we have now completed our plans for the summer YPL projects.

Rising second years will again participate in the weeklong camping trip to study the flora, fauna, and history of Dartmoor and Cornwall.

Rising third years will again be visiting London in two groups, with a variety of visits planned to historical sites of interest, Ministry departments, and entertainment.

In both cases, letters are going home to parents this week with additional details, packing lists, and transportation notes. As always, costs are covered by the Ministry and the generosity of our Lord Protector.

Rising sixth or seventh year students wishing to provide supervision, support, and assistance on either trip should contact me directly for an application - again, there is a small stipend.

We are also delighted to announce a new activity for rising fourth years. Through a rigorous application process, students may petition to be included in a combined cadet force programme.

Training will last three weeks, at a location still being arranged, and will cover a variety of magical defence and duelling techniques, orienteering, tracking and mapping, field medwizardry, survival skills, support skills, and more. Students will focus on an area of particular interest in small groups, as well as participating in larger drill and skill training sessions.

We recognise that this is a substantial amount of the summer, but our expert teachers feel that any shorter time would be insufficient to offer a meaningful training experience. Students accepted this summer would also be expected to participate in the summer before their fifth year, and would have the option to continue in later years.

As the upper levels of the YPL program are designed for the best and brightest of our Lord's Protectorate, students who do not apply for

this opportunity will have limited chances to participate in YPL-only activities in future. (Students who apply but who do not meet the standards for this summer programme will be considered on a case by case basis for additional activities.)

Applications are available in my office and classroom. The application process has three parts.

1) Complete the written application and short essay, indicating the areas of study that you are most interested in. (Descriptions are provided on the application).

2) Write a letter via the Personal Message feature to someone in the field you aspire to enter professionally after leaving school. You should address the message to that person, and to Professor Sinistra, who will be evaluating you based on your choice, your etiquette, and your behavior. As many likely recipients are extremely busy with other duties, students should not be disappointed if they do not receive a direct response.

3) Students who succeed in this portion of the application will be invited to New London for a day of testing shortly following your return home from school. This portion will involve physical, magical, and intellectual tests. Parents are welcome to accompany their student, or designate a trusted friend or relative to do so (as there will be times when students will be waiting between tests without direct supervision), but will not be allowed in the actual testing rooms.

Lunch will be provided, along with a short presentation about the programme, and the selected roster will be read at tea, before students are dismissed for the day.

All necessary equipment will be provided by the YPL for use during the three weeks of the Combined Cadet Force programme: students will need to bring only their wand, journal, and other immediate personal necessities.

Questions can be directed to me via journal or owl, and students are of course welcome to stop by and discuss at any time I'm available.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-15 23:21:54](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Um. Whoa.

Training in real fighting? And survival and field skills? That sounds dead wizard!

But I bet Nev and I won't get in. What are you lot going to do? Apply?

I mean, if you don't, you can't be part of YPL next year, right? So you pretty much have to try to get in, yeah?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-16 01:10:33](#)


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

That does sound wizard and I'm going to apply.

I don't think Nev is likely to get in. You might, though. Especially since you just saved Draco from the hippogryff.

I don't know who to write to, though. What field do you think I should say I aspire to enter professionally? It has to be something that might need survival training or field mediwizardry or something -- if I say I want to be a teacher at a village school I don't think that will be very impressive. On the other hand I'm certainly not going to say I want to go into MLE and write to Auror LeStrange, I'm not utterly mad.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-16 15:09:34](#)

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

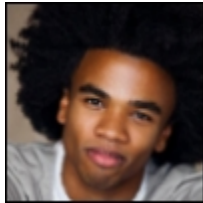
I think you're right, that I wouldn't be likely to get in.


But I still want to try.

Been thinking...I could sort of spin it like I'm eager to prove that I'm loyal. Because of my parents. That might be a reason they'd want to take me, wouldn't it?

The thing is, though, I'd have to be showing it, and I'm not sure I

have the stomach for that. Sucking up to some people I don't like and talking down other people that I do like. Making people believe that I think I'm better just because I'm a pureblood. It might even mean treating some of us here on this lock differently in public, when it isn't just us. I just don't know if I could be a convincing enough actor, or even if I could live with myself for doing that.



 **[alt_lee](#) at 2011-05-16 15:10:18**

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

Why would you want to do it then Nev? What would make it worth it?

What do you want to do when you get out of school anyway?




 **[alt_neville](#) at 2011-05-16 15:12:04**

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

Well look at the skills they'd be teaching. I reckon that the--um, they'd be useful skills to have, don't you?



 **[alt_lee](#) at 2011-05-16 15:12:42**

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

Sure if you want to be an auror or something. Is that what you want to do?



 **[alt_neville](#) at 2011-05-16 15:13:33**

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

No.

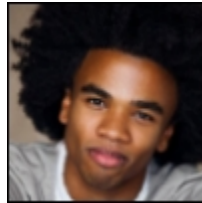
I just want to know them.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-16 15:14:12](#)

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

Seems to us like you'd be happier with an Advanced Herbology course, Nev.




 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-16 15:15:36](#)

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

Yeah isn't that what you want to do? Gonna be duelling other people out collecting plants in the swamps or something?




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-16 15:27:37](#)

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

Well, I suppose the orienteering would come in handy if I'm trying to track down a really rare plant like Snigitweed or something. And the field medicine might be useful if I broke my leg or something trying to climb rocks to get it.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-16 15:35:36](#)

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

Well.

Why not say you want to be a Healer? Ask Madam Pomfrey who you should write about that. Or maybe you could just write to her.

Or, I dunno. Maybe you could say you want to be a manager for one of the big businesses that use labour from the camps, so you'd need to know some of the stuff enforcers do in order to, y'know, keep discipline. And you could say that you've learned stuff at the Strettons that makes you want to go into that.

I mean, you could say you do, even though you don't.

I was thinking about writing Director Selwyn. But I don't know

what to say I want to do, either. Something at the Ministry, though, I guess.



alt_sally_anne at 2011-05-16 15:49:53

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

Here's the thing about the second one. There's a saying I've heard a few times (in Slytherin, I don't know if Gryffindors talk about this sort of thing) about not asking for opportunities you really

DON'T want because then what if they say yes? I mean what if they offered me an internship at one of the camps? UGH. There actually are a fair number of opportunities for halfbloods at the camps because no one really wants to work there. Even your father doesn't like going, and he works in that part of the Ministry.

I could say I want to be a Healer. Hm. I'd probably write to Madam Pomfrey though I suppose I could write to Ernie Macmillan's father. Or Padma and Parvati's brother, isn't he a healer? I can't remember.

Director Selwyn would probably at least be polite to you. Do you want to work at the Ministry? What would you want to do, I mean, which area? Muggleborn Labour like your father? Communications like your brother?

You know, your brother Charlie has a wizard job, working with dragons. Maybe I should write to him.



alt_ron at 2011-05-16 16:49:52

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

Yeah, Charlie's job is dead nift. And I'd love to do that, too, only-

I dunno. He's already done it, hasn't he? And it's really lucky to get offered one of those apprenticeships. I've heard it's harder to get that than to get taken for Auror training, and I don't think there's much chance they'd take me. And, y'know, just bludger me now.

I can't think of anything I'd want to do at the Ministry, really. Not what Dad does, for sure. And you have to be really ace at spell-

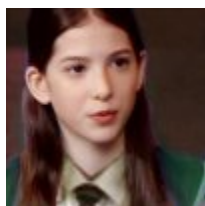
crafting to do what Bill does, but I'm not anything as brilliant as he is.

But the thing is, I'll have to work at something when I leave school, and I guess I could probably get something at the Ministry if I said that's what I want. I mean, I guess it probably would be something like Dad does, working under other people who make all the decisions and then make him stay late and do all the parchmentwork. So I don't see what choice I've got, really. I mean, I wouldn't get to be an Unspeakable, 'cause you've got to have top NEWTs for that and be all theoretical and Ravenclaw, too.

I mean, what I'd love to do is play Quidditch, but it's not like I'm even going to play for Gryffindor, so that's right out. I mean, I don't think Professor Sinistra would take that very seriously, do you?

Maybe I should write to MacBlevins and ask how you go about getting to be the Protectorate champion at chess. Except what's she going to tell me? 'Enter the national amateur tournament and win. Pay to join the Guild. Enter the pro tourneys and win.' Simple, that. And that's not going to get me into the Cadet tinger, either, is it?

So, yeah. I don't know. I want to do something dead snitch like Charlie, but I don't know what I can really do, yeah? And I don't want to be the one who just squibs out, y'know?



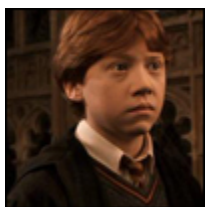
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-05-16 17:23:50**

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

You have to work at something but it doesn't have to be at the Ministry. There are people who make things and fix things and sell things. I've thought about trying to go into business making things like jewelry and fancy scarves and so on. That wouldn't be a good one to write about, though. Working at the Ministry would be a much better one to write about.

I suppose you don't have to know exactly, you could just talk about how you want to Serve Our Lord as directly as possible and devote yourself to a life of public service like he has (Director Selwyn I mean). People get moved around

departments all the time, I think, when they go to work at the Ministry. The Slytherins who do, at least.



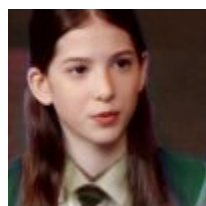
 [alt_ron at 2011-05-16 18:20:54](#)

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

You think I should really lay it on that thick?
Would he believe me?

Um.

If I do decide to write Director Selwyn, d'you think you and Pansy could write it for me? I mean, you'd know what sorts of things to say. And I'd probably just make a hash of it.



 [alt_sally_anne at 2011-05-16 19:46:08](#)

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

I probably ought to tell you to write it yourself and show it to us and we'll tell you what to change, but it'll be less work if we just write it for you.

Not this week, though. Pans



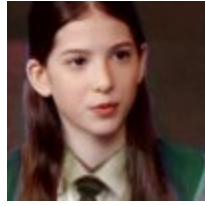
 [alt_ron at 2011-05-16 19:26:45](#)

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

Maybe I ought to tell him I'd like to work for whatever Department it is he's got that surveys places Muggles used to live to make them over for new wizarding towns. That'd actually be nift. And it'd use some of the skills that are supposed to be part of this Cadet programme, wouldn't it.

I mean, not the fighting, so much. I guess I could say something about wanting to be good at that, too, just in case He ever needed us all to fight for the Protectorate or whatever.

What d'you think? About the surveying idea. Or, um, Towler said to maybe call it regional planning or redeveloping or some such.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-16 19:46:55](#)

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

The surveying is a good idea, but you should find out exactly what that department is called. Ask your father, I'm sure he'd know.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-16 17:24:32](#)

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

Do you think I'd actually be any use as a Healer?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-16 18:17:17](#)

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

Of course you would.

You'd be ace at fixing things, too. Or adding charms to specialty wotnots. What would you want to do if you could do anything?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-16 19:51:04](#)

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

I don't know.

But being a Healer wouldn't actually be terrible. If I could get used to the hospital-wing smell.

I like fixing things, too. And adding charms to specialty whatnots. I suppose if I could do ANYthing I'd make things like charm bracelets, one-of-a-kind, and sell them to rich ladies who would pay far too much for them because they were so nift and they wanted to own a Perks Original.

Ha.

2011-05-15 21:31:00

Private Message to Padma and Parvati Patil



Did you see Professor Sinistra's YPL announcement?!

 **alt_lavender**


What do you think??

The part about contacting someone who has a career you're interested in sounds sort of nift, actually; I could always talk to your mum about fashion, after all.

But I must say I'm not excited about the idea of a three-week survival course; yes, I know our world can be dangerous and all, and Defence is important, but it's not as if we're all planning to be Aurors or joining MLE.

And to make that a condition of going on YPL! I suppose I'll apply anyhow, because I certainly don't want to be left out, but I honestly can't see how I'll use that sort of thing in *my* future career.



 **alt_padma** at **2011-05-16 01:54:15**
(no subject)

I know! I've been thinking about it all day. I could always write to Lana but I don't think I really fancy going into the Aurors. I really wanted to be a Potioneer when I was little. I'm not so sure. Of course, Parkinson knows people at the Guild and she's been pleasant enough lately, I might ask her who the best person to write is. I suppose it doesn't much matter as long as we pick someone and something appropriate. Especially as Professor Sinistra's going to read them as well.

And I think I can understand why they want us to be fit, too. I mean, no one wants people about who are fat or weak, do they? I'm not much for it, either, but if Sandoval can do it for the Aurors, I reckon we can do it for the YPL. It's important, right?



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-16 02:08:10](#)
(no subject)

You're right, it *is* for a good cause, but still, don't you think they'll favor people who really want to take Auror training or go into MLE over people who don't?

[2011-05-16 12:59:00](#)

About the Care of Magical Creatures classroom...




Yeah, we probably didn't need an O.W.L. in that class anyway.

 [alt_gredforge](#)

On to Herbology! At least nothing can blow up when we're just doing the essay portion.

Usually.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-16 18:08:07](#)
(no subject)

I don't want to know, do I?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-16 18:08:42](#)
(no subject)

No, probably not.

Fortunately, it was pretty easy to clean up. And no animals were harmed in the expression of this...explosion.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-16 18:09:40](#)
(no subject)

And if it's any consolation, one of the examiners said he'd never seen anyone do that with animal dung before.

We're the first!



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-16 18:15:02](#)
(no subject)


Couldn't you wait until it's time to take your N.E.W.T.s before trying to blow up the school?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-16 18:15:15](#)
(no subject)

We're precocious.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-16 18:20:08](#)
(no subject)


That's one word for it. Mum probably has a bunch more. In a Howler coming your way.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-16 18:20:23](#)
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Maybe she won't notice.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-16 18:22:53](#)
Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley

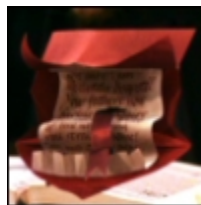
Must everything be a joke to you?! Don't you realise what you put Mum and Dad through when you do stupid things that endanger other


people?



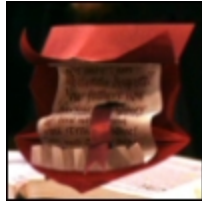
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I wouldn't pin your hopes on that.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-16 18:24:14](#)
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No, indeed.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-16 18:29:12](#)

Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley

You deserve a Howler at breakfast tomorrow at the very least. I'll let you off this time--not because YOU deserve the consideration, but your fellow O.W.L. students studying over breakfast don't need to have their concentration broken by the diatribe I'm dying to give you.

This isn't over. We will have words about this when you get home this summer.

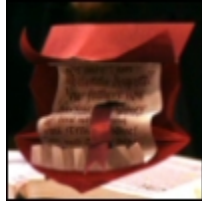


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Order Only

A Howler sent as a Private message?

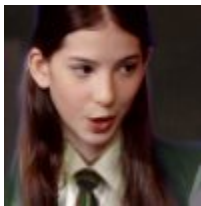
Mum, you're getting soft.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-16 18:32:24](#)

Re: Order Only

Don't you push me, either.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-16 19:44:56](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Why in Merlin's name did you blow something up during your Care of Magical Creatures OWL?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-16 20:49:06](#)

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

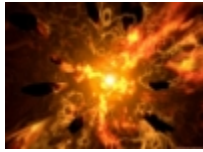
Look at it this way: Why wait for a better opportunity?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-16 20:51:15](#)**

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

But hang on. Why'd you want to blow up the Creatures room? I mean, Transfig I could totally see. Have you already had that exam?



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-16 21:46:04](#)**

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

We didn't blow the entire classroom up. We simply...well, let's just say there was a little riffling of energies that...made things extra pungent.

No, we haven't gotten to Transfiguration yet. But give us time!

[2011-05-16 13:50:00](#)

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy


I'm sorry. I know this week's anniversary is difficult enough, but I've just been called in by Travers and Quilp. Seems they've intercepted an item meant for you, filled with ravings about the Black brothers. Also repeated bits of the material from the earlier items re. members of Our Lord's council and their alleged crimes against 'decency'.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)**

I wouldn't trouble you with it, except that there are two particular bits that must narrow the circle of possible informants, and I'd like your opinion.



 **[alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-17 14:35:04](#)**
(no subject)

I confess I had taken advantage of Lucius' absence over the last few days to visit Ursula and had set my journal aside.

Have you any time today?

I suppose it's time to tell Lucius what has been occurring? He's due back this afternoon. Or do you estimate that this narrowing of suspects means you will be able to dispatch the culprit quickly and quietly, again?



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-17 19:48:18](#)**
(no subject)

I'll have a better idea after you've seen this most recent piece.

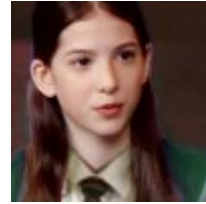
It's entirely your decision whether to inform Lucius, though I understand your reasons for preferring not to.

Given that he's chosen over the years not to share certain matters divulged in these letters, I expect he'd be infuriated to find that someone else is taking it upon himself to do so now. As for the slanderous bits, I can't guess whether he'd find them rage-inducing

| or merely ludicrous, but on the whole, I think you've taken a wise
| course.

2011-05-18 19:12:00

*Private message to Madam Pomfrey
and Professor Sinistra: YPL Letter*



Dear Madam Pomfrey,

You may be surprised to hear that I would like to be a Healer, because I usually try to avoid the Hospital Wing. But, I'm really quite interested in being a Healer like you.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

As you know, I am a half-blood, and although I am in fostering now, until I was eleven I lived with my natural parents. When you are a blood-traitor family you can't simply go to St Mungo's for healing, and so if you are seriously ill or injured things can be very difficult. The 'healers' who will see you are sometimes not really healers at all. They charge quite a lot of money, and sometimes they're cruel, because they know their patients have no choice but to put up with it. (My parents, of course, chose their situation, but I was born into it and had to live that way until I was liberated from my parents' household by Our Lord's decree upon beginning at Hogwarts.)

My early experiences have given me quite a lot of empathy for people who may not have ready access to a healer, whether it is because of their situation of birth, their place of residence, or their lack of money. I would like to become a Healer who treats anyone at all who needs help and who is kind and tries not to hurt people (and who would never hurt anyone on purpose), like you. I would like to go to places in the Protectorate that might be far from St Mungo's, to treat people who are too ill or injured to make the journey. I am very good with children (in my foster home with Mr and Mrs Stretton I have done a great deal of babysitting for their younger children) and I think, if I were a Healer, I could put children at ease. I am also good at fixing things that are broken, and while I know Healing a person is not like fixing a broken pump or loom, the process of figuring out what exactly might be wrong seems to me like it might be similar.

The thing that most appeals to me about Healing is that it would be a job where I would be of service to others: where I could feel certain at the end of each day that I had made things a little bit better than they would have been without me. How many other career paths offer that?


I know it is difficult to get into Healer training programmes and as a

half-blood I may face particular challenges, so if you have any advice to me I would very much like to hear it (but if you don't have time I understand of course).

Thank you very much.
Sincerely,

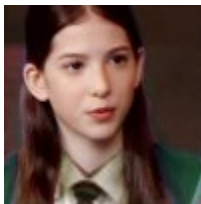
Sally-Anne Perks



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-20 04:51:50](#)**
(no subject)

I'm very pleased, Miss Perks, that you thought of writing to me with respect to this assignment. It gives me great pleasure to know that you are considering a career in the healing arts. The experiences you mention and the reflections you offer here show quite promising signs of genuine vocation.

I would like it very much if you would stop up to the ward to discuss this matter in person, though it might be best if you would wait until the fifth years have entirely finished with their examinations as my time and attention are currently in rather high demand. Perhaps you would come for tea on Saturday afternoon?



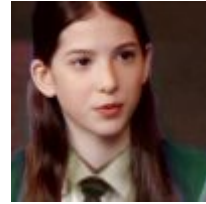
 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-20 16:55:45](#)**
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Yes, ma'am. I would like that very much. Thank you.

2011-05-18 19:28:00

Private message to Linus Moon

I didn't get a chance to talk to you today so I'm putting it in the journal. Here's what I've found so far that seemed like it would have been really useful before modern spells:



 [alt_sally_anne](#)

1. BOTH of the fire runes, both the one that keeps the fire from going completely out and the one that keeps it from spreading beyond the hearth. I mean, you'd have to be sure to erase that second one if you wanted to light a candle or something from your hearth fire but it would be worth having, a house fire is bad enough even when you can cast 'aguamenti' on it. And the one that keeps the fire from going completely out at night saves you a lot of trouble relighting it. Lighting a fire without a wand is a lot of work.
2. The peaceful sleep rune, although you know I tried it last night and I did not think it worked well. Definitely not as well as a dreamless sleep potion seems to work. The
3. The 'don't notice me' rune might be useful when hunting, I'm not sure. I tried it out to see if the pets in my dorm noticed some food I left out. They all noticed it after a while BUT they didn't notice it right away. Though maybe they just weren't hungry? My rat's nearly always hungry, though.
4. I was trying to decide if there was a way to mark a whole field of crops with that rune, because that might protect it from vermin trying to eat it. The anti-pest rune works on stored food but not so much on food while it's still growing.
5. The anti-rot rune would be good for stored food, even when you store it properly it sometimes spoils.

Anyway, I'm not sure any of these are exactly better than stuff that's available now, at least if you can get it. There's a charm that keeps a fire going exactly where you want it, there's dreamless sleep potion, there's an invisibility cloak (though actually animals can still smell you, can't they? so maybe the rune that keeps them from noticing you WOULD be better, if you need to go sneaking up on animals), there are a number of hexes you can use to keep birds and mice from eating your crops, and there are a dozen different ways to preserve food, some of them not even magical. (The Strettons use magic when they

make their jams, but they basically do with magic what you'd do if you were making jam WITHOUT magic. It's just easier to heat the jars and then put the food inside if you can use charms.)

But they'd certainly have been indispensable in Ancient Britain.

Have you come up with any good ones?


2011-05-19 00:13:00

Mr. Peakes...

Sir,

Thank you for returning my owl so quickly. This task I face is very important. And I know I must proceed with care. Thank you for your advice, It is well received. I am very glad to have a guardian such as yourself.



 **alt_dean**

Dean

2011-05-19 16:19:00

Current third year YPL students - a clarification



 [alt_sinistra](#)

I've had a number of questions in the past few days about the application process for this summer's programme, so a few clarifications:

- Several well-known figures in Our Lord's work have let us know that they would prefer to be contacted by owl rather than through the journals (for a variety of reasons: in some cases, they use the heavily journals for business related correspondence, in other cases, an assistant handles much of their correspondence for them.)

A list of those who would prefer to be contacted by owl is therefore posted by my office door, and has been provided to the common room of each House. This list also includes those who are open to either owl or journal messages.

Please note that I must see your letter as part of the application process. If you send a message by owl, please drop by my office during my usual open hours with two copies of your letter. You will leave one copy with me, and I will initial the other to indicate that I've seen it before it was sent.

The lists we are making available also include contacts at various Ministry departments and professional associations who are delighted to engage in conversation about their field of interest. If you are not sure who to write to, we suggest selecting someone from an area of interest to you. Madame Pince has some additional material on these departments and organizations in the library.

- While this summer's programme will have training on appropriate combat and defence skills (and in general, on building physical stamina, skill, and experience to support your magical training), there are a number of options for those who do not wish to focus on those areas of interest. As noted in the application forms, there are training options for herbology, medwizardry and healing, orienteering, and a variety of other practical skills.

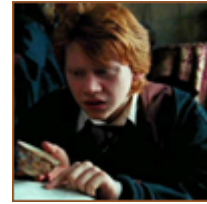
- The deadline is noted on the application, but briefly, your application (and your letter to your chosen professional in a field of study that interests you) must be submitted before you leave school for the

summer. We're still working on setting the precise date for further testing and interviewing (as you can imagine, there are a number of people involved), but that will be a week or two after you return home.

Any additional questions, please feel free to ask here, or when I'm available in my office (or on the astronomy tower, as long as I am not teaching other material at the time.)

2011-05-19 20:03:00

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Sally Anne Perks and
Pansy Parkinson*



 [alt_ron](#)

So, er. Towler's quit playing chess with me until I write this letter thing to Director Selwyn 'cause he says I really pretty much have to do whatever it takes to stay in YPL. Says he'd totally be doing it if they'd started with his year, and says it's going to be really, really a bad thing for people who drop out, y'know. Basically all the stuff we've talked about, but I mean, he's older and he thinks the same thing. That it'll help us get jobs or hurt us a lot--one way or the other.

So, yeah.

And anyway, I was only sort of kidding when I asked if you'd write it for me, but, uh, they sort of sat there and watched me while I wrote a draft of it, so I've got this bit written, and it's probably completely naff. So could you take a look and tell me what to say instead?

Uh, so

Dear Director Selwyn.

My name is Ronald Weasley, and you might not remember, but we've talked before. Here in the journals. One time. And I was Mad Eye's Mad Cat in the play this spring, and maybe you remember that since you said ~~As~~ your daughter liked the way I played it. Anywiz, I'm writing because I'm in the YPL. You know, the Young Protectors' League. And we're supposed to write a letter to someone who works in a field we're interested in. So I've been thinking a lot about what I might want to do, and I decided probably not working with dragons like my older brother Charlie does because they don't take very many people into that programme and it'd be sort of awful to have to train under my own brother. If you know what I mean. I've met some of the dragon handlers, and they're a pretty rough lot and I think they'd pretty much spend all ~~they're~~ their time taking the mickey if I got into training. So not that. And so then I've been thinking about jobs at the Ministry, which you probably know is where my dad and my other brother work. My dad's in the Department of Purity Control and works with the Muggle

Domestication department, too, and my brother Bill's in Communications. And I guess those are both good jobs that, you know, make a contribution to the Protectorate and stuff. And Bill got a promotion last year, so I guess he's really good at what he's doing. But I'm not sure I want to always be working in an office indoors, so I've been talking to people about what I like to do and what sort of jobs that might mean I'd be good at, and one of the people in my House said I ought to think about surveying because I like exploring and flying and finding places out in the country that've been left empty and all. And she'd heard that there's a Department of Regional Restoration and Rural Reclamation that's surveying all the places around where Muggles used to live that could be good places for wizards to start new towns of our own since there are getting to be more of us. And I think that'd be a completely wizard job to have! Especially the part where she said she'd heard they're planning to blow up some of the rotten old Muggle places to allow nature to take them back faster so they'll be beautiful again. That'd be amazing to get to blow stuff up. Um, and also to help plan where to build new things or fix and improve places that are okay but just need the Muggle stuff taken away. And, anywiz, I'm writing to you because that's part of your big department, right? And you were nice when we talked before, so I thought you'd probably not be annoyed if I wrote you about this. And I was hoping maybe you'd even write me back to tell me if this'd be a good sort of job for me to try to have someday.

So, yeah. Thank you, sir. I really appreciate your time and everything.

Sincerely,
Ronald Weasley
Gryffindor House
Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry

So. What'd you think?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-20 16:54:57](#)
(no subject)

Um, I may have a few suggestions before the end of the day. Don't post it like that. There's plenty of time, but Towler's right, earlier is better than later, so it's

good you wrote something.

But don't post it yet.



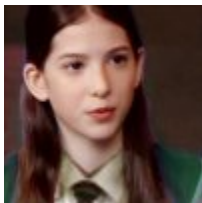
 **alt_ron** at [2011-05-20 17:08:31](#)

(no subject)

Um, okay.

I guess it's pretty rubbish, then? What I wrote.

I just don't know how to say stuff right. For a letter like this, anywiz.



 **alt_sally_anne** at [2011-05-20 17:15:01](#)

(no subject)

I don't think Pansy's feeling up to doing this today, just so you know. So if you want her thoughts too you should wait a few more days.

My name is Ronald Weasley, and you might not remember, but we've talked before. Here in the journals. One time. And I was Mad Eye's Mad Cat in the play this spring, and maybe you remember that since you said Ar your daughter liked the way I played it. Anywiz, I'm writing because I'm in the YPL. You know, the Young Protector's League. And we're supposed to write a letter to someone who works in a field we're interested in.

Just introduce yourself and don't remind him you talked to him that time, you were HEXED and just because he thought it was funny doesn't mean it's the sort of thing you should be reminding him of.

You can mention the play, though. Oh, and you don't have to tell him what the YPL is, I'm sure he knows. So something like this:

My name is Ronald Weasley. You might remember that I played Mad Eye's Mad Cat in the spring play. As a project for the Young Protector's League, we are each writing to someone in a field we are interested in for a career.

And then put in a blank line. Like I just did. When you write it all in one big block it's hard to read and you sound like one of those drunk adults who just can't shut it.

So I've been thinking a lot about what I might want to do, and I decided probably not working with dragons like my older brother Charlie does because they don't take very many people into that programme and it'd be sort of awful to have to train under my own brother. If you know what I mean. I've met some of the dragon handlers, and they're a pretty rough lot and I think they'd pretty much spend all their time taking the mickey if I got into training. So not that.

Just take all that out.

And so then I've been thinking about jobs at the Ministry, which you probably know is where my dad and my other brother work. My dad's in the Department of Purity Control and works with the Muggle Domestication department, too, and my brother Bill's in Communications. And I guess those are both good jobs that, you know, make a contribution to the Protectorate and stuff. And Bill got a promotion last year, so I guess he's really good at what he's doing.

This isn't too bad but don't say 'I guess they're good jobs' because you're trying to sound like you WANT this! Maybe something like this (after another blank line):

As you know, both my father and my brother Bill work at the Ministry in your department. My dad's in the Department of Purity Control and works with the Muggle Domestication department, too, and my brother Bill's in Communications. I would also like to work at the Ministry someday, probably in one of the departments that you oversee.

And then put in a new space and leave out the parts about being indoors all the time.

But I'm not sure I want to always be working in an office indoors, so I've been talking to people about what I like to do and what sort of jobs that might mean I'd be good at, and one of the people in my House said I ought to think about surveying because I like exploring and flying and finding places out in the country that've been left empty and all. And she'd heard that there's a Department of Regional Restoration and Rural Reclamation that's surveying all the places around where Muggles used to live that could be good places for wizards to start new towns of our own since there are getting to be more of us. And I think that'd be a completely wizard job to have! Especially the part where she said she'd heard they're planning to blow up some of the rotten old Muggle places to allow nature to take

them back faster so they'll be beautiful again. That'd be amazing to get to blow stuff up. Um, and also to help plan where to build new things or fix and improve places that are okay but just need the Muggle stuff taken away.

So, you want to sound here like you've actually RESEARCHED this, IS there a Department of Regional Restoration and Rural Reclaiming? You can check on this with Professor Sinistra, you know. You want to have the name exactly right, and you should already know before you write what they do so that you sound like you care enough to look it up! (I know you don't, and that doesn't much matter, you should just try to SOUND like you care.)

Anyway, don't forget your blank line and then say something like this:

I understand that your department oversees the Department of Regional Restoration and Rural Reclamation, which surveys former Muggle habitations to see whether they should be restored to a fully natural state, or developed into new wizarding towns. This job sounds really exciting to me! I think I would be good at this because I like exploring and flying, and finding places in the country that have been left empty. I particularly like the idea of blowing up rotten old Muggle places so that nature will take them back faster, and make them beautiful again. I also like the idea of planning where to build new things.

See, I kept most of your lines there because what you said wasn't bad, just in the wrong order.

And, anywiz, I'm writing to you because that's part of your big department, right? And you were nice when we talked before, so I thought you'd probably not be annoyed if I wrote you about this. And I was hoping maybe you'd even write me back to tell me if this'd be a good sort of job for me to try to have someday.

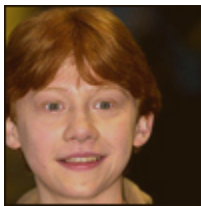
Remember Professor Sinistra said we can't expect a letter back? I actually did get a letter back (Madam Pomfrey wants me to come to tea to talk to her, which -- well, I hope she doesn't make me sit near the stuff with the hospital smells, or I won't enjoy the tea much. But you're right she's kind and maybe if I'm in the hospital wing when I'm NOT sick or hurt it won't be quite so bad) but I said I didn't expect a letter back as she's very busy, and you should say something like that. Also, you don't say 'anywiz' in a formal letter because it's slang. So, put in a blank line again and something like this:


I'm writing to you instead of the surveyors because what matters the most to me is serving Our Lord by working for the Ministry, and I would most like to work in Protectorate Affairs, your division. I like the idea of serving Our Lord as directly as possible, and it's hard to find a better place for that than your department! I admire you a lot, and I know you're a good person to work for. I don't expect a response because I know you're very busy, but thank you for everything you do for us.

And then say:

Thank you for your time, sir. Sincerely, Ronald Weasley.


I'm glad Towler made you write, because this sounds a lot more like you than it would have if I'd just written it. It will sound like you had a friend read it and give you suggestions but THAT'S fine.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-20 17:22:17](#)**
(no subject)

Awesomely awesome. You're the best, Perks!



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-20 20:35:24](#)**
(no subject)

I decided not to wait for Pansy, but, um, is she okay?
It's about that Mr Black, isn't it?



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-21 02:23:21](#)**
(no subject)

Yes.

It was a year ago he disappeared.

2011-05-20 00:09:00

*Private Message to Mr Malvasius Travers
and Professor Sinistra*



 [alt_dean](#)

Hello Sir,

I realize that you are extremely busy, and may not have time to respond. Nevertheless, I would like to take this chance to introduce myself to you. My name is Dean Thomas. You may or may not have heard of me, but nearly two years ago I was removed from the camp at Epping Forrest when it was discovered that there had been a mistake in my blood status. I also realize that I may be a bit more ambitious than a person of my status, but I have no desire stronger than to serve the Lord Protector.

This is why I am writing to you. It is my responsibility, for the YPL programme, to write a person in a career of interest to me. I understand that you serve our LP in a way that many could only dream of; and by doing so you protect Him and His realm in which we are so privileged to live. I desire nothing more than to keep Him and the realm safe from miscreants that try to create unrest, and try to

disturb the peace that the Lord Protector, the MLE, and you and your fellow Aurors have successfully obtained, and kept.

Through my continued endeavors here at Hogwarts, as well as with the YPL and the Sons of Wizardry, I feel that I have been a good example that no matter how bleak the situation (as in being tainted with non-magical blood), magical blood is strong and will always win in the end. I feel I am a tough person, in character and in strength and endurance. I am looking forward to the training that this summer promises to provide. I take my studies seriously; especially Potions and Dark Arts, and I enjoy attending the Dueling Club. All of these are areas in which I believe would benefit a student interested in the Auror career line.

As I have said before, I am sure you are extremely busy, however, if you do have the opportunity to respond, I seek to gain any advice you may have on pursuing this career choice, and seeking to serve the Him and the wizarding community of the protectorate. I feel I have the thirst, drive and determination it takes to follow through, and I always seek

the chance to prove myself. While I am only a third year, I assure you that any advice you have to offer will not fall on idle ears.

I thank you, Sir, for the time you have taken out of your schedule to read the letter of a half blood student.

Respectfully,

Dean Thomas

2011-05-20 00:27:00

Order Only

S'after midnight.

Happy birthday, Reg.



 [alt_sirius](#)



 [alt_alice](#) at **2011-05-20 13:01:18**

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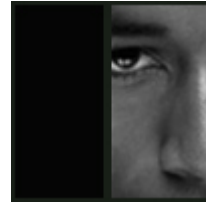
Oh, love.

It has been a year, hasn't it?

I'm sorry.

2011-05-20 09:43:00

Private Message to Harry Marvolo and Draco Malfoy



 **alt_blaise**

Avery says Pucey said that Bletchley saw the Headmistress carrying a broom-shaped parcel quickly along the corridor past the library this morning.

About time, too, if it's your broom back, mate. Has she sent for you or anything?

2011-05-20 10:45:00

Private Message to Horatio Hooper



 [alt_lucius](#)

Hooper, did you manage to accomplish *anything* in the last week or have you, as I suspect, taken the opportunity simply to sleep in, empty the larder and leave after luncheon? The point was to cover for my being out of the country - not to make it clear to all and sundry by your behaviour that I have been away. Should not have to impress upon you the delicacy of both sets of negotiations with countries, schools and leagues involved in these endeavours. Even Bagman's people understood the need for absolute secrecy until such time as all parties agree to the terms. How is it possible that you have failed where they succeeded?

Moreover, explain to me the dereliction of your duties that occurred whilst I was gone. You led me to believe all was in control. I specifically left documents to be completed and forwarded to Scrimgeour prior to my return. I've just seen him and he claims not to have received the parchments. What have you done with them?

I trust the parcels for Hogwarts, at least, were delivered as requested.

Make yourself useful, if you can, and kindly see if Cornelius and Dominic have ten minutes before day's end - *before* four o'clock, if you please. To-day of all days I have no intention of leaving Mrs Malfoy to dine alone. Under no circumstances interpret that to mean you may also pack in before you have completed your tasks.

Speaking of which, I came across your request for time away over the summer. Presume this means you intend to acquire coverage in your absence. Perhaps if, in future, you intend to bring all the business of my office to a halt when I am not present, it would be better to assure that your holidays co-incide with mine. As for the current request, out of the question. Shall need you at the very least to be on-call during the event, should anything untoward occur. With so many visitors and dignitaries on all sides it would be disastrous. You will be afforded an excellent seat for the match itself, never fear. Provided you can fit into it.

Bagman ought to be invited to meeting next week. The one on Tuesday. See to that, as well, before you take your luncheon. And kindly contact Clarriker to replace anything you have consumed these last days - garnish your wages to settle the account, if you please.

If you've the reports on Bradford and Llanfyllin, bring them to me at your convenience.

2011-05-20 10:56:00

Wotcher, Mates!

If yeh happen to live near an alchemist or a hatter or a felt dyer or a mirror-silverer--or o course, a pedlar--yeh'll have a ready source for **QUICKSILVER**. And quicksilver's another grand item yeh might slide into a bladder bomb, innit?



 [**alt_wagstaff**](#)

Just put a bit of a warmin charm on the container yeh've got it in so it'll slide well an smoothly. Then pour it in yer Jacob's, an seal er up!

An I should say, too, that if yer sourcin this stuff from an alchemist or a felter, yeh might find what they've got on hand is quicksilver wot's dissolved in a bath o aqua fortis, but go on, then: that'll do yeh just as well. Especially if the aqua fortis is extra-fortified, if'n y'know what I mean!

2011-05-20 12:50:00

Private Message to Lucius Malfoy


Lucius.

You're needed. ASAP. The Wiltonian. It's cordoned off, but they'll let you through.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2011-05-20 18:12:50**

(no subject)

National security?

I've only just sat down with Cornelius and Dominic.




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-05-20 18:15:10**

(no subject)

Narcissa.



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2011-05-20 18:16:23**

(no subject)

On my way.

2011-05-20 15:29:00

Private Message to Director Selwyn and Professor Sinistra



Dear Director Selwyn,

My name is Ronald Weasley. You might remember that I played Mad Eye's Mad Cat in the spring play. As a project for the Young Protectors' League, we are each writing to someone in a field we are interested in for a career.

 [alt_ron](#)

As you know, both my father and my brother Bill work at the Ministry in your department. My dad's in the Department of Purity Control and works with the Muggle Domestication department, too, and my brother Bill's in Communications. I would also like to work at the Ministry someday, probably in one of the departments that you oversee.


I understand that your department oversees the Department for Regional Restoration, Rural Reclamation, and Retroversionary Rigmarole (DFRRRRRR), which surveys former Muggle habitations to see whether they should be restored to a fully natural state, or developed into new wizarding towns. This job sounds really exciting to me! I think I would be good at this because I like exploring and flying, and finding places in the country that have been left empty. I particularly like the idea of blowing up rotten old Muggle places so that nature will take them back faster, and make them beautiful again. I also like the idea of planning where to build new things.

I'm writing to you instead of the surveyors because what matters the most to me is serving Our Lord by working for the Ministry, and I would most like to work in Protectorate Affairs, your division. I like the idea of serving Our Lord as directly as possible, and it's hard to find a better place for that than your department! I admire you a lot, and I know you're a good person to work for. I don't expect a response because I know you're very busy, but thank you for everything you do for us.

Thank you for your time, sir.

Sincerely,
Ronald Weasley




 **alt_selwyn** at [2011-05-22 00:03:34](#)
(no subject)

It's 'Retrovisionary Redevelopment,' lad, but close enough.

Perhaps you'd like to shadow your father or brother for a day this summer? I'll let your father know he'd be welcome to bring you in.



 **alt_ron** at [2011-05-22 02:43:58](#)
(no subject)

Sorry, Sir. I guess it was wrong in that report The Prophet wrote about it, but it sounds like an awesome department to work in whatever it's called.

And that would be really great, I think, to come for a day to work with my dad. I'd like that a lot. Thank you.

Really. Thank you, sir.

2011-05-20 15:34:00

Private Message to Horatio Hooper

Kindly reschedule Dominic and Cornelius for Monday. They are aware that I had to leave very suddenly; early morning should do well enough but flex the agenda if necessary to fit theirs.



 [alt_lucius](#)

TURN AWAY anyone from the *Prophet* who might call. Have already spoken to reporters who were on the scene and shall confer with Bole this evening before to-morrow's edition.

Presume by now you have heard that I was also not able to get to Court; informed Broome as much briefly and will make my apologies to Our Lord in person, of course. Nonetheless, before you leave to-night, check with Broome to determine whether there were any matters requiring rescheduling there owing to my absence.

Shall be at Hogwarts for to-morrow's match as you know and then Sunday to Norwich for the Burroughs function. Have journal should you need to reach me.

Trust you will not shirk, as discussed this morning.

[2011-05-20 21:22:00](#)

(no subject)

Barty, has your Mother recovered from this afternoon's ordeal? I shouldn't wonder if she's still as shaken as I but I do hope she's been properly seen to by St Mungo's.



 [alt_narcissa](#)

Remind me in future to ensure that you are lurching in the vicinity of any place where reporters are likely to find me. I must say I don't half fancy another such encounter on my own. There is a very good reason you and Bella are the Aurors and I am not!

Draco, if you should see the *Prophet* this evening before Valerian arrives with your Father's note: I am perfectly well, now. Mother had a spot of bother but it's all right, nothing to worry about. We'll see you tomorrow, dear. I am quite looking forward to excitement as a spectator, rather than a participant - only the good sort of excitement, of course.

Your Father says he thinks Harry will be allowed to play with his replacement broom. Have you heard from Professor Slughorn about it? Or your Uncle?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-21 03:25:41](#)

(no subject)

Narcissa. Good.

Good.

Yes, Mother was seen at St Mungo's. Knocked down, apparently. She's resting. Not very resilient these days, but she'll manage. I'm sure she'll do her best to turn it to her advantage.

Pleased you're willing to let us see to our work, but you shouldn't run down your own skills. That 'photographer' who tried himself wand to wand with you regrets his underestimation keenly at the moment. Dedicated training served you well. Impressively well, Narcissa.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-21 03:52:44](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I daresay I acquitted myself admirably but it's not an experience I care to repeat anytime soon! At least I remembered not to hesitate. I understand that's the source of many a misstep in duelling.

Still, if ever I began to think myself the equal of several Councilwizards I could name, I have learned first-hand that I lack the temperament for the constant risk you all face. Don't worry, I'm not planning to retreat from the world like Walburga (may she rest in peace), but I quite preferred a life where one did not have to defend oneself at wandspoint against all and sundry. I'm reminded of the duellists of the Restoration. What is the saying Roderigo Battaglia used? Something about how there is always a younger duellist looking to prove his hexation skills? Well, you know the quote I mean, I'm sure.

Let all note: I am not interested in acquiring a reputation as a 'quick-draw' or - how did the young witch from *Whirl* put it? A 'fierce curse-thrower.' Utter nonsense!




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-21 04:30:08](#)
(no subject)

You're quite right, Narcissa. There's no reason you should have to face threats, and you should never have needed to fend off an assailant with your own wand and resources. However well equipped you are for that or any eventuality.

Our Lord intends His people to live in peace and security, and His Aurors will bring to justice any who oppose the good He wills for his realm.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-21 03:46:31](#)
Private Message to Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy

The item we recovered sent up enough red flags that we've sent it on to Rodolphus. I'll let you know when there's anything to report.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-21 03:59:45](#)

Re: Private Message to Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy

Thank you. I feel so foolish about the whole affair. I've no idea how he managed to slip it into my pocket without my notice.

Have you any idea what it was meant to do? It's not one of those bums Snape had advocated, is it? I thought those were meant to be rather smaller. And they don't have a long lead time, either, do they, so it would have exploded sooner if it were. Unless he failed to make it properly, I suppose.

At this rate I think I shall forego the 20th of May altogether next year. We shall skip ahead from 19 to 21. I decree it so.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-21 04:49:51](#)

Re: Private Message to Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy

Don't punish yourself for any of what happened. You were magnificent in the stress of the event. Honestly. And the wizard who did it will be very, very sorry before we finish with him.

The device we're not sure about. That's why Craddock sent it on to Rod. It does not seem to have been meant to explode. Can't tell you more. Yet.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-05-21 05:04:53](#)

Re: Private Message to Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy


Just what I have been telling her - that she's not to blame and that she comported herself perfectly by all accounts.

And yes, he will regret his part in all this for the rest of his life. As well as any cohorts he might have had in the endeavour.

One of the elves has brought her a draught of calming tisane and she's trying to sleep. Shall finish one or two things here and check on her in a bit.


If you learn anything of note - *anything* at all, let me know.



 **alt_crouch_jr at 2011-05-21 05:10:42**
Re: Private Message to Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy

Understood.



 **alt_lucius at 2011-05-21 04:18:06**
Private Message to Barty Crouch, Jr.

Indeed, my thanks, Barty. For your quick response as well as alerting me at Narcissa's request.

Has he talked yet? Do let me know when Truncheon has wrung every useful drop of information from him. I've a few ideas to make him pay dearly for his violation.

As to the greater threat ... I thought under the circumstances Narcissa ought to show reasonably unconcerned to-night but you know as well as I how distraught she has been about her ordeal. And no wonder. I can understand her desire to keep me from worrying, particularly with our negotiations for the Cup Exhibition and the Tournament so near to completion yet requiring so much diplomacy at present. Still, I could have insisted on a protection detail for her had I known the extent of the menace being aimed in her direction. Grateful, naturally, that you have done what you could to provide her with some measure of intervention - presume that was why you contrived to take your lunch so conveniently close to the Wiltonian? She should not have made it necessary to put you to the trouble; again, her desire for secrecy about being targetted puzzles and vexes me. Not your fault, of course. I think you'll agree that she can be maddeningly unfathomable at times.

Will speak to Crabbe to-morrow about assigning one of his hired wizards to her until we learn more about the device you recovered and whether this incident was in fact connected to the letters she has been receiving. Does Travers have those, by the way? Narcissa seems to think he might have.

Please convey our regards to your mother and our regrets that she was injured in the scuffle.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-21 05:09:37](#)

Re: Private Message to Barty Crouch, Jr.

Truncheon is still plying his craft. He knows you'll wish to be consulted when he's finished his work.

Understood. And, yes. I do think Narcissa found some of the details of the letters disturbing; they forced her to digest things she's sought not to know. I can't speak to her wish that you not be told. But it was hers to decide.

Yes. Do speak to Crabbe, though we both know she'll hate it. And Travers does have the letters, yes. If Narcissa's given permission, obviously he'll make himself and them available to you. I'm sure he'd welcome your insight into the contents.

Thank you. I'll tell Mother you asked after her.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-21 14:46:09](#)

Re: Private Message to Barty Crouch, Jr.

Still nothing from Rodolphus, but then, he has one of the ducklings at the moment and will be taking its hex structure down slowly for her benefit. Who knows. Maybe they're even keeping to bureaucrats' hours.

Truncheon, however, has pulled some significant information from his specimen over night, and I'm for Ipswich. No need to tell Narcissa if you think it would upset her to know, but if this is the sort of lead it appears, there may be a significant arrest on the horizon.

If you do tell her, be sure to explain that I've taken proper precautions and have all due resources at my disposal. No need for her to fear I'm up to anything overly risky or rash.

Enjoy the Quidditch today. I trust that Marvolo and Malfoy will lead Slytherin House to a resounding victory.

The Falcons are on Puddlemere's schedule for June. If you think Draco would like to attend the match, let me know, and I'll reserve tickets for the two of you in the box--more if either of you would like to bring others.

[2011-05-21 17:27:00](#)

Three Cheers!

For Oliver Wood!!!

Awesome Keeper! Best Captain Ever!

Good show, mate!

And, um. Well done, Gryffindor.



 [alt_ron](#)




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-21 23:36:12](#)

(no subject)

Well done? How can you say 'Well done' when they lost?

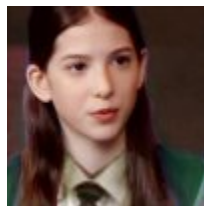


 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-21 23:51:39](#)

(no subject)

Well, I heard Towler say after the match that we were so far ahead on points, we would have won if Marvolo hadn't caught the Snitch.

And Marvolo mightn't have caught the Snitch if his broom hadn't given him an unfair advantage--at least that's what Towler said.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-21 23:55:19](#)

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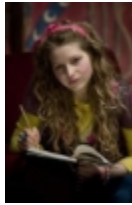
There's nothing unfair about him having a good broom.


Gryffindor really played quite well. They made it a really close match, even though Slytherin House has the best Seeker in the history of the school!



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-22 00:05:02](#)
(no subject)

Cheers, Perks! Thanks for not rubbing it in like *some* people.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-22 00:15:48](#)
(no subject)

And I didn't mean Marvolo, I meant you, Smith!




 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-22 00:24:00](#)
(no subject)

Wot?

I wasn't rubbing anything anywhere, Brown. It's Weasley said your lot did well when they really weren't so nift themselves. Marvolo caught the Snitch because his broom is brilliant AND because he's a dead wicked Seeker. But he wouldn't have won it for Gryffindor if ALL your Chasers had been up to the task.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-22 00:28:35](#)
(no subject)

Marvolo's an ace seeker, sure, but we have lots of wiz-nift players!

Look at Wood--Robins said Madame Hooch told him he was scouted during the match by professional Quidditch scouts!



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-05-22 00:32:30](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, but Wood's not your Chaser, is he!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-21 23:56:52](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm almost glad I didn't live with the Woods last summer, think how cross everyone in my House would be that I helped Oliver train!

He was brilliant. I heard a rumour there were scouts for quidditch teams in the stands tonight and I hope they were true, he well deserves it.



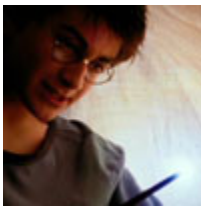
 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-22 02:27:23](#)

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

Yeah, he was brilliant. And he didn't need an extrawizard broom to do it, either.

I mean, I'm not saying Marvolo didn't fly well or that he didn't spot the Snitch out of blue nowhere, but if you've got a better broom than anyone else in the skies, you can't exactly take credit for going faster and flasher than everyone else. Wood, though. That was all him.

And I bet those teams that had scouts here fight over him to see who can sign him first.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-21 23:58:52](#)

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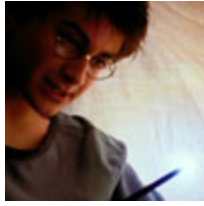
Oi!!! What's unfair about my broom?!



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-22 00:02:37](#)

(no subject)


Well, Towler and Wood seems to think it was professional quality--loads better that what anyone else has!



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-22 00:05:05](#)
(no subject)

But its just as unfair if people have an old Comet as opposed to a Cleansweep 7 or something.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-22 00:09:06](#)
(no subject)

Well, maybe if it had been just the broom, but what about that darkness powder?!


How is that even allowed in Quidditch?



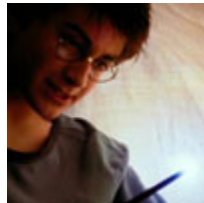
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Well I didnt ask him to do that. Anyway it wasn't like BLATCHING.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-22 00:21:20](#)
(no subject)


Who was blatching?!



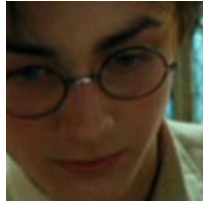
 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-22 00:22:40](#)
(no subject)

NOBODY was blatching, Im just saying it's not as bad as blatching.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-22 00:23:37](#)
(no subject)

But it's still sort of bad, right?



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2011-05-22 00:30:29](#)**
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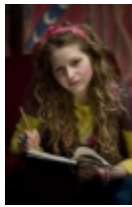
Not THAT bad. anyway it was on the Gryffindor side too.




 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2011-05-22 00:09:57](#)**
(no subject)

Towler? He barely touched the Quaffle the whole match! If it weren't for Bell and Johnson, Gryffindor would have spent all its time watching Slytherin pass it back and forth. (Mind you, Wood did brilliantly but he's not got a load of support from the others.)

You lot need a real Seeker, not that Coote bloke. He wouldn't know a Snitch if it fluttered its wings in his face! Wood's lucky you lot didn't lose by twice the points.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-05-22 00:12:52](#)**
(no subject)

You can't blame Coote for getting darkness powder splashed in his face!

Wood was dead cross about it too.

2011-05-21 19:50:00

*Private Message to Mr Ludovic
Bagman and Professor Sinistra*



 **alt_zacharias**

I'm writing as part of the Young Protectors' League assignment. You may have seen Professor Sinistra's post about it. The third-year students are supposed to write to someone in a career they'd like to pursue after finishing school. I've been interested in Quidditch for a long time, and other sport as well. (Some of the older boys in Hufflepuff have a fantasy Quidditch league and I hope to help run it next year.) I used to want to be a player when I grew up, only since coming to school I've seen players like Diggory and Wood. I can tell what makes them such ace players, but I also know I'm not nearly as good as they are and I'm not like to get a spot on our House side at this point, let alone anything like good enough to play in the leagues. But I know that running sport takes a lot of work and that leagues don't organise themselves, so I think I might like to go into the Ministry to help regulate and oversee Quidditch and the like. And my father says that you were one of the best Beaters the Wasps ever had, and that you really know how to make sure that everyone plays fairly and within the rules, and that's why you're such a good choice to head the Department. So I reckon you're also the best choice for me to write so I can go to the YPL programme this summer.

I think what's most important to me about the YPL is that it pushes us all to think of new and better ways to celebrate the freedom we enjoy in the Protectorate. Before His Lordship took over, we would have to hide our Quidditch matches and hold them out on abandoned moors and the like. Nowadays, of course, we can build grand stadiums and we don't have to worry about keeping them secret. I wish we could participate fully in the International leagues but I suppose if other countries would be more sensible about their muggles, we could do that more easily. All the same, I think it's brilliant that we can use sport to unify all those of magical descent and to build morale among our people. Plus, we're always learning about the importance of fitness, so I think the Department of Magical Games and Sports is a really powerful force to help carry that message.

This summer, I hope to prove my own physical fitness in the exercises for the cadets. I think that learning field mediwizardry and survival skills might also be helpful in the case of injuries. And orienteering

and mapping is necessary for choosing good places to build pitches, as well.

Well, I shan't take up any more of your time, except to say that I hope that you and Professor Sinistra find this letter acceptable.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Zacharias Smith

2011-05-21 20:20:00

MARVOLO

did you see the grim today too?


i thought maybe cus you lookd like you were going to throw the game.

but then you didnt.




 **alt_millicent**



 **alt_harry** at **2011-05-22 00:25:16**
(no subject)


I was NOT going to throw the game and I did NOT see a dog.



 **alt_lavender** at **2011-05-22 00:29:45**
(no subject)


What on earth are you on about, Bultstroke?



 **alt_millicent** at **2011-05-22 00:33:43**
(no subject)


BULSTRODE YOU DAFT COW



 **alt_padma** at **2011-05-22 12:38:01**
(no subject)

Wait, Bulstroke, did you see a Grim? A big black dog? At the match?




 [alt_millicent](#) at [2011-05-22 15:03:57](#)
(no subject)

you saw it then

yes




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-22 15:06:27](#)
(no subject)

No, I didn't see anything but

Well, other people have seen a black dog, only they thought it was Grim too. But if you've seen it then it was probably just a stray.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-22 20:41:25](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


Well, if she'd really seen one, I'd think she'd have popped her clogs by now.

And no such luck.

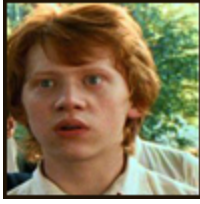
Just ran into her when we were coming in from the lake. I mean literally ran into her. Ow.

And then I asked her if she was writing to Mrs Malfoy because she wants to be a fashion model or a publisher or what. And she hit me. Seriously. Double ow.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-22 21:12:15](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Stay out of Milli's way when she's cross or she'll make you regret it!



 [alt_ron at 2011-05-22 21:14:17](#)

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

Well, but I mean, how can you tell?

She always looks like that!




 [alt_sally_anne at 2011-05-22 21:17:10](#)

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

No she doesn't. She has an entirely distinct 'really cross' look. Something about the set of her shoulders. Also that furrow between her eyebrows.

I mean sometimes she looks like that anyway, I'll give you that, but err on the side of caution!



 [alt_ron at 2011-05-22 21:23:55](#)

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

Yeah, well. I'd as soon never get that close to her again.

Pity it wasn't a Grim she saw.



 [alt_sally_anne at 2011-05-22 21:25:18](#)

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

Count yourself lucky! Some of us room with her! Knowing how to read her moods is an IMPORTANT SURVIVAL SKILL, let me tell you.



 [alt_sally_anne at 2011-05-22 21:18:01](#)

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

Anyway, you're right that it can't have been a Grim. Either that, or it was a Grim that was appearing for someone else! Only no one else has popped their clogs, either, so.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-22 21:24:22](#)

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

You know, I think there must be some secret thing going around meant to hack off Professor Carpenter since she's always poo-pooing Grims.

No one's said anything about it to me, but I guess that's no huge surprise. Anywiz, it's either that or a whole load of people are going soft in the loaf cause it's the end of the year.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-22 21:26:19](#)

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

If it weren't Milli I'd think you were on to something, but Milli doesn't have the imagination to make something up just to hack off a teacher.

It's probably just a stray dog, don't you think? Sometimes a dog is just a dog, not a portentous omen of INCOMING DEATH.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-22 21:57:19](#)

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

Ha! Yeah.

Actually that sounds like something this bloke at the dragon preserve said one night when we were there. He had a really fat cigar, and he was making out it was the best thing ever. And then he looked really, I dunno, wicked-like. And then he raised his eyebrow and said in this real funny voice 'Sometimes, y'know, a cigar is just a cigar!'

And everyone fell out laughing.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-22 22:25:51](#)

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

I'm not sure I understand why that's so funny.

But that probably means it was a...

you know. A double entendre.



[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2011-05-22 22:31:28

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

Yeah, I don't get it either.



[alt_ron](#) at 2011-05-22 22:33:09

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

Um. Yeah.

I think maybe you had to be there. It was just the way he said it, I guess.



[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-05-22 22:23:49

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

She doesn't have much of a sense of humour either!

Well, she tries telling jokes every now and again, but I don't think she knows how. And she gets cross when people laugh at jokes she doesn't get, because she thinks they're laughing at her instead.



[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2011-05-22 22:31:44

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

To be fair, we usually ARE.




[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-05-22 22:34:16

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

Point!




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-23 03:19:21](#)

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

I'm surprised anyone ever listens to anything that Bulstrode girl says.

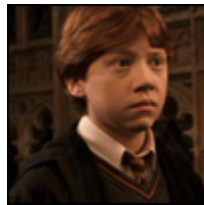
Yeah, probably just a stray.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-23 03:20:53](#)

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

Have you ever met someone who knew someone who saw a Grim and then died? I never know whether to believe that Grimms are true or not.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-23 03:30:31](#)

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

Well. My Uncle Bilius, for one. Saw a Grim and a day later he was dead. Just like that. Inside of 24 hours.

They're real enough. Just most people who think they've seen one haven't.

2011-05-21 21:29:00

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DID YOU SEE WHAT MISS BULSTRODE
JUST POSTED?

 [alt_mcgonagall](#)



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-22 02:36:27](#)

(no subject)

Oh dear.

Sirius, you've been seen again?

This is just too dangerous. On many levels.

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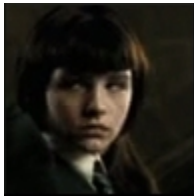
(no subject)

Nicely done, Draco and Harry. And Oliver Wood too. Harry, I'm so glad they let you use your broom. I've missed seeing you fly at the matches, and you really are a fantastic Seeker.



 [alt_pansy](#)

Aunt Narcissa and Lucius, it was wonderful to see you at the match. And thanks again for the lovely chocolates, Lucius, I very much appreciated them, and your note as well. And Aunt Narcissa, I was glad to see that you were doing well.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **[2011-05-22 02:32:39](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Ron, I'm sorry I didn't help you with the letter.

I'm glad Sally-Anne did. And she did a good job.




 [alt_ron](#) at **[2011-05-22 02:47:24](#)**

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

Hey, Fisheye.

You all right, then?




 [alt_pansy](#) at **[2011-05-22 02:49:44](#)**

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

I'll be okay, tunabrain.

You up for chucking stuff in the lake tomorrow?
Because I would really like that.



 [alt_ron](#) at **[2011-05-22 03:03:34](#)**

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


Yeah, totally.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-22 03:04:19](#)

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



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-22 15:05:21](#)


(no subject)

Thanks Pansy.

Now I can stop practising and just do school work.

SNAKES FOREVER!!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-22 17:22:55](#)

(no subject)

UP SLYTHERIN!



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-22 15:33:44](#)

Private message to Pansy

Cheers, though I didn't play as well as I could have. I think all that subbing in as seeker has mucked up my chasing skills. And then there was the business with Mother. I can honestly say I didn't actually feel much like playing quidditch yesterday, and I don't think that's ever happened before. You didn't look like you felt much like watching quidditch, either.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-22 17:32:16](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I'm sorry to hear that, Draco. I know how much you love to fly.

And it must've been awful to read about your mum in the paper like that. I'm glad she came to the game, though, despite everything. I know she likes to put on a good front and all,

but she really did look well. And it was good that Lucius could come back from France to be with her. That must've been a great comfort to her, and seeing you play, too, of course.

And true, I didn't feel much like being there, but it was better than sitting in my bed and feeling sorry for myself. It was worth it to see just how happy Harry looked to be back on his broom.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-22 22:03:41](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I'm certain that what's going on with Mother is much worse than what was reported in the *Prophet*. They're both telling me not to worry too much for it to not be.

I'm almost used to people trying to hurt Harry (I feel like rubbish, writing that, but it's true), but this is different. And this time is bad for her too, you know. Because of him.

I wonder what it must be like to have a really, really boring life. You know, to be someone who's really thick and barely has any emotions - like Bulstrode. Sometimes I think it might be peaceful.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-22 22:17:09](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I know.

Maybe that's why it's happening now? Because they know she'd be more vulnerable than usual?

I have no idea what's actually happened, though, other than what they said in the newspaper. And everything printed in the newspaper is usually rubbish anyways. I suppose that if it's something you want to find out about, you can always ask after summer hols have started and there's been some time for things to settle down. But it must be awfully frustrating to not know the entire story.

I think that sort of life would be terrifically sad. All Milli wants is to get married and run a household, and I don't know who on earth would want to marry her, so she probably won't even reach that low bar. I think sometimes that's the reason she's so sour all

the time.

And if getting scared or feeling sad or lonely sometimes means that you can also feel happiness and love and real satisfaction, well, I guess I'll take the bad with the good rather than none of them at all.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-22 23:26:37](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I have no idea at all, none more than you do, which is why it's been such a bother. Now is definitely not a good time to ask, though. Not to mention that "don't worry" is sort of a subtle way of saying "don't ask us about it."

See, you think Millie's sour, but I think she just doesn't care. She just lives her life letting everyone know what she thinks and feels at any given moment, even if nobody wants to hear it. I bet she was never once told to keep a stiff upper lip, either.

God, now I sound like I envy Millie. Didn't mean to go there, I swear.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-23 00:00:41](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Hah!

I was just imagining you as a housewife.

It was quite amusing.

Are you writing anyone for YPL and doing the summer programme? I mean to write Tennebridge, because even if I don't end up doing the things this summer, I'd still like to keep up a correspondence, and this is as good an excuse as any.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-23 06:04:19](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Do that often, do you?

I'm definitely doing the programme so I should write to someone, but I just don't know who. A lot of what I do when I get older will depend on certain other things, anyway.

2011-05-22 08:29:00

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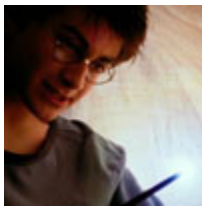
Marvolo. That was some wizard broom-work yesterday. Dead amazing that last race for the Snitch through both bludgers and both rabid Weasels. They should name that head-down pirouetting manoeuvre after you!



 **alt_blaise**

My head's still pounding after that party last night, but I think it was the music more than the butterbeer. Draco: those albums your father sent are sorcerous. *Les Têtes Crackes*? Brilliant. And how snitch is it that he bought you *Mon Pied Gauche*? Do you think he listened to it before he paid for it?

Anyway. You both were great yesterday. Another year of Slytherin dominance in the books!



 **alt_harry** at **2011-05-22 15:04:51**

(no subject)

Thanks Blaise. SNAKES FOREVER!!



 **alt_draco** at **2011-05-22 22:08:10**

(no subject)

He was probably too busy to spend much time listening to music, so I have a feeling my Aunt might have suggested them. She's got brilliant taste.

Did you get a chance to look at the France-Bulgaria programme yet? Warrington gave it back to me after lunch, if you're still interested.

2011-05-22 08:49:00

Private Message to Miss Perks and Professor Sinistra



 **alt_poppy**

I enjoyed our tea yesterday afternoon, and I'm very pleased that the Quidditch, despite its going long, did not prevent your visit. (I've now been treated to a great many accounts of just how exciting a win it was for Slytherin House, and I must say it would have been a great shame had you missed the white-knuckle race for the Snitch that ended it.)

If you have any further questions for me, I would be most pleased to answer them or to refer you to others who can. And, of course, if you require a character reference or a professional assessment of your potential for entering the field, please know that I will be happy to supply it.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2011-05-22 16:58:36**

Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Poppy -

Thank you for your kindness in taking time to speak with Miss Perks. As I know I've said before to you, she's one of the brightest in her class, and I would love to see her succeed in her goals as much as possible, given the unfortunate limitations of her parentage.

Tea tomorrow? I've got a few things I'd love to chat with you about, and I'll need a break from marking sometime around then. Mum's sent along a few charms and recipes she dug up from an old diary she thought you might also find interesting.

-Sinistra



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2011-05-22 21:27:48**

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Tea tomorrow would be lovely, and I'll be most interested to see what your Mother has sent. She has a knack for recovering lost resources and wise practices that merit reviving.

Would four o'clock suit?

As for Miss Perks, I quite agree about her abilities and merit. I will do whatever I may to help her along her way. Fortunately, she is quite clear-sighted about the difficulties she may face.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2011-05-23 01:05:00**

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Four would be excellent.

I do hope the end of term chaos is finally letting up for you. I've been up to my ears in students who are certain they've failed their OWLs or NEWTs and that the world has ended (and why is it always the students who actually do fairly well who fret about that, rather than the ones who should be worried?)

At any rate, a break will be quite nice.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2011-05-22 21:11:02**

(no subject)

Thank you very much, Madam Pomfrey.

2011-05-22 09:07:00

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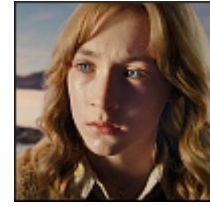
Professor Uncle Raz,

Are you terribly busy today?

I thought you weren't too much on a Sunday, only I went to your office and the door told me it would only open up if it was an emergency.


And then last night it said that you weren't in and that you probably wouldn't be back until very late, or very early, depending...?

So, I was just wondering.



 [alt_hydra](#)




 [alt_rabastan](#) at **2011-05-22 15:19:57**
(no subject)

Sorry Ducks, I've got to make a number of important fire chats today, as well as marking essays.

You didn't have an emergency, did you?




 [alt_hydra](#) at **2011-05-22 15:21:11**
(no subject)

Oh, I see that makes sense then.

No I didn't have an emergency, but what were you doing last night?

From
Hydra



 [alt_rabastan](#) at **2011-05-22 15:23:46**
(no subject)

I was with a friend. I would have thought you would have been with friends, too, celebrating Slytherin's impressive victory. Especially since I know for a fact that Harry has procured some of your very favourite nibbles from Honeyduke's for such occasions.

You seem awfully insistent, for someone not having an emergency.
Everything all right, then?




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-22 15:24:50](#)
(no subject)

I was with them for a while, but then there was nothing to do.

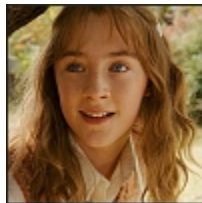
Everything is fine, but you said we would play portkey this week and the week is almost over, that's all.


From,
Hydra



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-22 15:26:05](#)
(no subject)

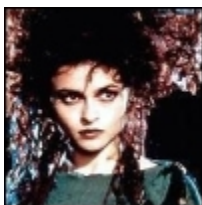
That's true: I did say we would play portkey, and then week is, in fact, almost over. Why don't you come by for tea in a few hours? I should be ready for an essay-marking break by then.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-22 15:26:22](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I will!

From,
Hydra




 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-22 19:58:23](#)
Private message to Rabastan

It's good to see a journal entry with proper paragraphs, at last.

She's not bothering you like this all the time, I hope.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-22 21:57:35](#)**

Re: Private message to Rabastan

No, she's no bother at all. Sometimes I think she doesn't bother people enough.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-05-22 21:59:21](#)**

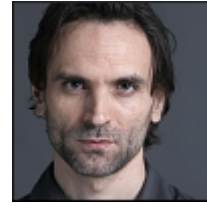
Re: Private message to Rabastan

Precisely. Were she bold and direct, she would simply make an appointment to meet with you rather than lurking around your door and making passive, pitiful inquiries.

2011-05-22 09:37:00


Private message to Lana Sandoval

I know we decided on after, but If you're able to make it in just *before* lunch, all the better. I'll have the elves fetch up something light (concern for alertness and nothing more) for us before we get to work. Bring a new pair of gloves if you are able; if not, I have several extra pairs laying about, one of which may fit you.



 [alt_rodolphus](#)



 [alt_lana](#) at **2011-05-22 19:57:18**
(no subject)

Rod. You said to let you know if the spell colour-shifted. We expected rose, I thought, but it's going orange. And it's still shifting.


I don't want to interrupt if you're in the middle of something, sir, but could you come down and have a look?



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at **2011-05-22 20:07:17**
(no subject)

Orange, then? Surprising. Possibly we're near to uncovering whatever might be embedded beneath the anti-transporters. Please stand clear until I arrive. Coming directly.



 [alt_lana](#) at **2011-05-23 03:41:30**
(no subject)

Rod. I've been thinking all evening about the way the surface began effervescing that sparkling talc when you cast the second intensifier. Was it resisting our efforts to unravel it or responding? The more I think about it, the more I wonder if it wasn't an effect of your spell being repelled. Is that possible?

Is it all right if I come in a bit early? I've told Mama not to expect me for breakfast.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-23 04:02:29](#)**
(no subject)

It is not only possible, but correct. I didn't like to point it out to you in hopes that you would make the connection on your own, and look there, you've done just that.

This is fairly sophisticated hex-layering, though not the most complex I've encountered. I've a few things in my collection which not only resist deconstruction, but will actually react violently when the attempt is made.

I would do her a disservice to turn away such an eager pupil. Please arrive whenever you like.

2011-05-22 11:07:00

*private message to professor sinistra
and mrs malfoy*



Dear mrs malfoy.

I am writting to you for the YPL. you are in the
profesion that i would like to be in. That is
home maker.

 **alt_millicent**

it is very important that every body has a mother. also home makers
keep the protecterate strong. I am a good house keeper. also I like
babies but not when they cry. but no body likes it when babys cry. so
that is alright i think Also being a home maker is the most appropriate
thing for a witch to do.

I hope to learn about heeling spells. and house work spells in the YPL
summer training

Sinsereely,
Millicent Bulstrode



 **alt_narcissa** at **2011-05-23 02:58:38**

(no subject)

Thank you, Miss Bulstrode.

2011-05-22 13:41:00

Private Message to Susan Bones

Hey Bones


I hope we keep up Tea of the Strange next term. I think we ought to induct Loony Lovegood as an honorary member. Did you see the hat she wore to the match?



 [alt_pansy](#)

I wanted to ask you a favour, actually. If you're not busy. I've been working on this song, see, only I'm having trouble with getting the melody just right, and I can't sing terribly well so it's hard for me to tell if it's the way I want it, and I'd usually ask Draco to help me out, but it's really not his kind of song. So if you could help me out with it a bit, I'd really appreciate it.



 [alt_susan](#) at **2011-05-22 18:33:42**
(no subject)


I didn't see it--was it brill?

And yes, I think she'd be a great member!

I'd love to help with your song--would you like to meet before dinner?

It seemed like the room where we had TTotS had quite good acoustics.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-22 18:40:13**
(no subject)

That'd be ace. And yes, that room would work fine. I'll bring my guitar along.

Thanks, Sue.

We'll have to bring it up to everyone else to see if they agree, of course, but I think she's a shoe-in. We ought come up with a really funny way of inviting her. Hah! Maybe we should find a really weird looking shoe and write the message on the inside or something and send it by owl.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-23 01:23:07](#)
(no subject)

A shoe would be perfect--or some other little odd thing we find around the castle. Maybe we should all bring something and send the weirdest one.

I'm tempted to say we should chuck out Bulstrode, but it seems an awfully Brown & Patil thing to do...so maybe better not!




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-23 01:33:34](#)
(no subject)

I think that'd be just the thing. We could write the invite and send it to her over summer. Or maybe we could send her five bits, each with a clue!

And Milli might act like she doesn't care one way or the other, but I really think she likes it. She came to both of the ones this term, didn't she? And if she doesn't care to, she certainly doesn't have to come!

Thanks for helping me out today. You really do have a very pretty singing voice. I'm especially glad we sorted out that tricky bit in the verses, I know I couldn't have sorted it out half as fast on my own.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-23 01:39:32](#)
(no subject)


Let's do the clue-sending--it'll give her a fun sort of mystery to puzzle out over summer hols.

Thanks! Yeah, I liked the idea of having the choruses be a bit faster, almost cheerful, and then having the verses be slower, instead of slow all the way through.

I especially liked the "coloured my soul" bit, that was really good; and the bit about the joy of love and the pain of loss crashing together.

That's just how people talk, at funerals and things when they're really sad, but sharing good memories of the person.



 **alt_pansy** at **[2011-05-23 01:47:35](#)**
(no subject)

That's *exactly* what I wanted. For it to be sort of sad and happy at the same time. Because the reason it can be sad is because of the good times, and if you're only sad, you forget the happy bits too. And I wanted it to be sort of hopeful, too. If that makes sense.

Maybe we should all meet up one more time before end of term? We could talk about letting Loony in, and what to write on the bits we'll send her over summer.

If you talk to Brocklehurst, I'll ask Sally-Anne and Milli what they think.

[2011-05-22 15:47:00](#)

Private Message to Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Everything quiet there, I trust?

Work in progress is the word still from Rodolphus. And we're working our end of things vigorously.

It would be wise if you remained on guard. I don't want to alarm you unduly, and I'm not recommending that either of you cancel all engagements, but extra precautions would not be amiss.

Narcissa, I hope you're feeling more yourself soon.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-23 02:33:19](#)
(no subject)

We've been interviewing a number of witches and wizards and I've selected two to join the household as private protection. Lucius' insistence, but for once I think the peace of mind might outweigh the inconvenience.

My primary concern is that I shall look weak to rely on bodyguards. One can't help it, I suppose.

But no, I've no intention of curtailing my schedule. Tomorrow I've a light enough agenda. It could be ten times worse.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-23 03:22:49](#)
(no subject)

It does seem wise at the moment to take extra precautions, and I'm certain you'll work around the difficulties.

I think you might better see it as adding strength upon strength.

Good. I'm glad you've a lighter day for this first one back in New London.

I intend to start my day at the Ministry, sharing reports, but by afternoon I anticipate I'll be for Ipswich again. I could send someone to see you to Witch Weekly if that would ease the transition to your new security arrangements. You've only to say the word--either of you--and I'll see it done.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-05-23 03:44:01](#)**
(no subject)

There's no need for an escort while I am able to Floo directly from one place to another, I'm sure. And I've no intention of strolling through Green Park at the present. Though I shall miss being able to take in the Kensington gardens for the time being, after Mr Cooper worked so hard on them.

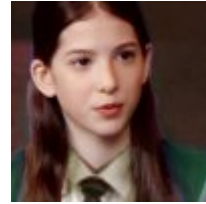
Still, Lucius assures me it's only a temporary measure and perhaps a *very* temporary one at that.

2011-05-22 16:14:00

Private message to Pansy Parkinson

Does Hydra look all right to you?

I don't know if it was because I had tea with Madam Pomfrey yesterday and she talked about how observation is a Healer's most important skill, more important than potioneering or even charms, but I noticed yesterday she's looking really peaky. (Hydra, I mean, not Madam Pomfrey.) Like she's losing weight.




 [alt_sally_anne](#)

You don't suppose there's something going on with her like Vicky Frobisher? (Have you seen her at meals? One of the other girls sits with her and tells her to take bites, and she only does when she's told to, that's what I heard from Katrina Bundy, anyway.)

I'm a bit worried and I'm not sure who to talk to. Do you think Hydra will hate me if I tell Madam Pomfrey? I'm certainly not telling her mum.



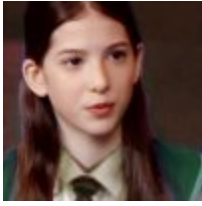
 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-22 21:32:29**
(no subject)

I haven't noticed her at meals lately, but I haven't been noticing much of anything at all.

But just now at dinner she's hardly eating anything and she does look a bit thinner than usual. I mean, she's usually thin to start with, but you're right, she looks peaky.

I don't see how she could be angry if you're worried about her.


But you're right. Don't talk to her mum about it. You've had that tea with Madame Pomphrey, so she'd be a good person to talk to. That, or Professor R. And if you get really worried, I can always write a message to Aunt Narcissa. But Hydra's mum is far, far too busy right now, and I don't think it would do to bother her.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-22 22:06:26](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, Professor R is a good idea. Do you know if she did have tea with him today? Maybe he noticed on his own.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-05-22 22:20:48](#)**
(no subject)

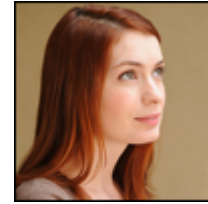
Yes, they did have tea.

I'm not sure, because he said in the journals that he's been busy lately, so maybe his mind isn't on it. I'd bet if one of us said something sort of sideways to him in passing, he'd pay her closer attention.

But Madame P is going to be the best one to know if it's a real problem.

2011-05-22 17:36:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Remus Lupin and Sirius Black




 **alt_alice**

We simply must talk about all this. I know you've been avoiding it, but you've been seen by one too many students, and you really have got to back off. Stay with Remus and Tonks in London. Please. For my sanity, as well as Minerva's. I know you want to keep Harry safe, but you're putting yourself in danger, you're putting Terry Boot in danger, and Pomona too, and I know it makes you feel better to be close to Harry, but this is just getting to be too much.

Darling, I know that you have very strong feelings about the right thing to do, and that's one of the things that I admire in you. But because of those strong feelings, and your stubbornness, you can sometimes not see the forest for the trees. All I'm asking you to do is to take a step back, love, and think about the risks, and think about what you want to accomplish here.




 **alt_sirius** at **2011-05-22 23:30:55**
(no subject)

You don't have to worry nearly as much as you think. I did tell him we had to put things on hold while the examiners were here. Almost broke his heart but he understands the danger - probably better than most would do.

I've moved off the grounds, as well. I still don't think two students spotting a stray is too many but no, I don't want to take foolish chances.



 **alt_alice** at **2011-05-23 00:07:12**
(no subject)

Well, good.


I know you hate to do it, but it certainly puts me better at ease.

We can approach Minerva about getting Terry a Portkey once the term is over.

And you could always write him letters -- I'm sure you could charm them so only he could read them, or so that they'd deliver to a place in the castle only he knows of.

I've also been wondering... you made it seem like he mentioned us. Frank and me. What did he say?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-23 02:18:10](#)
(no subject)

Mm. Learning an Animagus transformation by a correspondence course? Not exactly the ideal method. I'll work something out, though - and don't worry, Allie, I'll make sure it's safe. Perhaps if Carrow and the Rizzer leave for holidays (and Carrow doesn't get to take Terry with him) it'll be a good deal easier.

Though perhaps not. I need to remember to tell Minerva something about Madam Hooch, in point of fact.

As for you and Frank, Hermione and wand-smuggling ... What *didn't* he ask? If you two are okay. If Kevin knows anything about his brother and sister. What Hermione knows about us. How many people are involved in smuggling wands. How we got them into the country. I deflected nearly everything. Then just as we were packing in for the night, he said: 'Tell me about the resistance. You don't have to tell me who. Just tell me...is there anyone else out there?'

You can lecture me about keeping safe and out of sight, Allie. But don't tell me he can't be trusted to know I'm alive.

[2011-05-22 22:59:00](#)

Private Message to Seamus Finnigan



 **[alt_padma](#)**

Did you see what Bulstrode wrote? Sounds like other people have seen a black dog, so I'm sure it's the same as the one you saw that time and it's not a Grim at all. Just a stray.

Have you written your letter yet? I'm still trying to perfect mine before I send it. But I'm not completely certain whether it would work better if I sent it to Mr Rookwood in the Department of Mysteries or Mr Leach at the Potioneers' Guild. What do you think? Mr Rookwood's rather more prominent than Mr Leach but I'm not sure I really fancy the Ministry as much as Potioneering.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-05-23 04:32:08](#)**
(no subject)


I'd missed it till you pointed it out -- thanks! I reckon you're right, it's just a stray. I'm a little surprised the Weasley twins haven't hunted it down to adopt it like they did with Carrow's mudblood when he was a dog.

I've been owling with Mr Rosier, trying to work out who best to write to. I think you should write to Mr Leach if you'd prefer Potioneering. Surely you'll get into the summer YPL training regardless, so why not write to whomever you're interested in?

Here's the thing: when I finish school, I want to go back to Ireland and set things a bit more right, but in loads of different ways. I could write to Mr Scrimgeour to say I want to go into MLE in Ireland to put a stop to the Muggle uprising once and for all. Or I could write to Mr Selwyn to say I want to work in his department, overseeing Ireland. (Ireland's in the Protectorate so the Department of Protectorate Affairs includes them but in reality they're left to their own devices quite a lot.) Or I could write to Mr Malfoy who doesn't have an official Ministry job -- Mr Rosier seems to think he'd be a good person to write to, anyway.

I don't know. It's irritating that Weasley's got his done already. I thought surely he'd be one of the last ones in.



 **alt_padma** at **2011-05-23 12:14:08**
(no subject)

I do think I'd prefer to be a Potioneer in the Department of Mysteries but I'm not sure they even have a lot of them. Potions, I mean. I dunno.

I'm doing better than Corner, anyway. He's written three drafts so far and burned each one up in the common room fire.

I mean, sure, I'm not worried about going on, like he is, but this is sort of important. The letter could mean the difference between a really good career and scrubbing bogs like Draco's cousin Tonks. Before she got married, I mean.

And knowing Weasley, he never wrote whatever he sent. I'd stake my wand that Perks or Parkinson wrote it for him. Probably Perks, actually. First off, she's more or less their lackey anyway, but second, Parkinson's not having a good week of it.

2011-05-23 10:11:00

Private message to Professor Sinistra and Lucius Malfoy



 **alt_draco**

Dear Father,

As part of the process of applying for the YPL combined cadet force programme, I write to you to express my interest in a number of professional fields which you yourself have experience in, be it limited or expansive. These fields include professional quidditch, music production and promotion, MLE consultation and advising, foreign relations, and others. I am certain that as I grow older, the profession(s) I am most suited to will be revealed to me by the proper parties; for now I only hope to best prepare myself for all those that I am interested in, and may one day find myself called to.

All best,
Draco



 **alt_lucius** at **2011-05-23 16:56:52**

(no subject)

Son,

Of course.

Professor, am confident that you consider Draco's application acceptable.

-LSM



 **alt_sinistra** at **2011-05-23 19:34:22**

(no subject)

Mr Malfoy -

Naturally, your son's application is most acceptable. And I most appreciate your patience - and his - with the winnowing process we're applying with this year. Naturally, those who are most competent are easy to find, but we need the process to help us direct students with somewhat less skill or grace into appropriate positions.

If you or Mrs Malfoy have any additional questions about the programme, please do let me know, but I believe you have most of the details through other sources.

A. Sinistra



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2011-05-23 17:00:23](#)**
(no subject)

Write to your mother when you have a moment, if you please. Send her a drawing or something - seeing you did her a world of good Saturday but she would benefit, I am sure, from your attention.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-05-24 05:58:15](#)**
(no subject)

I've been working on something and just got a chance to finish tonight. I only hope it doesn't make her feel worse, somehow. Hopefully not.

2011-05-23 11:49:00

Private Message to Aristotle Baddock and Professor Sinistra



 [alt_blaise](#)

I write today for two reasons. First, as a member of the Young Protectors' League applying for its first-ever summer Combined Cadet Force programme, I am asked to write someone with experience in a profession that interests me. Second, I write as someone who admires not only your work but your position and your example as one of the pillars of Our Lord's realm.

I confess that I am not certain to which profession I might aspire, or, indeed, whether I aspire to a life defined by salaried labour at all. However, even if I should not take it up as a career in service to others, the management of wealth in property and investments is sure to be a significant component of my life's work, and in this, I look to you as a model of one whose stewardship of his own holdings and whose wise counsel to others have earned him a robust reputation and much success.

I aspire, too, to manage my social and personal commitments as graciously as you have done and to contribute to Our Lord's peaceful kingdom by following a course of committed allegiance, ready obedience, and quiet integrity.

To all of these ends, it is my hope that I will be accepted into the active training components of the YPL CCF programme and that I will be allowed to specialise my training with those elective components geared towards strategy and analysis.

I thank you for your willingness to place your name amongst those one might write for this project, sir, and I would welcome an opportunity in the future to speak with you about the training and vocational experiences you have had as you have followed your profession. I understand, of course, that your time is valuable and am not writing in expectation of a response. Nevertheless, I address this to you

With sincere admiration,
Blaise Zabini
Slytherin House

2011-05-23 14:45:00

Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

Aurora, I'm afraid I have to defer our tea. I'm embroiled this afternoon in a bit of a crisis.



 **alt_poppy**

2011-05-23 14:49:00

Private Message to Rolanda Hooch

As soon as you've a space in your duties, could you stop up to see me? There's been some difficulty concerning Miss Frobisher.



 [alt_poppy](#)

2011-05-23 14:50:00

Private Message to Miss Demelza Robins

Miss Robins. Do set your mind at rest. You did exactly the right thing in bringing Miss Frobisher to see me, however little she wished to accompany you.



 [alt_poppy](#)

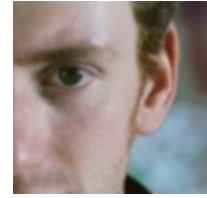
Your presence will not be needed this afternoon, so you should continue with your lessons as scheduled.

I'm sure Miss Frobisher would appreciate your collecting any assignments she may miss in her absence from those sessions. And, of course, whilst she is here, your official duties towards her are suspended: I will take care of all the technicalities in that regard.

You are welcome, of course, to stop up during visiting hours this evening, though I expect to keep her overnight.

2011-05-23 18:47:00

Private message to Demelza Robins



I hope our talk helped. I assure you that no one can possibly blame you for what happened at lunch today. On the contrary, several people have mentioned they were grateful for your quick wits at shielding others from shards of flying glassware and crockery. I know it's been an immense strain, feeling that it's your responsibility to make sure she eats, etcetera. Moreover, I now realise I have failed to give you the proper thanks and acknowledgement you certainly deserve. Not to mention practical support: certainly, some of the other Gryffindor prefects could have shared the responsibility along with you of endeavouring to coax food into her at every meal. I am afraid that we simply assumed you were the best person for the job, as you share a dormitory room with her. But that is certainly no excuse, and I do apologise.

 [alt_percy](#)

Her behaviour is genuinely mystifying, isn't it? I understand your view, that she should be sent back to the clinic so the spell can be reapplied, and I am sure Madam Pomfrey will take your opinion into consideration as the decision about her future care is made: as the person who has been dealing with her the most directly, your input will of course be given great weight--so to speak.

Chin up. I will have a word with Professor Hooch, to pass along my personal commendation to you for your efforts in this matter.

[2011-05-23 19:16:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good



So, Perks....


 [alt_gredforge](#)

We suppose there's no delicate way to inquire whether that little hex we passed along to you is working. Pity...it's not the sort of thing a chap admits to his dormitory mates.

You did cast it, didn't you?

Well, we'll all simply have to gloat to ourselves in private.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-24 00:21:30](#)
(no subject)

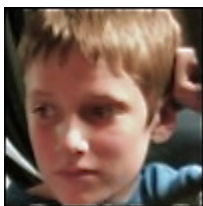
What hex was that?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-24 00:22:26](#)
(no subject)

A fitting revenge. Not permanent, but fitting.

And that's all you probably need to know.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-24 00:23:14](#)
(no subject)

Oh.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-24 02:24:52](#)
(no subject)

Very clever of you to pass it along to me right before the big quidditch game.

I hexed him during the celebration after. You haven't

noticed how twitchy he's been at meals? Although I suppose no one noticed anything at lunch today but Vicky Frobisher...

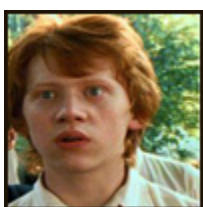


 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-24 02:34:27](#)

(no subject)

Ah. Subtle confirmation. Excellent.

Savour your victory, Perks. The best pranks are the ones that you get away with completely.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 02:41:38](#)

(no subject)

Huh?

You hexed who?!

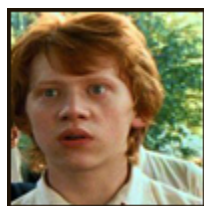



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-24 02:44:12](#)

(no subject)

Someone on the Slytherin Quidditch team, which is why I thought your brothers' timing was awfully convenient.

Not Harry or Draco.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 02:45:41](#)

(no subject)

Wait.

They thought you'd hex one of your own side?

Did you?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-24 02:48:24](#)
(no subject)

Yes.

But not until after the game.

He really deserved it. I wouldn't have hexed someone who didn't, especially like this.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-24 02:50:21](#)
(no subject)

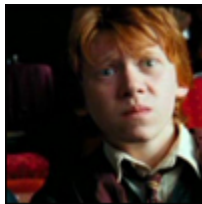
'like this'? Like what? Exactly what did you do to him?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-24 02:51:38](#)
(no subject)

Oh, Neville. Neville, Neville, Neville. Use your imagination.

Better yet, don't. Keep your innocence as long as you can.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 02:52:23](#)
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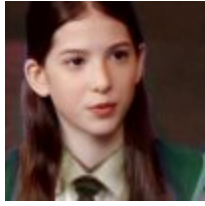
Wait.

You know who she hexed?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-24 02:53:03](#)
(no subject)

No idea.

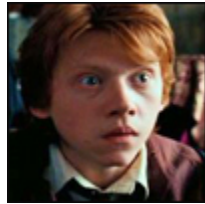



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-24 02:52:29](#)
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Look.

He tried to grab my tit, okay? Actually he DID grab me, and he'd been 'accidentally' touching me for weeks and weeks.

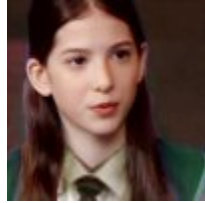
So I hexed him so every time he tries to wank his hands turn to rubber. It'll wear off eventually. Or he can go to Madam Pomfrey and ask her to fix it, if he gets impatient. I probably won't cast it a second time. Unless he touches me again.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 02:54:52](#)
(no subject)

WOT?


WHO did that?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-24 02:59:01](#)
(no subject)

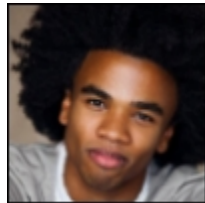
You don't need to hex him, I already hexed him!




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-24 02:54:52](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I...

I'm sorry. Real sorry.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-24 02:55:33](#)
(no subject)

But what a fiendishly good way to get back at him.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-24 03:48:11](#)
(no subject)

Slytherin, remember?


We do fiendish quite well.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 12:30:19](#)
(no subject)

Heh.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 02:50:51](#)
(no subject)

Well?

I mean, come on. You told them and not me?
That doesn't

Wait. When did you talk to them about it even?

It's something really big?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-24 02:52:26](#)
(no subject)

Not anymore, it's not.

Hence his frustration.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 03:02:19](#)
(no subject)

Um.

That's actually

that'd be really hilarious

except for the part where somebody ought to kill him

whoever it is

but, yeah

I guess killing him isn't very likely, is it?

But still.

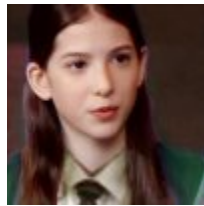
That's just not on. And it was a Slytherin player but not

Good thing it wasn't one of them. Because I'd-

Yeah, all right.

I know.

Just tell me, all ready.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-24 03:05:04](#)
(no subject)

I'll tell you after we go home for the summer.


Okay?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 12:31:31](#)
(no subject)

...



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-24 03:08:24](#)
(no subject)

I guess I want to know, too. Not because I want to know, but...I have a little sister here at school, just like Ron does.

I hope this convinces him not...well. Let's hope he behaves himself from now on.

Do you have any idea--has he been pestering other girls, too?



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-24 03:33:56](#)**
(no subject)

Neville, I could tell you the name of the boy who grabbed me, but he's in Slytherin. Easy enough for Evelyn to avoid.

And I can't tell you the name of the boy in Gryffindor you have to worry about because Katrina won't tell me who it is.




 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-24 03:42:31](#)**
(no subject)

Well.

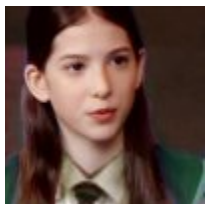
Obviously it's time to apply some of our mad deductive and investigative skills upon our own Housemates.

We promise you that if we find out who he is, the fact that he's a Gryffindor won't protect him in the least.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-24 03:44:21](#)**
(no subject)

Blimey.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:54:22](#)**
(no subject)

I asked them for advice on a hex.

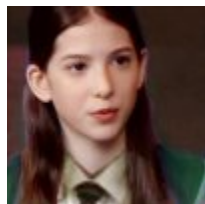
When I told them what I wanted, they guessed what he'd probably done to deserve it.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:41:59](#)**
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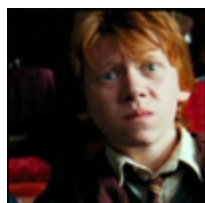
Hang on. What did you lot do?


Who's looking twitchy at meals? You better not have hexed me or you'll be sorrier than sorry.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:43:10](#)**
(no subject)

If I ever hex you, Ron, you will notice.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:44:37](#)**
(no subject)

Oh.

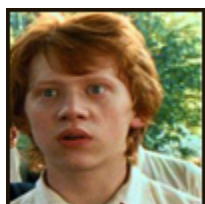
All right, then.


But who'd you hex?



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:46:34](#)**
(no subject)

Particularly if we help.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:51:22](#)**
(no subject)

Oi!

2011-05-23 19:49:00


Somedays...

there really isn't enough Firewhiskey in the world.



 **alt_bill**



 **alt_arthur** at **2011-05-24 00:51:23**

(no subject)

Rough day at the office, I take it?



 **alt_bill** at **2011-05-24 00:52:48**

(no subject)

Rather.

Nothing I can't handle, usually. Today though, I found myself getting hacked off at Certain People more than I usually do.



 **alt_molly** at **2011-05-24 00:54:23**

(no subject)

You're resorting to firewhiskey? Really, Bill!




 **alt_bill** at **2011-05-24 00:56:14**

(no subject)


Did I say Firewhiskey? Butterbeer, I meant...butterbeer, of course!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-24 00:57:39](#)
(no subject)


Oh, pooh. What you need is a good home-cooked meal. Why don't you come over for dinner tomorrow, dear?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-24 00:58:47](#)
(no subject)

A home-cooked meal, and my very own mum to fuss over me, right?




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-05-24 01:00:53](#)
(no subject)

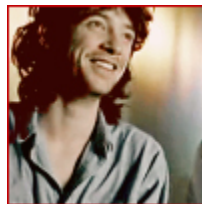
It would be good for you, son, and your mum and I would love to see you.


And if you want to chunter on a bit about Certain Persons some more, your old dad's always willing to listen.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-24 01:02:26](#)
(no subject)

That actually sounds genuinely attractive right now.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-24 01:03:46](#)
(no subject)

I'll be sure to chow down an extra chicken leg or two for you, Percy.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-24 01:05:06](#)
(no subject)

But that'll leave none for us!


(If you do find some of that extra Firewhiskey, feel free to send some our way.)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 01:18:09](#)
(no subject)

(Or the butterbeer, for that matter.)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 01:17:22](#)
(no subject)


Wish we were home for it.

I mean, if I want people smashing crockery and exploding cups all up and down the table, I can get that at home, can't I? And the food'd be good.

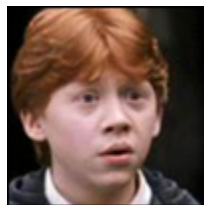
You ready to have us all back?


Heh.



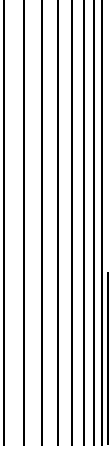
 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-24 01:58:11](#)
(no subject)


Of course I am, dear. The goat shed needs mucking out desperately.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-24 02:04:33](#)
(no subject)

Mum!



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:32:22](#)**
(no subject)


You walked right into that one, little bro.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-24 02:35:31](#)**
(no subject)

Ankle deep, no doubt.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-24 05:56:47](#)**
(no subject)

The world? Oh yes. A castle in the middle of the highlands? No.

2011-05-24 09:57:00

Private message to Aurora Sinistra

Rory -

Sorry to bother you so early, but I wanted to write before I got drawn into other activities and fully forgot. I wanted to ask you if my niece has been looking a little off to you lately?



 [alt_rabastan](#)

We had tea on Sunday and aside from being slightly desperate to spend time with me, she appeared to be in good spirits. Something of a relief, since she's had that trouble with Carrow, you know. I did note that she didn't eat a single one of the biscuits I dished up, but didn't think much of it since I know she's just been to the Matron to have some of her teeth fixed.

Then, after the incident with Miss Frobisher yesterday, I happened to stroll by the Slytherin table at dinnertime and noticed that Hydra was barely eating at all. She also looked especially pale, but maybe it was just the lighting in the Great Hall? I can't tell if she's lost weight or not, since she's always looked like a breeze could carry her off, but it got me to wondering if she's trying to copy some of the older girls and their reducing regimens? But since the girl's had one of the biggest appetites for sweets since I can remember, this is just well bloody strange.

I wasn't here last year when all that business went down, but if something's wrong now, I won't let it go unnoticed again.

- Raz



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **2011-05-24 22:45:42**
(no subject)

Raz -

No worries about the time - the lovely thing about these journals is that I can read over my morning tea, and don't have to deal with an owl trying to find its way into my window at dawn.

About your niece ... as I've mentioned, she almost goes out of her way to avoid attracting attention in my class (though she's quite

diligent about her homework, and knows the material when I've called on her, as I've told you before.) And of course, I'm rarely near the Slytherin table during meals.


But I did notice something a bit odd this week when her year were up for the evening observing - she was a bit more fumblefingered than usual when handling the instruments. Nothing that really indicated a problem, but not exactly normal for her - usually, she's a bit more deft. (Small fingers do make some of the mechanical adjustments easier.) I kept noticing her attention drifting a bit too, though at this point in the year, that's not unusual at all.

I'm sure your having a word with her - or maybe with Poppy, if you're worried? - would go a long way. Surely, it's much better to be sure it's nothing (or head something off early) rather than have more difficulty later.

I'd ask if you were up for a walk to Hogsmeade on an afternoon this weekend but I'm honestly not sure when I'll be able to get free, between the marking and the YPL details.

- Rory



 **alt_rabastan** at [2011-05-25 00:10:35](#)
(no subject)

Rory -

Cheers for your observations. Helpful, they are.

Doesn't seem right to have a word with the Matron before asking her about it herself. She'll probably pop along here one of these nights, anyway. I'd like to see how she looks at breakfast first, besides.

I've got a full weekend myself, but hey, if you want to have a drink in my office and mark together...might be fun? We can compare aloud our students most hilariously wrong answers! Mind, most the kids are a dead sight more clever than they were in my days, but still, some of the clunkers I get are worth writing down and remembering.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-05-25 00:31:31](#)
(no subject)

Raz -

Oh, I'd start with her, certainly. It's clear how much she looks up from you - a word might go a long way.


Ta for the offer, too, though I'm sure you'll win as far as hilarious answers: mine mostly run to extremely odd spellings, badly labelled maps, and ink blots obscuring confusion.

I'd promised my 6th years a review session just after dinner on Saturday, but perhaps around 8? Mum's sent an end of term package with some jam and biscuits (and a few bottles of interesting things, a couple of which might be to your taste) I'll bring along.

(She never quite got out of the habit of sending packages from when we were students, I think. Every year around this time, I get a massive package to sustain me through exams and marking. Fortunately, she started putting in alcohol when I started teaching.)

- R



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-25 00:46:11](#)
(no subject)

Oh, oh, I already have a good one for you. So the Firsties had a question about "What is the best way to resist the killing curse known as Avada Kedavra?" Trick question, see? And a pretty simple one at that. But one of the cheeky buggers wrote down "Duck!" Another said "wash it off real good." Classic, yes?

Awww, so sweet of your Mum. Mine would just send me a big bag of galleons and tell me not to gamble it all away, for sweet Circe's sake. Which of course I NEVER did.

Around 8 sounds perfect. I'll find us some good paper marking music.




 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2011-05-25 01:00:28](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, those are great. I just found an interesting one of someone who appears to think that an astrolabe is a Healer's tool used in diagnosing certain private parts. I'm not sure I want to try untangling that one. (And why on earth they thought I'd be asking about it on an astronomy exam, I've not the slightest idea.)

I do suppose that all those stories I heard of Slytherin gambling parties had to have something in them ... though knowing you, I'm quite sure you came out ahead more often than not.

Music would be lovely, and I look forward to whatever you pick. I am looking forward to some time in New London this summer to actually hear new things...



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-25 01:07:48](#)**
(no subject)

Bloody Erebus!

I've almost just spat tea out all over my book, thanks to you. Well, thanks to your tragically misinformed student, more like, but still. Was it a male student? Maybe he fancies you and has got his mind in the bog when he's sitting in your class.

I did alright, to be sure, but my mate Evan was the best. He could never lose.

Where do you live in the summer, anyway? They gave me some New London pile of rubble called Spencer House, but I've never even seen it. I'm usually at my brother's or at Buckingham, or off seeing my old quidditch mates, that sort of thing.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-05-25 02:16:15](#)
(no subject)

Glad to amuse, and yes, our creative student was male but I'd have thought him a tad young for that sort of thing - it was the second year's exam.

Summers, well. YPL trips, when those happen, of course, and that looks like it's going to be four weeks or so this summer, plus the planning time. (The ones we've already established, plus it sounds like they want me on site for the first week of the cadet training programme in case some detail goes wrong.)

Otherwise, I alternate between here and Mum and Dad's. Now the lot of us are out of the house, it's sort of nice to go back (Mum's cooking's really good, and she's got a thing about avoiding transfigured foods, so she keeps digging out traditional recipes, and some of them are really wiz.) But I usually only stay a day or two at a time, or my sister starts assuming I'll babysit.

Other than that, I'm usually up the tower here. Of course, there's other observatories, but our equipment here's much better than anything I could afford myself. I do visit folks sometimes - it's nice to chat with people whose eyes don't glaze over at the words "angle of declination". But people do get possessive about their space and such. And it's not like it used to be when muggle light interference was such a problem and you pretty much had to be in the middle of nowhere to see anything interesting, so everyone was desperate for any chance they could get.

I do like a few days in New London - rent a room, see a show, whatever the new things are, do some shopping, pick up whatever new texts and research bits are in. And of course, these days, the YPL planning takes a bit of time, so I'll be up several times this summer for that.

It must be nice to have a home base there, though - whether that's the pile they gave you or your brother's. Dad's got stories about apparating while drunk that scared me from ever trying if I'd had more than a glass or two.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-05-25 02:39:39](#)**
(no subject)

I wouldn't be sure about that. I've been a twelve year old boy, remember? But it sounds like it wasn't meant to be intentionally lecherous.

Your Mum cooked, too? Brilliant! Mine grew up cooking a bit, but by the time she had kids she was your classic brittle society witch who ordered about the elves and sent back the soup a half a dozen times before it was just right. Her sisters still cooked, though, so I always looked forward to going over to my cousins', which wasn't all too often, but still...

Hey, why don't I let you use my rubble pile when you're in New London? I might not always be there, but even then you're welcome to it. It has a full staff, I'm told. And if I *do* happen to be there, then we'll have a great time of it, won't we? Seeing shows and whatnot.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2011-05-25 02:49:29](#)**
(no subject)

The intentionally lecherous does look a little bit different, yes.

And Mum's a great cook. I might even talk her into sending a hamper, if it's not me she's spoiling, and no child of hers is a squib with reheating charms. Or you could come round sometime, if you can get free from your other duties: she's dead curious about you.

Thanks for the hospitality - lovely offer.

Only thing is - would gossip be a problem? Kids do talk, and some of their parents are just as bad, and the Ministry folks do keep going on about the YPL being a model organization in terms of behavior and so on. Even with staff around, people do come up with some of the nastiest explanations for things sometimes. (That said, the idea of company for some fun in New London's most tempting, and your company's always a pleasure.)




 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-25 03:19:20](#)
(no subject)

Your Mum's curious about me, is she?
Brilliant. There's nothing I love more than to
satisfy a woman's curiosity.

(Now is *that* what lecherous looks like? Heh.)

As for gossip, the staff is all elves, I believe, since I'm never
there, so I don't think they would be a problem. I could
arrange a portkey for you, or make a floo accessible only to
you. That way, no one would have to see you come and go.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-05-25 03:27:02](#)
(no subject)


Very nice lechery, indeed. Well played.

Seriously, though - you do turn up in my owls
home, and of course she's interested in
meeting you. (And feeding you up, I'm sure. She has this idea
that every unmarried man lives in misery and never eats well,
elves or no elves.) But she and Dad have been blissfully
married for ages, and she's a champion at deflating flirting
from every friend my brothers brought home, and a fair half
their dads.

On the gossip-prevention - that would do most nicely, and in
that case, I'd be quite glad to take you up on the offer. Much
better than a room over one of the pubs.

I'm guessing you're mostly going to be at Buckingham with
Harry for the summer, barring the cadet programme, but if
you do know of time off, I'll coordinate as much as I can.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-25 03:35:26](#)
(no subject)

I eat just fine, as you know, but I'd never turn
down a Mum-cooked meal. I promise not to be
lecherous, either. I clean up well, you'll see.

I wish I could tell you more about what my summer entails, but truthfully, I don't know. I *expect* that Harry will be at Buckingham, which at least puts me in the vicinity of New London. One of the Lord Protector's usual guards should be able fill in for me if I take a night or two off. I'll still be on call in case of emergency, of course, but hopefully it won't come to that.




 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-05-25 03:48:50](#)
(no subject)

I'm quite sure you clean up well. (And of course we don't need mothering - but I admit it's nice once in a while.)

Tell you what - we can compare calendars on Saturday and suggest a couple of possible dates to Mum once everyone's gone home for the summer. I'll let her know that something might come up, and you can floo over.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-05-25 03:51:39](#)
(no subject)

Sounds about aces, love. See you Saturday at around 8.

-Raz

2011-05-24 10:16:00

*Private message to Professor Sinistra
and Athena Belby*



 [alt_daphne](#)

As a member of the Young Protectors League applying for the summer programme, I write to you as one whose profession I deeply admire and aspire to. I also write to you as a sincere and avid admirer of your operatic performances. Two Christmases ago I saw you perform as Brünnhilde in *Götterdämmerung*, and I was both mesmerised and moved to tears. Though my own talents are aligned more to dance and dramatics than opera, I feel that you are the premiere embodiment of how a performance artist can serve our Protectorate.

I can think of a few uncultured souls who might question the significance of the artist to our Protectorate. To convince them otherwise, I would tell them to look to wizarding communities elsewhere who still must keep their art, performance, and sport underground and away from the eyes of Muggles. My own grandmother, Alexandra Greengrass, did a three-year run as lead in *The Isle of Circe*. It played at The Seraphim, which at the time was hidden somewhere between the New London Pavillion and the Criterion Theatre. The star of the show had to get into the theater via a disguised "red telephone box," under the shadow of marquees announcing shows about "Salad Days." Indeed, the strength of our Protectorate rests firmly on the foundation of New London, which would not exist without the cultural contributions of artists and performers such as yourself. Never before has there been a land of witches and wizards with so firm a grasp on their own history, and so much confidence for their own future, and that is because we can now speak, sing, and dance our history out in the open as never before, all thanks to artists like you, who lift our spirits and morale!

I myself aspire to be a stage actress like my grandmother. Since the age of four I have studied dance and dramatics with Mr Gerald Krumgold, and since the age of eight I have studied song and voice with Mrs Hortence Gibbons. I played the role of Auror Crouch in Hogwarts' recent dramatic production, and while the role was not a leading one, I took it on as seriously as I would a leading role at the Palladium. I understand how important such productions are to the vibrant, still-growing culture of the Protectorate, and I shall see to it that I continue to play my part for that culture.

Sincerely yours,
Daphne G. Greengrass

2011-05-24 14:19:00

*Private Message to Professor Sinistra
and Mr Aldofilius Leach*



Dear Mr Leach,

Thank you very much for offering to be one of the contacts for the Young Protectors' League programme. As one of the rising fourth-years, I am writing to you in your position of Director for the British National Society of Potioneers and as a Master of the Protectorate Potioneers' Guild.

 [alt_padma](#)

I have been interested in Potioneering for many years. I am one of the top students in my year in most of my subjects, but I like Potions best, along with Defence Against the Dark Arts and Transfiguration, and Astronomy, of course. But I think Potions are well useful and it's important to be able to make them and use them for everyday life. It's interesting how it's like following a recipe, only not, because one can change it ever so slightly and get different results.

Eventually, I think I'd like to use potions in the service of the Protectorate in some place like the Department of Mysteries, discovering new applications and ways in which potions can enhance and improve the lives of common witches and wizards and solve questions that have been plaguing us since Our Lord came into His rightful power. Things like why there are still muggleborn wizards when we're doing all we can to make sure that muggles don't steal our magic. And I know there are more theoretical questions in the Department and sometimes they develop potions to help investigate or solve even older mysteries. Like why it hurts the people left behind so much when other people die. That's one I'd like to figure out one day.

This summer, I hope to improve my own mental and physical preparation through rigorous study and dedication. I have to say that I'm not well enthusiastic about all the training that they're talking about, but I am prepared to push myself to my limits to excel in the programme, whatever we're asked to do. I'm good friends with Miss Lana Sandoval, and I'm sure you don't know her but she's a trainee in the Aurors' programme, and she says that it's the solemn duty of every loyal subject to keep ourselves trim, strong, prepared and skilled enough to protect our way of life from any threats. She's at the top of her group in all her exercises with the Aurors, you see, and she

even helped save Auror Crouch a few weeks ago, so she really knows what she's talking about. And if she can run obstacle courses and stay fit and all, then I know I'll be able to find the determination to do it, too. Plus, some of the kids in our year really don't seem to take care of themselves very well, and it shows. I certainly don't want to let that happen! So fitness is important and I recognise that it's necessary for a healthy and sound population.

I think the most important thing the YPL has taught and will continue to teach us is to accept that not everyone is gifted with the same talents, but that we all have contributions to make according to our abilities. All the same, as Sandoval says, we all have an obligation to make our best effort all the time and to try as hard as we can to please the Protector and be productive and diligent members of our unique society.

Again, thank you very much for giving up your valuable time to support the Young Protectors.

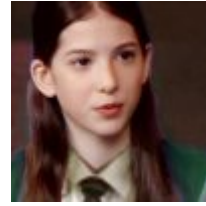
Sincerely,

Padma Patil
Ravenclaw

2011-05-24 17:01:00

Private message to Madam Pomfrey

I've been thinking about what you said about the Healer's most important skill not being potioning or even charms, but listening and observation.




 **alt_sally_anne**

And --

I think probably because I was thinking about this, I noticed that Hydra has lost a lot of weight. She's always been slender but now she's peaky. And at meals she's hardly eating a thing, and she's not touching her pudding, which is usually her favourite part. I asked her if she felt well and she said she felt just fine, and she wasn't eating pudding because it was bad for her teeth.

Only she doesn't look fine. She doesn't look well at all. I don't think I can persuade her to go in and see you, but I thought you should know.



 **alt_poppy** at **2011-05-24 23:37:04**
(no subject)

Thank you, Miss Perks.

I appreciate your telling me of your concerns--and your attention to the evidence.

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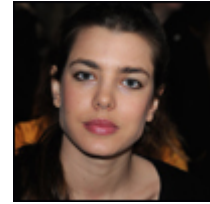
Private Message to Rodolphus Lestrangle

Rod.

There are markings at this layer!

They're just resolving now to the point where I can make out what I think are variants on two runes: **raiðo** and **tiwaz**. I think they've improvised changes to them, but I don't know what that signifies.

I'll stay until you're back--or really I could stay until we finish, if it looks to you as though that's likely to be tonight: I'm not in any rush to get home. Are you able to come have a look?



 [alt_lana](#)



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-25 00:04:04](#)
(no subject)

Lana - as I had anticipated.


I also had anticipated we might run into raiðo, the traveler. Tiwaz is less welcome.

Are you familiar with its role in the Norse *Edda*? It is connected to the veneration of the god Týr. In *Gylfaginning*, Týr's bravery is exemplified by his willingness to have his hand chomped off by Fenrir in order to bind the wolf with the Gleipnir.

I suspect the improvisation you see is a result of blood magic. It's good that you're in no rush to get home. We may be in for a long night.

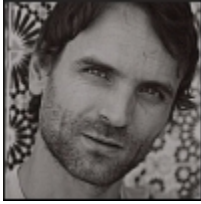
I'm retrieving a package that must be handled on foot (our traveler friend may be lurking in this one, too), otherwise I would apparate back directly. Please do wait for me.



 [alt_lana](#) at [2011-05-25 00:10:24](#)
(no subject)

I'll be right here, Rod. The markings are coming clearer all the time. And something else. Very faint so far.

To tell truth, I feel a little breathless about it all! But I'll watch closely and be ready to report when you arrive.




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-25 00:18:14](#)
(no subject)

You have a good eye for new developments.

Breathlessness is natural when it comes to anticipation of this magnitude. Indeed, it is to be expected.

Now, is there anything I can bring you while I am en route?



 [alt_lana](#) at [2011-05-25 00:33:43](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I don't think I could eat a thing, sir, if that's what you mean.

I've pulled all the sources on the runes. Sobering, all of it.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-25 00:36:36](#)
(no subject)

Sobering, is it. Fortunately, I am not far off now. Coming directly.

2011-05-24 20:38:00

Private message to Barty and Lucius

Gentlemen,

Still in the process of finalising the official report, making sure nothing new emerges, but wanted to give you the details at once. Know you've been waiting.



 [alt_rodolphus](#)

Without preamble, then: Several multi-directional anti-transport hexes layered together over two runes, *raiðo* and *tiwaz*, all sealed with a blood ritual. My assistant and I theorise that one of the makers severed his or her hand in order to transform it into a dismemberment device specific to Narcissa.

Finally, it was capped off by an Ogham character, *nGéadal*. Its old Irish meaning is "killing," or, less elegantly: "slays."

As a professional, I find it excessive; it does, however, make clear the degree of intent.

Forgive me for leaving it to you, Lucius, to think of how to best present this news to your wife. Meanwhile - and I'm sure Barty will agree with me - I suggest an immediate security upgrade.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-25 03:02:32](#)
(no subject)

Mordred. Yes. Call Malvasius.

Blast and damn. They wanted to dice her into pieces.

I will be sure to return the favour.

Count on it.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-05-25 03:17:34](#)
(no subject)

Queue up, Barty.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-25 03:21:17](#)
(no subject)

Yes. Know that Bella and I will happily join you.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-25 03:09:28](#)
(no subject)

Should say 'thanks', too. If it didn't seem so perverse.

Good show, though.

Was the fledgling a help or hindrance?



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-25 03:21:52](#)
(no subject)


More a help than I anticipated.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-25 03:28:21](#)
(no subject)

Glad to hear it.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-05-25 03:16:21](#)
(no subject)

Anti-transport?

I see. I see, of course. Plant the device, accost her in hope that she might Apparate Worse than I feared.

Crabbe's two started their rotations last night but - yes, in light of this news, we shall have to consider her schedule and protection once again.

Have already had a session with the bastard. Think I might have

Truncheon let me back in again, if he'll do the courtesy of living through the night.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-25 03:27:59](#)
(no subject)

We've all we needed from that one.

He's yours.


I promise you fresh meat soon.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-25 03:28:11](#)
(no subject)

My regrets, Lucius. I had not hoped to deliver such dire news, but as it became more and more difficult to unravel the last of the hexes, the more my fears grew.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-05-25 03:39:49](#)
(no subject)

No, of course; it's lucky you were able to discern the intent at all. And more lucky than she knows that she did *not* simply flee.

Still, you're right: This is not news she will take well at all. Since the incident she has expressed her wish that I stay in her chamber with her - and still she has had trouble sleeping through the night. Last night she did manage an uninterrupted rest, finally.

This will not be a welcome bedtime story.

[2011-05-24 21:33:00](#)

Private Message to Hannah Abbot

Han,

Have you decided anything about who you're going to write to for YPL??? I keep dithering about it and changing my mind, and I *know* I'm dithering but I can't seem to stop.



 [alt_susan](#)

Between that and the fact that it looks like I might have to take on Frobisher's solo after all, my brain feels like it's running in circles!

I really do hope someone can help Frobisher though--here's someone who's practically our age and she's either starving herself or having to take a potion or whatever it is that's been turning her all vague and not quite there. You'd think a bunch of clever grownups could come up with something that doesn't do...that.

Oh! I just thought of something I was going to ask you! Would you like to come stay with us for a few days over hols? Do you think your mum and dad would let you come? You could bring Chessie too, if she needs something to do. Carrie would be thrilled to have another girl playmate!

If we both get in the YPL programme, maybe we could meet in Diagon or something before that too.



 [alt_hannah](#) at **[2011-05-25 02:14:42](#)**
(no subject)


Oh, I don't know either, and I'm having such a hard time deciding! Sometimes I think I should write to someone at St. Mungo's, and sometimes I think I should do something with Arithmancy...but what are the options with that, other than Gringott's? (Do they expect us to write to the head goblin? I don't think so!)

You'll do fine with Frobisher's solo. You do have such a lovely voice, Susan, don't ever tell yourself you don't! I think they're really lucky that they picked you as an understudy.

It is sad about Frobisher, although of course I don't know her as well as you do.

Oh, I'd love to come for a visit during the holiday! And Chessie would be thrilled if she could come, too. My parents will be taking us for a tour of the Lake District sometime in July, but otherwise we're free.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-25 02:24:46](#)**
(no subject)

What about Herbology? You're really ace at that, and I'm sure Professor Sprout would know of someone you could talk to!

Although, being a medi-witch would probably be pretty nift--if you like that sort of thing.

Thanks for being so sweet and encouraging about the part! I'm dead lucky to have you as a friend, I really am.



 **[alt_hannah](#)** at **[2011-05-25 04:35:55](#)**
(no subject)


Maybe something like research into medicinal magical plants, for healing potion ingredients? It'd be a way to be sort involved with Healers without having to cope with icky things (do you remember that time I almost fainted when Eloise got a nosebleed? I just can't bear the sight of blood at all!) I'd have to know something about Potions, but it would emphasise Herbology more. I imagine that I'd have to try for a N.E.W.T. in both subjects.



 **[alt_hannah](#)** at **[2011-05-25 04:37:52](#)**
(no subject)

Who are you thinking of writing to?



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-25 14:28:25](#)**
(no subject)

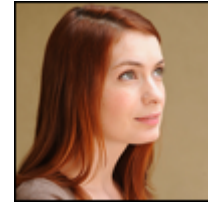
Studying healing plants could be pretty wizard, and it would give you a good angle for the programme since I think they might be teaching that sort of thing.

For me, I'm torn because there are a lot of thing that I think I wouldn't *mind* doing--like working with magical creatures--what I really truly want is to be some sort of artist--a writer or a singer or maybe a painter or someone who does effects for the theater.

But I don't know any artists, so I don't know where to start!

[2011-05-24 23:36:00](#)

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Sirius Black



 [alt_alice](#)

We got a note today from Neville.

He wants to know what he should do for YPL this summer, and oh, Sirius...

He wants to join us when he leaves school. He has no idea what we do, and he knows how dangerous it would be, but he wants to help. And he wants to learn the sorts of things that'd make him useful, so he's thinking of applying to an Auror for his YPL letter. And he's so worried, because he'll have to pretend that he's doing it for Him, but he wanted us to know that he'd really be doing it for us.

I just


I couldn't be prouder of him.

He's his father's son.

I don't want to tell Minerva just yet, or Poppy, because I can only imagine what they'd say.

But I had to tell someone. And I know you'd understand.



 [alt_sirius](#) at **[2011-05-25 12:04:17](#)**
(no subject)

I do understand, Allie. It's the same sort of thing I tried to tell you about Terry. I think they *should* be given the option to know about the Order. They should know that they have allies at the school. Terry needs to know he can run to Poppy or Minerva and they'll shield him best they can.


We had the option of growing up innocent. They haven't that luxury. They're already at war.

I know you're afraid of the risk but we met up again last night. My friend from my previous visits seems to think it's worth helping me, since I don't have ~~our map~~ another way to lookout. Luckily, Raz

hasn't patrolled the last couple times - I think I've worked out his timetable - and my friend is willing to serve as a scout. Anyway, the point is, I think Terry and Neville and Hermione are better friends than we knew. Also Arthur and Molly's boys - not the Head Berk, but the younger ones. The twins in particular. Terry hasn't said much but it's clear he idolises the twins.

For whatever reason, your children have found each other. Don't you think we ought to trust them with the truth?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-25 14:25:57](#)
(no subject)

But unlike Molly's children, or even Terry or Hermione, my boy is under automatic suspicion. Everyone knows his parents are blood traitors.

I fear that if we ever become too much of a threat, they might use him and our Evelyn against us. It's only because we've kept so quiet that he's still safe.

Of all the students in the entirety of Hogwarts, he is the most likely to be taken in for questioning about how much he knows.

Yes, he has a Portkey. And yes, he would rather die than tell anyone even that we've been writing letters. I'm sure of it. But there's a part of me that deeply fears that by sharing more information with him, we'll put his life on the line. That somehow, someone will find out that he knows more than he should, and that gives me nightmares. He carries so many burdens already, and besides, I don't trust that he will be left unnoticed.

Frank and I very nearly pulled both Neville and Evelyn out of school this past term, and that's something I've been giving thought to lately as well. If he just quietly disappeared, and came here with us, I'd like to think it would be good for him. That we could keep him safer at Moddey Dhoo than he would be at Hogwarts. Dumbledore made this the safest place in England for a reason.

2011-05-25 08:10:00

Various notes



 [alt_draco](#)

As I flip through the pages of my book for the last day or so, it's interesting to note that the majority of other people's entries (and my own) consist of Private Messages. As much as I use and value the PM system, I have to admit that I do miss the days when people would simply log their schedules, comment on recent events, or just say something utterly daft and laughable. People still do that, mind; just seems as if it all gets overwhelmed by the surplus of PMs.

So, in light of this observation, I am planning a return to more public postings, and I hope that some of you lot reading will do the same.

Getting closer to the end of the term is always an odd time. Everyone can feel the hols building in the air, and that, along with the pleasant weather, makes it really tempting to just faff about and play portkey, or go for a fly around the lake. But then there's all this building pressure too, with more revising, upcoming exams, and the summer YPL stuff.

So, if anyone wants to come to a combined study-and-games/music-after session, let me know and I'll see if I can organise something snitch.

Mother: I hope you received my package and that it found you in good spirits.

Crabbe: Where's my France-Bulgaria quidditch programme? If you've sopped up your juice with it or something then we will have problems, you and I. I hope you're not hanging onto it because you're actually trying to *read* it, because it's written in French, genius. Goyle was convinced for a while that it was just really strange handwriting.

Harry: Has your Father said yet what you'll be doing this summer? You'll get to stay with us for a while, right?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-25 14:45:51](#)
(no subject)

Parvati and I got cakes because it's our birthday today. We're going to get together with friends before History Club this evening - please do come!

I know what you mean about the PMs. Of course, most of us are writing our messages for the YPL so that adds a load of PMs we wouldn't otherwise send, but even aside from that. It just seems most of the time like it's easier to write to one or two mates and that way certain people can't nose in on whatever you're trying to say.

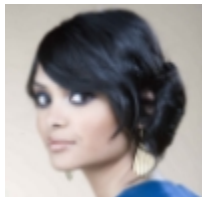
But you're right, we should feel at ease to post whatever we like without having to keep things private.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-25 14:52:11](#)
(no subject)

Happy Birthday. I thought there was something more mature-looking about you this morning.

You're right, there's been a lot of PMs this week especially, but it's also that I just notice myself sliding into the habit more and more. If people are brave enough to nose in then let them, I say. Even when it would create squabbles it was sort of amusing, I thought...especially watching other people's squabbles, ha.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-25 15:30:03](#)
(no subject)

Cheers, Malfoy! Fourteen feels very different to thirteen. Mum even sent us these nift little makeup cases, which you know she wouldn't have given us a year ago.

And you're right about watching other people squabble. Whenever Corner or Smith posts I simply cringe to see who's going to be first in the queue to set them straight.

Though Weasley has a point about other adults' journals. Parvati quite likes the horoscope one. And I know Chambers reads one


witch's journal who's forever posting tips on doing hair and nails. And there's Mrs Catchlove's journal, of course, and I even found a journal for someone who works for Hyperion, who's job is to post previews and highlights from his newer lines. (Mum didn't care for that at all, she said all the comments would interfere with the creative process. But I suppose he likes to hear from his customers about whether they care for what he's doing while he has time to adjust it.)

And I know sometimes people can't post openly because what they're saying really would be detrimental to Our Lord's peace. Like when the Aurors use PMs to communicate, but they can't let the bad guys know what they're up to. So that's all right, of course.

Still, it's true we shouldn't get ourselves such tight circles that there's no room for anyone else.

Is your mum okay? It must have been terribly frightening. I saw in the papers that they arrested the man who attacked her right away, so that's good. I guess the cadet programme is supposed to make sure we can all defend ourselves just as easily as your mother did.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-05-25 15:36:22](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, I read journals outside Hogwarts, too, but I was mostly talking about journals by people that I personally know, even if I don't know them all that well or even necessarily consider them a mate.

She assures me that she's perfectly fine, yes.

Crikey, you've just made me realise that my own birthday isn't far off and I haven't yet asked for anything or made any plans at all. Who knows when I'll have time for that?




 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-05-25 15:38:07](#)**
(no subject)

Makeup, really? You're ever so lucky. Mother insists that I remain makeup-free until I'm fifteen

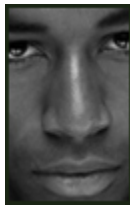
years old. She says I'm already trying to grow up too fast.... as if makeup's going to stop me from doing that!




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-25 15:49:20](#)
(no subject)

Well, we're already allowed to wear *bindi* for special occasions. And there's not a whole load of makeup in the cases. Just gloss and a small blusher, really. Oh, and a little kohl. There's also a phial of perfume - sandalwood, jasmine, and lotus.

Parents really do hate that we grow up, don't they?



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-25 18:04:52](#)
(no subject)


Some people are naturally beautiful and don't need cosmetics. You're an English rose, Daphs: there's no sense messing with perfection.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-25 19:46:23](#)
(no subject)

Why thank you, Blaise. What a terribly lovely thing to say.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-25 21:00:04](#)
(no subject)

Are you saying Parvati and I *do* need cosmetics?

And Daphs does have excellent complexion but that doesn't give call to be rude.



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-25 21:34:29](#)
(no subject)


No need to get cross, Patil. I shouldn't have thought you needed them, either. I was simply telling Daphne that she shouldn't feel her mum's wrong or holding her back from

anything she really needs.

I don't understand why witches with good faces feel the need of paint when they've nothing in need of enhancement. And, frankly, the plain ones generally look a bit naff when they paint since it makes it dead obvious they see they are lacking.


But then there are cultural things for some people, and I don't think that bindi or henna are cosmetics so much as they are, well, markers of being Hindu, aren't they? And maybe wearing kohl is a bit that way, too, for you and Parvati and some others, if you choose to do it. That's what I was saying about Daphs being English, though: it's not something people with an English heritage do traditionally, you see, or do out of respect for their traditions. And she's so beautiful without being made up, I don't think she ought to worry that she needs to or is missing something while her mother says 'No'.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-26 00:04:06](#)**
(no subject)


But nearly all grown witches do wear some kind of paint, even the really beautiful ones like Mrs Malfoy and your own mum. There's all sorts of ways to wear makeup. I don't think a girl ought to look brazen or anything, but sometimes it's just fun to look all glamorous and special.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-25 17:43:56](#)**
(no subject)

Many happy returns, Patil.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-25 20:50:47](#)**
(no subject)


Cheers, Weasley.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-25 15:53:27](#)
(no subject)

Happy birthday, Padma. To Parvati, too.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-25 15:56:01](#)
(no subject)

Cheers, Parkinson.


Come have cake later.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-25 16:10:22](#)
(no subject)

Cheers!



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-25 14:47:03](#)
(no subject)

Can second years come to the combined study-and-games/music-after sessions?

From,

Hydra



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-25 14:55:22](#)
(no subject)

Sure - Gamp's bringing some fourth years, too.

Just make sure that there's enough of you to make up a group that knows the same material. I mean, the people in the years above you should remember the material, but we've got to focus on what we're doing currently, yeah?




 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2011-05-25 14:56:12**
(no subject)

Alright, that makes sense.


From,
Hydra



 **[alt_draco](#) at 2011-05-25 14:58:38**
Private Message to Hydra

Are you feeling well? Some girls are talking about how you're pulling a Frobisher... and you do look sort of poorly, to be honest.



 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2011-05-25 15:04:20**
Re: Private Message to Hydra

Uncle Raz just asked me that as I was leaving breakfast.

Not if I was pulling a Frobisher, but if I was feeling well.

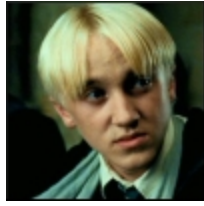
And I told him that I had to get a lot of my teeth fixed because of eating too many sweets.

So I'm not eating sweets now, but none of the other foods are very nice.

Like meat, I hate it.

Carrots are alright, and mash if it isn't too lumpy or too runny, and rice if it doesn't have those flecks on it, and toast...only without jam it's not as tasty.

From,
Hydra




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-25 15:08:48](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

You're mad, meat's delicious. Especially that very thin, rare type of roast served at home. Fish, however, is mostly disgusting.

I knew you were a picky eater, but this is ridiculous. Those "flecks" are herbs and pepper and stuff, and without them you'd just have plain white rice. Anyway, you should just eat what you want, and if you get cavities again they can just be fixed. No big quaffle.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-25 15:22:26](#)

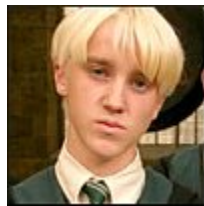
Re: Private Message to Hydra

I don't like it at all, especially when it's all red and juicy like that.

Plain white rice would be better, I wish we could have that more often.

I do eat what I want, when I can.

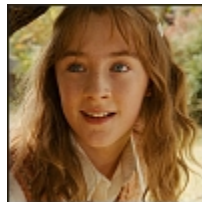
From,
Hydra



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-25 15:24:41](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

Well, good. I'll be sure to get some of your favourite things for the study party, including some plain white rice, since you're so keen on it.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-25 15:25:21](#)


Re: Private Message to Hydra

Oh, really?

That would be perfect.

||||| From,
Hydra



 **alt_ron** at [2011-05-25 14:56:31](#)
(no subject)

Well, yeah. That's true for the people here at school, but don't you read stuff other people write?

Like that bloke who draws the comic about the house elves? Dead hilarious, that one. And there's a fellow who puts up photos of places in the country he's flown out to and poked around in. Abandoned pubs and shops and wotnot.


I mean, I don't look at all those mad ones who are always on about the world ending or about how to cook Greek food, but there's loads of Quidditch players who write really wizard stuff about what they get up to.

And Bundy's always pointing us to this old witch who writes every Sunday about a different place in the world she visited when she was young--and she's always got photos of herself and the pyramids or herself and some mountain in Japan.

Anywiz, people in the common room are always pointing out things that've popped up in their books that don't show up in mine until I know to look for them. I mean, some of them are, um, interesting. If you know what I mean. Like the one about wizards who wear witches' shoes. Or, uh, the woman who writes about what she does with polyjuice in that club in New London. Have you seen that one?

So, any road, I'd come if you get up a music-study thing. Sounds snitch.



 **alt_ron** at [2011-05-25 14:58:37](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Can't wait to see what he says about me asking to come to his thing.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-25 15:18:29](#)
(no subject)

I read some of what other people write, but a lot of the time they're penned by someone so clearly mental, or old, or dull that it's not worth the bother. Entries about quidditch are the best, but they're usually about strategy or player injuries and typically are just more detailed versions of what you see in the papers.

Oh, that New London club. I saw one in person, actually - in Paris. It was a brothel, though.

Of course you have to come to the study party. I need you there to jump in front of me if my potion explodes, don't I?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-25 17:42:58](#)
(no subject)

True about most of the Quidditch ones, especially the ones that fans write. Like that one about the Broadmoors that tells you what they eat for breakfast and where they're going to be signing autographs next. But Gudgeon--y'know, the Cannons' captain--writes a regular thing he calls 'The Seeker Snitches' and it's all about the mad stuff people say to him when they meet him or things they do when they're sat in the stands at matches. Like this one witch told him she's only ever seen him in pictures in The Prophet, but he looks so much bigger in person--as if she expected he'd be two inches tall! And another time someone asked him if he wears the same knickers all season for luck, and Gudgeon said if he'd ever done that, he wouldn't have kept on with it since it obviously doesn't work.

And, yeah, I think the one in New London's a brothel, too. It's a pretty interesting journal if you go looking for it.

Ha. Are you expecting your potion to explode? (Speaking of mad journals, there are loads of those these days, yeah?)




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-26 01:01:22](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, all those stories are good, though I've heard a lot of similar ones from Raz when I was growing up. Like how they all used to let their beards grow out for good luck, and then the beater was convinced if he shaved they'd lose their winning streak, but the beard go so long that it got tangled up in his bat and all, and then they lost, of course.

Only if Crabbe's anywhere near it.

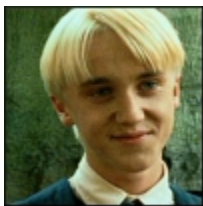
Maybe I can get my Father to hire you to follow me around this summer in case someone tries to attack me. You know, like they did my Mother.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-25 15:55:00](#)
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I suppose this is why we ought to write less Private entries... public ones lead to all sorts of interesting conversations, don't they?

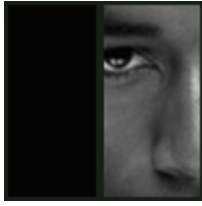
The study party sounds like it'd be just the thing. Can you bring those French records? They were fascinating, I'd love to listen to them some more




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-25 16:49:25](#)
(no subject)

That they do.

I was planning on bringing them, yeah. I've been trying to figure out how to play "De Quoi Je Suis Faite," actually - you'll have to hear sometime soon.




 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-25 17:55:05](#)
(no subject)

Has Crabbe found your programme yet? I looked at Harry's a bit, but I wanted to read the piece about Viktor Krum and I didn't have a chance before I gave it back.

Your father was mad fortunate he was there same time as the quarter finals.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-26 00:55:13](#)
(no subject)

I could have killed him - he used it to write his notes on because he forgot his parchment in class! Luckily, the ink wasn't indelible and I was able to siphon it off. That's the last time I let him borrow anything.


Lucky, wasn't it? Krum's got mad talent, and can you believe he's still at school?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-25 19:53:15](#)
(no subject)

Cheers, Draco. That sounds like a fantastic idea for a party.



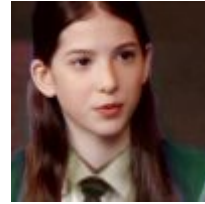
 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-26 00:55:37](#)
(no subject)

Hope to see you there, then.

[2011-05-25 14:53:00](#)

I think Draco had an excellent idea

After he wrote about how everyone has just been writing private messages, I looked and saw I hadn't written anything public in over a month. I think partly it's because I think I don't have anything to say that's all that interesting and then I feel self-conscious, like I'm boring everyone when what I write appears in their book.

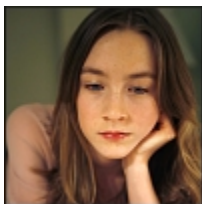



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)**

I'm thinking a lot about summer and looking forward to seeing Gemma again, and maybe doing some flying with Jeremy, assuming he doesn't head off for wild adventures now that he's done with his NEWTs. I'm hoping he'll stop in for visits a few times even if he does, as Gemma and Philip are too little to go flying with. I'm very much hoping I get picked for the summer YPL programme. For my letter, I wrote to Madam Pomfrey because I've been thinking that it would be really interesting to work as a Healer.

Moon, any thoughts on our Runes project? Maybe we can meet in the library sometime this week?

And whoever it is that keeps feeding Milli's cat fish, please stop, it makes him throw up and I'm tired of cleaning cat vom off my shoes.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-05-25 21:04:19](#)**
(no subject)

Oh...sorry.

I didn't realise it would make him sick, he seemed to like it so much.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-26 02:24:57](#)**
(no subject)

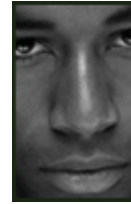
I'm not surprised you didn't realise, he always acts like it's the best thing in the WORLD. And then later he throws up everywhere.

[2011-05-25 16:36:00](#)

Many Happy Returns...


... to Parvati and Padma Patil. Welcome to fourteen.

I hope the year ahead brings you the things you most enjoy.



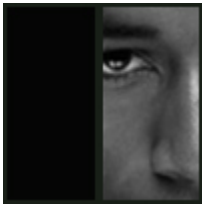
 [alt_blaise](#)




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-25 23:06:42](#)
(no subject)

Cheers, Zabini.

And don't mind Su Li, I'm sure you're not just angling for cake.




 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-05-26 02:08:54](#)
(no subject)

No. I didn't want your cake.

Is it just a phase, this thing where you take everything as an insult? Daphne didn't go through it when she turned fourteen.

Or are you angling for something? Compliments on how you look over on Draco's thread? Something more than birthday wishes over here?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-26 16:27:43](#)
(no subject)

Well, I certainly hope that turning fourteen doesn't mean losing one's sense of humour.

Anyway, I said I didn't think you just wanted cake, not that I agreed with her.

It was gentlemanly of you to offer us your well-wishes. It's just too bad that you seem to take offence at the slightest comment.

2011-05-25 21:59:00

Happy Birthday..

...to the two most utterly wiz-nift girls I know!!

You're both completely brill friends and somehow I have a feeling that this year is going to be a great one.

So cheers!



 **alt_lavender**

[2011-05-25 23:00:00](#)

Many happy returns, Padma and Parvati!

Thanks for the cake!



 **[alt_seamus](#)**



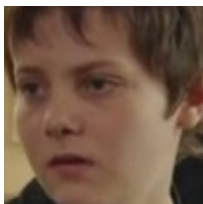
 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-26 16:34:40](#)**

(no subject)

It was good, wasn't it?

Have you written your letter yet? Or did you choose someone who only wanted owls?

I'm trying to convince Corner that what he has is fine and he ought to just send it, already, but he's fussing over every last detail.



 **[alt_michael](#)** at **[2011-05-26 16:52:50](#)**

(no subject)

I'm not fussing. I'm perfecting.

Anyway, it's fine for you and Malfoy and all - even someone like Finnigan - if the letter's sort of naff. (Not saying yours is, Finnigan, mind - just that *mine* is right now and I'm not well pleased.)

For someone like me, this means a lot. It could be the difference between continuing on in YPL and being dropped from the programme.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-05-26 17:00:09](#)**

(no subject)

It'll be worse if you're automatically disqualified because you missed the deadline.

This is just like that essay for Professor Vector that you spent weeks and weeks 'thinking about' and then when it came time to write it you had to ask for an extension. Only there isn't one for YPL, unless you've talked to Professor Sinistra about

it.

Honestly. If you're having that much trouble just ask a prefect to look it over for you.

2011-05-26 08:10:00

*Private Message to Bellatrix Lestrange
and Maximus Truncheon*



Partial success.

Took two mongrels napping.

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)


Remainder not in the lair. Will take when they return. Or we'll track them.

Truncheon. Only one for you. First didn't last. Note for intake report: severed appendage = received condition. Missing piece not recovered.

Bellatrix. Have collected significant paraphernalia. Ritual equipment and more. Several items we'll want Rodolphus to evaluate.

Expect Braithewaite and Evan with the curs. Will finish processing site and reset surveillance.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at **2011-05-26 19:54:19**
(no subject)

Thank you for the report. Partial success is not enough, and we must not allow it to slacken our persistence. You can see that it has not slackened theirs.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-05-26 20:44:59**
(no subject)

I saw. And agree completely. Part measures are tantamount to failure.

I will not fail.

Count on it.

2011-05-26 09:03:00

Has anyone seen my kitten?

My kitten Greymalkin is missing. I've looked for her everywhere in the Hufflepuff rooms, but I can't find her. I know she'd snuck out of our common room once before, but someone brought her back. She's been missing for a couple days now, and I'm getting really worried!



 **alt_hannah**

Grey with white socks. Please let me or any of the Hufflepuff prefects know if you see her!!!



 **alt_neville** at **2011-05-26 14:24:40**

(no subject)

That's terrible!

I haven't seen her, but I'll be sure to let you know if I do.



 **alt_hydra** at **2011-05-26 15:03:12**

Private message to Hannah Abbott

Um, I'm in transfiguration right now and really shouldn't be writing.

If he catches me...oh -

But your kitten is in here, in the classroom.

He has it in a cage.

From,
Hydra



 **alt_hannah** at **2011-05-26 17:13:23**

Re: Private message to Hannah Abbott

Oh, my.

Oh, no.

I'll--I guess I'll ask him to give her back to me when I have class today.

Thank you for letting me know.



 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-26 20:37:27](#)

Re: Private message to Hannah Abbott

I spoke to him after class...but he refused to give Greymalkin back to me! At first he said she wasn't my kitten and then when I said she was, he just laughed at me! Said 'finders keepers losers weepers.'

What is he going to do to her? I've just got to get her back!



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-26 23:47:58](#)

Re: Private message to Hannah Abbott

He'll either kill her or make somebody else do it.

But he might do even worse...before.

I'm sorry.

From,
Hydra




 [alt_hannah](#) at [2011-05-27 01:55:46](#)

Re: Private message to Hannah Abbott

Oh, no! No, I couldn't bear it!

I've simply got to rescue her. But how?



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-27 05:28:45](#)

Re: Private message to Hannah Abbott


He might use her in a dark ritual.

Sometimes people kill animals for that sort of thing, and dark rituals are usually meant to hurt other people, too.

Rescuing her would be a bad idea, though.

From,
Hydra




 **[alt_hannah](#)** at **[2011-05-27 14:05:24](#)**
Re: Private message to Hannah Abbott

Oh, no!

But...if I sneaked in during lunch or something, he couldn't prove I'd taken her back. Especially if I left the top of the cage just a little ajar. He'd think she just leaped out.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-05-27 14:16:36](#)**
Re: Private message to Hannah Abbott


Do you think the cage will be warded?

It's just a kitten so maybe not.

I'm on my way to breakfast, so I'll stop by your table, alright?

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-26 20:48:21](#)**
Private Message to Hannah Abbott

Ugh! Isn't Professor Carrow the most horrid man? I heard what he said to you after class.

I think I might stop taking Transfig after O.W.L. level, just to get away from him!

2011-05-26 13:54:00

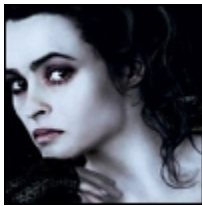
Private message to Bella


Please tell me that these messages between you, Barty, Truncheon, Hopkirk, etc, are all a sign that the net is closing.



 **alt_rodolphus**

And please do watch yourself. It could just as easily be a threat to you as it is to Hydra.



 **alt_bellatrix** at **2011-05-26 20:03:17**
(no subject)

I get enough of this type of message from everyone else, husband - I should think you'd know better. They do nothing to get the job done faster.

Don't you remember?

He whose threats are the loudest is the one who has nothing left but threats.



 **alt_rodolphus** at **2011-05-26 20:06:58**
(no subject)

Don't they?

I do remember, and yet I am less inclined to abide by that maxim when it's my own family being threatened.

I've already told Ms Baylock not to leave the house with Rigel. I'm halfway to writing Razzler to ask that he keep an especially close eye on Hydra.



 **alt_bellatrix** at **2011-05-26 20:10:56**
(no subject)

Keep Rigel in, but do not trouble your brother. His duty is to the Lord Protector's son, and that duty must not waver.

Besides, I'm sure that his persisting affection for our daughter will have him looking out for her without your special instruction.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-26 20:11:39](#)**
(no subject)

Do you even care, Bella.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-05-26 20:19:56](#)**
(no subject)

Do I care? Do I? Let us see.

Have I been working eighteen-to-twenty hour days and sleeping in the field? Have I not held my own son in nearly a month? Have I only spoken to my husband through fire chats? Have I had to console my sister and assure her that I would never, ever let anyone hurt her? Have I had to disappoint my Lord with less-than-favourable reports? Have I had to avoid indulging worry and fretting because it would diminish my performance? Have I had to deal with my husband's petty provocations when he bloody well knows the stress I am under? Have I?

Answer all of those questions and then maybe you will come to some sort of conclusion on whether I care or not. Husband.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-26 20:23:59](#)**
(no subject)

I think I have my conclusion - Wife.

Do keep us updated.

2011-05-26 14:03:00

We Have More Heads than the Hydra

I write today too all those under the Lord Pretender's oppressive heel, but most especially to those attempting to destroy the Dogstar. Doubtless you believe that you have cut the head from the beast. The truth is, you have captured nothing but wriggling tentacles.



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_charlotte](#)

Slice off a head, and three more will regrow in its place.

You will never catch us all! WE CANNOT BE SILENCED. WE CANNOT BE STOPPED.

2011-05-26 14:39:00

Private Message to Rodolphus Lestrangle

Oh, Merlin. Rod.

Have you seen what they've written?



 [alt_lana](#)




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at **2011-05-26 19:57:13**

(no subject)

Lana - I saw.

I think it's too much to hope that the allusion is mere coincidence, given what they tried to do to Narcissa.



 [alt_lana](#) at **2011-05-26 20:04:38**


(no subject)

That's how I read it.

It's madness on their part. Poking the Aurors in the eye and thinking it won't backfire.

Oh, hang on-



 [alt_lana](#) at **2011-05-26 20:08:19**

(no subject)

Craddock's in the Fire. Says he's got four items seized this morning

no, it's five, he says

Anyway. Wants to know how we want them transferred.

Shall I go?

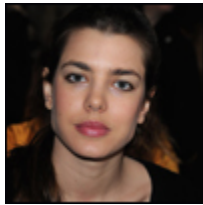



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-26 20:22:11](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, please.

You'll stay and assist me, I hope. I could

I find your assistance very valuable.



 **[alt_lana](#)** at **[2011-05-26 20:32:25](#)**
(no subject)

Of course.

I'm on my way. Will be back as soon as I've retrieved them.

I can stay as long as I'm needed. This is my highest priority.

[2011-05-26 21:13:00](#)

Private message to Padma Patil

You asked about my letter -- I wrote to Mr Malfoy, but he wanted owls (except from Draco). I got an answer today, a really long one, from his clerk, who's my friend Geoffrey's brother.




 [alt_seamus](#)

He told me all sorts of interesting things, including some of what happened with Mrs Malfoy last week. The attack was worse than what they said in the paper, it was really intended to kill her, apparently, and it was the Dogstar crowd that tried it, and Mr Malfoy had Mrs Malfoy's guard detail doubled. But they caught the man who did it, and got names from him -- that's probably what that post from that Charlotte person was about today, I don't know if you saw it.

His office just sounds so interesting! I wonder if I might be able to get an internship there sometime, like Percy did?

Although he also says Mr Malfoy is a difficult boss. Hooper apparently gets some perks working for him, like a lot of fresh food, but he's put on a few pounds and Mr Malfoy takes the mickey a lot.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-27 04:46:11](#)
(no subject)

They were really trying to kill her? I mean, just trying to bother her or frighten her is bad enough. But *kill* her? How? Did he say? Does Draco know? I mean, about the killing part. Not the attack part - obviously everyone knows about that.

Oh my goodness. That Charlotte Smythe journal put Hydra in their post. Do you reckon they're trying to say that she's next? That'd be dreadful, though honestly I can't see how anyone would get to her, not with her mum being who she is, and her uncle right here protecting Harry.

And I don't blame Mr Malfoy taking the mickey if Hooper's eating all his food.

Did he say anything else? Interesting, I mean? I know Parkinson likes going to Mr Malfoy's but did you know Draco doesn't really like it?

Even though he wrote to his father?

(And don't remind me that he PM'd his father instead of owling. Morag's been on about it since it happened. I heard Summers whinging a bit, too. He wrote Mr Malfoy and he was not well happy that Draco 'broke the rules' - though how anyone can expect different when it's his own father he's writing is beyond me!)



 **alt_seamus** at **2011-05-27 04:54:10**
(no subject)

I don't know if Draco knows. I looked back over the letter and realised Mr Hooper doesn't actually SAY that FOR CERTAIN they were trying to kill her, he just hints it all over the place.


I didn't even notice Hydra was in that post but you're right, she's in the title. Only maybe it's just talking about the creature? Or the myths about it?

Are you saying Draco doesn't like going home, or that he doesn't like going to his father's office, or that he doesn't like it when Parkinson comes over?

Let's see, was there anything else interesting? Oh, he said Mr Malfoy and Fudge don't get on at all. Well, he doesn't SAY it exactly, he hints at it, like with what he said when he was talking about Mrs Malfoy.

Oh, and when he was talking about his own weight gain he said something about those reducing spas. He said I should stay away from them. I mean, not that I was intending to go (I don't need to lose weight!) but I wonder if that's what happened to Frobisher?



 **alt_padma** at **2011-05-27 05:21:47**
(no subject)

No, Draco likes going home just fine. He doesn't care to go with his father to meetings and all. I don't know if he cares whether Parkinson's along or not, he's never said anything to me. But then I don't suppose he would do, even if he did mind.

Frobisher was in one of those clinics, only it was for the opposite

reason, I think. I heard Chambers talking about it. I guess Frobisher thinks she's not skinny enough. Mad, since anyone can see she's barely got any flesh on her. Pretty soon she'd be able to join those dancing skeletons at Halloween. But the clinic was supposed to help her learn to eat, Chambers said. I wonder how they manage that? I mean, the way Frobisher acts, it's--

Oh. Oh, I think I might know what they did and why it's not working right.

That is interesting about Mr Malfoy not liking Minister Fudge, though. I mean, he loathed Ms Umbridge when she was Minister, right? So you'd think Minister Fudge would be an improvement. What kinds of things did Mr Hooper say about it? Like, why does he think Mr Malfoy hates Mr Fudge?

2011-05-26 21:57:00

I Can't Believe I'm Saying This, But...

...if any other third-year Gryffindors would like to join me, I'm going to the library to revise in *peace and quiet*.



 **alt_lavender**

Honestly, all week it's been nothing but drama and smashing things with *Accio* and tears in the upper-year girls loo.

As horrid as it sounds, I imagine a lot of people are glad this whole thing didn't go pear-shaped until after O.W.L.s and N.E.W.T.s.



 **alt_seamus** at **2011-05-27 02:22:02**

(no subject)

What went pear-shaped?



 **alt_lavender** at **2011-05-27 02:27:28**

(no subject)

The whole business with Frobisher--or can't you hear her and Bell and Robins rowing about it again from *your* room?

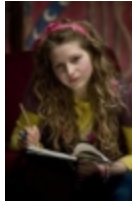



 **alt_seamus** at **2011-05-27 02:29:04**

(no subject)

No, the walls are pretty thick.

Wait, actually, now that I'm listening for it I can hear them. But it's pretty quiet. Maybe you should do your revising in the boys' dorm?



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-27 02:31:58](#)
(no subject)


Do you mind if I come over? It's closer than the library.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2011-05-27 03:57:54](#)
(no subject)


Sure, come on over!



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-27 04:09:55](#)
(no subject)


Thanks!



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-27 03:40:36](#)
(no subject)

What's happened with Frobisher, then?



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-27 04:11:17](#)
(no subject)

More of the usual--she still won't eat, Robins is dead frustrated, and now Bell's sticking her oar in too.

2011-05-27 11:18:00

Private message to Penelope Clearwater

I still want to speak to you at lunch, as we agreed, but I'll just be a few minutes delayed. I'm stopping by Professor Carrow's office to drop off my N.E.W.T. Transfiguration final project first.



 [alt_percy](#)



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2011-05-27 16:36:45**
(no subject)

No worries. I'll be at our spot.

2011-05-27 11:55:00

Ugh!

I feel extremely odd all of a sudden...perhaps something didn't quite agree with me.

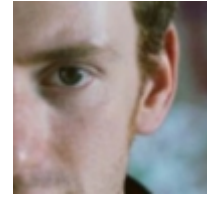
I think I'll go lie down and hope it passes.



 **alt_lavender**

[2011-05-27 11:58:00](#)

*private message to minervamcgonnagall
madam pomrfry*



oh merlin

**madam pomfrey come to the transfiguration
class room right now**

 **[alt_percy](#)**

I think


**I think Professor Lestrangle's still alive. And Hydra Lestrangle.
he took a hit for her. but**

but

merlin, I think Hannah Abbott's--

**I'm holding Professor Carrow--Amycus Carrow--at bay. He's
groggy, but coming round, and I don't know if I can hold him.
hurry**



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-27 17:10:27](#)**
(no subject)

Mr Weasley?

On my way.

2011-05-27 12:05:00

private message to professor slughorn and professor sprout

professor slughorn one of your students has been injured

hydra lestrange

professor sprout, I'm

I'm sorry I'm sorry

come to the Transfiguration classroom

as fast as you can

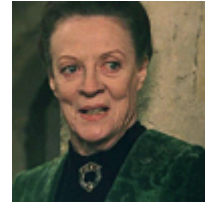


 [alt_percy](#)

2011-05-27 12:22:00

Hogwarts tragedy

I regret to inform you all that a student, Hannah Abbott, was killed this morning at Hogwarts. A professor, Rabastan Lestrangle, was also injured.




 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

Students, please remain in your Common Rooms as we deal with the consequences of this tragic event. Classes are cancelled for the remainder of the day. Parents need not worry; your children are safe at home.

More information will be forthcoming when the course of events has been properly ascertained.



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2011-05-27 17:31:23**

Private Message to Minerva McGonagall

Minerva,

Nolan's girl pulled me out of the Presto Board meeting.

Peakes wishes to convene the Governors as soon as possible.

What exactly occurred? Do you require MLE as well?



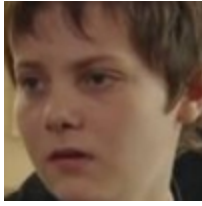
 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at **2011-05-27 17:45:20**

Re: Private Message to Minerva McGonagall

As far as I can tell, Hannah Abbott and Hydra Lestrangle somehow managed to provoke Amycus Carrow into attempting to kill them. Percy Weasley and Rabastan were also present. Percy is rather incoherent and Rabastan took a hex for Hydra, thus is in no state to explain further.

MLE will be necessary.

Carrow is currently isolated, but I daren't enter, even to issue medical assistance. I don't know if he is hurt. I haven't the training for this.




 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-05-27 17:34:08](#)
(no subject)

Blimey.

What do you mean we're safe? Was it Snape, Headmistress? Or Mr Macnair? How can we be safe if someone in our own year could get killed and Professor LeStrange could get hurt so badly?

Did anyone tell her parents?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 18:01:21](#)
(no subject)


do you think it was Snape?

maybe he was trying to get to Professor R because he's Harry's body guard?

oh, poor Hannah.

I hope Professor R isn't hurt too badly.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-27 18:06:26](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Was it...was it Master?

Could it have been?

I looked back over her journal, and...there was something about a kitten?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 18:21:34](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Do you think so?

Are you somewhere safe?



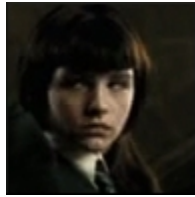
 **alt_terry** at [2011-05-27 18:27:59](#)

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

Yes to both.

He's done it before. He's killed before.

He likes it.



 **alt_pansy** at [2011-05-27 18:33:28](#)

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


I can't say that surprises me.

But killing a student and wounding a professor?
A professor who is also Harry's bodyguard? What
could possibly be the point of that?

What am I saying. This is Carrow. He doesn't need a point. I just
didn't think he'd go that far.

I'd keep my head down if I were you. Just in case.



 **alt_susan** at [2011-05-27 17:35:25](#)

(no subject)

WHAT?!?

~~That's imposs~~ She was just he

Oh.

Oh no.

Oh god she didn't



 **alt_ernie** at [2011-05-27 17:38:50](#)

(no subject)


Sue where are you? I am on my way to the common
room. where are you?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-27 17:40:28](#)
(no subject)

I'm in my room; I'll come out and meet you.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-27 17:41:21](#)
(no subject)

I don't want to be in here alone.

Have you seen Megs or Eloise?



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2011-05-27 17:44:00](#)
(no subject)


No not yet.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-27 17:45:30](#)
(no subject)

What about Bobby and Wayne? Are they with you by any chance?



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2011-05-27 17:49:08](#)
(no subject)

Yeah Wayne's here, Bobby PMed he's on his way.

Should we go to the hospital wing? I think when we're all together, we should go. She shouldn't

be alone.




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-27 17:54:26](#)**
(no subject)

Yes.

Megs just PMed me, but please, please, keep an eye out for Eloise. It could be important!!


I'll tell you why I think so when you get here.



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2011-05-27 17:58:44](#)**
(no subject)

Just met Eloise and John outside. We're coming in now. Have you heard from Zach?




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-27 18:01:55](#)**
(no subject)

I think I saw him helping Anne Cadwallader get some firsties settled, but I can't be sure it was him, as Summerby's got the same colour hair.


I don't Han would've



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2011-05-27 17:38:12](#)**
(no subject)

WHAT!! WHAT HAPPENED TO HANNAH!!! NO! NO NO



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-05-27 17:40:09](#)**
(no subject)

Oh.

Oh.

I was wondering why people were just sort of standing around and looking in their journals.

That's

that's awful.

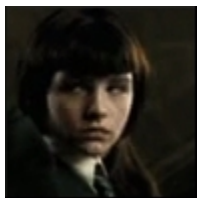


 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-27 17:55:49](#)

(no subject)

Parkinson, are your lot's prefects telling you anything??

Ours aren't.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 17:58:50](#)

(no subject)

No.

No they aren't.


I know Percy Weasley was there, but he hasn't written anything more.

Everyone's sort of

Well, they're all in a bit of a shock.

I'm so sorry, Susan.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-27 18:02:57](#)

(no subject)

I'm still rather hoping it's not real, it's all some sort of horrible mistake...



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 18:06:55](#)

(no subject)

Yeah.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-27 18:08:02](#)
(no subject)

But deep down I know it really isn't.

Not if it w




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 18:14:40](#)
(no subject)

Percy was--

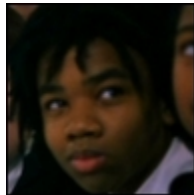
Right.


We're on our way to the Hospital Wing. Professor Hooch is bloody well mistaken if she thinks she can stop us.



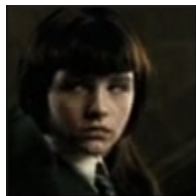
 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-27 18:15:46](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good


I'm going with you.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-27 18:17:07](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Let us know what you find out.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 18:23:16](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Terry says he thinks Carrow's involved.

If you see him, run away.

As fast as you can.

Him or his sister.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 19:09:43](#)

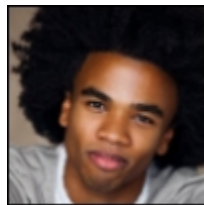
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good


Madam Pomfrey shoed us off again. Percy's not there, guess he's with the Headmistress. None of us have heard from him yet. We're on our way back to the Common Room.

Nev's peeled off to go to the greenhouses. He's real broken up about Abbott. Guess he was starting to fancy her.

You were right, Professor. It was that bloody bastard, Carrow.

Reckon you'll be rid of him now. With a little luck, the aurors will haul him off to Azkaban tonight.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-27 19:13:41](#)

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

Does that mean they've got him locked up somewhere?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 19:14:50](#)

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

Guess so. Nobody's looking for him, so guess that means they've got him.

Maybe someone will helpfully drown him in the lake before the aurors can pick him up.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 19:21:33](#)

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

what about his sister?

she's a murderer too, you know.

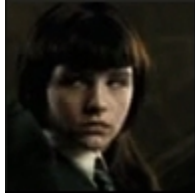
is she still loose?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 19:32:19](#)

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

No idea.

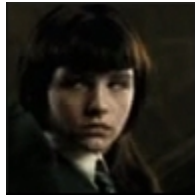


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 18:18:31](#)

(no subject)

At least I *think* he was.

He wrote those messages right before, didn't he?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-27 18:19:21](#)

(no subject)

Let me know.

If he's okay.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-27 18:30:05](#)

(no subject)

Well, the Headmistress also said that all the children were safe. Which I guess means that whoever did it has been caught?

But she might have been just saying it to keep people from panicking.

She's in her office, Floo calling. But she sent me away.

Anyway, I'm safe.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-27 17:46:12](#)

Order Only

Minerva? What's going on? Is it Snape? Do you need us there?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-27 17:51:02](#)

Re: Order Only

Bloody hell. If MLE is going to be crawling all over the place, SIRIUS BLACK GET TO GROUND!




 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-27 17:54:18](#)

Re: Order Only

Yes evacuate Sirius

I cannot explain now



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-05-27 18:31:28](#)

Re: Order Only

Merlin, this must be ghastly for you, Minerva.

We gather that Percy was involved somehow. Saw the private message headings. We trust you will fill us in when you can. Bill, Molly and I are all at the Burrow.

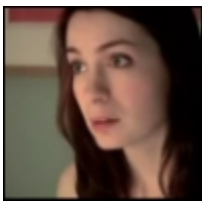


 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-27 18:04:44](#)

Re: Order Only

Too right. Sirius, let us know you've read this, and are safe.

Please.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-27 18:04:02](#)


Re: Order Only

Merlin.

When she first said that a student had been killed, I had to read it ten times before I sorted out that it wasn't Neville or Evelyn.

It's all I can do to convince Frank to stay here until we hear further. If the situation isn't ongoing, we'd only risk a run-in with the MLE, but goodness.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-05-27 18:33:30](#)
(no subject)

Headmistress,

Is the person who killed Abbott loose in the school?!

Please, please tell us if Prof Macnair is truly Out there again
endangering us all!!

2011-05-27 12:36:00

Private message to Hannah Abbott

It can't be true. It can't.



 **alt_neville**

[2011-05-27 12:59:00](#)

Private message to Arthur Weasley and Molly Weasley


Mum and Dad.

Check your journals. The Headmistress's entry. One of the students said there's a rumour that Percy was there.




 [alt_bill](#)



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-27 18:09:18](#)
(no subject)

Oh, Arthur!




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-05-27 18:09:58](#)
(no subject)

Merlin.

Thanks for the heads up, son.


Molly, given the rumours reported, I've been cleared to come home. I'll be with you as soon as I reach the Floo.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-27 18:10:53](#)
(no subject)

Mum...what does the clock say for Percy? And for all the rest?




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-27 18:11:54](#)
(no subject)

It just says 'At school.' If it said 'Mortal Peril' earlier, I missed it.

Oh, Bill!



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-05-27 18:12:40](#)**
(no subject)

I've given the word to Massopust, and I'm on my way to the Burrow, too.

2011-05-27 13:11:00

*Private Message to Mr and Mrs
Lestrangle*



Bella, Rodolphus

You may have heard by now, there's been an incident. I'm afraid your daughter has been injured, although not seriously. Nonetheless, you may wish to attend the school post-haste. I am with Hydra in the hospital wing at present.

 [alt_horace](#)

Rabastan has also been injured. He took a curse intended for Hydra, as I understand it.

I shall expect you presently.

Yours etc.

HEF

2011-05-27 13:20:00

Private Message to Percy

Perce?


I saw your PMs to the professors. Everything all right?



 **alt_penelope**

Should I give up on meeting you, then? Or do you need more prefects involved in whatever you're doing?




 **alt_percy** at **2011-05-27 23:41:44**
(no subject)

I wish I could see you tonight.

Back at Gryffindor Tower, but not talking to anyone.



 **alt_percy** at **2011-05-28 00:18:04**
(no subject)

I forgot. I was supposed to patrol tonight. Could you have someone else cover for me?

If anyone is even worrying about patrols tonight.
Maybe they're not.

2011-05-27 13:21:00

Order Only: Private message to Sirius

Sirius.

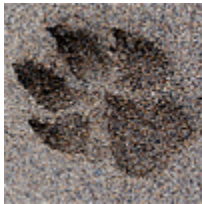
Where are you? Did you see Bill's message? We suspect MLE are on their way, if not already there.



 [alt_lupin](#)

I'm going to assume you're already holed up somewhere safe, but if not - get gone. Now.

And let us know, when you can, that you're safe.



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2011-05-28 02:31:35**

(no subject)

I'm fine, everyone.

I've been staying in the shack, as Padfoot.

Sorry to worry you all, but I only just checked the journals since I was getting ready to meet Terry.

Guess I'll just sit tight.

2011-05-27 13:38:00

*Private message Private Message to
Bellatrix and Rodolphus Lestrangle*



It is my unfortunate duty to inform you as his nearest relations that Professor Rabastan Lestrangle has suffered a serious curse injury this afternoon. I am treating him here at Hogwarts in consultation with specialists from St Mungo's curse team. His condition is severe but has stabilised.

 [alt_poppy](#)

I regret to say that I have also treated your daughter this afternoon. For shock and minor bruising suffered as her uncle shielded her from the curse that caused his injury. I cannot offer more detail on those circumstances as I was not present, but I can assure you that Miss Lestrangle was not significantly injured. She did, quite understandably, faint in the shock of the moment, but she regained consciousness promptly and continues to be alert and responsive.

I am available to discuss Professor Lestrangle's care, or you may wish to contact Healer Socrates Kosta at St Mungo's. He stands ready to discuss whether Professor Lestrangle ought best be transferred there.

[2011-05-27 13:40:00](#)

Order Only

We've one child dead, as Minerva reported.
Hannah Abbott. Aged thirteen.



 **[alt_poppy](#)**

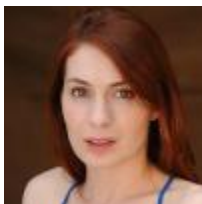
We've one member of staff critically injured.
Rabastan Lestrangle. Apparently he took a hex
meant for his niece.


And we've several who've been traumatised by witnessing murder.
Young Miss Lestrangle, for one.

Molly, that number may include your Percy, I'm afraid, though I've not
examined him. I'm led to believe he's with Minerva, acting his part as
Head Boy. He was, unfortunately, in the room with Carrow when it
happened, when the chaos erupted. And it was Percy who summoned
me. Well, perhaps you saw as much.

Alice, your children are unhurt. Not to say uninvolved, quite. Your son
has been here, haunting my waiting room. I gather he was close to
Miss Abbott.

That's all I'm able to tell you at this juncture, and I really must return
to my tasks.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-05-27 18:55:34](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you for letting me know they were safe, Poppy.

I'm sorry to hear about Percy, Molly. Have you been
able to get to school to check on him yet?



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2011-05-27 19:02:43](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, Alice.

I just got off a Floo call with Minerva.

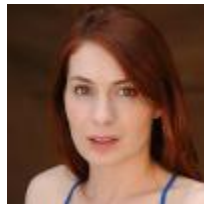
That monster killed that poor girl right in front of him.


And Minerva says he...oh, Alice! That Percy tried everything to try to get him to stop. Professor Lestrangle came in partway through the fight, but got blasted aside. And Percy used ended up using Imperius. To try to get Carrow back under control. My Percy!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-27 19:03:08](#)
(no subject)

I simply cannot stop crying.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-27 19:19:02](#)
(no subject)


How terrible.

How absolutely terrified he must have been.

I'm glad he wasn't harmed. Given what happened to Lestrangle, and the girl, it seems like that could've been a real possibility.

And he kept that awful man from hurting other people. Can you imagine him rampaging through the halls of the school?




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-05-27 18:56:34](#)
(no subject)

It was Carrow, then.

Merlin, what a waste. After all the warnings and protests that he was still there, this happens.

Hope you and Minerva weather the storm. And Pomona, too? I gather the girl was in her House. What a dreadful thing. Give Pomona our sincere sympathies.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-27 19:19:42](#)
(no subject)

should've killed the son of a bitch when I had the chance.

damn.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-05-27 19:36:01](#)
(no subject)

That's hard, my friend. When one gets away, and you kick yourself when he then goes on and hurts someone else.

2011-05-27 14:01:00

Private message to Percy Weasley and Arthur Weasley



 [alt_molly](#)

Your father and I just finished a Floo call with the Headmistress.

Oh, my dear boy.

Your father and I are here at the Burrow, Percy. Bill's here, too.

Oh, how I wish you were home.

Please check in with us when you can.



 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-05-27 23:31:33**

(no subject)

Thanks, mum.

Wish I were home, too.



 [alt_molly](#) at **2011-05-27 23:45:14**

(no subject)

Are they...

You're not staying in the Hospital Wing? The Headmistress said you weren't injured?



 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-05-27 23:48:05**


(no subject)

No, I wasn't hurt at all. I'm back in my room.

Mum, I just can't talk about it yet. I've been answering questions all afternoon, and...

I just can't.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-05-27 23:55:00](#)**
(no subject)

Then we won't press you, dear boy.

Is there anything you need from us?




 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-27 23:57:20](#)**
(no subject)

I've sat here for five minutes trying to think of something, but nothing comes to mind.


It's hard to think.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-05-27 23:58:49](#)**
(no subject)


It's the shock, I expect. Did the Matron give you a potion?



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-28 00:01:08](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, some Dreamless Sleep. I'm supposed to take at bedtime. I forgot about it. But it's still early.




 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-05-28 00:03:11](#)**
(no subject)

No one will object in the least if you take it now. Perhaps some sleep would be the very best thing.

Go ahead and take it, son.




 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-28 00:04:47](#)**
(no subject)

I'll do that then.

I'll try--I'll try to say more tomorrow.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-05-28 00:08:40](#)**
(no subject)

Only when you're ready, Percy.

Your mum has a package on its way to you.
You know how she throws herself into her
baking when she's upset. I know that shortbread won't solve
anything, but at least it's something you can share with your
friends so you can be with them, even if you can't talk to
them yet.

2011-05-27 14:18:00

Padma???

Are you alright?? And everyone in Ravenclaw??
I saw Corner replied to the Headmistress but
nothing from you or Moon or the others.



 **alt_lavender**

And have you seen Seamus?

Parvati and I are in the Gryffindor Common Room now.

I keep trying to tell myself that Prof Macnair couldn't possibly get into
the tower again, but I'm not sure I believe myself.

2011-05-27 14:34:00

(no subject)

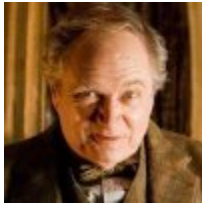
Professor Slughorn, I can't find Hydra.


Most everyone is back and in the Common Room, but not her.



 [alt_pansy](#)

Has anybody else seen her?

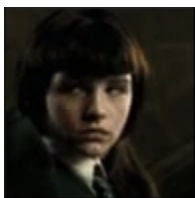


 [alt_horace](#) at **2011-05-27 18:44:02**
(no subject)

Hydra is here in the hospital wing, Pansy. I'm afraid she's been injured, but it's not too serious. Please tell her friends not to worry. She's under Madam Pomfrey's excellent care, and will make a full recovery.

I understand you or Hydra's other friends may wish to visit her in the hospital wing, but please stay in the Common Room. Now is not the time.

I will come and speak to you all as soon as possible, but for now, please heed your prefects, take care of the younger children, and try to stay calm. Everything is going to be all right.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-27 18:53:25**
(no subject)

Thank you, Professor Slughorn.

2011-05-27 14:56:00

(no subject)

Now some o yeh've been writin me an askin about fings yeh could use if'n yeh've got a neighbour or summat an want ter make him sorry fer somefin wivout his knowin it was you wot done it.



 [alt_wagstaff](#)

An I was thinkin. Somefin I've always got in me pack or on me cart is bottles of Missus Scower's--an what's that made of? Bundimun goo, innit?

Now a brand name product like ol' Missus Scower's, that's a real weak an watered down mix, but everyone I know knows some ol' place that's got an infestation of Bundimuns. I mean, I'm always selling stuff to help people pry 'em off their houses, innit?

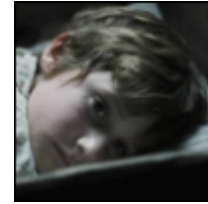
So if yeh'd just go scrape yeh off a load of 'em, then all yeh'd need do is squeeze the juices out'm into a bucket. It'll take yeh a dozen or so to get much of the slop yer wantin, but anywiz, then. Then I'd take a towel and soak it in the ooze, an when it falls night, yeh could wrap that towel right round yeh an it wouldn't show at all under yer robes. Loads less suspicious than carryin a pail full o Bundimun slop through the streets, yeah?

An when yeh get to yer neighbour's or wherever it is yeh've got someone needs payin back, then yeh slide out the soaked towel an if he's got wooden steps to his door, wrap it round one of the supports an when he steps out, the goo'll've gone straight frough an the step'll fall down under him, ain't it? An if he's not got wooden steps, then yeh could use yer loaf an think of somefin else.

2011-05-27 15:42:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am No Good

Fred and George? Are they going to let you out of the common room?



I'd like to see you. When you have a chance.

 [alt_terry](#)

Except I don't know when the Headmistress is going to let me go.

I'm back in her office now. I'm on the floor over by a bookcase, staying out of everyone's way. There's some people from the MLE here, interviewing your brother. There have been a lot of Floo calls, too.

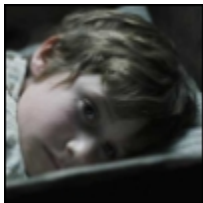
They're talking so low I can't hear them very well. I tried to creep forward a little to listen, and one of them gave me the evil eye so I ended up scuttling back.


Guess they've got Master locked up somewhere. Anyway, he's still here in the castle.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 20:51:33](#)
(no subject)

How's Percy doing?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-27 20:54:06](#)
(no subject)

Not so good. He's been sort of shaking a lot, all over. They gave him some tea, and the cup was rattling like anything in the saucer. Once when they stopped talking to him and were talking amongst themselves, I saw tears running down his face for awhile. But I don't think he even noticed.

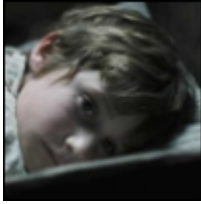
I think he's in shock or something. As best as I can make out, he's answered a bunch of their questions by saying he can't remember.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 20:56:06](#)
(no subject)

Thanks. It helps to hear just a little bit how he is.

Us and Ron and Ginny have been just about going spare, worrying about him.



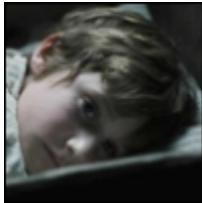
 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-27 20:56:49](#)
(no subject)


I thought you didn't like him very much.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 20:57:28](#)
(no subject)

He may be a git sometimes, but he is our brother.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-27 21:12:15](#)
(no subject)

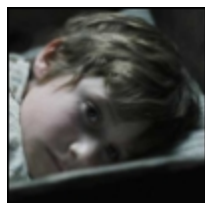
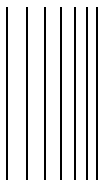
How's Neville holding up? I saw you said earlier he was starting to fancy her? Abbott, I mean?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 21:17:04](#)
(no subject)

Dunno. He hasn't gotten come back from the greenhouses.

Except that Hooch got hacked off when she realised he wasn't here and sent Towler, one of the Prefects, to go fetch him back.



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2011-05-27 21:18:26](#)**
(no subject)

They should just leave the poor kid alone.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-28 04:27:41](#)**
(no subject)

Azkaban is too good for him. I hope he gets Kissed by the Dementors.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-28 11:45:53](#)**
(no subject)

That sounds ideal to us.

2011-05-27 16:31:00

*Private message to Minerva McGonagall
and Poppy Pomfrey*



I'm sure you're both terribly busy, so please ignore this until you've a moment to spare, but a few things that have come up.

 [alt_sinistra](#)

I'm in the Hufflepuff common room - I relieved Pomona, so she could focus on poor Hannah and whatever else needs to be done - but the entire House is obviously extremely upset.

Whatever concrete information can be shared would be helpful - they've worked themselves up into quite a fit of fear and speculation (the ones who aren't just in tears). Pomona did tell me the horrible details of what happened, but until I know what's to be shared with students, I won't say anything, of course.

Poppy -

More than a few of them are likely to have trouble sleeping. I know you've opinions about the use of Dreamless Sleep potion, but is there something else that might, well, soften the edges a little? Some of them - especially the second and third years - are so worked up.

If an extra pair of hands would be helpful to you, I think I've also done as much here as I can directly, though of course I'm glad to stay here as long as it's useful. The prefects are helping wonderfully, as much as they can.

And... is there anything I can do for Raz? Or any news you can share?

- A.S.



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2011-05-27 22:01:55**
(no subject)

Aurora.

Of course. If you're sure you're not needed in Hufflepuff House for now, why don't you stop up and collect a supply of calming draught. I'll set it aside now.

Professor Lestrage is sleeping, but he did wake briefly this afternoon. You're welcome to look in on him. I can't think of anything he'll need immediately; I'm afraid that for now even a dressing robe would be superfluous.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2011-05-27 22:05:00**
(no subject)

I'll be right up. That would help a great deal, I think, and the prefects have things in good order. I'll also round up a few things to help keep them busy, perhaps.

And, thank you for the news. Much appreciated.

2011-05-27 16:46:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Nev,

Where are you, mate? They sent Towler off to look for you, but I think he was off to the Greenhouses, and maybe you aren't there?




 [alt_ron](#)

Are you all right?

Okay, that's dumb. You're not all right. But come back, yeah? We're waiting here in the common room, and we won't make you talk or anything, but

we'd just feel better about it if you were here.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-05-27 22:30:49**


(no subject)

I'm here in the greenhouses. Heard Towler calling for me and just ducked out of sight.

Sorry, but I'm just not ready to come back. I don't care if Professor Hooch gives me detention till doomsday.

I'll stay here and repot some stuff for awhile. But I'll probably come back to sleep. Don't want to be here when it's dark.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-05-27 23:13:53**

(no subject)


Yeah.

I'm coming out there with you.

Twins are going to distract Hooch. And she can just give us both detention if she wants.

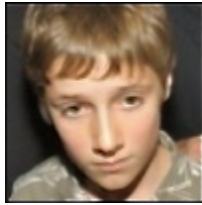
Make room on the potting bench for me, yeah?




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-27 23:14:50](#)
(no subject)

All right.


Thanks.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-28 02:51:37](#)
(no subject)

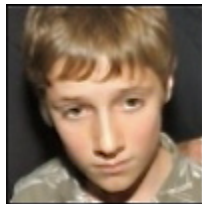
I'm so sorry, Neville. For what it's worth.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-28 02:53:59](#)
(no subject)

It's not like...it's not like she was my girlfriend or anything. I don't have any clue she thought of me that way at all.

But maybe she was. And anyway, I was starting to hope. It might have...it might have worked out that way, you know? If we'd had time.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-28 02:54:47](#)
(no subject)

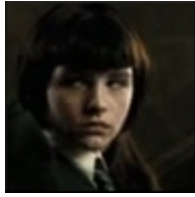
I know just what you mean.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-27 23:38:26](#)
(no subject)

Percy just got back to the Common Room, Ron. He went right upstairs to his room, and his roommates said he's in his bed with the curtains drawn. He didn't say anything to anybody. No one's said anything to him.

Good thing, cause we would have broken the face of anybody who tried.

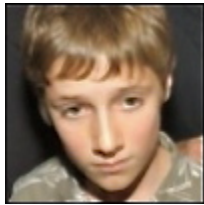



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 02:24:11](#)
(no subject)

I feel so helpless.

She sat down and ate lunch, and half an hour later, she was dead.

And all that practicing we've been doing? I don't think it would've helped at all.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-28 02:40:11](#)
(no subject)

Probably not. Not against him. He even took out Professor Lestrage, who's here as the Lord Protector's son's bodyguard.

I hope I never have to see him again as long as I live.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 02:41:15](#)
(no subject)

me too.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-28 04:26:33](#)
(no subject)

I still just can't believe it.

Neville, I'm so sorry.

2011-05-27 17:55:00

(no subject)

If it were someone else, Han would be helping, making tea, trying to keep the firsties calm and such.



 **alt_susan**

I'm trying to do what she'd do.

I don't feel anything yet.

I wish they'd bloody well *tell* us something.

Professor Sinistra, have you got anything that needs doing? I'd like to keep busy.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2011-05-27 22:06:51**

(no subject)

Thank you for offering, Miss Bones, and that's an excellent suggestion.

I'm about to go collect a few things from Madam Pomfrey - it's best you stay in the common room or your room for right now, but I'll round up a few things that might help keep hands busy on my way back.



 **alt_susan** at **2011-05-27 22:16:41**

(no subject)

Thanks, Professor Sinistra.

I'll do whatever you like--I'd scrub cauldrons if it would help me stop thinking for awhile.

Could you ask Madame Pomfrey when they'll let us up to see her? If she's not too busy, of course.

2011-05-27 19:11:00

Sadness


At least the trays of sandwiches the house elves sent to the Common Room were good. Even if no one feels like eating.



 [alt_luna](#)

Hufflepuff House, everyone here at Ravenclaw is very, very sorry about Hannah Abbott. And we hope that Professor Lestrangle and anyone else who might have been hurt recover quickly.



 [alt_susan](#) at **2011-05-28 01:33:34**
(no subject)

Thanks, Lovegood.

[2011-05-28 07:22:00](#)

(no subject)

I keep looking for her and realising she's not here anymore.



 [alt_ernie](#)



 [alt_susan](#) at **[2011-05-28 15:18:16](#)**

(no subject)

I keep thinking about stupid things.

I mean, we had just been talking about who we wanted to send messages to for YPL, and neither of us had decided.

And now I'll never know what she'd have chosen.

It's stupid, but it bothers me.



 [alt_neville](#) at **[2011-05-28 15:29:17](#)**

(no subject)

I didn't know her as well as all of you in Hufflepuff, of course, but we often worked together in the greenhouses, after classes. I was wondering, could you ask Professor Sprout something for me? Could you ask her if I could keep some of the sample cultivars Hannah had potted and was trying to grow? There was a dusty dragonbreath plant, and a shimmering wortspray. One of those. Could you ask?

I'm ever so sorry. Words just seem so useless.



 [alt_susan](#) at **[2011-05-28 15:31:57](#)**


(no subject)

I'll ask.

I'm sure she would be happy to let you have them, though.


Han really liked you, you know.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-28 18:15:06](#)**
(no subject)


I...really liked her, too. A lot.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-28 17:02:07](#)**
Private Message to Ernie MacMillan

Did you see what Prof Carrow said?!?!




 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2011-05-28 17:09:01](#)**
Re: Private Message to Ernie MacMillan

He's sick! He's disgusting! I hate him so much. I can't believe they even let him be here. He should've been thrown in Azkaban already. Or drowned in the lake.

It must be true though, what everyone's saying. He must have done it. How could he? How could he do that to Hannah. She never hurt anyone. She didn't deserve this, Sue. It's not fair. It's not right.




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-28 19:15:06](#)**
Re: Private Message to Ernie MacMillan

It's not. It's not fair at all.

He never should have been allowed to go on teaching here--everyone know he was completely round the twist!



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-28 19:28:49](#)**
Re: Private Message to Ernie MacMillan

Ernie, I might've done something really stupid...

...I commented on his journal.



 [alt_ernie](#) at **2011-05-28 20:26:18**

Re: Private Message to Ernie MacMillan

He can't get us now. He's locked up, yeah? The Headmistress said. The MLE will chuck him in Azkaban and throw away the key and he'll never hurt anyone ever again.

Just to be safe though, don't go anywhere on your own.



 [alt_susan](#) at **2011-05-28 20:55:42**

Re: Private Message to Ernie MacMillan

I'll try not to do anything else rash, but I'll eventually have to get out of this castle.

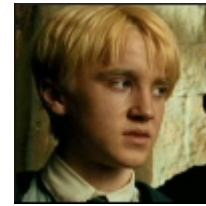
Hopefully by then they'll have him off to prison though.

Merlin, I wish I could go flying!

2011-05-28 08:11:00

Message to Hufflepuff

I was sorry to hear about Abbott; I didn't know her well but she seemed a good sort, and it's obvious that all of Hufflepuff was fond of her. All who knew her have my condolences.

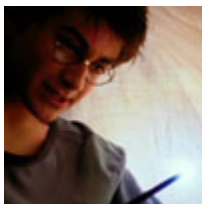


 [alt_draco](#)

Really though, I don't know about the rest of you lot but most of us in Slytherin are tired of having to sort through rumours and speculation about what happened. We heard here that it was Macnair or Snape, at first, but then by late last night the news was that Professor Carrow did it, and it's because Hannah and Hydra (!?) tried to use Imperius on him for some reason, and he resisted it. I'm not sure how the Rizzer ended up in the Transfiguration classroom at all, since it's not in the same corridor as Defence. I guess the Head Boy probably had something to do in the classroom, since he takes Advanced Transfig.

What have the rest of you heard?

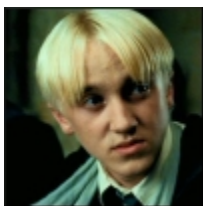
I have to say that I think it's mad that a student could die here, of all places, but I guess it's happened before. Isn't that why that girl's ghost haunts the loo?



 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-05-28 15:18:44**

(no subject)

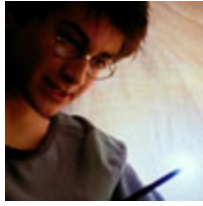
Well you know I heard same as you but I wanted to say me too.



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-05-28 15:42:28**

(no subject)


What do you think, would Hydra be mad enough to try to help rescue a kitten from Professor Carrow? I sort of think not, just because she's usually so cautious, but she also really likes kittens and things, so I don't know.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-28 15:43:17](#)
(no subject)

I think maybe. I mean she probably wouldn't think he'd be mad enough to try to hurt her. Her mum is no joke.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-28 15:48:14](#)
(no subject)

Still, what a bad idea. ~~Almost like trying to rescue a dragon~~

If it's true that Raz took a curse that was meant for her, then he was definitely trying to hurt her. And they said that Raz's injuries are severe and he's a grown man; Hydra's so little I suppose it might've have even killed her, too?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-28 15:24:46](#)
(no subject)

Professor Carrow had her kitten; she asked for it back after lessons and he wouldn't give it to her.

I heard that part but then he said something else I didn't catch.

And she and Hydra were PMing each other--I remember thinking it was sort of odd because they don't know each other well.

I don't *know* exactly what happened because they won't *tell* us anything, but I can guess.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-28 15:39:59](#)
(no subject)

I didn't notice that Hydra and Abbott were talking, but if it involved an animal, well... I can guess what might've happened, too.

Now that I think on it, when I've been in the Razzer's office he had loads of things that were set up to alert him about things going on in the castle. I bet one of them set off, and that's why he was there.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-28 15:53:04](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I remember Hydra was really upset last year when her rabbit was hurt.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-28 15:49:50](#)
(no subject)

You were close to her, yeah? Sorry, Bones.


Tell Macmillain I'm sorry, too. He was her boyfriend, right?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-28 15:55:15](#)
(no subject)

All of us in our year are pretty close, yeah.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 17:35:38](#)
Private Message to Susan Bones

Is there anything I can do?

I know you've got plenty of friends in your own House, and they are all hurting and sad too, so you probably want to stick with them, but if you want anything, anything at all, just let me know.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-28 19:16:52](#)
Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

Thanks, Parkinson. That means a lot, really.

As much as I love my House, I think that pretty soon--not today, but soon--I'm going to need to get
away.

Meet me at the the lake after lessons Monday? I could do with some singing.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 19:32:49](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

I know what you mean.

Monday would be fine.

I'll bring my guitar.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-28 20:04:44](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

Could we sing the song you wrote the other day?

I know you wrote it for ~~Re~~ somebody else, but would you mind if it was for Hannah a bit, too?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 20:15:38](#)

Re: Private Message to Susan Bones

I wouldn't mind one bit. It would be an honour.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-28 16:24:13](#)


I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

He doesn't know Hannah Abbott well at all if he thinks she'd be stupid enough to try an imperius curse on Professor Carrow. But I'd think he'd know his own cousin pretty well.

I haven't heard that particular rumour at all. It sounds mad to me.

Ron, has Percy said anything about what happened?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 17:24:55](#)

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

Hydra might know how to do Imperius. I mean, her mum might've taught her.

She knows lots of things that she keeps quiet about.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-28 16:32:10](#)

(no subject)

I've just heard from Samantha that it was the Head Boy who used Imperius on Professor Carrow, though she wasn't sure exactly why. Maybe to stop him? The Head Boy really doesn't like it when any rules are

broken!




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-05-28 17:00:00](#)

(no subject)

Well that at least seems more plausible than Hydra or Abbott using Imperius.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 17:21:55](#)

(no subject)

Do you think she'll become a ghost too?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-28 19:18:51](#)

(no subject)

That would mean her soul isn't at peace, wouldn't it?

But I'd want to ta



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-05-28 19:21:28**
(no subject)

I was going to say that she might have to become a ghost if we're ever going to hear about what happened, but I see that the Headmistress just made an announcement.

Still, it doesn't tell us why he did it.

2011-05-28 10:18:00

Entry

As I have received a number of Private Messages on the matter, I feel it best to make a brief public announcement about the state of my brother and daughter.



 [alt_rodolphus](#)

Rabastan is convalescing in Hogwarts hospital wing; we see no reason to transfer him to St. Mungos at this time, as to do so will undoubtedly cause him pain and may worsen his condition. With proper care he should make a full recovery with no long-term curse damage, though it will take a some time for the paralysis to retreat and for his vision to return.

My daughter has been treated for minor injuries, but is otherwise fine. She has already been questioned by MLE about her role in the incident.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 16:39:14](#)

Re: Private message to Bella

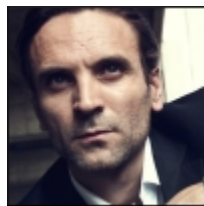
All of this over a fucking kitten, of all things. Carrow somehow ended up with one that Hannah Abbott believed to be hers, and the girl became convinced he was going to bring it to a dark and bloody end



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-28 16:40:52](#)

Re: Private message to Bella

Please tell me that our daughter was there to stop the Abbott girl from breaking into a classroom and stealing a Professor's property.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 16:43:19](#)

Re: Private message to Bella

Do you know our daughter?

I gather she did try to tell the girl it was a plot doomed to failure, but as the girl couldn't be talked out of it, Hydra felt it might at least better her chances if she had company.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-28 16:45:19](#)**

Re: Private message to Bella

Soft-hearted *fool*.

As is your brother. He ought to have engaged Carrow, not leapt in front of him like some sacrificial Gryffindor.

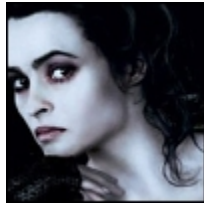


 **[alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 16:48:08](#)**

Re: Private message to Bella

It's not the first impulse he's had to throw himself in the line of fire; I didn't hear much complaint when it happened last time.

Certainly not from you, Wife.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-28 16:50:58](#)**

Re: Private message to Bella

The two events are not comparable.

Had Hydra suffered the curse, then perhaps she would have learned a valuable lesson. Instead, what she has learned is that she has a flock of silly men who surround her, all waiting to fall on the wand in her stead.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 16:54:03](#)**

Re: Private message to Bella

I, for one, am relieved that she was spared such a lesson. The curse was nasty enough to lay out Raz, and I imagine would have done worse to someone Hydra's age.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-28 16:55:44](#)

Re: Private message to Bella

Do not try to twist my words in that direction.

I do not wish harm upon my daughter, only some modicum of wisdom.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 16:56:42](#)

Re: Private message to Bella

Our daughter, Bella.

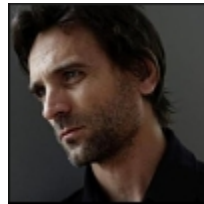


 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-28 16:57:46](#)

Re: Private message to Bella

And I think you'd like it if she were just *yours*.

It won't happen.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 16:58:26](#)

Re: Private message to Bella

No, Bella, I meant ours.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-28 17:30:04](#)

(no subject)

Mr Lestrage, I just wanted to let you know that everyone in our House is glad to hear that Hydra is doing all right, and we're all worried about Professor Lestrage, because, well, he's a really ace Professor, and we all like him very much. But it's good to know that he is recovering.


I'm so sorry you had to get such bad news about your brother and your daughter on the same day, but I'm very glad they will both be okay.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-28 17:47:37](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, Miss Parkinson. My daughter speaks of you often, and I know that you've been a good friend to her.




 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-05-28 18:02:32](#)**
Private Message to Rod

I'm glad I have been of some use to you, Rodolphus, though perhaps it shall turn out to be the Sisters in Witchcraft who benefit most by my coming up to the school.

That Carrow could have found anything in Hydra to offend him is clear proof he has no business teaching children. And to attack Raz? No, I am convinced he has lost what little grip he ever had on his wits.

Have you had any success getting Bella to join you?




 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-28 19:19:16](#)**
Re: Private Message to Rod

Gratitude, Narcissa. I know you've had much to deal with yourself as of late.

Whatever Carrow's fate, he's earned nothing but my ill will from here on out. Seeing that the curse caused paralysis...well, I had to remind myself that times are different now and he'll have full access to the best treatment. Bad enough that he's still coping with what that Longbottom bitch did.

I've not tried to get her to join me. I'm sure she will make an appearance when it best suits her.



 **[alt_lana](#)** at **[2011-05-28 21:58:44](#)**

Private Message to Rodolphus and Bellatrix Lestrangle

I'm sorry to hear that the situation there is so serious, particularly for Professor Lestrangle. My sympathies are with all of you.

Sir, I've thought my best contribution would be to keep working. I haven't attempted any of the things we set aside, of course, but I've been busy about researching the pieces Craddock sent over and have found a deal of promising information. I'll be ready to report whenever you're able to return. -- But please don't feel I'm pressing you to leave there whilst you're needed.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-28 23:23:06](#)**

Private message to Lana

Lana - thank you for your sympathies; they are appreciated.

I look forward to the return of our work together.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-05-28 23:23:57](#)**

Re: Private Message to Rodolphus and Bellatrix Lestrangle

Yes, Miss Sandoval, that would be best.



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-28 22:42:30](#)**

(no subject)

I'm relieved that Hydra is well, and I wish to pass along my best wishes for Professor Lestrangle's complete recovery.

2011-05-28 11:39:00

Private message to Penelope Clearwater

I can't face the Great Hall.

Could you assemble a sandwich or something for me and meet me at the big rock at the foot of the lake? I'd be very grateful.



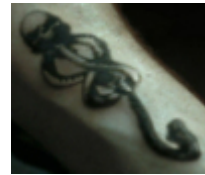
 [alt_percy](#)

[2011-05-28 11:42:00](#)

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Don't see what all the tiresome fuss is about.

It was only a stupid half-blood.



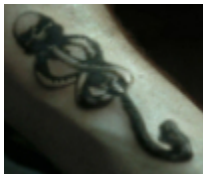
 **[alt_amycus](#)**



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-28 17:04:44](#)**

(no subject)

You stinking bastard. You're finally gonna be getting what's coming to you. We can hardly wait.



 **[alt_amycus](#)** at **[2011-05-28 17:06:40](#)**

(no subject)

Well, well, well. So the sneaking bloodtraitors are finally brave enough to come out and snarl in the open.

I would careful, if I were you.

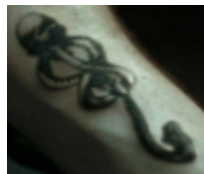


 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-05-28 17:07:45](#)**

(no subject)

You are bleeding unbelievable. You, telling us to be careful.

What're you gonna do? Put us in detention? You've got bigger problems, don't you think?



 **[alt_amycus](#)** at **[2011-05-28 17:09:10](#)**

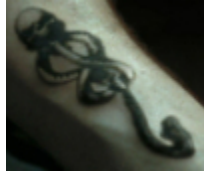
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Oh, I might take out my ire on one of your favourite little pets, I think.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-28 17:09:39](#)
(no subject)


No bleeding way are you ever going to get your stinking paws on him. Ever again.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-28 17:10:13](#)
(no subject)

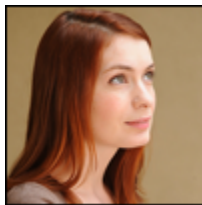
Don't be too sure.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-28 18:09:06](#)
Order Only

Well, one good thing about this whole wretched mess would be if it means the boy can finally be freed.

I've been thinking, Minerva...if Amycus Carrow is truly out of the picture, is there any reason the boy can't go to Moddey Dhoo this summer and just stay there from now on? You could tell people you've sent him to stay at your property in London, couldn't you?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-28 18:17:09](#)
Re: Order Only

If it could be arranged somehow, I would like that very much.

As would he, I think.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-28 18:48:19](#)
Re: Order Only

If he is, indeed, truly out of the picture. The MLE won't tell me what's being done.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 17:07:26](#)

(no subject)

And two of mine.

I must admit that I find myself intrigued by the curse you used on Raz (and meant to use on Hydra). A nasty one, potentially fatal if not treated within an hour or so, and quite a bit like some of the hexes that my own wife has perfected - though, of course, not quite so perfect. But then you've always openly admired Bella's work, haven't you?

I don't believe you've had much chance to admire my work, Amycus, but perhaps you will yet.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-28 17:13:20](#)

(no subject)

Oh yes, I've certainly admired your Belladonna's wandwork. I'm sure she at least appreciates someone who aspires to her level of cursework, even if my style is perhaps a touch more crude.

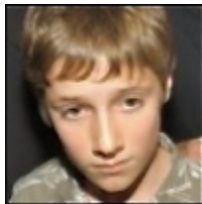
Still, the crude and savage style has its place.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-28 17:13:45](#)

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Not at Hogwarts, it doesn't. Git.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-28 17:16:16](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

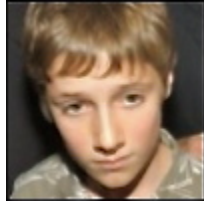
Don't, Fred and George. Please don't. For me?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-28 17:17:42](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Professor, you can't seriously be believing he's in any position to be making threats, can you?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-28 17:23:59](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

I don't care if he's chained to a wall with his wand taken away. I'm still scared of him.



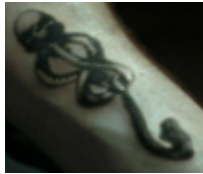
 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-28 17:23:24](#)

(no subject)

It certainly does have its place.

It often shows up where you least expect it.

Whatever the outcome of this all, I'd be very careful with all your belongings from here on out. Your quills, your books, those bottles of liquor you love so much, even your socks.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-29 01:44:07](#)

(no subject)

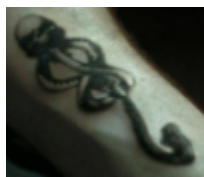
Threatening me with socks? My, what very interesting weapons you choose.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-05-29 01:53:47](#)

(no subject)

You lack imagination. Disappointing.




 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-29 02:25:05](#)

(no subject)

On the contrary, I have an extremely inventive one.

||||| Just ask tidbit.

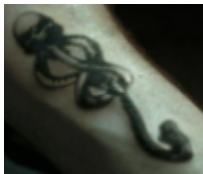


 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-28 17:35:15](#)
(no subject)

Amycus,

Your fervor has been truly twisted - and wasted - in such an environment if you now see little girls and kittens as issues worth creating such a rabble over.

We all have better things to do, as does He.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-28 17:57:50](#)
(no subject)


Well then, perhaps Himself might find me a place where my genius and gifts can have more proper scope.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-28 19:22:26](#)
(no subject)

You look only for the flattery in my words.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-05-28 19:25:32](#)
(no subject)

"Be bold, be bold, but not too bold, lest your heart's blood run cold."

Reynardine. Someday someone will get you like Marianne got

2011-05-28 12:08:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley

Percy,

I understand you've had a helluva week. I know Mum and Dad have told you that they won't press you to talk about what happened until you're ready--if ever--and that goes for me, too. But I wanted to make you an offer: I have some holiday time I can take at the office. If you think it'd help, consider yourself invited to to spend a week at my flat in New London when school gets out. Maybe a little break from everything, including the Burrow (as much as we both love it) would be good for you. We could spend the week just knocking about, seeing the sights of the city. It'd mean not having to muck out the goat shed or dodge the twins' pranks. Mum and Dad say it's fine with them.

Just let me know.




 [alt_bill](#)



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-28 22:35:15](#)
(no subject)


That's...quite a good idea, Bill. I would like to think further on it, but I suspect I will probably take you up on your offer.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-28 22:36:23](#)
(no subject)

I could even see if Charlie could take some time off and join us for part of it. If you like.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-28 22:37:16](#)
(no subject)

I like that idea, too.

Thank you. It's quite kind of you.

2011-05-28 13:44:00

Hogwarts Update

Students, parents, and teachers,

I write to apprise you of the situation here at Hogwarts, which I know has been distressing for you all.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

Amycus Carrow has been accused of the murder of Hannah Abbott, the cruel hexing of Rabastan Lestrangle, and the attempted hexing of Hydra Lestrangle. Your Head Boy, Percy Weasley, heroically restrained Professor Carrow with the Imperius curse until help could be summoned. Professor Carrow is in custody at Hogwarts, under the guard of the MLE, until his punishment can be determined.

Students, please ignore Professor Carrow's statements. He is none of your concern; his fate is no longer in Hogwarts hands.

Professor Lestrangle is convalescing. His wounds, while serious, are reparable.

As for Miss Abbott, she will be sorely missed. While her parents have requested that she be sent home for private burial, students who wish to pay their final respects may do so in the Hospital Wing between two o'clock and four o'clock today.

Exams will continue as planned. It will be best for us all to stick to our routines in this difficult, difficult time.

[2011-05-28 16:03:00](#)

The Grim Truth was RIGHT!!!!

Back in February, the Grim Truth attempted to warn its readers of the extreme danger that the villainous AMYCUS CARROW presented to the innocent children of Hogwarts. Now we see the tragic results of the school administration and the regime's determination to callously ignore these warnings: one precious child has been ripped from life by a fiend not fit to kneel and kiss the hem of her robes.



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_charlotte](#)

Wake up, Wizarding World!!! More will suffer and die if you do not rise up and shake this tyrannous yoke from your shoulders.

AMYCUS CARROW deserves more than a slap on the wrist, a mere stint in Azkaban. He deserves no less than the Dementor's kiss, if not his head on a pike on the New London Bridge, displayed as a warning to all. The Grim Truth stands in solidarity with those mourning this child's sad death--and we will stand shoulder to shoulder with all right-thinking people who raise up their full-throated cry for JUSTICE!

May the memory of Hannah Abbott keep us strong, and let her death not be in vain!!




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-28 23:19:11](#)
(no subject)

You dare profane Our Lord's system for securing justice in His realm?

You dare twist this child's tragedy to your own foul ends?

Be well assured YOU will feel the sword of His retribution.



 [alt_charlotte](#) at [2011-05-29 01:12:14](#)
(no subject)

We told the truth, and our warnings were prophetic, as is crystal clear to everyone today.

Here's another prophecy: the ones who will be feeling the sword of retribution will be you.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-29 20:34:37](#)

Private Message to Barty and Rodolphus

Barty, I know you're upset but engaging this DogStar mongrel is only going to drive yourself to further distraction.

Lucius is livid, of course, that this call for Carrow's head comes at just the wrong moment, from just the wrong source. It has happened before and been not an insignificant factor to influence Our Lord to adjust His intended verdict.

If you wish to vent your frustration onto anyone, dear, I cannot think of a better target than the odious and vile Carrow himself. Unless you are already too close to bringing other important investigations to a successful arrest, in which case, by all means, finish the job.

I know Rod has already answered your private message to him, for he told me as much. Let me add that everyone involved in Raz's care has his swift recovery foremost in mind. I have been dividing my attention among him, my niece, and the Sisters of Witchcraft, who having lost one of their number naturally need help coping with the betrayal by their own teacher. If there is one bright lining to the cloud of tragedy surrounding the school, it is that we have agreed my guards need not accompany me about Hogwarts (though Hogsmeade is another matter).

But once Raz is back on the mend, believe me, we shall all celebrate his homecoming together.

Lucius and I plan to return to New London tomorrow; he to Court and to be on hand when tomorrow's *Prophet* appears. There's to be an interview with the Head Boy and I believe a few other related articles on the incident.

I cannot help but think that this makes three attacks on our family inside ten days. Intellectually, of course, I am quite aware that the attack on Raz so near his birthday has nothing to do with these Dogstar vermin - nor even, does an attack on Hydra coming so soon after they invoked her name in one of their vile diatribes. Rationally,

I know this. It still strikes as an uncomfortable coincidence.

Do bring us good news as soon as ever you can.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-05-30 05:05:44](#)

Re: Private Message to Barty and Rodolphus

I'm sure you're right, Narcissa; nonetheless, their audacity could not stand unrebuked. Carrow we must leave to Our Lord's handling.

As for the investigation, it's wait and watch for now. We have strong leads and have firm information to work from, so it's only a matter of time and tenacity. I'll be sure to pick up The Prophet while I'm in town tomorrow morning--long enough to spar and report and stop at Marlborough for certain necessary items.

I understand how it must seem to you that troubles are descending in flocks, and I hope to have genuinely good news for you soon.




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-05-30 12:39:27](#)

Re: Private Message to Barty and Rodolphus

No, I suppose you would not have engaged had you felt otherwise, though I know Lucius and certain others have agreed not to add their names to any of these posts, as it simply increases their notoriety.

And trouble is not the only thing descending in flocks. Did you see your foster-sister's announcement? I am not certain I shall be able to meet my obligation to *Witch Weekly* today, if I must work in a visit to the St Mungo's delivery ward on top of everything else.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-29 23:25:02](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

I get why they're saying this now, but I just sort of hate seeing them using Hannah like this. They didn't know her at all, and they're making her death a way to, I dunno, score some kind of points.

2011-05-29 09:44:00

Private Message to Rabastan and Rodolphus Lestranger



 **alt_crouch_jr**

You'll be glad to know that the Hogwarts Matron is being as discrete in protecting Raz's privacy as if he had the clap. She stalwartly repeats that information may only be disclosed to next of kin, though at one point she had the audacity to look archly through the fire and add 'Or domestic partners?'

Apparently I'd need to claim we're lovers if I want to know more than that 'Professor Lestranger is resting peacefully'. Don't get your hopes up, Raz. I didn't take her bait.

I do note that you are not said to be 'resting comfortably', and I know enough of Healers to understand the difference.

Either the curse has laid you out cold or they've put you in stasis to let it proceed safely through its course. Bella is pouring herself into work, as she does, and I'm not fool enough to press her on matters she's closed to query.

Rod. If there's news on his condition, I'd be interested. Don't want to press you, either.

Raz. First thing we're doing when you get back to New London is having a belated birthday night at Pseudonymity. There's something to aim for if you need a reason to follow orders and rehabilitate quickly. (Rod. You, too, if it doesn't violate your terms. Your call.)



 **alt_rodolphus** at **2011-05-29 17:02:15**

(no subject)

Barty - I can't imagine anything giving him more of a laugh than you declaring yourself his lover in order to pay a visit.

It's stasis; otherwise, the pain would have required further medication which likely would have hampered the curse running its course. As it is, he doesn't look particularly at peace. He doesn't look anything at all, more like some waxen dummy. I try to imagine Hydra

enduring this and find that my mind won't quite let me go there.

I shall consider the invite and am certain that, when recovered, Raz will eagerly take you up on it. I'm only relieved that the press hasn't quite keyed to the fact that this all happened right after his birthday.

2011-05-29 10:31:00

Private message to Arca Sinistra



 [alt_sinistra](#)

Oh, Mum, it's been awful.

Thank you for the owl with the tonic potion - it's helped a bit. But all I could think about last night is that I should have spent the day reviewing with students, and then marking papers and drinking with Raz.

And instead, one of my students, a sweet girl - and from my own house - is dead, and Raz injured, and everything as strange and chaotic and unpredictable as my final years of school were. Those times when people would disappear, or their parents die, or mysterious things happen that you only half-heard in gossip. And then there are all those affected most closely - Percy Weasley's barely been seen in public spaces, and I'm sure Miss Lestrange is not much better off. The visitation last night was horrible - all her friends missing her so much - but of course, I had to be there.

Of course, even if I had news, I couldn't pass it on, but truly, I don't know much beyond the public announcements you'll have seen. I stop by the infirmary twice a day, as much to see if Poppy needs an errand run as anything else, but other than that, it's been marking that still has to be done, and finding things for students (and me) to do that fill their hands without requiring too much of their minds. (My telescopes are cleaner and my office and classroom are better organized than they've been in years.)

In between, there's been meetings of all kinds - staff talking about how to go forward with exams, getting called in for conversations with the Board and the MLE who are investigating various pieces of events. And of course, the three people I'd normally want time with - Poppy, Pomona, and Raz - are all far busier than I or unavailable. (Pomona's been hit doubly hard: not only was Hannah in her house, but she was showing quite some promise in Herbology.)

I do still plan to take a few days with you when school's out for the summer, but then I'll need to throw myself back into YPL planning. Is there any chance you could keep most of the family away, though? I really do need a few days of peace and quiet somewhere. If you think that's too complicated, I might do a short walking tour instead, and then commute with you to New London for the YPL meetings so we'd

still get some time together.

My love to the family,
A.

2011-05-29 13:26:00

Notice to all students

While it's quite natural to seek answers in the wake of a tragic incident such as that we have just endured, please direct your questions to your professors or prefects.



 [alt_horace](#)

Miss Lestrangle is not to be badgered nor bothered by anyone. If I hear of any such pestering, I shall be speaking to those responsible in the strongest possible terms.



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2011-05-29 20:51:03**

(no subject)

Thank you, Professor.

On that note, the prefects have secured permission from the Headmistress to hold House Meetings this evening, in your common rooms, to answer any such questions, within parameters that respect the privacy of the individuals involved, including Professor Carrow.

We would also like to remind everyone that until such time as the Board of Governors, the Headmistress, and the Lord Protector say otherwise, Professor Carrow is still a member of staff and should be referred to as such.

Finally, the Head Boy has asked the other prefects to distribute his rota among the rest of us, with the Headmistress' permission, until further notice. He will still maintain his duties, along with the Head Girl, in leading the prefects, but given his personal involvement in the incident of Friday afternoon, he feels it best if he does not have to patrol the corridors for just now. Please remember that his heroic actions may have saved many others from getting as hurt as Professor Lestrangle, or from meeting a tragic end like Miss Abbott.

I know it's difficult to think about anything else, but we hope that tonight's meetings will allow the student body to learn what they have a right to know about what happened and put the issue to rest, so that we can all concentrate on our exams, which will begin tomorrow on-schedule.

Good luck, everyone, on your end-of-year exercises.

[2011-05-29 16:35:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good



 **[alt_gredforge](#)**

Still nothing of substance from Percy. The only one he's talking to is Penny Clearwater, and she's useless for pumping for information. George gave Aurelius Kappa a thumping for trying to pester him about what happened. That felt pretty good, actually.

(There's one thing we don't get. Why haven't they hauled away Amycus Carrow and sicced the Dementors on him already? What the bleeding heck are they waiting for?)



 **[alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-30 00:23:26](#)**

(no subject)

I know. It's not like he wasn't caught red-handed.

Maybe they're taking so long because they're trying to come up with some way to explain how they're not at fault for letting him stay here so long.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 04:55:55](#)**

(no subject)

The only reason he's still around is because He wants him here. Because it certainly isn't the Headmistress, or Lucius, or Professor Raz, or even Auror Crouch. They all hate him. You can tell.

It's Him.

And because it's Him, they're waiting to see what He will do.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 00:43:23](#)**

(no subject)

He just saw someone die. I wouldn't be talking much either.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 01:45:54](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. It's just weird seeing him like this. It's as if someone's drained all the Bighead Boy gittiness out of him. We barely even recognise him.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-30 00:57:51](#)
(no subject)

I can't seem to stop thinking about the time last year he caught me in his office. With Sandoval.

It could have been me.

I just


I feel almost ashamed? It sounds so crazy.

I want so badly for Carrow to just be DEAD. I mean I thought before that I hated him but now I REALLY hate him.

Nearly everyone got owls today with tonics that are supposed to help with grief and shock, I feel like I could drain every bottle in Slytherin and I'd still

I wish I could just drink dreamless sleep potion for the next month and do nothing but sleep and when I woke up Carrow would be dead.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 01:41:02](#)
(no subject)

I know what you mean. And it feels awful, wishing death on anybody. Even him.

I'm glad it wasn't you. Not that I mean I'm glad it was her, mind you.

Nobody should have had to die at all.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 05:03:51](#)
(no subject)

It doesn't sound crazy at all.

I think you're feeling bad that you're feeling relieved that it wasn't you. If that makes sense.

But none of it is your fault, and none of it is Abbot's fault either. Because neither of those things are the sort of things that people kill people over. Unless you're Carrow, I guess. But this isn't something you could have planned for, or expected.

When I think that it could've been you, I get all shuddery. I don't know what I would do. I feel so sorry for Susan Bones, but I can't even imagine what that would be like. I don't want to.

2011-05-29 17:20:00

Oh baby


It seems Bump has decided today's the day to make an appearance.



We're heading to the hospital now. Wish me luck.

 [alt_nymphadora](#)



 [alt_arthur](#) at **2011-05-29 23:16:32**

Order Only

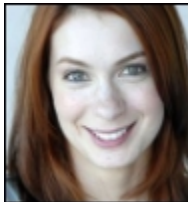
The best of luck to you and Remus both, dear girl.



 [alt_molly](#) at **2011-05-29 23:17:58**

Re: Order Only

You'll do just fine! I hope everything goes smoothly. You'll be holding your little one before you know it. Do have Remus let us know as soon as you have news. You'll be busy elsewhere, I'm sure!



 [alt_alice](#) at **2011-05-30 00:42:04**

Re: Order Only

Goodness! Best of luck to all three of you!



 [alt_kingsley](#) at **2011-05-30 01:23:21**

Order only

Good luck to you both, from all the Players.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-05-30 01:25:14](#)**

Order only

We've got our fingers crossed for you. Good luck!




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-30 01:55:33](#)**

(no subject)

Good luck, Mrs. Ponds!

It's sort of cheering to think of new life and all that happening right now.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-30 03:57:54](#)**

Order Only

I suppose it's too soon to expect news, but I do trust that all is going smoothly for you.

Remus. Remember to breathe. And if you decide you really must faint dead away, it's helpful if you pick a moment when a bit of comic relief is needed. In my experience, there are generally several of those moments in a first delivery.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)** at **[2011-05-30 12:51:08](#)**

(no subject)

Become a mother, then. Can't say you ever seemed to have it in you.

Don't make a habit of it.

2011-05-30 01:05:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley

Hello.

You probably don't feel much like talking about what happened, so if you don't want to say anything to me, I won't be angry or anything.



 **alt_pansy**

I just wanted to say that I think that what you did was very brave. Just about the bravest thing I could think of. And I'm glad you're our Head Boy. Hydra and Professor Lestrage are alive because of you.

So thank you.



 **alt_percy** at **2011-05-30 18:45:24**
(no subject)

Thank you, Parkinson.

[2011-05-30 03:59:00](#)

Order Only

It's a girl! She's a girl. She's perfect. Tiny and perfect.




Born at 3.47am, weighing 7lb 2oz. Mother and baby both doing fine.

 [alt_lupin](#)

I can't stop touching her. She has such tiny fingers and toes. She's simply amazing.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-30 12:16:23](#)
(no subject)

That's wonderful, Remus.

Such good news.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-30 12:31:14](#)
(no subject)

Wish I were there to meet her. We never did have that chat you and Dora wanted, did we?

Oh and for the record, I'm entirelyly against 'Juniana' or whatever ridiculous name Dora put in that post.

I know, I've got to go and see Terrie, soon as I can get the chance. I just ... I can't really *do* anything for her, not any good, anyway. And at least for a while I was doing someone some good here.

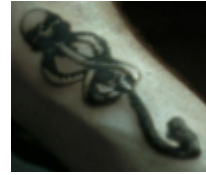
Well, I'll worry about that once all these Death Eaters clear out and there's room to breathe again. Meanwhile, congratulations, Moony.

A girl? Wonder if she'll like flying?

2011-05-30 08:29:00

(no subject)

It's certainly been educational. And memorable for you lot, I'd say.



I'm in my offices packing to go, if anyone wants to stop by to say a fond farewell.

 [alt_amycus](#)

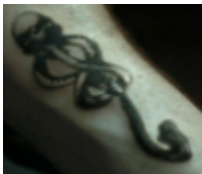
Min, I expect my property to be returned within the hour.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at **2011-05-30 13:31:56**

(no subject)

And what property is that?



 [alt_amycus](#) at **2011-05-30 13:36:04**

(no subject)

Don't be more stupid than you usually are, Min. The boy. The brat. My mudblood.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2011-05-30 13:36:48**

I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

**What?!! NO EFFIN'
WAY!!!**



 [alt_terry](#) at **2011-05-30 13:37:36**

(no subject)

you...

I....



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 13:41:33](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

We've got to get you out of here. We've got to hide you!

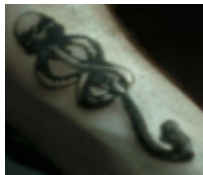
Bloody hell, how could they possibly think of handing you over to him?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 13:43:11](#)

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

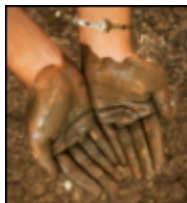
I don't believe it! I don't believe the Headmistress would do it, Terry, don't you dare worry, she won't make you.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-30 13:42:29](#)

(no subject)

It'll be like old times, tidbit. You want to go with your master, don't you?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-30 13:44:05](#)

(no subject)

I...I don't.

I don't!

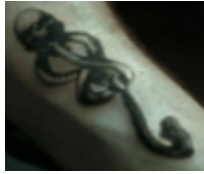


 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-30 13:48:58](#)

(no subject)

**You dare speak to your master this way?
After all the times you swore that you only
wanted to serve me?**

**You will come with me, boy. Or you will regret it to the
end of your days.**



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-30 13:50:16](#)

Private message to Terry Boot

You want your little friend to stay safe and happy, don't you?

If you aren't here ready to go with me within the hour, I'll just drop a little word with my sister.

Your friend won't live to see the students leave.

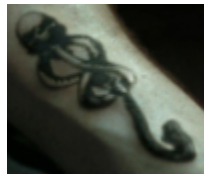


 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-30 13:51:12](#)

Re: Private message to Terry Boot

master...master...

boot will crawl for you. boot will crawl for a lifetime for you. but let hermione granger be!



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-30 13:52:03](#)

Re: Private message to Terry Boot

Fifty-nine minutes now. Time's a-wasting.

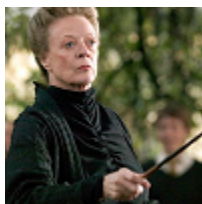
You know I don't like it when mudbloods waste time.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-30 14:21:43](#)

I Solemnly Swear I Am Up To No Good

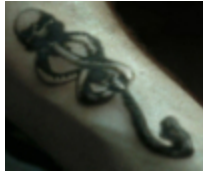
Terry, whatever it is he's saying to you privately DON'T LISTEN TO HIM.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-30 13:37:59](#)

(no subject)

You are on thin ice, young man. I am not so 'stupid' as to kill a child under my care. That's you. It should explain why I have no intention of giving you young Boot - Mudblood though he be, he is still a child, and you cannot be trusted with them.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-30 13:40:30](#)

Private message to Minerva McGonagall

Oh, but you will.

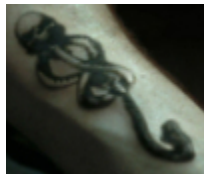
You don't want to cross me on this, Min. I intend to have the brat. And I will make your life a living hell with our mutual Lord if you don't hand him over.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-30 13:42:31](#)

Re: Private message to Minerva McGonagall

How precisely do you intend to do that?



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-05-30 13:46:44](#)

Re: Private message to Minerva McGonagall

It's simple, Min. You give me the boy, or I'll tell Him you're disloyal to Him. You don't think I've watched you plenty the past several years? How do you know I don't have plenty of dirt to fill his ears with?

And, of course, if I don't have anything sufficiently alarming as evidence, I'm perfectly happy to make stuff up. You know he listens to me.

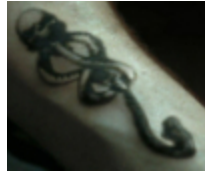
Give me the boy, and I'm out of your life for good. Better for both of us, I'm sure.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-30 13:52:27](#)

Re: Private message to Minerva McGonagall

He would never believe you.



 **[alt_amycus](#) at 2011-05-30 14:04:58**

Re: Private message to Minerva McGonagall

Ah, but do you dare take that risk?

You know what he does to traitors.



 **[alt_sirius](#) at 2011-05-30 13:43:53**

Order Only

OH NO YOU DON'T.




 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2011-05-30 14:13:23**

Order Only

Oh, you can't, Minerva. You simply can't!



 **[alt_sirius](#) at 2011-05-30 13:46:11**

Order Only: Hermione

Hermione,

I know you've got a way to talk to Terry privately. And I know you know he knows I'm alive. Tell him to come to me. Crookshanks knows the way.



 **[alt_hermione](#) at 2011-05-30 13:47:28**

Re: Order Only: Hermione

I will, but Sirius, I don't know where he is! And I don't think he can be with the Headmistress either, she isn't saying that he is, is she?



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-05-30 14:57:09](#)**
(no subject)

So looking forward to seeing you out and about in the real world, Amycus.

2011-05-30 08:45:00

Private Message to Pansy Parkinson

Parkinson,

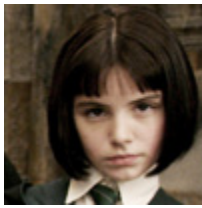
Whatever you've got to say to Weasley can wait. He's not to be disturbed.




 **alt_penelope**

If it's a matter of urgency, the Head Girl can help you. And if it's something for him, specifically, then you can pass it through me, if you please.

I know Professor Slughorn's message was mainly in regard to Miss Lestrange, but I thought you'd be clever enough to understand it also applied to Weasley as well. Leave him alone.



 **alt_pansy** at **2011-05-30 16:20:00**
(no subject)

For what it's worth, all I said was thank you, you know, for what he did for Hydra and Professor Lestrange. And that he was very brave. I don't expect him to write back.

And I won't write him anymore.

Is he okay, though?

We spent some time together last summer, while he was helping out Lucius, and I know he isn't my friend, not like he is with you, or the other people in his class, but he was very nice to me, and not just because he had to be. I hate seeing him so pale and sad looking. When I see him. Which isn't often at all. So I've been worrying about him. That's all. And I hope I didn't make things worse for him by writing.

[2011-05-30 08:52:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

**I HATE HIM I HATE
HIM I HATE HIM**



 [alt_terry](#)

I WANT TO KILL HIM

I WANT TO DIE




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 13:54:19](#)
(no subject)

TERRY DON'T YOU DARE SAY THAT

What is WRONG? What is happening? The Headmistress didn't send you to Carrow did she? She

wouldn't!

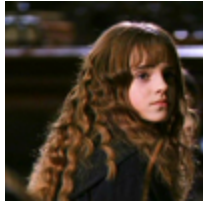


 [alt_terry](#) at [2011-05-30 14:01:10](#)
Private message to Hermione Granger and Amycus Carrow

I swore I'd never put his stinking name on my journal. but this is the only way

Hermione, I have to meet you privately. You mustn't tell anyone else, not Fred or George or anybody! I have something to give you. And I have to say goodbye.

Meet me in our secret classroom. It has to be in the next few minutes. Please, please! You have to be there!



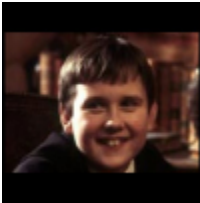
 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:04:04](#)


Re: Private message to Hermione Granger and Amycus Carrow

Goodbye??

I don't understand.

I'm coming.

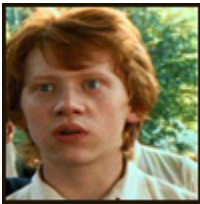



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 13:56:44](#)

(no subject)

Oh, Merlin.

What's going on, Terry? Where are you?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-30 13:57:08](#)

(no subject)

How can we help?

Do you need somebody to blow stuff up to distract everyone from where you are?

We're as good as Peeves at that stuff.

Just say where.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 13:58:04](#)

(no subject)

We'll smuggle you out somehow. NO WAY ARE YOU GOING WITH THAT BASTARD.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 14:02:16](#)

(no subject)

I...I might know a way. To get him out safely. But first we have to find him.

Terry, where are you?!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-30 14:13:12](#)
(no subject)

Terry, run away if she's going to give you to Carrow.
Anything's better than that.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 14:16:00](#)
(no subject)

We can't find him anywhere. We've been tearing
through the castle, tried the kitchens and
everything. We can't find him. We can't find him!

2011-05-30 09:16:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

hermione....i'm sorry...i'm sorry

i didn't mean to make you angry

please don't forget me

tell him i'll keep his secrets

fred and george, i'm sorry. i'll keep the journal if you want to write to me once in a while

goodbye



 [alt_terry](#)



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:22:10](#)
(no subject)

Terry I'm not angry at you!!

That wasn't me!!!

Professor McGonagall put a ward on me. That was what it was. Come back!!!!



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:23:04](#)
(no subject)

Terry I am coming to find you please don't do anything stupid please it was the ward it wasn't me and also you can't go with him you can't!!!!



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:24:34](#)
(no subject)

TERRY BOOT GET BACK HERE RIGHT NOW!!!

PLEASE

TERRY I'M SORRY!!!!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 14:25:37](#)
(no subject)

WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?!



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:29:00](#)
(no subject)

I didn't do anything!!!!



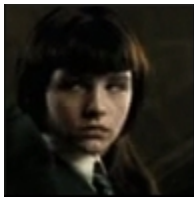
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 14:25:08](#)
(no subject)


NO!! TERRY?! TERRY!!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-30 14:37:32](#)
(no subject)

TERRY DO NOT LEAVE WITH HIM!!!!!!!!!!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 16:25:45](#)
(no subject)

I know you were writing that bit to her Hermione, but

I won't forget you either.

I'm sorry.

2011-05-30 09:20:00

Decisions Regarding Professor Carrow



A decision has been reached regarding Professor Carrow.


In light of Professor Carrow's long and loyal service to the Protectorate, and the fact that mistakes were clearly made on both sides, he shall not be charged with the murder of Hannah Abbott. The Lord Protector, though he did not know her, has personally communicated his grief over her death to me; however, 'an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind,' as the saying goes.

 [alternity](#)
 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

Instead, Professor Carrow will be moved to an arena where his talents will be able to thrive - one of the Mudblood camps.


I am sure that this decision, fair and even-handed as it is and coming directly from our Lord Protector, must satisfy us all.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 13:27:12](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

NO 'EFFING WAY.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-30 13:27:47](#)
Order Only

What about Terry?



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-30 13:31:03](#)
Re: Order Only

I don't know. I hope to keep him here.




 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-30 13:28:22](#)
ORDER ONLY

It does not satisfy us all, of course, but what else can I say?


The Lord Protector called me in himself. In that strange high voice of his he said 'Minerva, you surely know that Miss Abbott was a stupid cow to interrupt Our Amycus.' Oh, do I know that? Do I surely know that?



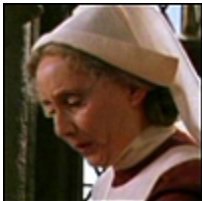
 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-30 13:33:20](#)
Re: ORDER ONLY


Unbelievable. But at last you're going to be rid of him. I never thought this day would come.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-05-30 13:34:36](#)
Re: ORDER ONLY

Right, but now this means he's about to become a headache for MY department.

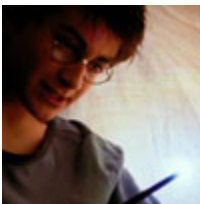



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-30 13:44:25](#)
Re: ORDER ONLY

Oh, Minerva.

I wish I could say this comes as a shock, but the longer the silence from Buckingham drew on--and then that mad post from the nattering dogstar crew.

We're fortunate Carrow's not staying put here.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-05-30 14:27:37](#)
(no subject)

What?

Father said what?


That isn't fair at all.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2011-05-30 14:28:03](#)**
(no subject)

I'm going to write him. There must be a mistake.




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-05-30 15:06:06](#)**
Private message to Harry

Will you really write to him, Harry?
If he's not in Azkaban, then I think Daddy will try to kill him, and he might be able to, too, but Carrow might be able to kill him first.

He told us, he told me that it smelled like there was rabbits and kittens for supper, and then he told us to run. Like it was just a game, and he was laughing.

From,
Hydra




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2011-05-30 15:09:56](#)**
Re: Private message to Harry

Yes I'm really going to write to him.

If he would kill Hannah Abbott who wasn't even really a halfblood she was mostly pure, then he would kill anybody. You or me or anybody. He's like a mad dog.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-05-30 15:13:14](#)**
Re: Private message to Harry

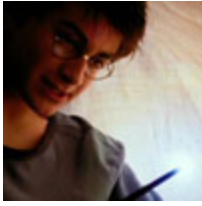
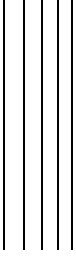
I hope you can change his mind somehow.
What does Headmistress mean by "mistakes were made on both sides?"

Is it because we were trying to rescue the kitten?

I knew it wasn't a good idea but how is it the same as what he did?

Mummy said I was disgraceful but Daddy didn't, now I don't know what to think.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-05-30 15:20:43**

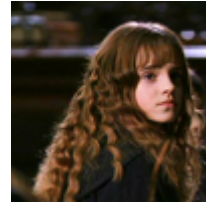
Re: Private message to Harry

I dont know what she meant. I think probably it is because of the rescue. I dont think it is the same. Your Mum is crazy.

2011-05-30 09:47:00

TERRY

I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good



Terry, Sirius Black wants you to go to him. He says you know how.

 [alt_hermione](#)

Please just do it. I think that he would know if you needed to. I believe the Headmistress will do everything she can but please, please. Also where are you??



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 14:53:21](#)
(no subject)

Sirius Black? You're in contact with Sirius Black, and WE STILL COULDN'T SAVE HIM?!

2011-05-30 10:24:00

ORDER ONLY WHAT JUST HAPPENED



WHAT JUST HAPPENED

The ward wasn't supposed to do that WAS IT?


 [alt_hermione](#)

I WAS TRYING TO MAKE TERRY STOP GOING

AND HE TRIED TO KISS ME GOODBYE JUST ON THE CHEEK, HE WASN'T HURTING ME
I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU DID THIS TO ME AND NOW HE'S GONE

It's your fault if Carrow kills him it's your fault it's ALL OF YOUR FAULTS!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-30 14:30:52](#)
(no subject)

Oh, my lands.

Hermione, baby, we're so sorry. We only meant to protect you.

Did he run off afterwards? Is that what happened? You didn't have a chance to tell him we could keep him safe?

Minerva, can you stop Carrow from leaving the castle with him?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:32:01](#)
(no subject)

I tried to tell him we would. He wouldn't believe me.

He gave me the map and it shows him with Carrow. They're leaving and I can't stop them.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-30 14:34:29](#)
(no subject)

He had the map?

He had the MAP?


Well.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-05-30 14:39:31](#)
(no subject)

What map?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-30 18:12:20](#)
(no subject)


Yeah. What map? Is it something you know about, Sirius?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:33:21](#)
(no subject)

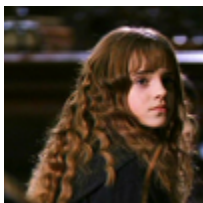
ALSO, protect me from what?! This wasn't like that. He didn't FORCE me to do ANYTHING. And I hurt him without knowing I WOULD.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-30 14:36:34](#)
(no subject)

WHY is he just going with him, though?

Hang on...



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-05-30 14:45:04](#)
(no subject)

He said that his master threatened me through Alecto Carrow, that's why he wanted me to have the map, so I could tell if she was coming for me.

But it's so STUPID and he isn't even a GRYFFINDOR and I can't believe he would do something so idiotic and you had better catch him and stop him!!!




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-30 16:49:39](#)
(no subject)

I couldn't get to him.

I saw him with Carrow - they came through the gate onto the road and I barked at him. Terry shook his head at me and recoiled against Carrow's side - and that was all the time Carrow needed to Apparate with him in tow.

Sorry, kiddo. Like Frank says, don't give up - we'll see what we can do about getting him out of the camps.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-05-30 18:13:14](#)
(no subject)

I'll see if I can find out, if he's been assigned anywhere. I'll pass along whatever I learn.

Hermione, that's hard. Really sorry.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-30 14:38:12](#)
(no subject)

Hermione.

I can't help him now.

Carrow has - he won't go without Terry. And my hands are tied. He'll expose me.

I'm sorry to you all. For everything.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-30 14:49:44](#)
(no subject)


Minerva! Expose you how? What does he have that could do that? Did he say?



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-05-30 14:55:39](#)
(no subject)


He has nothing concrete, but the Dark Lord listens to him. I can't risk it. It would only take a little heightened attention for them to notice things - and I was so vehemently anti-Carrow that they'd think I was trying to suppress him for knowing something.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-05-30 14:58:14](#)
(no subject)

Is it too late? Have they gone?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-30 16:09:47](#)
(no subject)

if he's going to the camps, there's still hope, hermione. we can get in there, check on him, and if we can, smuggle him out. at the very least, I'll tell davidson to have his people in the camps keep an eye on him. and it would put less suspicion on min if he got away while at the camps instead of under her nose at school.

I know he's capable of awful things, but Terry lived for years under carrow. he's a survivor. and we will do our best to get him away.

I'm sorry, kid.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-05-30 16:52:59](#)
(no subject)


I'm with you, Frank: We should have killed him when we had the chance.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-30 17:02:17](#)
(no subject)


as far as I'm concerned, the things that stayed my hand before are no longer there. I don't have to worry about protecting min now that he's no longer at Hogwarts, and that means that he is fair game.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-30 17:18:33](#)
(no subject)

You are not going to seek him out, Frank Longbottom.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-30 17:31:03](#)
(no subject)

I'm quite serious.

You will not go out of your way to cross paths with him.

If you face him in direct combat, do what you must, but I will not have you risk exposing yourself for revenge. Do you hear me?

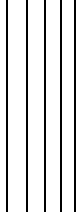



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-05-30 17:32:48](#)
(no subject)

aye aye.

I'm still going to check on the lad, though. and if there's anything we can do for him, I'm going to

do it.



 **alt_alice** at **2011-05-30 17:34:24**
(no subject)

You're right to do so. We owe him that much.
And more.

2011-05-30 10:42:00

the words that i found

I would like to very much apologise for the trouble that I have caused my family, my classmates and the Head Boy, my Professors, my Headmistress and Head of House, and my Lord Protector.



 [alt_hydra](#)

I would especially like to apologise to the Hufflepuffs, for the loss of Hannah Abbott.

I behaved irrationally when I agreed to help her rescue a kitten that no longer belonged to her, when I was fully aware that the situation would anger Mr Carrow and that it was a wrong thing to do.

I am very sorry for everything that happened, and please know that I am in disgrace for my part in this endeavour.

Thank you for reading and I hope that you have a nice day.



 [alt_ginny](#) at **2011-05-30 17:19:03**

(no subject)

Hydra,

No one blames you, no one ever could. Even if you hadn't been there, we can't say that Abbott wouldn't have found someone else to help her or, Merlin forbid, she might have tried on her own.

Even though I know it might seem that its easier said than done, don't feel guilty.



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-05-30 17:35:45**

(no subject)

I agree.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 17:56:29](#)
(no subject)

Me too.


I'm just glad you are okay, Hydra.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-31 15:11:07](#)
Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

Why did you write this? I didn't tell you to write a public apology.

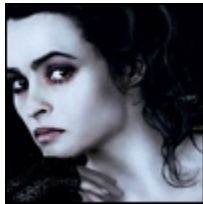



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-31 15:11:36](#)
Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

I know you didn't tell me to, but I thought it would be a good gesture to make.

From,

Hydra




 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-31 15:12:20](#)
Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

There's something odd about it. Something that smacks of insincerity.

Almost as if you want people to think that Mummy made you write a public apology.

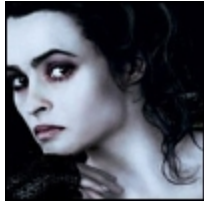


 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-31 15:12:46](#)
Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

No I don't want people to think you make me do anything, Mummy.

Would it be better if I take it down?

From,
Hydra



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-05-31 15:13:33](#)

Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

No, it wouldn't be better. It's been up all day - wouldn't do to have you get rid of it now.

Let's make Mummy happy and be quiet about all this business from here on out. It's all over and done with now, no use chattering on as if it matters.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-05-31 15:14:01](#)

Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

Alright, Mummy.

From,
Hydra

[2011-05-30 11:10:00](#)

Gone

He's gone. Atticus Ito said he saw them leaving together, and nobody stopped them.



 [alt_gredforge](#)



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:17:57](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

We'll never forgive the Headmistress for this.

Never.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 16:21:08](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

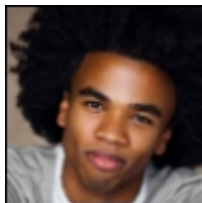
Your dad has something to do with the muggleborn camps, doesn't he? Maybe he could check up on Terry?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:22:10](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Yeah. For all the bloody good that will do.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-30 16:23:17](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Why did he do it? He didn't even let us try to hide him or smuggle him out!




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:24:36](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

We don't know.

We want to know what he said to Hermione.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 16:22:41](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

He would've killed you if you tried. To stop him, I mean.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:25:53](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

NOT IF WE KILLED HIM FIRST.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 16:27:31](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

That's crazy talk, and you just can't go on like that. You would have had your wands snapped and you'd have been sent to Azkaban.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:28:29](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

WHY COULDN'T THEY HAVE DONE THAT TO THAT BLEEDING BASTARD?!




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 16:30:26](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

I don't know! But Terry wouldn't have wanted that to happen to you, and you know it.

Look, he can still read what we're writing here. And he doesn't need you to make him feel any worse right now. We need to be...to be bucking him up, not snarling stuff at Carrow that's not gonna do him any good.

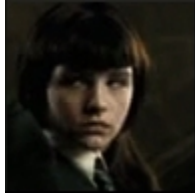


 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 16:39:55](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Don't forget. He's got his wand with him. And it's thanks to you that he's able to hide it.

And isn't he learning how to become an animagus? If he masters that, he'll be able to get away from him.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 16:33:46](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

I'm sorry, Fred and George.

I mean it.

I am so very sorry.

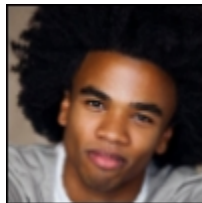
I wish there was something I could do.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:41:45](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

We want to blow up the Transfiguration classroom. Not that it'd do any good. It's not even his anymore.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-30 16:42:39](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am U<http://alt-gredforge.dreamwidth.org/9220.html?replyto=12p> *to No Good*

Yeah, definitely not the best coping strategy. You're already in trouble with Slughorn as it is.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-30 16:56:42](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

You two are utterly brilliant. I know you're angrier than anything right now, but once you calm down a bit, I'm sure you can come up with all sorts of things you can do. For Terry.

Because Neville is right. He's still alive, and he's got his journal, and he's got his wand, and he's got you two as friends.

And he's got us. Everyone under the lock. Because we know who he really is. We know that he is a real person, who can think and talk and feel just like anybody else, and we know that he's smart and kind, and that is important too.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-30 17:14:32](#)**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Yeah.

That.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2011-05-30 16:18:58](#)**

(no subject)

Who's gone? Professor Carrow, you mean?



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-30 16:19:46](#)**

(no subject)

Um, yeah.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2011-05-30 16:43:31](#)**

(no subject)

We'll have to have a new Transfiguration professor now. I wonder who it will be?



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-05-30 16:44:47](#)**

(no subject)


I hadn't thought of that. Hey, my marks might go up in that class, now.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:45:50](#)
(no subject)

Because that's the really important thing.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-30 16:47:26](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Of course I know it isn't, you prats.

But you've got to be careful about what you say in public. You don't want Carrow to get the bright idea of hurting Terry to get back at you, do you?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 16:48:09](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

...


No.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-05-30 16:43:40](#)
(no subject)

It's a good thing nobody stopped him! I don't think anyone wants to bid Mr Carrow farewell in person. Certainly not I.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-30 16:53:46](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

When do you have to go see Professor Slughorn?

I was thinking of having a talk with the giant squid later. Want to come give him a piece of your minds, too?

Any of you lot, really. But I mostly mean you and Fred, George.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-30 18:08:55](#)

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

We'll see Sluggy after our last class. Don't know if he'll give us detention. Otherwise, yeah, chucking rocks at the giant squid sounds like a pretty good

idea.

2011-05-30 11:14:00

Attn: Mr and Mr Weasley

Emotions are high at this difficult time, I realise, but walking out of your potions exam is exceptionally unwise. And disrupting the other students is simply unacceptable.



 **alt_horace**

I shall expect to see you in my office this afternoon for a full explanation. It had better be a good one.



 **alt_gredforge** at **2011-05-30 18:06:31**
(no subject)

Well, it was a bloody good reason to us.

We'll be there after our last class.

2011-05-30 12:09:00

Private Message to Mr and Mrs Malfoy

Thank you both for taking Percy and me to supper last night. I know we've talked about going to *Sorçère* but we've never had the chance before. It was truly kind of you to include me and I know we both really appreciated the ability to get away from the castle for a while.



 **alt_penelope**

Mr Malfoy, I know Percy is quite grateful for your counsel, as well. He quite looks up to you, sir, and talks often of the time he spent in your office last summer. You'll have to forgive him if he seemed a little subdued yesterday. It's been a very draining weekend for him. I'm sure you realise he's really not himself right now. But your interest in him is something he values, I know.

Mrs Malfoy, thank you so much for working with the Sisters in Witchcraft. Abbott was well-liked. It's so good of you to take time away from your own family to think of them. I enjoyed our talk about the state of journalism and publication in our realm, as well. I do think it's an area I should consider when I leave next year. I am also thinking about going into research, or possibly theatre management, but I'd prefer investigative reporting. I thought it interesting the way the *Prophet* conducted Percy's interview, actually. I'm glad they let me stay - not just because I was able to be moral support for Percy.

Professor McGonagall's announcement is going to upset a fair few students, I expect. Though in the end, I'm sure it's for the best. Our Lord must have a difficult time keeping the peace when there are so many sides to consider. Privately, I must say that I am relieved Mr Carrow has left.

Well, we've still got exams to finish and I'm sure you are both quite busy after spending the weekend up here. So I'll not take up more time. I only wanted to thank you for your generosity and your kindness.

Sincerely,

Penelope Clearwater

[2011-05-30 12:17:00](#)


(no subject)

I have a baby. I have a daughter. She's wonderful and shiny like an angel. She looks up at me and I just want to cry. She's the most important thing I've ever done. I hope I do it right.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)**



 **[alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-30 17:21:30](#)**

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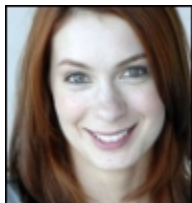
I cannot wait to meet her, sweet heart. Well done indeed.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-30 17:23:55](#)**

Re: ORDER ONLY

You're so amazing, Alice. Amazing Alice. I want to be you when I grow up.

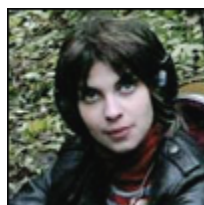


 **[alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-30 17:28:26](#)**

Re: ORDER ONLY

She and Kevin are going to be the best of friends, I just know it.

And last I checked, you are quite amazing in your own right, love.



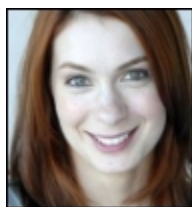
 **[alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-30 17:43:32](#)**

Re: ORDER ONLY

Oh yes! How lovely! They could get married! Not now, tiny baby wedding, that's not done any more. But when they're older. They might just fall in love and then we'd be like sisters. How wonderful that would be.

I'll talk to my baby girl about it when she wakes up and see what she thinks. She'll want to have a say, of course. And Remus too,

although I can't see he'd object. He loves you too, and Kevin of course. What a lovely family we'd make.

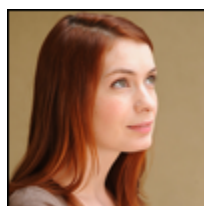


 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-30 17:51:42](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

When my parents were killed, and my brother Roger and I had our falling-out, I had to come up with a family of my own. Frank and Augusta are part of it, of course, as are my children, but Remus and Sirius are my family too. The best brothers anyone could've asked for.

So you see, dear heart, we're already sisters in law, at least in everything that matters.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-05-30 17:42:16](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

I didn't know your mum at all, but your dad was a few years ahead of me in school, in the same House, of course. And I just know he would be so very proud of you right now, if he knew what you've been able to accomplish.



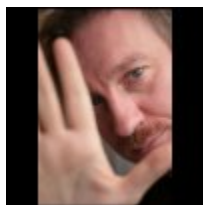
 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-05-30 17:46:43](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

I hope so. I hope so. I hope so.

Sometimes I can't remember their faces you know. I have to sit and shut my eyes and make myself remember.

Oh dear. I'm crying again. Where's my Remus? Oh there he is. Hello.

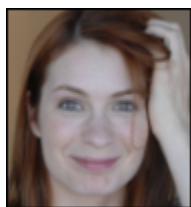


 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-05-30 17:51:11](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

Sorry Alice, they gave her a potion for the pain and it's, well, let's say it's working.

Everything's fine really. Thank you. And we shan't be marrying off our infant child to yours quite yet, if it's all the same to you.



 [alt_alice at 2011-05-30 17:53:34](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

I figured as much, love.

I'm so glad for the both of you.



 [alt_molly at 2011-05-30 18:15:14](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

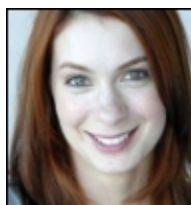
A daughter! How wonderful! Congratulations to you both!



 [alt_nymphadora at 2011-05-30 19:04:24](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

She is wonderful, Molly. She's so wonderful. I think I understand now why you did this so many times. I've never felt so joyful in all my life.



 [alt_alice at 2011-05-30 18:52:44](#)


Re: ORDER ONLY

Remus, I just wanted to extend an offer to you both. A brand new baby can be a lot of work, and Augusta was just invaluable to me during my first week at home with Neville, and I don't know what I would've done without her there to help fix meals, or take a turn calming down the baby, and I would just be so very happy if I could do the same for you.

Once she's out of hospital and you are all back at home, I would love to come down and help you out for a bit. Just until you both get settled.

If you'll have me.




 **[alt_lupin](#) at 2011-05-30 19:02:32**
Re: ORDER ONLY

Nothing would make us happier, Alice. Thank you.

There's something I wanted to ask you, actually.
I'll wait until we see you.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-05-30 19:05:53**
Re: ORDER ONLY

Lovely!


I cannot wait to see you. All of you.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#) at 2011-05-30 19:05:23**
Re: ORDER ONLY


Oh yes, please do come. We'd love to see you, Alice. Thank you so much!



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-05-30 19:06:55**
Re: ORDER ONLY


Good! It's settled then.



 **[alt_bill](#) at 2011-05-30 18:10:35**
Order Only

Congratulations to you both!



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2011-05-30 19:10:39](#)**

Re: Order Only

Cheers Bill.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2011-05-30 18:14:35](#)**

(no subject)

Are you allowed to have visitors, dear? Arthur and I would love to meet her. Congratulations!




 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2011-05-30 18:38:05](#)**

(no subject)

Oh yes, please come and visit. Everyone else has visitors. I'd love to see you both.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-05-30 18:36:57](#)**

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I'm so pleased for you. And I should very much like to meet the new one.

Have you settled what you'll call her?

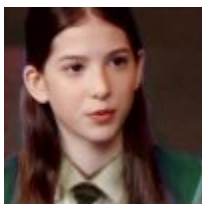


 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2011-05-30 19:10:18](#)**

Re: Order Only

I think so, yes. But there are a few people we want to tell first, before we say anything here.

Thanks Madam P.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-05-31 00:55:52](#)**

(no subject)

Congratulations, Mrs Ponds.

What did you name her?




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-05-31 05:08:18](#)**
(no subject)

That's nice news.

I guess she will be sort of related to me.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-06-01 00:15:30](#)**
(no subject)

Congratulations! Have you decided on a name yet?

2011-05-30 13:31:00

Private message to Percy Weasley



 **alt_arthur**

Your mum and I saw the article in the *Daily Prophet* today, son. We both just wanted to say once more how immensely proud we are of you, and how very sorry that you've had to go through all this. You showed true leadership, and I'm sure that as awful as it was, the staff at Hogwarts are undoubtedly glad that they named you as Head Boy. Their faith in you has been well deserved.


Have you decided what you'd like to do about Bill's invitation? Of course, we'd be more than happy to see you at home, but please, do take him up on it if you think it would help. We've heard from Charlie, saying that he'll be able to get a few days off and join you if you decide to stay in New London.



 **alt_percy** at **2011-05-30 18:36:13**
(no subject)

I was going to owl Bill today. I think I am going to take him up on the offer. You're sure you won't mind?




 **alt_arthur** at **2011-05-30 18:36:34**
(no subject)

I think it's a very good idea, son, and you should do it.

How are you doing today?




 **alt_percy** at **2011-05-30 18:37:41**
(no subject)

Didn't sleep all that well. I tried to do without the potion, but then gave up and took it at 2:00 a.m. After that I did better.

Dad...have you ever...I mean, can you see Thestrals?



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-05-30 18:38:45](#)**
(no subject)

As a matter of fact, I can. It happens quite frequently in the camps, you know.

I have never seen someone murdered right in front of me, though, much less someone for whom I felt responsible.




 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-30 18:40:45](#)**
(no subject)

My mind's still not working very well. They've excused me from exams today, although I plan to get back to them tomorrow.

It's as if I keep seeing her. Right there in front of me. And I just keep jumping at the littlest noises.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-05-30 18:41:20](#)**
(no subject)

Give it time, dear boy. If the sleep problems continue, though, do speak with Poppy Pomfrey. She'll need to know.

2011-05-30 13:50:00

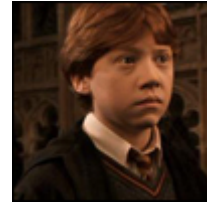
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Sometimes there are things magic just won't do that you wish it could.

Like make days go faster.


Or let you go back and change things that've happened.

Feels like this term will never end. I'm really ready to go home now, yeah?



 [alt_ron](#)




 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-05-30 19:44:01**

(no subject)

We've still got more exams to get through.



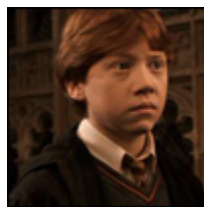
 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-05-30 19:55:51**


(no subject)

Ugh ugh ugh.

I don't even want to think about exams.

Can't the entire month of May just go away?



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-05-30 22:02:42**

(no subject)

Yeah.


That.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 00:58:30](#)
(no subject)

I think I'm going to fail all my exams. I just can't think when I look at books right now. I can't remember anything.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 01:11:54](#)
(no subject)

You still not sleeping well?


You should talk to Madame P.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 01:15:02](#)
Private Message to Sally-Anne

I know you don't care to, but she really is good to talk to, even if that's all you do. And Im sure Daphne has extra Calming Draughts -- her mum sent an enormous care package this morning, and I think she had some in there.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 01:28:10](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Maybe I'll ask Daphne for one.

I just feel like


Every time I'm trying to revise or do homework or ANYTHING I either wind up remembering that time when it was me in Carrow's classroom, or I picture Hannah Abbot and Hydra in Carrow's classroom, or I remember Hannah at the wake, or I think about Terry having to leave with Carrow and how nothing anyone did helped him.

I can't stop thinking about awful things.

I suppose I could go talk to Madame Pomfrey because you're right. But -- there were a dozen people in there just when I was there getting dreamless sleep potion. At least a dozen. And some of them were Hufflepuffs who knew Hannah a lot better

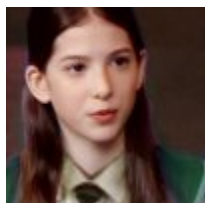
than I did. If they need to talk to Madame Pomfrey they shouldn't have to wait for me to get done.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-05-31 01:32:08**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm sorry.

I know Professor Sinistra has been helping too, and she and Madame P are friends, I'd bet she'd be up for a sit down, and wouldn't mind. Maybe you could talk to her instead?



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2011-05-31 01:20:00**
(no subject)

I actually went earlier and got some dreamless sleep potion. I think she's giving that to anyone who asks.


I didn't ask if she had anything that would let me concentrate on revising.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-05-31 01:21:20**
(no subject)

Well, sleep should help, at least.



 **[alt_ron](#) at 2011-05-30 22:02:06**
(no subject)

Well. If magic were all it's meant to be, it could do those for us. And jump us ahead to time for the train home.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-30 22:24:04](#)
(no subject)

Oh Ronald,

No one wants to be here at the moment, but do stop talking rubbish. We must endure, its only a couple of weeks longer.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-30 22:39:45](#)
(no subject)

Well.

There's a reason to carry on and enjoy every minute: it's all time I can spend irritating my little sister.

Heh.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-30 23:00:22](#)
(no subject)

You wouldn't dare try irritating me. You know better.




 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-05-31 00:25:01](#)
(no subject)

You might try taking your own advice, then, Ginevra, and not try to irritate your own brothers.

Particularly the one who has repeatedly asked to be left *alone*.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-31 04:10:15](#)
(no subject)

It's Ginny, Clearwater. Look, I'm not gonna pretend like I like you. I don't even respect you, I only tolerate you because you are a prefect. I'm tired of you sticking your nose where it doesn't belong. At

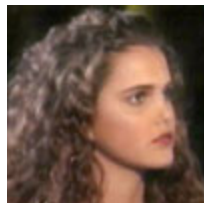
the end of the day, I am his sister. So if he ever drops you, I will still be here. I didn't ask him for any information about what happened. I simply asked for his advice about electives. I respect his opinion because he is very serious about his studies. I'm not irritating him, because I haven't bugged him. In fact, I often require little or no help.


So next time you attempt to put me in my place, make sure I am doing something that might actually be bothering someone. And please from now on, unless I bring your name into something, which I won't because it leaves a bitter taste in my mouth, please stay out of sibling affairs that Don't Concern YOU!

I do hope you have a good night.

Cordially,

Ginny

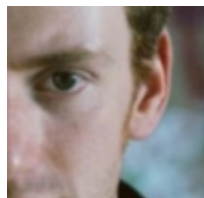



 **[alt_penelope](#)** at **[2011-05-31 16:00:49](#)**
(no subject)

How anyone as kind as Mr and Mrs Weasley could produce a daughter so rude and selfish is beyond me.

My point was that he specifically asked not to be bothered with anything, and he specifically asked *me* to help him out with that.

But the last thing I want is for Percy to get upset that you've used him as an excuse to squabble.



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-05-31 16:36:17](#)**
Private message to Penelope Clearwater and Ginny Weasley


Stop it. Both of you.

Ginny, Penny may be 'merely' my girlfriend rather than my sister, but I will always insist that my girlfriend be spoken to and treated with respect. Your status

as my sister does not give you standing to sneer at her. Particularly when what she is doing is at my request. You are bothering me with your derisive words.

I cannot discuss your electives at this point. Keep on this way and I will not discuss your electives with you at all but will instead refer you to one of the other Prefects.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-31 16:56:32](#)

Re: Private message to Penelope Clearwater and Ginny Weasley

Im sorry for bothring you Percy, you can be sure it wont happen again. EVER!

However, do tell your "girlfriend" to step off and leave me alone. I don't need her coming at me because I innocently sought you out. Please tell her to kindly mind her own affairs, of which I am not included.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-05-31 17:19:07](#)

Private message to Percy Weasley

Sorry. You shouldn't have had to step in, there. I know she's just jealous that her big brother's found someone else to spend time with.

Feeling any better today? I could get a plate for you for supper.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-31 17:34:25](#)

Re: Private message to Percy Weasley

Got the shakes again this morning. Upset my own inkwell during my astronomy exam, which was extremely embarrassing. Professor Sinistra was kind and matter-of-fact about it, though, which certainly helped.

Merlin, Penny, when is this going to get better?

Yes, I--I still can't face the Great Hall. I hope you don't mind

ants again, but a picnic at the rock at the lake would be better. At least the weather's decent.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-05-31 17:42:12](#)

Re: Private message to Percy Weasley

It will do, Perce. Mr Malfoy said so, and Madam P and you said your dad, even. Doesn't it help to know they all think you did the right thing?

A picnic sounds grand. I heard there are supposed to be new potatoes tonight. And roast. I'll see if I can get the elves to bring up some cold butterbeer, too, all right?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-05-31 17:51:06](#)

Re: Private message to Percy Weasley

That'd be brilliant, thanks.

And if I haven't said it before...thank you. For everything you've done for me this week.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-30 22:43:43](#)

(no subject)

Don't you have something better to do than complain about me? Like revise or decide what your electives will be for next year.

What're you going to ask for, anywiz?




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-30 23:04:10](#)

(no subject)

I started revising ages ago. Some of us don't wait until the last moment to revise for exams. I have an idea of what I would like to take for electives. I'm not sure you or mum or dad for that matter would like my choice of one of them.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-31 00:19:43](#)
(no subject)

Some people. Honestly.


Who says I haven't revised for exams?



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-31 00:21:41](#)
(no subject)

I think I know you well enough to say that you would have put it off for as long as possible

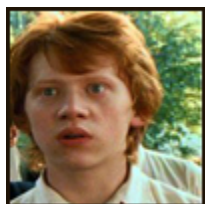



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-31 00:24:26](#)
(no subject)

Did enough all along I don't need to worry about it.

You must've too if you're not worrying about it

now.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-31 00:33:38](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

We wouldn't like her choice, huh? Well, that doesn't take Dark Scrying to figure out.

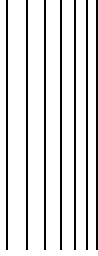
And a nice thing to say here for anyone to read.


Remind me again, somebody. Why is it a good idea to write things in here without hiding them behind the lock?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 01:09:48](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, I guess if you want to avoid talking to your sister, you can go right ahead. But isn't it more fun to talk to her in open and then be able to talk about it on here at the same time?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-31 01:12:08](#)**

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

Not if she's going to hint around that Mum and Dad don't want her taking Dark Arts. Or me.

2011-05-30 17:09:00

Private message to Hermione Granger

I just want you to know

I tried what you wanted me to.

It didn't work.

I'm going to go flying.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2011-05-30 22:44:28**

(no subject)

I told you it wouldn't work.

Well alright actually I told you that it wasn't allowed, but that's just as good as saying it won't work and I was right in any case.

I'm sorry it didn't but honestly.

2011-05-30 19:21:00


Percy

I really don't mean to bother you... I hope you are ok. Can we talk, when you are feeling up to it. Its very important.



 [alt_ginny](#)



 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-05-30 23:46:50**

(no subject)

Define 'very important.'



 [alt_ginny](#) at **2011-05-30 23:50:24**

(no subject)

My academics. Specifically speaking, my electives. But we don't have to talk about them today, just when you have time I would like your opinion.



 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-05-30 23:53:37**

(no subject)

Not today, no.

I am sure any of the other prefects would be happy to talk with you about it if you want advice sooner. But as for me...forgive me, Ginny, but not today.



 [alt_ginny](#) at **2011-05-30 23:58:44**

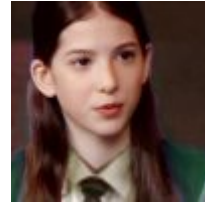
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I think I can wait. I would rather have your advice. I do value your opinion more often than not. No need for forgiveness. I think I can fathom the stress you are under. At least a little. When ever you feel up to

it.

2011-05-30 20:06:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



Hermione.


Sirius Black?

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

SIRIUS BLACK?

He's alive AND YOU ARE TALKING TO HIM?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 01:22:56](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I caught that too.

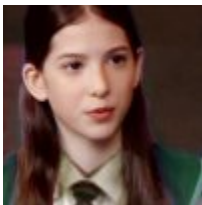
But it can wait, can't it?

I mean, it's been kind of a rough day.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-31 01:24:12](#)
(no subject)

No kidding.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 02:00:18](#)
(no subject)

Of course it can wait.

You're right.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-31 01:23:35](#)
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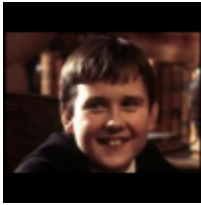
I'll bet she had to promise not to tell anybody about it.


Including us.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-31 02:11:50](#)
(no subject)


What I want to know is: does HMarvolo know? I mean, how could she be talking to Sirius Black and do it without him knowing it?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-31 02:17:24](#)
(no subject)


Well, they can't be using the journals, obviously. That private message function would show him everything.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-31 02:26:15](#)
(no subject)

Not to mention that a private message headed with 'Private message to Sirius Black and Harry Marvolo' would sure grab a lot of attention in a hurry.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-31 02:40:36](#)
(no subject)

I mean to say.

That.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-31 02:29:34](#)
(no subject)

We want to know. If she's in touch with a group that smuggles wands, including Sirius Black, maybe they can smuggle Terry out of whatever hole he's landed

in.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 02:30:56](#)
(no subject)


Well, if he wanted to see Terry, that means he already has tried to help once, which means he'll try to help again, doesn't it?



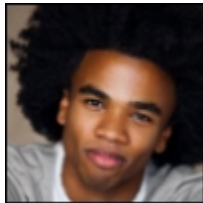
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-31 02:37:31](#)
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Could be. Yeah.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-05-31 02:31:01](#)
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But like I said, she probably can't talk about them at all.



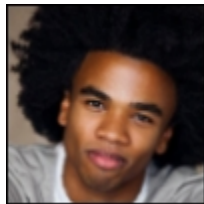
 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-31 02:31:49](#)
(no subject)


Hang on. What if she talked to them about us?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-31 02:33:01](#)
(no subject)

We've got secrets to keep, too, Lee.




 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-31 02:35:43](#)
(no subject)

I know, and I'm not talking about spilling any of the secrets we're protecting. Nor about the lock.

But if we gave them stuff, like...like how to make those macrame bracelets you and Sally-Anne made for instance. They could use those, couldn't they, to give to the people they're smuggling wands to? And if we offer them something

useful like that, maybe they'd be willing to let us know a little more about them.



 **alt_ron** at [2011-05-31 02:48:35](#)
(no subject)

Uh.

I don't know that I want anyone else to know about us. I mean, I see what you're thinking,


but

I don't know

Without knowing some stuff about who they are first, I don't just want to say 'Yeah, tell them about us and tell them we want to work together with them.' I mean, do we? And if it turns out we really don't, it's not like you can go back once you know.

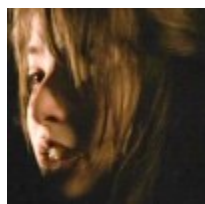
Of course. It's not like we're not in a complete mess now with Terry back with Carrow. Who's to say he won't pull our secret out of Terry and quick?



 **alt_pansy** at [2011-05-31 03:00:56](#)
(no subject)

He won't tell.

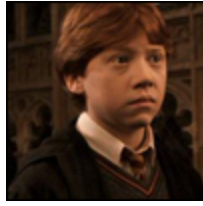
He'd die before he told.




 **alt_sally_anne** at [2011-05-31 03:16:12](#)
(no subject)

I agree.

There's nothing that could make him tell.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-05-31 11:22:33](#)
(no subject)

Except mind-reading or veritasyrup or probably a hundred other ways they have to make you tell stuff.

He wouldn't want to and maybe he'd kill himself to stop it if he had a way to do it or a chance but making you tell, that's one thing magic can do.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 03:39:06](#)
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So, what are you suggesting? That we tell Hermione to show the wand smugglers how to make the beads that Fred and George made, and the charms on the macrame, so that anyone else who gets a wand can hide it properly?

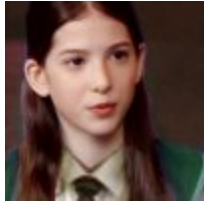
Because that's not a bad idea, really. But. I'm still not sure we SHOULD know any more about them than we already know. And I don't think Hermione ought to tell them our names. The more they know about us the more likely it is that WE'LL all get caught.

And they couldn't even save Terry from leaving with Carrow.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 03:43:41](#)
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That. Yeah.

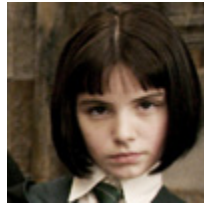



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 03:43:17](#)
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Alright, I'm thinking about this as I write and here's what I think.

Maybe Fred and George could write out instructions on how they made the beads and give it to Hermione. I could write instructions on how I did the charms for the bracelet, though that's a lot less tricky and I can't imagine they couldn't work it out on their own.

And maybe we could say here, we gave you this because it might be useful to you. And now we'd very much like you to go find Terry and get him away from Amycus Carrow, and if you kill Amycus Carrow while you're at it we'd all be very pleased?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 03:46:42](#)
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I think we should leave well enough alone.

They already know about what's happened to him, and they've already tried to do something about it, so I don't think what we say one way or the other would make that much of a difference.

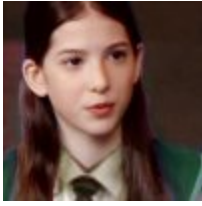


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 01:27:39](#)
Private message to Sally-anne

You remember what she said last summer, don't you? I mean, I sort of figured she at least had a way of knowing things about him that we didn't. And then she and Terry get those wands too.

The thing that surprises me is that he'd be talking with Terry too. Although he gave him a wand, so I guess that makes a bit of sense. Only if he could talk to Terry, why didn't he just tell him directly?

But you know what she's like. She'll get all touchy and clam up. it took her weeks and weeks to tell me that she didn't know a thing about Regulus.

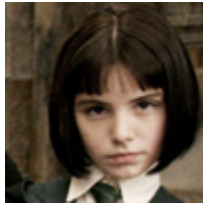


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 02:02:29](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

I remembered, but then she didn't talk about it any more and I guess

I thought maybe she'd been -- well not fibbing exactly. But exaggerating slightly what she knew for sure.



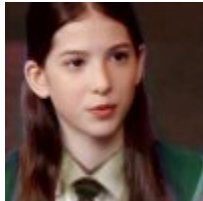
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 02:08:54](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

Yeah, I thought that too. But she's more the type where she just doesn't say things rather than saying things that aren't true.

Not that it matters one way or the other, but I wrote him again. He didn't answer any of my letters, but that doesn't really mean anything, because if he were trying to be dead, he wouldn't answer, you know?

It makes me wonder how they talk though. And why he talks to her and not.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 02:17:12](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

Did you tell him that you know he really is alive? But that you won't tell anyone? You could try telling him that you've known all year and didn't tell anyone, though he might not believe you and

of course you can't tell him you know because Hermione let it slip.

I am supposed to be revising Potions and I can't stop thinking about how they talk. It can't be a regular post owl but if someone had a very clever owl, they could maybe deliver the post on the sly. OR -- you know, a kneazle could totally do it. Carry messages, I mean. They don't normally, you'd usually use an owl, but kneazles are smart enough to do it, secretly.

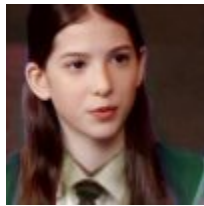


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 02:24:02](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

I thought about that, and reckoned that the way she reacted last summer meant she really wasn't supposed to say, so I just sort of said, "I hope you're alive," because I didn't know how he'd think I'd know for sure otherwise.

And the kneazle thing would make a lot of sense, because the last owl I sent him was just a few days ago, and I was sitting up in the owlry sort of feeling sad and Pip came flying right back in and his bill was empty, he couldn't have been gone longer than ten minutes. And when I asked if he'd delivered it, he nibbled my finger like he always does. And if he was right here, at Hogwarts, hidden somewhere, well, the kneazle would be able to pass messages, not like long distance ones, but short distance for sure.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 03:13:34](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

Your owl came back in ten minutes? And Hermione told Terry to find him --

I think you're right.

He's here, right here.

Or he was.

I wonder where he's hiding?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-05-31 03:19:59](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

I don't know. maybe he's polyjuiced. Or found a secret way in, like Snape, and is just sort of hiding.

She said Harry wrote him, and he wrote back, because he used to be friends with Harry's mum and dad, so that must be why he's here. For Harry. I can't think of why else, unless he's here

for Hermione, but I can't think what for.

Maybe that's how she knows? Because he's still writing to Harry? And Harry knows?



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2011-05-31 03:26:58**

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

You think Harry might know Sirius Black is alive and not be telling his Father?

You might be right, actually. But surely you don't think Harry knows about Terry -- that he'd know how to find Sirius Black?

As far as why he might come to the school, maybe the school's hiding him from MLE, somehow. Hogwarts, the castle itself I mean, does some odd things.



 **alt_pansy** at **2011-05-31 03:32:23**

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

Maybe that's how he managed to stay alive? Only he has to come back to Hogwarts every few months or something to heal?

I have no idea.

but if Harry wrote him and didn't tell, it stands to reason that he'd not tell if he knew Sirius were alive either.

And I don't know if he's ever really noticed Terry at all. Then again, most people make a point not to, you know?



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2011-05-31 03:48:06**

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

Do you think Madame Pomfrey knows? Or just that there's something about the castle that keeps him alive?

I suppose it could be either.

I don't know if Harry's ever noticed Terry. Because you're right. Most people try not to.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-06-01 02:50:15**

Re: Private message to Sally-anne

Well, at least they try not to look like they have. Unless you're a big bloody gryffindor like Fred and George. I wonder what on earth Slughorn said to them.

And I don't know about Madame Pomfrey either. I mean, you saw how she handled Neville after he turned me blue. But it could be the castle too.

2011-05-30 22:27:00

Private Message to Pansy Parkinson

Thanks, Pansy.

It felt really, not good exactly because I'm not sure I'm ready to feel good again, but, I dunno, satisfying I guess, to just lose myself in the music for awhile.



 **alt_susan**

And to get away from everyone and sit down by the lake where you can at least pretend that things are peaceful.

But the music in my head keeps going to a murder ballad place, no matter how much I try to listen to other things. I even put on some Playing Quidditch with Hags, in honour of Han. And still, there's "Beware of Long Lankin" over and bloody over again.

Sorry--didn't mean to go on at you.



 **alt_pansy** at **2011-05-31 03:13:45**

(no subject)

yeah. I can get in a bit of a rut too sometimes, with the really sad songs. The one about the little lost ghost by the Straubs makes me cry every time, just hearing the first few notes. And I'll listen to some records over and over when I'm sad, or angry. I like to think it's sort of like giving my head a chance to wrap itself around what happened, because it can get too big for me to just sit down and feel, so I let the song feel it for me instead, because it's safer. You know? because someone else is saying it for me.

I'm glad we got a chance to just sit too. And work on a song that's more about the good and sad bits of things instead of the scary or awful parts. It was nice.



 **alt_pansy** at **2011-05-31 03:25:08**

(no subject)


And Carrow is totally like Long Lankin.

I'm so glad we won't have to see his face at school

next term.

I wish we didn't have Mrs Professor Carrow either.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-05-31 23:59:48](#)**

(no subject)

Me too! I'm so glad I didn't try for Dark Arts, not that I'd likely have gotten in anyhow.

Except that I wouldn't mind learning some of the stuff you lot are doing. I'd like to be able to defend myself, y'know?

And yes, Carrow is Long Lankin and Reynardine and Bluebeard and everything awful you can imagine.

2011-05-30 22:33:00

*Private Message to Professor Cordelia
Carpenter*

Dear Professor Carpenter,

I realise that everyone is quite busy at the moment, but would it be possible for me to meet with you privately for a few minutes tomorrow?

Sincerely,

Lavender Brown



 **alt_lavender**

[2011-05-31 11:43:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good



Right. So, Terry. We figured some things need to be said.

 [alt_gredforge](#)

Obviously, this muck caught us all by surprise, and it's not what any of us wanted. But you're still our mate, and you're still a wizard, and you're still a Ravenclaw, and you're still a student of Hogwarts, no matter what. You're just...well, studying off-site now. So to speak. And deep undercover. But you're going to continue your education, and we're going to help. And you'll be free of that worthless piece of...excrement...some day, and we'll see each other again.

You asked that we write to you 'once in a while.' Well, that's not good enough as far as we're concerned. We'll be here every day, and you're on this lock with us, so you can talk to us whenever you like.

Don't shut us out, mate. Hermione's told us before that's what you do when that bastard is particularly hard on you, and we're sure that now that he's renewing his personal acquaintance with you it's no picnic, but don't shut us out. For now, pick up the quill and let us know you're still alive and kicking. Tell us what you need, and by Merlin, we will move heaven and earth to find a way to get it to you. Neville's right; our dad has an in at the camps, and he'll help us with this. Maybe we can figure out a way you can get an owl safely. Maybe we can get you another bracelet with beads charmed that will hide other stuff you can use: books or blankets or decent shoes for your feet, or whatever else you tell us you need.

You're going to live and be free and you'll spit in the bastard's eye in the end. And we're here to help you do that.

Write us back, mate. No matter how bad it is, you can count on us.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 19:18:02](#)
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He can only pick up a quill if he has one. And ink, too. And if Carrow doesn't take his journal away forever.

If he doesn't answer it might not be because he doesn't want to talk to us.

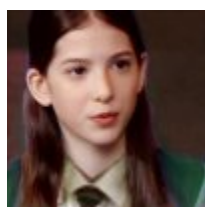


 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-31 20:30:02](#)

(no subject)

Bloody hell. You're right.

All right, that's another bead for the new bracelet. Somewhere he can put a journal, quill and ink well. And a good supply of ink. And we'd have to figure out a way to get them to him.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 20:39:52](#)

(no subject)

OK.

If you can work out the bead and the delivery, there are people who NEVER use their journals and it would not be hard to steal it. As long as he always, always used the lock. It would be a little odd to have Barney Bole or Vince Crabbe replying under the lock, but we'd know who it was. It would still work, right? Since Terry knows how to say 'I Solemnly Swear' -- the journal would know it was him? I could filch Milli's journal and see if I can see posts from there.

And that way Carrow couldn't take it from him. Because he wouldn't know Terry had it.

Your father could probably find out what camp he's at, at least. But don't ask in the journals. Or by owl. You'll be going home really soon, and you can ask him in person.

You know --

Maybe you could have him pretend it's sort of a career day thing. And take you to the camp. That way he wouldn't have to know about the bracelet, or at least he wouldn't have to REALLY know about it. He would probably guess you wanted to get something to Terry. Although if he did, and Carrow saw -- you know he'd take it out on him. I guess it depends how much you trust your father. If your mum's in with Black then your father surely is, too.

[2011-05-31 12:58:00](#)

Bill Weasley...

I need someone to talk seriously too. If you can help, I would be very, very... Please just respond to me.



 [alt_ginny](#)



 [alt_bill](#) at **[2011-05-31 18:19:36](#)**

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What's on your mind?



 [alt_ginny](#) at **[2011-05-31 18:41:49](#)**

Private Message to Bill Weasley

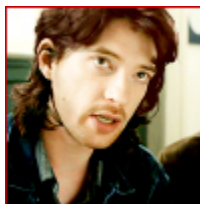
Do you ever feel left out?

I mean now that you are on your own?

I feel that way all the time, I don't think the boys understand. I guess you wouldn't understand either what its like to not be a boy.

I understand Percy is having a hard time. Im not stupid, I understand more than anyone thinks I do. But he let that twit say anything she wanted to me and he never backs me up. I only had a question about my academic career. Was I wrong?

Sorry I suppose you have read Ron's latest entry. Of course you wouldn see the private part. But he took her side.



 [alt_bill](#) at **[2011-05-31 20:19:44](#)**

Re: Private Message to Bill Weasley

I think that sooner or later everyone who lives in a large family must feel left out at times. It's inevitable. Maybe the only exception at the Burrow is the twins, because they've always had each other. I know you've said you feel like you should have been placed in Slytherin, which is maybe another reason you feel out of place in an entire family of rabid Gryffindors.

You asked, so I'll take you at your word that you really want to know and so I'll be blunt.

Yes. You were wrong.

Although in all fairness, though, you may not entirely realise why.

Witnessing a murder can be very traumatic, Ginny. I had a mate in school who went on to join the aurors. He was a couple months done with his training when they got called out for a camp breakout, and he got caught in a cross-fire where his partner was killed right in front of him. Wasn't a hex, but a muggle gun. A right bloody mess.

He absolutely fell apart, Gin. His nerves were shot to hell, and he couldn't sleep for weeks. I talked with his wife about it, who told me he couldn't keep his concentration in a simple conversation, and he would hit the floor whenever he heard a sudden noise. He couldn't interact normally with anyone. He had to quit the aurors. It took him six months before he'd recovered enough that he was able to get a job as a clerk in a quiet potions shop on Diagon Alley.

Now, I don't know for sure how Percy's doing. But from something Dad told me about a private message conversation he had with Percy, I gather that he's showing some symptoms of shock. We have to only hope that he doesn't have as bad a time of it as Mac did. Lacey, Mac's wife, said that Mac had a harder time of it whenever he was under stress. That 'twit,' as you call her, is trying to lower Percy's stress. Maybe you don't like her tone toward you or her methods, but please credit her with the fact that she's doing it out of caring for him. You, on the other hand, are perhaps raising his stress by being abrasive with the person who's trying to protect him.

(You did ask.)

So where does that leave you? I'd let Percy be for the time being. If you want to make him happier, apologise to Penny in front of him (and if you don't feel like it, suck it up and do it anyway and tell yourself that it's a mark of a true Slytherin if you can convincingly tell someone something that you don't really mean.)

I'd be happy to talk with you about any of the electives you're

considering. I can speak a bit more than even Percy can about the real world outcome for each of the courses you're considering.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-31 20:46:49](#)

Re: Private Message to Bill Weasley

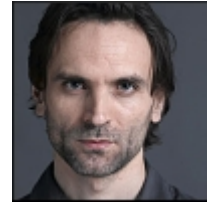
Thanks Bill,

It's not at all what I expected, but thank you anyway.
I suppose I can understand. And I will take your
advice as well. Thanks for being there.

2011-05-31 13:01:00

Private message to Lana


Forgive me for not getting in touch yesterday. I left the school at dawn, but had a deluge of meetings and an unbearable amount of paperwork to contend with that kept me up until this morn's breakfast. I have now had some sleep and would like to meet with you to discuss your findings re: the pieces from Craddock. At your leisure, of course.



 **alt_rodolphus**

When you are able to come in, I've left something for you at the work station you've been using. Just something I found in Hogsmeade that made me think of you - as a woman who could use such a thing.



 **alt_lana** at **2011-05-31 19:30:16**
(no subject)

Oh!

I'll be there right away.

Thank you!



 **alt_rodolphus** at **2011-05-31 19:32:59**
(no subject)

Lana - Welcome.

2011-05-31 13:13:00

This Week...

Has already started to get pretty nasty.

I thought every thing was going well, when I received correspondence from *Purest Sparkle* this morning, alerting me that my entry into the Summer contest had been received, and that I was in the running for one of the prizes and to wish me luck. I am told that the winners will be contacted just before school ends.



 [alt_ginny](#)

Well that part was great, but would things go as smoothly as I planned? Oh no...

All I wanted was advice from my big brother about which electives I should take for next term, and I got my head chewed off, for nothing. Its ok. I only approached Percy, because he was the hardest working student I know, and I valued his opinion. But I guess his opinion is not needed. I have turned in my selections for electives for next term and they include the following:

Ancient Runes
Arithmancy
Dark Arts

I am looking forward to next year already.

I am also looking forward to my exam marks as well. I started revising early, and I am sure I will do well.

I hope every one is doing well, in spite of last week. I know this time for all of us is hard, especialty for those in Hufflepuff. I have tried to keep quiet about it, but I want to let you all know that I know she will be missed.

I look forward for the summer hols to begin, so that we may all move forward, and have a bit of happiness.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2011-05-31 17:48:49**
(no subject)


That wasn't 'nothing.' Ordinarily we'd back you up whenever you're squaring off against Percy. But in this case? No. You know, when you run as many

pranks as we do, you get a good sense of timing.

That was colossally bad timing, little sis.

That being said...we like Runes. A lot. You'd be surprised what a help they can be. Also, Brutka with Care of Magical Creatures is brilliant.




 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2011-05-31 18:06:13](#)**
(no subject)

This wasn't about timing. It wasn't a bloody prank. This was about my academic career. I understand he's going through a tough time right now. But Percy, no matter how much you guys prank him, is the best student in the school. I wasn't trying to square off. I just needed advice.

Doesn't matter anymore- my mind is made up.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-05-31 18:31:41](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah. Runes is loads more interesting than I thought when I signed up.

The end of term project was a monster, though.

Creatures is completely snitch. Too bad you're not taking it. The only bad part is that they still haven't said what they're going to do with the hippogriff, and it'd be a huge shame if they put him down for what he did.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-05-31 18:30:35](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, the contest. ~~Almost forg~~ Good to know that they found your submission acceptable.

Arithmancy is a real challenge, and that paired with Runes and Dark Arts will be a lot of work, but looks impressive in the long run if you can manage to get reasonably good marks. I've enjoyed Creatures - mostly - but have some regrets about missing out on Runes. Thinking of asking my Uncle for a few of his books on Runes to read over the summer.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-05-31 20:01:50](#)
(no subject)

Thank you for the advice. If you find any Interesting titles, please do let me know. I didn't say anything when it happened, I didn't want to invade your privacy, but I really hope your Mum is well. Mrs Malfoy looked stunning as usual the quiditch match.

2011-05-31 14:35:00

Did anyone else

read in today's *Prophet* that Abbott's little sister and brother are being reclassified as purebloods?



 **alt_padma**

I think that's about as good a way to honour Abbott's memory as any, really. Maybe they think it'll help protect them some. Although it might not, either. Not entirely.

Here in Ravenclaw, loads of people are having trouble sleeping. I guess on Sunday the Sisters in Witchcraft made sachets for under their pillows. Lavender and chamomile and other herbs that help soothe and calm people when they're going to sleep. I'm not sure how well they're helping. Fawcett's been having a terrible time of it, and Su Li too, for that matter. We've asked Professor Sprout if we can go down to the greenhouses after today's last exam, to make some more, and she said yes, we could do. I think we'll put runes on to help make them more powerful, too. MacDougal got a bottle of some vile potion from her mum but it smells so bad no one wants to test it. I think the runes are safer - especially after reading that paper Linus Moon wrote for class.

We were talking about things in the Corner this afternoon, about how it seems like Our Lord's peace keeps getting disrupted in really horrible ways. Like last year. And now this. We're supposed to be safe at Hogwarts - and we are, mostly - but if stuff like this can keep happening even with the best kind of protection available, well, we reckon it's just true what they tell the Young Protectors, that it's everybody's business to keep themselves all prepared for domestic enemies, all the time, because you never know.

Still. Even with knowing that we're practising and we're prepared, it feels sort of helpless. Doesn't it? Like you can't ever really keep the bad out, not altogether. And I mean, being fourteen doesn't make us any more able to stop bad things happening than being thirteen did. Do grown-ups feel that way too, do you think?



 **alt_daphne** at [2011-05-31 19:27:08](#)
(no subject)

I asked my Mother to send more of her special snowdrop flowers, but I guess she didn't have any to spare because she sent me a load of calming draughts, instead. I have a few left if anyone wants.

I really think Hogwarts will be a lot safer now, don't you?




 **alt_padma** at [2011-05-31 20:55:15](#)
(no subject)

Well, I certainly *hope* it will! But there's still Macnair and Snape to worry about! And the Dementors.


I think Fawcett could use one of those snowdrops, thanks. We could all do with a little less sniffing through the night.



 **alt_daphne** at [2011-05-31 19:29:39](#)
Private message to Padma

Doesn't Professor Sinistra look so sad? I wonder how she's coping? I've seen her ducking into the hospital wing quite a lot lately.



 **alt_padma** at [2011-05-31 20:49:33](#)
Re: Private message to Padma

It's too tragic, isn't it?

I mean, he got hurt once already, famously. And then to be paralysed again? I can't blame Professor S for being worried for him.

(Oh, and Chambers heard from Bobolis and Dames because they were up the hospital wing getting calming draughts for the first-years in Ravenclaw, that he's in *stasis* so the curse can run its course. Can you imagine? Poor Professor S. Do you think she'll be by his bedside when he wakes up?)



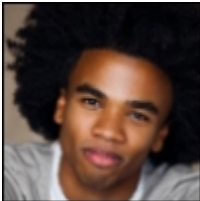
 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-01 00:15:11](#)

Re: Private message to Padma

Isn't this actually the third time he's been famously hurt? Back during the war he had the injury that gave him his limp, and then when the Protectorate was still young he was *shot* by someone (with a gun!) who was trying to kill the Lord Protector, and now this!

Gosh, I just had to run off and check the annuals to make sure he was Slytherin, because after I wrote all that he suddenly sounded quite like a Gryffindor.

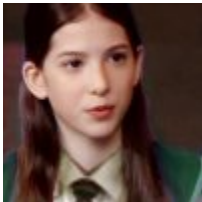
Maybe she will be, unless of course his brother gets there first...



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-05-31 19:34:15](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

That bit about the Abbotts is sick. They let her murderer walk free and they say, hey, we'll make it up to you by changing a meaningless legal designation.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-05-31 19:43:07](#)

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

Yeah.

It's not as if they're going to let them into the Daughters of the Protectorate. And now her sister and brother won't be able to do the Sisterhood or Brotherhood either.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-05-31 20:45:25](#)

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

Exactly. There'll be people who will still hold up their noses at them.




 [alt_seamus](#) at [2011-05-31 20:11:28](#)
(no subject)

I saw that, about Abbot's brother and sister. It's a nice gesture, I think.

People in Gryffindor aren't sleeping well, either. And Percy -- he looks like he went through a war. I suppose in a way he did.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2011-05-31 20:14:37](#)
Private message to Padma


How are you doing? I keep thinking about how you lost someone just a year ago.

Is there anything I can do?

Everyone in Gryffindor is broken up. Percy, well, I already said, I guess, but -- I keep thinking about how two weeks ago he was barking at everyone and telling us what to do and now he sits there and stares into space and startles when the wind blows. It's horrid, it's like he's Percy's ghost.

For once his horrid brothers are leaving him alone. I don't know what's wrong with Ginny, going after him like that as if there's NO OTHER PERSON IN THE WHOLE SCHOOL who could possibly give her advice on her class choices.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-05-31 20:45:12](#)
Re: Private message to Padma

I know! And did you see what she told Clearwater? I mean, Clearwater's a bit of a dishrag, you know, not like she's pretty or well nice or anything, but honestly, if Haruman had a girlfriend and Parvati or I talked to *her* like that? Hex city. And too right. That may well have been the most selfish thing *Ginevra* Weasley has ever said, and that's saying quite a lot!

I'm doing okay, I guess. Focusing on exams. Friday was really difficult. As soon as lessons were done I went up to one of the astronomy towers - the one with the nift little library nook just

below the trap door level - and sat there for a while without my journal. And when I came back to the common room Dunstan and MacDougal and Su Li and I just stayed in the dormitories with every possible candle lit that we could find and drank cocoa.

Thanks for asking, though. Everyone thinks you're supposed to be done being sad after a year, you know? But it doesn't really work that way. You know who really understands? And it's weird that she does? Parkinson. I mean, you wouldn't think we'd be closer - or really at all well close - after everything that happened. But she does know, really really know, how it feels.

Percy - Well. Clearwater's been waiting on him practically like a house elf since it happened. It stands to reason, though. He's a hero and she can well hold it over everyone that she saw his potential when everyone else just thought him a right git. But I can't blame her wanting to keep everyone away from him. Nor I can't blame him for being terribly skittish. Imagine duelling Professor Carrow and living to tell the tale!



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-05-31 20:51:20](#)**

Re: Private message to Padma

That's funny Parkinson understands. I suppose it makes sense, but it's odd you wound up close at all, considering.

I think there are things you never get over. Mr Rosier's son died -- well, back around the time we were born, I guess, or even earlier. And he's not done being sad. He doesn't go around crying all day, I mean at some point you have to get on with it, but he says a part of him broke that day, and that part will always be broken.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-05-31 23:52:45](#)**

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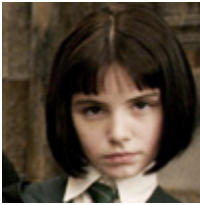
Helpless.


That's exactly the word for it.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-06-01 00:18:42](#)**
(no subject)

It is a nice gesture, I suppose, but I can't help thinking there are other things that might have protected them more.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-01 13:18:15](#)**
(no subject)


I know what you mean about feeling helpless.

And that just because we're still sort of kids doesn't mean we'll be safe.

It's funny, it's like sometimes, people still treat us like we're babies, but then at the same time, we're expected to handle things that would be hard for full-grown witches and wizards. You know? I think the programme this summer will help a little, at least when it comes to feeling a bit more prepared for everything.

Who are you writing to for the YPL by the way?



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-02 02:24:09](#)**
(no subject)

Never mind. You wrote yours an age and a half ago!
Have you heard back?


I've only just sent mine. I was going to do it over the weekend, but you know.

2011-05-31 20:18:00

Private Message to Hannah Abbott

I just managed to be mostly civil to Padma Patil-- about something that still makes me incredibly angry.



 **alt_susan**

Although, in a weird way I think she *does* mean well. Sort of.

You'd be proud of me.

I don't know what I'm going to do without you to remind me to be a better person.

I'll probably have turned into a heinous bitch by the end of next term.

2011-05-31 21:34:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good



Why Terry left.

I hadn't planned on talking about it really but I just told Harry about some of it and then I felt bad for not telling you clearly. Well, it's because of me, really, because Miss Professor Carrow will hurt me if he doesn't do what I say, and also because Amycus Carrow said that he was going to tell the Lord Protector that the Headmistress was a traitor if she didn't do what he wanted.


 [alt_hermione](#)

Harry says that his father is strange lately and I've noticed it too, but you know that if Harry is saying it it must be really bad. You know that the Headmistress was nicer to Terry than I think anybody has ever been in his life, I mean, she used to let him read books and eat as much as he wanted and he had a real bed and everything, just as nice as I do or nicer maybe even.

So that's why.

Also I won't talk about the other thing even though I know you all want me to, I can't, I slipped, I can't believe it let me slip like that, I thought it would kill me. But I can't say any more at all, so that's that and please don't badger me about it, I just can't.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-01 01:56:34**
(no subject)

Miss Professor Carrow is going to hurt you?

I knew it. She's just as horrible as he is, and really maybe worse because he could get so, y'know, mad that he couldn't always make sense. But she's more, well, she's more something. She keeps control of herself more.

And I think she plans stuff out instead of just doing stuff on the spot, y'know? That's how she was in Muggle Studies always. I mean, he planned stuff, too, but the really bad stuff always happened when things didn't go the way he planned them.


I think.

But it's really bad if she's planning how she can hurt you, Hermione. Even if it's meant to be just a threat if you don't do this thing or that thing or whatever. It's really bad that she's sitting around thinking about ways she could get to you and hurt you.

Like you couldn't figure that out. Okay. Yeah. Sorry.

And I won't say anything about the other thing. Except. I want to know. Does Harry know about him? You can say that 'cause it's not telling anything about the other thing at all, just whether Harry knows what we do.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-01 02:41:18](#)**

(no subject)

She killed my father, and he was supposed to be on her side.

So I wouldn't turn my back on her, not for one moment.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-01 14:15:57](#)**

(no subject)

You'd better not, Fisheye.

Perks, that goes double for you.

This is the only time I've ever wished I was taking Dark Arts, but I wish I was so someone would have your back while you're taking that exam.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-01 02:58:14](#)**

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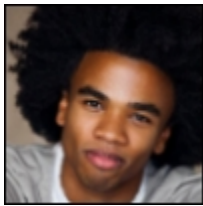
What a bleeding bastard that Carrow bloke is. Merlin, he knew just what lever to push to get his claws sunk in deep into the Professor, didn't he? It figures. Guess Terry would've done anything to keep you safe. We could see how he felt about you. And the Headmistress, too, I guess, although as far we're concerned, she bloody well doesn't deserve a sacrifice like


that.

Oh, bugger...there's something we used to have that could have helped keep you safe from Alecto Carrow, but we gave it to Terry. Maybe he still has it, which will do you no good, unless we can figure out how to send him an owl that he can send back safely.

Or maybe he left it in his cubby in the Headmistress's office, under his pallet or something. Which means we'll have to figure out how to sneak in there before school lets out.

Wonder if she's changed the password yet? Maybe we could try during the Leaving Feast?




 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-01 03:01:18](#)**
(no subject)

Well, that's another thing to ask him if he writes back.

When he writes back.

But if we don't hear back from him I'll help with getting into the Headmistress's office. At least I can be the lookout.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-01 03:04:55](#)**
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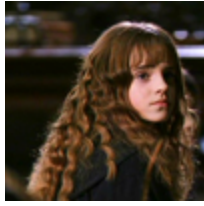
Sneak into the Headmistress's office?! Blimey, is there anything you lot won't try?

Don't answer that.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-01 03:05:50](#)**
(no subject)

Why not? We've done it before. Of course, we'd be careful...



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-01 13:27:07](#)
(no subject)

You don't need to, he gave it to me to keep me safe, he thought of it. Don't do anything rash!!!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-01 14:18:53](#)
(no subject)

That's very good news. Be sure to use it, okay?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-01 03:33:25](#)
(no subject)

Oh, Hermione.

Please tell me Harry's not going to bring you to Dark Arts with him.

Even with Terry having gone, like Carrow wanted -- you can't trust her, not for an instant. Not for an *instant*.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-01 23:32:57](#)
(no subject)

I just reread this, and I just realised...

You thought you'd die because you slipped. That must mean you're under an Unbreakable Vow then, right?

Wow. That's...that's real serious stuff, Hermione.

Yeah, we won't pester you at all. Promise.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-02 02:29:08](#)
(no subject)

...an Unbreakable Vow. Of course. That makes sense.

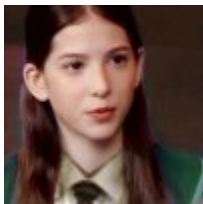
It couldn't have been, 'I will not reveal to anyone that Sirius Black is alive,' though. I expect it has

something to do with the Wand Smugglers (though of course Hermione you shouldn't say, I'm not hounding you, just thinking about this).

I've always wondered, with Unbreakable Vows, how close you can get to breaking it without the spell killing you -- I mean, if I swore an Unbreakable Vow not to tell anyone that Daphne fancied Greg (not that she does) but I said, 'Guess who fancies Greg? I'll give you a hint: she's in my dorm. And everyone thinks she fancies someone else. And she's not my best friend. And she's not a complete eejit!' ...would that count? I suppose no one's really inclined to experiment and find out.

I'm glad this didn't come close enough to the secret to hurt you, Hermione. Enough awful things happened last week. More than enough.

I wonder if everyone in the organisation takes an Unbreakable Vow? It's a good idea in some ways because that way if they're captured by MLE they can just blurt out enough of the secret that they fall over dead and then MLE can't find out anything. So long as it's specific enough that they don't break the vow by accident.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-06-02 02:31:11](#)**
(no subject)

I should really be revising for the Transfiguration exam but it's the last thing in the world I want to think about right now.

Unbreakable Vows are far more appealing.

2011-05-31 23:02:00

Private Message to Rodolphus Lestrangle

I keep running through the possibilities for the next step on the brass piece. I feel silly for having been so triumphant when the first one practically deconstructed itself for me. And now I'm letting myself be frustrated when this one wants to play by other rules.



 [alt_lana](#)

I'd say I'll sleep on it, but I don't think I will. Still, maybe inspiration will come in the middle of the night. I hope.

In the meantime, I have to find the right words to tell you how lovely the comb is and how much I'm looking forward to setting runes in those three perfectly luminous moonstones. Oh, Rod. It's really the most beautiful thing, and I can't wait to have you show me how to layer the spellwork for it. But, see, that's my problem right there: I can't focus on the issues with the brass piece because I keep thinking what I could do with the comb! So many possibilities. But. I promise I won't think about it any further until we've finished with all the artefacts for Craddock.

I'm not usually a flighty sort. I promise. It's just that this was so unexpected and so- No. Setting that aside for now.

But thank you.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at **2011-06-01 04:58:42**
(no subject)

I don't think a flighty sort would enjoy a gift that required actual work (provided that one doesn't want to wear it merely as a bauble, and only a flighty sort would do that).


Got it from a peddler and craftsman by the name of Morton. He's a hard fellow to track down, but I've always had more luck finding him in Hogsmeade than anywhere else. I imagine they're not the sort of wares sold in Harrod's, but I've always found his work fascinating, just the same.

I'm glad you like it. I wanted - that is, what you said: when we've finished with the artefacts we'll spend some time setting the runes

together.

Will you be by in the morning? For the brass piece.



 **[alt_lana](#)** at **[2011-06-01 06:55:14](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, of course. I'll be there first thing.

Is there anything I could bring you?



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-01 14:30:35](#)**
(no subject)

No need, Lana. Just bring yourself.