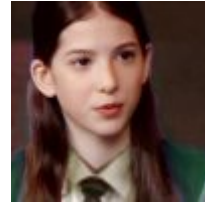


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Exam Week

I have been having a lot of trouble revising, but exam week has mostly been going okay. I guess I'd done enough work beforehand that I mostly remembered everything, at least in the classes with a practical component. I don't know about History of Magic. I was very happy with how the Runes project turned out, at least.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)**

I am especially glad that the Dark Arts exam is over.

Professor Slughorn, if it's possible I would like to stop by your office to talk when you are not busy with exams. I am hoping you can give me advice regarding next year.

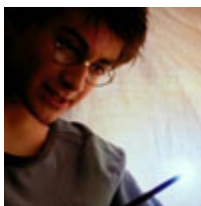


 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-01 19:53:32](#)**

Private message to Harry Marvolo

Thank you. Thank you so much. I think she was really planning to hurt me. I was afraid when you jumped up that she would hurt you instead but I guess she had enough sense not to.

I'm going to talk to Professor Slughorn about whether I should take Dark Arts next year or just drop it. He was the one who suggested I try to get in, because it would help me make connections, but those connections won't do me much good if I'm hurt too badly for Madam Pomfrey to heal the next time Professor Carrow drops a bookcase on me.



 **[alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-01 21:44:56](#)**

Re: Private message to Harry Marvolo

It wasn't a problem.

I just posted about how I wrote to my dad. I want her to see it. I want her to know that she isn't allowed to do that any more. Not even to you.

I think you should take Dark Arts after all. Don't let her grind you down.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at 2011-06-01 20:03:05

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I think I'm going to drop Dark Arts.

When we got to the exam today Miss Professor Carrow noticed right away that Harry hadn't brought Hermione with him and she made a bunch of comments about it, really scary, threatening comments. And then, she had a bunch of common rats and we went up one at a time to try again whatever of the Cardinal Curses we'd tried a year ago in that 'taster' class. And whatever it was, whether we failed or succeeded she'd do it herself to 'show us how it was done,' you know.

When everyone finished she said she wanted to give a few students the opportunity to raise their marks by duelling two-on-one and then she called up Greg and Vince AND ME and I realised she was going to put me right under that bookcase again, and it looked even less stable than it had last time and she'd stacked... oh, I don't even want to think about it. Heavy things. But before I could go up Harry jumped up and shouted that if anyone was going to get a chance to raise their mark it ought to be him and he wanted to be the one to duel Vince and Greg, and he went up to the front of the room and got ready and then she said never mind, we were actually out of time and dismissed us.

I hate her. I HATE HER.

The rat I had to kill, I closed my eyes and pretended I was casting Avada Kedavra on Carrow. And it might have worked except that since my eyes were closed the spell missed the rat. It completely blew apart the glass container the rat was in, though.

Anyway I'm going to talk to Professor Slughorn and see what he thinks but I can't think of anything he could say that would make me want to stay in. I'm not a Gryffindor and if someone actually wants to hurt me I want to AVOID them, not sit class with them once a week. Maybe I could take the Arithmancy book home over the summer and learn enough to switch to Arithmancy.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-01 20:08:26](#)

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

And I just want to be clear. Harry didn't care about his mark when he stood up. He was protecting me. He knew what she was planning and he didn't think she'd dare do it to him.

For a minute I thought he was wrong (Draco, too, he went utterly white) but she's got more sense than her brother.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-01 20:17:34](#)

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

And I'm really, really glad Hermione didn't go.

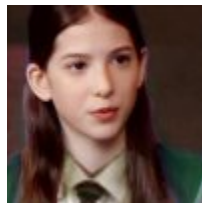
I don't know what Professor Carrow was planning to do to her. But I'm sure it was something awful.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-01 20:19:35](#)

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

WOT?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-01 20:22:32](#)

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

Which bit should I say a different way?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-01 20:25:45](#)

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

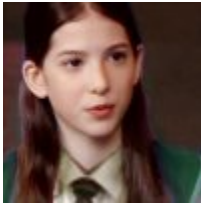
None of it, really.

It's just

It's so

I don't even

I



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-02 00:42:59](#)

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

I feel a little silly now -- Daphne told me that Draco gave the signal and she was just about to start screaming. We had a plan, you see, in case things started to go pear-shaped in that class again. It was

Daphne's job to create a distraction or, if Daphne was the one in the soup, it was my job.

So, Draco and Daphne and most of the rest of my house had my back and I didn't even think about it until later.

I don't know. I'm still going to talk to Professor Slughorn about dropping Dark Arts.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-02 00:56:31](#)

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

Wait.

The cunning Slytherin plan was for Daphne Greengrass to start screaming?

And you don't think that might have sent Miss Professor Marrowbone off her nut? She'd probably have started cursing everyone in sight! Though maybe she'd have started with Greengrass, and you could have jumped behind Goyle or under a table or something.

Or run away.



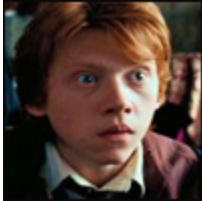
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-02 01:13:28](#)

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

Well it wasn't JUST for Daphne to scream. She was going to scream that a rat had escaped, jump on her desk, and then pretend to faint. So we'd have people running around and looking for the

rat, and we'd have people fussing over Daphne, and the idea was

to disrupt things completely and give me time to get out (and yes, I was supposed to get behind Vince or Greg, though I don't think they were looking at Draco so I'm not sure they would have remembered this was part of the plan.)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-01 20:22:08](#)

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

Merlin's tiny

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I can't even

Someone oughta

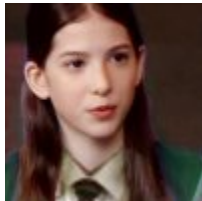
ARGH!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-01 20:24:10](#)

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

Are you okay?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-01 20:27:35](#)

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

Yes. I'm fine. If Harry hadn't gotten up and insisted that he should be the one to duel, though -- I don't know if I would be.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-01 21:48:19](#)

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

I *HATE* her. I hate her I hate her I hate her.

I'm glad Harry was there for you, and that she isn't as nutters as her awful horrible brother to put Harry in danger, but I hate her.

So. Very. Much.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-01 23:19:31](#)

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

Guess she's realising that there's now an opening for the coveted position of Most Homicidal Professor at Hogwarts.

Good on Marvolo for foiling her. We owe him one. And yeah, dropping that class sounds like a really, really good idea.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-01 23:27:05](#)

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

No kidding. Blimey. Drop the class, definitely. What you could get out of it isn't worth the danger.



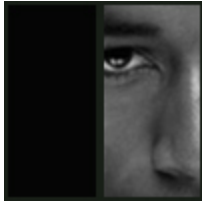
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-01 21:49:40](#)

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

I think staying as far away from that inbred hateful hag would be a very smart idea.

If only for your nerves.

And, you know, that whole staying alive thing.



 **[alt_blaise](#)** at **[2011-06-01 20:55:05](#)**
(no subject)

I'm glad it's over, too, the Dark Arts exam. All I can say is Miss Professor Carrow takes her subject dead seriously.

Got a bit hair-raising there at the end. I'd try a joke about how it was Harry-raising, too, except there wasn't a thing that was funny about it. Just, well-

Good to have it finished.

2011-06-01 15:40:00

Private Message to Horatio Hooper

Heard from Hopkirk that there are new guests in MLE's dungeons. See if you can free up time between this evening and Friday; Truncheon has offered to work with an audience.



 [alt_lucius](#)

Also, tell Diggory he has stalled long enough; Ms Drumgoole has been promised the beast and she should be allowed to take possession of her property. Make it end of the week if they need me along as the plaintiff - whatever it takes. Get it done.

Confirm with Selwyn and International Magic regarding Froissart's list of names. There's a rising fourth-year who might be a good public relations opportunity for the *Prophet* - displaced but returning, &c. Similar to the job Bole did on that Thomas boy two years ago. Check with Bagman: If the mother can be convinced to come early, could put them in at the Cup. Good diplomacy, if nothing else.

Saw your note regarding a summer intern. Possibly. Mordred knows there are enough projects ongoing to generate enough work for two. That's assuming you continue to do at least the work of one. Find the top three out of the rising 7th-years and let us review them Monday next.

That reminds me, though: Have not heard from Draco regarding his party this year. May wish something more interesting than last. Check with Mrs Malfoy to see if she has any ideas. Meanwhile, write Ned and take Crouch up on his offer of tickets once Draco's home.

Did you arrange the flowers per my request? Jonquils, orchids and roses, as instructed.

Do recall it is the first of the month and accounts must be settled.

What's this from Dolores about serving on a YPL advisory committee? No, I've no time to add anything new. Pass it to Yaxley. He's a better choice for planning orienteering and such at any rate.

Are you quite sure you said nothing to Fudge to set him off? He's been a trifle peevish this week. Miss Robins mentioned he may cancel tomorrow's meeting. See that he does not.

2011-06-01 17:41:00

No.

I just want everybody to know that I wrote to Father. About what happened in Dark Arts today.

I don't care if Professor Carrow (there's only one now isn't that strange) is a professor.

It is not all right. Nobody is allowed to threaten MY FRIENDS over MY PROPERTY.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-01 22:04:56**

Private message to Harry

What happened to our plan, Harry? I mean, why else did we meet all those times with the rest of the Slytherins who take Dark Arts?

I was giving the signal to Daphs and she was just about to scream her head off about the rats, but then you volunteered yourself and...well, you're just dead lucky that She-Carrow didn't do something. And Raz isn't even able to protect us, either.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-06-01 23:31:20**

Re: Private message to Harry

I guess I just forgot. I lost it.



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-02 02:41:41**

Re: Private message to Harry

I'm glad nothing happened. Bad, I mean.

Let me know what your Father says.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-01 22:46:53](#)

Private Message to Harry Mavolo

Hey.

I heard what you did.

And I just wanted to say thanks. No, really. Someone had to do something, and I'm glad you did.

I wish they'd just sack Miss Professor Carrow, too, y'know? Before she kills someone. I mean, Hogwarts is supposed to be training wizards and witches not killing us all off, yeah?

Anywiz.

At least you did something about it.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-01 23:31:59](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry Mavolo

Well thanks.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2011-06-02 02:36:07](#)

(no subject)

I was really worried for a minute there that Miss Professor Carrow would decide that since you'd volunteered to take Perks' place, you could jolly well duel your classmates, and if something fell on you, that just meant you should have moved faster. ~~Like Parkins~~

I'm glad everything worked out.

And you shouldn't have to bring your servant to class unless you want to. She's yours, not Miss Professor Carrow's. She can get her own mudblood if she wants one, the camps have plenty.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-02 04:13:07](#)**

I solemnly swear that I am up to no good

They're people, you berk, not tools for your convenience.

2011-06-01 20:42:00

Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks



 **alt_linus**

Just writing to say that it was a lot of fun working on that Runes project with you! Clearly we make a pretty good team, Professor Babbling hardly ever brings student projects up in front of the class. That rune you found for a smokeless fire was right wizard, and the set for protecting grain in the winter. If it had been up to me, they would all have been about insect repelling. I guess the lice thing from last year really stuck with me!!!

I'm sorry I've not been on the journals much. At all. I can't ever seem to write the right thing, so I mostly stay clear of it. And anything I do want to write about looks boring when I start, so I just don't start at all. You write really well, though, so I think I'll take my cue from you in the future. Karo says that if I write more it'll bury my 'engagement' bit far back enough that people won't read it. I could do with having the world forget about that one, especially Blaise calling me a ~~ti~~ that thing.


Good luck with the rest of exams!!!



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2011-06-02 01:20:18**
(no subject)

That project turned out really well! And Karoline is right, the more you write the less likely it is anyone stopping by will see the congratulatory note to Daphne.



 **alt_linus** at **2011-06-02 01:24:50**
(no subject)

I'll start writing a lot of one-line entries!!!

Monday:
"Today I had Yorkshire pudding."

Tuesday:
"I like eagle feather quills."

Wednesday:
"The book I wanted is checked out."


And so on and so forth.



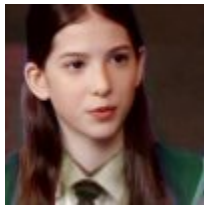
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Milli was doing that for a while. You spell MUCH better than she does, though.



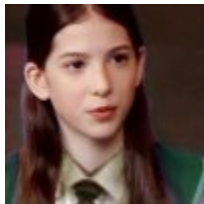
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Gosh, I hope I do. But since that's been done, I'll have to make entries one word at a time and hope that does the trick.



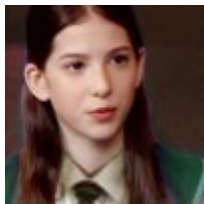
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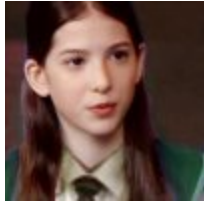
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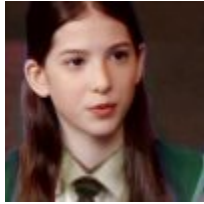
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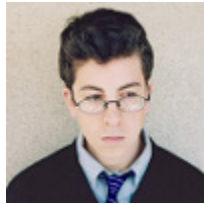
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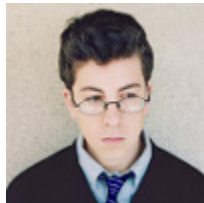
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It would bury that 'congratulations to Daphne'
post right quick, though.



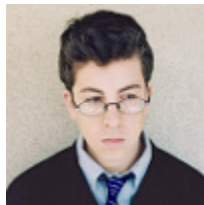
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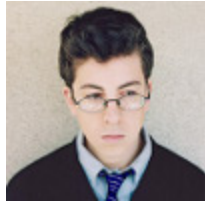
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2011-06-01 20:57:00

Private Message to Nolan Tenebridge and Professor Sinistra



 [alt_pansy](#)

We're doing an assignment from school for the Young Protectors' League where we're supposed to write someone who is in a profession that we aspire to when we leave school. And the first person I could think of was you. I admire and respect you, and I can't think of anything more incredible than what you do.

I've wanted to be involved in the music industry for ages, and the more I learn, the more I appreciate what it is that you've been able to accomplish with Presto Records. I think it is something I can see myself doing, and not for a lark, or because I need just any old job as long as it has a wage, or because I think I could be that person singing on the radio. I want to do something that I can really be passionate about, and can do well, and I really think that working in the music industry as a manager or a producer could be that for me.

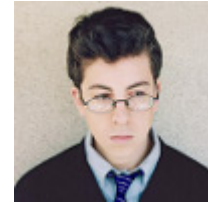
I've taken your advice, and kept up on my writing. I've also begun learning the guitar, and it really has made me think a lot more about chord progression and helped me develop my hooks a bit more, so I appreciate your recommending that to me. I don't know if any of these songs that I'm working on will go anywhere, but the more I learn about it by doing it myself, the better I'll hopefully be later on down the line, and the better job I'll do if I get the chance to produce someone else's music or manage my own band someday.

It's a little thing, but earlier this week I sat down with a friend of mine, and she sung a song that I wrote, and it just felt so incredible and so right, and was just about the best thing I think I've ever done.

I know you're a terribly busy person, but I wanted to let you know how much our meetings have meant to me, and that I look forward to talking with you again in the future.

2011-06-01 22:44:00

*Private Message to Doctor Daedalus Deller
and Professor Sinistra*



Dear Doctor Deller -

My name is Linus Moon, and my studies this year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry have brought me repeatedly to your work on the wizarding history of Europe and Great Britain. I have made particular use of *Goblin Rebellions 1130-1400*, *Wizarding Nobility of France and Germany: A History*, and your rune compendiums vols. I-XVII. I used your *The Evolution of Incantation* so often that my parents bought me my own copy last year for my birthday! Having all of that information at hand made me appreciate how much time and investigation must have gone into bringing it together.

 [alt_linus](#)

I am in the Young Protectors' League, and when I was asked what sort of work I wanted to do in the future, I thought of how rewarding it must be to research and author history books. All of my classes have a historical component, and besides that, I am part of a history club which does readings and reports to supplement our regular history class. Understanding our history is invaluable in informing our approach for the future. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you sometime this summer in order to discuss what a career in history entails.

Thank you for your consideration,
-Linus Moon-

[2011-06-02 01:46:00](#)

Order Only: Private message to Sirius

Back home, and up with the baby. Can't quite believe it.

I wanted to ask you, and I don't suppose we'll see you all that soon to do it in person.


We've named her Albia Carina, and we'd like you to be her godfather.

What do you say?



 [alt_lupin](#)




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-02 16:19:06](#)
(no subject)

I say that with a name like that she'd best have a guard dog.

Are you sure about this? I mean to say, I've not done a right bang-up job so far with my other god-child.

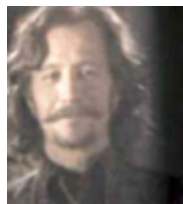


 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-06-02 18:59:26](#)
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Who could possibly object to such a loyal name, honouring our glorious new Albion and the triumph of wizarding kind over all those terrible muggles?

Honestly, it took quite some time to think of a name that was loyal and subversive at the same time. We were rather pleased with ourselves. And I like to think he'd approve.

We're very sure, Sirius. There's no one else we even considered asking.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-02 19:13:02](#)
(no subject)

So long as you've an answer when Crotch noses about wanting to know how you came up with it.

And I'm honoured, of course.

But what do you mean I'm not going to get to meet the little charmer right away? I thought you mentioned making a trip up here soon after her arrival so Poppy could have a proper exam of mother and sprog?



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-06-02 20:15:56](#)
(no subject)

We're planning to come up and see Poppy, yes, but I don't know quite when we'll get there. I don't think we could have waited much longer to announce Bea's name publicly, and we did want to tell you and Alice first.

2011-06-02 13:06:00

Private Message to Seamus Finnegan

You know mate, there seems to be a silver lining with not having Carrow around anymore.



 **alt_dean**

We have just dropped some dead weight and I am loving it. Its nice not to have to devise a plan to save the two goofs in our room. We can now go back to focusing on ourselves.



 **alt_seamus** at **2011-06-02 18:44:30**
(no subject)

True enough!

2011-06-02 13:44:00

*Private message to Rufus Scrimgeour
and Professor Sinistra*



 **alt_neville**

My name is Neville Longbottom, and I'm finishing up my third year here at Hogwarts. This letter is my application for the combined cadet force programme for the Young Protectors' League. I am writing my letter to you because I am interested in a career in the Department of Magical Law Enforcement. The proposed summer programme sounds especially interesting to me, and I think that the skills they will be teaching would be particularly useful to someone planning for a career with the department of MLE.

I am not quite sure yet which division within the department would be the best match with my interests and abilities, but after all, I'm still only partway through my schooling and I have time to explore the various options. I just know I want to do something that gives me an opportunity to show my patriotism and support for Our Lord's vision for what the wizarding world should be. The Department of Magical Law Enforcement would give me that opportunity, and I would be very honoured if you would give me your consideration.

I'm also going to be very upfront and admit that I know I have a lot to overcome if I wish to be considered for a career with the MLE, especially given the history with the department of some of my (former) family members. But I also ask you to consider that this history also makes me an particularly motivated candidate, which could be a source of real strength. In fact, in all honesty, I have thought about becoming an Auror. I know that the Auror programme takes the best of the best, and maybe I don't look like the best of the best right now. My grandmother, Augusta Longbottom took on the task of raising me, when my parents abandoned me (along with their oath to the department and their loyalty to their country). She always told me that some people might think worse of me because of what my parents did. But even though it might take a long time and I might be forced do more than others to earn people's trust, I should never stop doing my best, to show that I'm someone who brings honour to the Longbottom name, rather than shame.

Another thing my Gran always said was that I was a late bloomer: late to walk and late to talk and late to show my magic. But she also said that one thing about late bloomers is that they can truly surprise

people in the end because once they get going, they never give up. I promise that if you would give me a chance, I will do all that I can to show that I am willing to do whatever it takes to make the most of the opportunity.

Thank you.

Yours respectfully,

Neville Longbottom

2011-06-02 14:16:00

Private message to Madame Pomfrey


As you know, I was in the castle this to afternoon check in on my brother and take a meal with my daughter, and to verify whether or not she is moving on at reasonable pace from the ordeal she suffered last week.



 **alt_rodolphus**

Time constraints prevented me from addressing the matter with you in person, for I could not stay at Hogwarts for long, so I use this journal to ask you this: do your cavity treatment programs typically involve such measures?



 **alt_poppy** at **2011-06-02 20:36:15**

(no subject)

What aspect of your daughter's treatment has raised your concerns?




 **alt_rodolphus** at **2011-06-02 20:39:11**

(no subject)

The use of the Imperius curse to compel her away from anything sweet. I would imagine that the parents would be consulted before such a measure. Am I wrong?



 **alt_poppy** at **2011-06-02 20:58:08**

(no subject)

Oh! Goodness, no. Rest assured I have not used Imperius on your child or any other.

To be frank with you, Mr Lestrangle, I am quite vehemently opposed to the use of Imperius for Healing applications, though I am well aware that they are currently in vogue.

Perhaps I should elaborate. I do understand why some have looked to this method in treating extreme cases of self-starvation. I cannot, however, see that it has any valid use as a tool for

restricting diet, and while I realise that one might leave adults to do with themselves what they wish, I find it shocking that anyone would consider using Imperius on a child for the purpose you propose.

But surely you have a reason for enquiring. Is your daughter in need of my assistance?




 **alt_rodolphus** at [2011-06-03 01:45:21](#)
(no subject)

But she has been put under Imperius. I did note that she was not taking the chocolate that was offered to her this weekend last, but I assumed that was due to stress and trauma. Yet when I paid her a visit today I brought a hamper of all her favourites. the egg and cress sandwich she ate readily, as if she was very hungry, but she turned down both the tart and cake I offered her after. When I prompted her to hold the tart in her hand and bring it to her mouth, she became distressed and said "I can't."

I was unable to cajole her into saying more on the matter, but I'm familiar enough with Imperius to know when I am seeing someone under its influence.

But if this wasn't some aspect of her cavity treatment, then that leaves...one or two other explanations. One, in particular.



 **alt_poppy** at [2011-06-03 02:48:29](#)
(no subject)

It is true that Miss Lestrangle lost weight between the visit during which I treated her oral deficiencies and her most recent visit, and it is also true that one of her Housemates spoke privately with me out of concern that your daughter was not looking well and might not have been eating properly.

I regret to say that in the wake of Professor Carrow's violence and your daughter's injury, I may have attributed too much to the effects of shock, thereby missing signs of malnourishment. She is small for her age and has always been reserved in my presence--never boisterous or bubbly--but then, few children are exuberant in my presence and I saw nothing out of the ordinary

in her quietness when she was here.

As well, the curse-induced behaviours you describe seem designed to ensure that Miss LeStrange would act to obscure the fact that she had been under the control of an Imperius. I admire your method for testing her responses, and I confess myself chastened to have misread her condition when I had her here under my care so recently. I am very sorry for that.

How would you have me proceed? I'm unaware of a method for removing an Imperius compulsion, but St Mungo's have specialists who stand ready to consult on such matters.



 **alt_rodolphus** at **[2011-06-03 03:05:39](#)**
(no subject)

I see.

I do not personally fault you for your oversight. I think the events of last year illustrate that my daughter is remarkably good at hiding that which troubles her. Also, refraining from sweets alone should not have resulted in such a substantial weight loss. The curse was likely an attempt to strong-arm her into making better choices at meals - something which she apparently refused to do, quite successfully.


I could re-cast Imperius to null the current one, but that could well lead to unforeseen complications. This afternoon I did spend some time coaching her on how to fight the compulsion - something she has had practice at before, but never for when related to food.

It's always been a bit of a complication with Hydra, you see. She is a very picky eater, who has always tried to avoid meat, who requires that temperature and texture be just so, who abhors spices and adornments of almost any kind. Sweets are the only thing she eats freely and with predictable enthusiasm.

I admit that it was sometimes easier to give her sweets, just out of concern that she eat something at all. The house elves here have also perfected recipes to tempt her palate into eating more balanced meals, but naturally the Hogwarts elves are feeding so many that they can't make such special exceptions.

At the moment I'm unsure of how to proceed. Were my brother alert, I'd have him continue to work with her on resisting the compulsion. As it is I cannot come to the school and attend to her daily.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-06-03 03:29:48](#)**
(no subject)

As you say, it is a puzzle what to do. I see two courses that might be of use: the first would be to appeal to the person who applied the curse, supposing you know who that was; the second would be to send the child to St Mungo's for intervention.

We are very near the end of term, as you know, and I feel certain that under the circumstances, you might ask Professor Slughorn to seek the Headmistress's consent for your daughter's early dismissal; I would be happy to make the necessary arrangements with St Mungo's.




 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-03 03:55:24](#)**
(no subject)

St Mungo's...no, I'm afraid that won't do. I would rather not have other parties knowing of this matter. I'm sure you understand.

However, if I can bring her home then she will have access to food she is used to, and I should be able to continue to coach her on resisting the curse. Naturally, it would be best that she finish her exams, first.

In the meantime, I'll arrange to have a small hamper of food sent to her daily, so that she doesn't further weaken herself.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-06-03 04:12:18](#)**
(no subject)

I appreciate your desire for privacy. Do you wish to avoid St Mungo's involvement altogether, even to consult on her care, or is it rather that you wish to avoid your daughter's

being admitted there?

If you wish, I could ask Professor Slughorn to send Miss Lestrangle to me and keep her here when she is not sitting exams. That way she could remain in school until the usual end of term and avoid calling the attention to her circumstances an early departure would surely attract. Keeping her here would allow me to oversee her meals, if not treat the source of her condition.




 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-03 04:17:23](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I plan to consult with them. It's admission, along with an involved description of the related circumstances, that I wish to avoid.

You seem to have your plate full as is - are you sure this is something you have the time and means to address?

Along with that, it doesn't seem a particularly cheery or diverting place to keep a child.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-06-03 04:22:34](#)**
(no subject)

That is your call, of course.

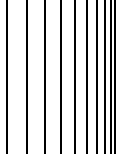
I could certainly care for your daughter, though I cannot dispute that this ward is not a cheery place to spend days on end. And it may be that Professor Slughorn could arrange for a Prefect to pay the necessary attention to Miss Lestrangle's meals that would allow her to remain in her own House throughout.

Unless you wish to avoid involving him?



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-03 04:26:56](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I plan to see if Horace is available for firechat first thing come morn. Perhaps he'll have a suggestion that suits.

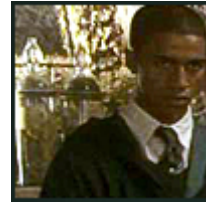


Meanwhile, I shall arrange for a food hamper at breakfast.

Thank you for your time, Matron.

[2011-06-02 15:24:00](#)

Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Teddy Nott




 **[alt_blaise](#)**

Say. Do you see who Longbun wrote for his YPL application?

Scrimgeour.

That'll surprise some people. But, really, it fits what you've been saying all along, doesn't it?

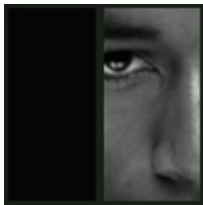



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-06-02 20:44:31](#)**
(no subject)

What, that he's hiding something? That he's not quite so daft as people think?

Remember how I caught him at the beginning of term, taking the mickey about Raz's limp when he thought no one but his Weasley mate was looking?

Guess who gave the Raz his limp: Longbottom's Mother, back when she was an "Auror."




 **[alt_blaise](#)** at **[2011-06-02 21:04:18](#)**
(no subject)

Exactly.

Either he's the biggest idiot in the world, thinking he could get into MLE with his marks. Or he's not an idiot at all, he's going to top the OWL and NEWT rankings, and ace his way into Auror training.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-06-03 01:33:45](#)**
(no subject)

If he were really oh so daft, wouldn't he have trouble spelling, like Millie and Greg do? Near as I can tell, his writing is fine. Better than most, even.

[2011-06-02 17:47:00](#)

ORDER ONLY

I'm nicely settled in the guest room here with Remus and Tonks, and we've just had a lovely afternoon sitting and sipping tea and catching up on just about everything. Mum and Dad and baby are all doing fabulously, of course, and it's so good to see everyone.




 [alt_alice](#)

I've been asked to be Albia Carina's godmother, and I am just so honoured that it brings tears to my eyes just thinking about it. Thank you, Remus and Tonks. I look forward to spoiling her rotten for years and years to come. It's funny, I spend a good deal of my time around babies, but each one has something different and special about them, and I don't think I could ever get tired of them. Bea has this little wrinkle between her eyes when she's thinking hard about something, or about ready to cry for a bit, and it's so very dear. I can't wait for her to meet Kevin. And such a head of hair on her! She really is darling.

I've been showing Remus all the baby-proofing charms I know, like how to pad the corners of the fireplace and coffeetable, and how to stick the cabinets so they won't open unless you're reaching from above, and all those little things that will pay off once Bea starts crawling. And there's the tried and true remedies and diagnostic charms we use at Moddey Dhoo nearly every day to sort out colic and rash and all that. And I've brought a baby book that my Grandma Kate gave me when I had Neville. I practically have the section on teething memorised by now, and I have a feeling Tonks will get good use out of it, so I'm leaving it with her.

Before I put this down and start helping with dinner, I wanted to ask, Minerva, if you think it would be all right to plant a tree for Hannah Abbot at Moddey Dhoo's memorial garden. I think it'd give great comfort to Neville one day.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-03 00:17:27](#)
(no subject)

Is there anything needed there, Alice?


I realise that they're running a shop that stocks many things, but also that they are new to parenting and

may not have anticipated what exactly their needs would be.

Rue had that crinkle between her eyes: it was a strong clue that she would, very shortly, require burping, comfort or a change of nappy. Hm. I hadn't thought about that expression in years.

Dear.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2011-06-03 13:55:48](#)**

(no subject)

She is simply darling, isn't she? (I also love her hair! And I just treasure the memory of watching Remus smoothing it down and boggling at how it keeps stubbornly puffing back up!) Do reassure Tonks some more: I know she's still a little nervous, but she really is quite knacky with her already.

[2011-06-02 23:17:00](#)

Private Message to Percy Weasley and Penelope Clearwater




Percy and Penelope,

If you don't mind, may I have a word with you both, either just before or after breakfast? I would really like to talk you about something... together.

 [alt_ginny](#)

Ginny



 [alt_percy](#) at **[2011-06-03 03:46:55](#)**
(no subject)

Very well. We will be there...as long as you understand that at the first insult, the conversation will be instantly over. If things remain civil, we will discuss whatever you wish to discuss.



 [alt_ginny](#) at **[2011-06-03 03:49:58](#)**
(no subject)

You have my word. I promise things will remain completely civil.

[2011-06-03 13:37:00](#)

*Private Message to Bellatrix Lestrange
and Mafalda Hopkirk*



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

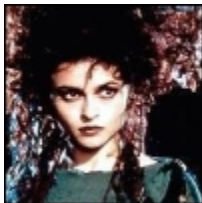
Tell Truncheon to send all his quicksilver imbeciles back to the locked ward at St M's; he needs to clear his interrogation cells.


Three incoming this time. Slightly shopworn. Two bitches, one cur.

Plus one corpse. Killed by his own as we arrived. Didn't trust him not to talk. Have Penderyn stand ready, the others must think themselves fortified.

Send Evan and Braithewaite back as soon as they clear the parchmentwork. We're not done. Two slipped our net after we'd laid the wards. They've got a bloody elf, Bella. Found its kennel. The whole lair reeks of elf dung.

Has Rodolphus reported yet? We're logging and crating everything here. Several more pieces destined for Rod--six or seven, at least.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-04 03:55:50](#)
(no subject)

No official report yet, but one has been promised in short order. Perhaps it would have been done if he hadn't spent yesterday afternoon visiting his brother.

What's the elf for? Not serving, if caged.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-04 04:03:53](#)
(no subject)

Shame about Rabastan. Is there any improvement?

The elf. No telling what they use it for on a daily basis. Today they used it to sidealong them out through our anti-apparition wards.

Damn elf magic.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-04 04:44:02](#)
(no subject)

No changes, I think. Had there been, I would have no doubt heard more about it.

Aside from its bag of elf tricks, there's previous ownership to consider. We'll need to see who it belonged to before, if anyone.

Killed one of their own because he might talk...grit like that would almost be admirable, if it didn't spit in the face of Our Lord in all His glory.

Still, I'm beginning to think that their might be some truly worthy opponents lurking in this nest, Barty. It's very...exciting.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-04 05:05:11](#)
(no subject)

Perhaps Truncheon will learn something useful about the elf. Or Penderyn if necessary.

I want to hear as soon as they've dislodged any information we can use.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-04 05:14:06](#)
(no subject)

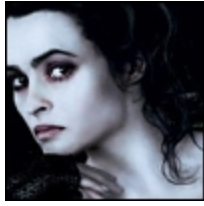
You'll hear.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-04 05:12:29](#)
(no subject)

And you're right, of course. It stirs the blood, pursuing something that sets us a worthy chase.

Happens so rarely.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-04 05:18:46](#)
(no subject)

A worthy chase, indeed...for the worthiest of causes. A reminder of those heady days, too.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-04 05:21:35](#)
(no subject)

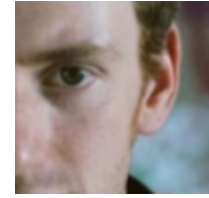
Exactly.

[2011-06-03 14:11:00](#)

Private Message to Arthur Weasley

Father,

I received an owl with a rather official-looking letter from the Ministry this morning that has worried me a bit. It was from the Department of Magical Law Enforcement. From Honour Pilliwinkle, of Protectorate Defence.



 [alt_percy](#)

I didn't even think--I hadn't considered--well, the Head Boy at Hogwarts is authorised to do Cruciatius, but not Imperius.

The letter says that my case is under consideration, but it doesn't say anything about penalties.

What's going to happen to me, do you think?



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-03 21:05:53](#)
(no subject)

I hadn't thought of that. I should have, though. Ordinarily, Imperius is a spell which requires a licence, I believe.

I'm not quite sure, son, but I do think that the circumstances will certainly be taken into account.

It could be that there will be a hearing about the matter.

I will do some checking and will let you know what I learn. Try not to worry, son. It's a vast understatement to say you were not at fault here.

[2011-06-03 15:36:00](#)

Private Message to Dominic Selwyn and Rodolphus Lestrangle



Dominic,


Have you heard anything about an inquiry against Weasley for his violation of the Cardinal Curse licence? Was at a meeting late this morning and Thicknesse mentioned putting the hearing on the docket once Hogwarts has let out for summer holidays.

 **[alt_lucius](#)**

The Governors could (I believe, *should*) recommend that he be ratified in his usage and retroactively given permission to use the Imperius. Owing to the circumstances. Agreed?

There is still the matter of the licencing fees; obviously, the family cannot be expected to pay and the Governors probably ought not as a matter of precedent. Rod, as he was acting on behalf of Hydra, thought you might be willing to sponsor the boy?



 **[alt_selwyn](#)** at **[2011-06-03 19:57:40](#)**
(no subject)

I quite agree. I could likely arrange to have the licensing fee waived if Mr Lestrangle would prefer not to get involved.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-04 03:52:40](#)**
(no subject)

No, it's no trouble.

Consider it done, Lucius.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2011-06-04 04:40:36](#)**
(no subject)

Good of you, Rod; my thanks.

How is Raz? Any change?




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-04 04:46:12](#)
(no subject)

Still in stasis, but otherwise stable. The healers say that when the curse begins to leave his system, the stasis should subside on its own.

How is Narcissa?



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-06-04 05:27:10](#)
(no subject)

He's lucky the curse effect can be neutralised in stasis. Though it can take quite a long time, I have heard, for the benefit to show.

Narcissa is much improved over the last week. I daresay she is almost back to herself. She did declare herself too young to be a grand-aunt, though I note that did not deter her from insisting on seeking out Mrs Ponds and her new addition. Cannot complain, as her exposure seems to have restored the colour to what had been decidedly wan cheeks.

Know she did appreciate Bella's words of reassurance but am convinced the only thing that will really set her at ease is hearing that Barty has caught the bastards - *all* of them - responsible.

2011-06-03 16:04:00

Order Only: Arrests

I've received a tip that there have been several more arrests in the matter of that group that has dubbed itself 'Dogstar.' We should see something in the *Prophet* over the next couple days, although not everything MLE has managed to learn, of course.




 [alt_bill](#)

From what I've gleaned, this group is cautious about internal security, and that's protected a couple possible members that the Ministry believed to be part of the group who (barely) managed to escape the net when the trap was sprung. Several of the Aurors are very unhappy about this. The group seems to follow a hermetic cell-type structure, and it has served them well, protecting other groups if one is rounded up. Enough to slow down the investigation a bit. Not enough to save them entirely, though, poor bastards. The methods of interrogation they're facing certainly aren't pretty.

Will pass along more as I learn it.




 [alt_bill](#) at **2011-06-04 13:01:40**
(no subject)

Oh, and one other thing: the Ministry is filling up their cells with a small flow of would be agitators and insurrectionists who apparently have been reading some of those Grim Truths. A poison charge, a couple of small explosions, that sort of thing--but they've turned their most vindictive attention on muggleborns caught attempting wandless magic. Including one woman who turned out to be rather good at it, according to my source.


I feel particularly sorry for her. I saw the Order in that case: she's to be sterilised so she doesn't bear any 'unnatural whelps' with the same ability.



 [alt_arthur](#) at **2011-06-04 13:19:04**
(no subject)

A blatant contradiction, of course, to the official story that muggleborns 'steal' magic.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-06-04 17:00:19](#)**
(no subject)

You're right, Arthur. Of course.

And it puzzles me why people fail to see through
the nonsense the Ministry spew about

Muggleborns.

2011-06-03 23:36:00

Private message to Percy Weasley

Well? What did your dad say? Has he answered yet?



 [alt_penelope](#)



 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-06-04 04:53:41**

(no subject)

He said he was going to do some checking and get back to me, but he hasn't replied further since then. Apparently, some licence is needed for Imperius.

Which, of course, I don't have. There might need to be a hearing about it. That will be a jolly way to start out leaving school...getting hauled up for a disciplinary hearing before the Wizengamot or something. Or whoever handles hearings of that sort.

He told me not to fret, but it's hard not to do so.



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2011-06-04 05:09:17**

(no subject)

They're not going to slap you over a licence when everyone is talking about how heroic it was. You probably saved Professor Lestrangle's life, you know. Mr Malfoy himself said that warlocks with ten years' experience couldn't have handled it better.

And anyway, if they do, you could write to him. Mr Malfoy, I mean. He's a Governor; surely he can help if there's any chance the Ministry will want to go to trial over it.

I'm patrolling tonight. If you wanted to meet me. Near the clock tower?

You wouldn't have to go back to Gryffindor if you don't want to do.

2011-06-04 09:26:00

An event


I never did get to have my study party, since everything immediately went pear-shaped almost the moment after I first brought it up. And now exams are over, so...next year, perhaps?



 [alt_draco](#)

So I'm having a party tomorrow night, instead. Slytherin common-room: open to anyone who feels like attending. There'll be plenty of food and drinks, plus live music and portkey, but feel free to bring any other music or games that you think people would enjoy.



 [alt_padma](#) at **2011-06-04 20:48:16**
(no subject)

Nift! I've always wanted to see the Slytherin Common Room and besides now that exams are over it's a cause for celebration, right?

Will you have someone outside to let non-Slytherins in?




 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-05 03:38:43**
(no subject)

That it is.

Vince and Greg are going to take turns watching the door, yeah. They'll know to let you in.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-05 03:09:57**
(no subject)

I'll be there, for sure.


Thanks for arranging it.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-05 03:38:56](#)
(no subject)

See you, then.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-05 04:30:24](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Tomorrow's Draco's birthday, just so you know. Not that you need to give him a present, but you can wish him many happy returns when you come.

(He'll know that me or Pansy tipped you off, of course. As IF you know or care when his birthday is.)

2011-06-04 09:32:00

*Private message to Madame Pomfrey
and Minerva McGonagall*



 **alt_rodolphus**


After speaking with her Head of House on the matter, I've decided that it's best Hydra come home from school early so that I can begin a resistance regimen with her at once. With your permission, Headmistress, I will be picking her up early Monday morning.

Matron: Hydra should have received enough food packages to last her through the weekend. I've told her to visit you, though, if she should happen to feel weak or faint.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

-Rodolphus Lestrangle



 **alt_poppy** at **2011-06-04 16:25:29**
(no subject)

Of course.

2011-06-04 10:37:00

(no subject)



 [alt_wagstaff](#)

Ah now there, me old tin plates!

I've been hearin that when some of yeh've tried usin sheep's or cow's bladders, there was a bit o drippin an leakin. An that can happen, it can. Depends on wot yeh've put in em an ow careful yeh are or yeh ain't.

But Honest Wil's got a suggestion. A *solution*, even--am I right?

If'n yeh live near a taxidermist, buy some **arsenical soap** off him. Or make it yerself, yeah? Be resourceful, mates. Use them loaves o yers.

Easy as eggs, is arsenical soap. What yeh need is all just down the shops--or a pedlar'll provide, innit.

Here's ow yeh do it.

In a good sized cauldron or pot, yeh mix 2 pounds arsenical potash wiv 2 pounds of alum. (No point doin it if yer not goin to make enough, yeah?)

Add in 2 pounds white soap flakes and mix it all up.

Yeh see ow it goes--2 pounds an 2 pounds an 2 pounds, but here's the twist: now yeh add 4 pints spirit of camphor (or, yeh know, 4 pints spirits wiv a half-pound powdered camphor all dissolved in).

An if yeh wanta make it smell nice, yeh could add in some essence o thyme or rosemary--much as yeh like.

An then, see, yeh take this soap and soak yer bladders. Really scrub it aroun, inside an out. Squoosh it aroun real good, an then let it dry afore yeh use the bladders fer whatever yer goin to use em fer.

An there's an added benefit of arsenical soap: if'n yeh rub it at yer doorposts an window sills an on yer counters an all, yeh'll run off any creepy crawlies wot bover yeh. It's the camphor as does it: they don't like that, they don't.

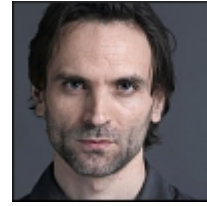
Oh. An if yer stoppin down the taxidermist's, mind yeh don't turn yer

back on anyfin wiv dirty, great claws nor too many teef in ther jaws!
They may be stuffed, but they ain't stiff. If yeh know wot I mean.

2011-06-05 09:01:00

Private message to Lana

Working on that report for Hopkirk et al, already logged the details of items #O-428 and #O-431 along with theorised use. Details of items #O-427, #O-429, #O-430, and #O-432 also logged, but left theorised use blank.




 [alt_rodolphus](#)

But then, as I was shaving a bit ago I did note that my own straight razor (belonged to my father, a charmed piece in the family for years) was much like item #O-429, lacking only the mother-of-pearl inlay. Did any of the above items (excluding #O-428 and #O-431) remind you of things you've used within your own home? Or perhaps your Father's shop?

Now on a less business-as-usual note...

Lana - Good morning.



 [alt_lana](#) at **2011-06-06 01:32:40**
(no subject)

Well, everyone has hand mirrors, don't they? Of one design or another. **#O-427** is neither as ornate nor as expensive as most of the equivalent items my father carries at Harrods, but it is like ones we have at home and at the shop in terms of being decorative and silver of a good weight, and being magically voiced. The mirror I use at home belonged to my father's great grandmother, and it's very Spanish baroque: putti hold up the mirror with great, swirling silver ribbons; they talk back and forth to one another. Usually they agree with what the mirror suggests to me when I look in it, but sometimes they get up to mischief.

My mirror, of course, hasn't been used to practise layering Dark curses like the one we've been examining. Certainly mine doesn't try to blind you if you look in its glass!

(I need to look at my notes for the others.)

#O-430 Hair brush. Art Nouveau. French. Likely from a set including comb and possibly mirror (but not item #O-427).

Sure. I've seen nice sets like this with the detangling and gloss charms. Mama bought a lovely set for Honoria because she made such an awful fuss whenever the nursemaid combed her hair. Of course, the nursemaid said that the easiest thing would be to just cast a detangling spell, but Mama favours brushing. Says it's much better for the hair. And I think, really, she didn't want any of our nursemaids pointing their wands at her children's heads. Besides, a nice heavy silver brush gives a memorable smack when a child is simply too recalcitrant. Or a nursemaid.

#O-432. Bell. Elf-summons. Again, the one we have at home is distinctly Spanish. Moorish, actually. But we certainly have one. Do you not? I don't know whether Harrods sells many. The families that use them tend to pass them on, but I suppose when Orion and I move from home, we'll want one. We'll certainly take an elf or two with us. I hadn't given it any thought. I'll ask my father about it. Was there something you particularly wanted to know?

On a less than business note...

Rod - Good afternoon. I'm sorry I've made you wait so long for answers.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-06 02:42:03](#)
(no subject)

We do have an elf bell. The one at Le'Strange Hill has always been there, near as I can tell, and here in New London we received one as a gift with the house. I have seen hairbrushes and hand-mirrors like this, too, in dressing rooms of well-bred and pureblood ladies.


I have yet to number the newest items received, but they are much the same as these latest. Another straight-razor and elf bell, other items one might find in my home, or yours.

But not the home of every witch or wizard. When Raz was quidditching most of his team-mates were astonished that he'd bother with a razor and not just use a shearing charm. And as you mention, one need not use a hairbrush to detangle their hair, not so long as they have a wand. Ordinary as they might be to you and I, these are considered items of luxury to those of lower class.

Do you see where I'm going with this?

Please don't apologise. It was impolite of me to trouble you on your Sunday.



 **alt_lana** at [2011-06-06 03:13:07](#)
(no subject)

Oh.

Oh, I see.

We might be wrong in supposing that they were practising curse application on random items.

But.

That puts everything in a new light if they meant these items to wind up in pureblood homes. Wealthy pureblood homes. Where such items are commonplace.

As well as servants to use them or assist in their use.

That multiplies the possibilities rather.

We should recheck each of those items to be sure we've caught all they're hiding.

If that straight razor were cursed to

Ugh.



 **alt_rodolphus** at [2011-06-06 03:28:00](#)
(no subject)

Yes. In retrospect, these items are quite costly; they wouldn't be used for mere practice.

If you think this logic sound, I will be writing up theorised use as such: *Given that these items (will number individually) are quality goods that are most usually found in the homes of the pureblood gentry, it is speculated that they were meant to be planted in the homes of such pureblooded, put to use by domestic servants, or otherwise left where the pureblood target would mistake the item as one they already owned and were comfortable using. Upon using said item, the target would*

sustain a devastating and possibly fatal curse.

- Or something along those lines.

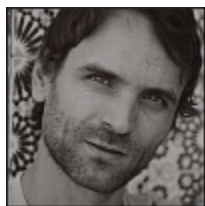


 [alt_lana](#) at [2011-06-06 03:45:57](#)

(no subject)

Yes. I agree.

And thank you for including me in the full process, allowing me to work through the evidence myself. You didn't have to, but I've learned so much from you in this short span. Only it's going so quickly. I've what, three weeks left?



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-06 03:51:39](#)

(no subject)

I'm glad that you feel you've learned from the process.

Three weeks it is. Though there's still much to do in that time. Do something with that comb, for one.

2011-06-05 11:17:00

Private Message to Mr Arthur Weasley and Professor Sinistra



Dear Mr Weasley

My name is Ernest Macmillan, and I am in my third year at Hogwarts. We are writing to people who do jobs we are interested in doing when we leave school for this year's Young Protectors League summer project, and I am writing to you because I am interested in doing something about the management of muggles.

 [alt_ernie](#)

I took Muggle Studies in my first two years with Professor Miss Carrow, and I got quite good marks for that, but I am more interested in how the muggles are managed and organised rather than what they used to do and why they have to be put in camps. I know you can take Muggle Studies as a NEWT course, to learn how to work at a camp, but I think I would be better doing higher level work of the Ministry, making policies and decisions about how the muggles are looked after and coordinating between all the camps and that sort of thing.

I think it is our duty, as wizards and witches, to take responsibility for muggles and do what we can to take care of them. My dad is a healer, and he runs a clinic at our house so people can bring their mudbloods and muggles in for proper treatment. He also goes to the camps about once a month to do healing for the muggles and mudbloods, so I know a bit about what the camps are like. But I am very interested in learning more about how you and your department run things at a higher level, so I would really like the opportunity to take part in this summer's YPL project and to maybe come in to your office for an internship to see first hand how things are done.

I think this is very important work for the Protectorate, and I am very keen to learn more about the work you do in your department.

Thank you very much for reading my letter.

Yours sincerely

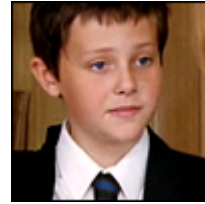
Ernest Macmillan

2011-06-05 21:02:00

Private Message to Professor Sinistra

Professor,

I know that we're running out of time for our letters but I'm not sure I'll be able to finish mine. You see, I was all set to send it to Professor Lestrangle when - well. I reckon you know all about that.



 **alt_michael**

The thing is, I guess I could still send it, but he wouldn't be able to read it, would he? I mean, not before he's all right.

Could I send it to you? It's about teaching. I've been trying to think about what I'd like to do, and I think teaching may be the best option I've got. I know my mum and my dad - well, my step-father, really, but I don't like thinking of him as my step-father as he's the only father I've ever known - they want me to go into his apothecary shop, but I just don't fancy it. And I'm not good enough at Quidditch and I've not taken Dark Arts so I don't think I could work for MLE, but my marks in most of my other subjects are okay. And I like the way most of the teachers take care of us here at Hogwarts. I mean, you look after us without treating us like babies, which is good.

I don't know if there's anything in the summer programme that helps prepare teachers. I mostly don't want to get left out though, because it sounds pretty ace. I'm just not sure what to do about the letter. I guess if this counts, then maybe it's okay if I just write to you. If not... well, maybe I could have a little longer to re-write what I was going to send to Professor Lestrangle?



 **alt_sinistra** at **2011-06-06 05:02:50**

(no subject)

Mr Corner,

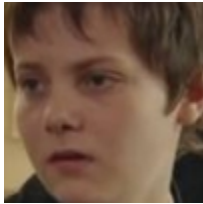
While I understand the difficulty you've found yourself, I'm sure you also appreciate that it would not be appropriate for me to give you an advantage (such as an extension) over your classmates. Even if I wished to, however, I fear the schedule of decisions would not allow for it.

If you would like to supplement this letter in any way, and can do so

before the deadline, I will certainly take it into consideration but I do need to submit my own recommendations promptly.

That said, regardless of how you fare with the current application process, I would be glad to speak with you further about the process of becoming a teacher here (or I'm sure other faculty would, as well.)

While you are correct that the CCF will not necessarily focus directly on relevant skills for teaching, it is intended to help create an environment where leadership, organisation, and logistical skills can grow, all of which are quite important to successful teaching. And, frankly, I rather I'd taken more opportunities to polish my dueling, defense, and offensive spells during my own time at Hogwarts, and kept them up better since. You can never be too well prepared!



 **alt_michael** at [2011-06-06 18:58:04](#)
(no subject)

Oh.

Well, in that case, yeah, I guess I just want to say that I think teaching is important because it helps us to be better wizards. And witches. And because there's always more to learn, isn't there.

As far as summer, I think learning magical defence and duelling sounds brilliant. And tracking, that's got to be worth learning. I guess support skills and field mediwizardry would be good for a teacher to know, too, just in case something goes wrong.

I had a lot of stuff about Professor ~~Raz~~ Lestrangle and how he runs his lessons, in particular, but I guess that doesn't matter now. Not that your lessons aren't good, because they are! I like doing charts and all, actually. It's useful for Arithmancy too, because so many of the rituals and spells require knowing *exact* things about the positions of planets and stars on certain days, and where they're going to be, and all that.

So, um. Yeah. I guess that's it, really.

Thanks.

2011-06-05 21:56:00

(no subject)

Happy Birthday, darling boy! I hope you had a glorious day. I know it's been a trying week for us all but that is no reason not to celebrate when occasion merits. You are growing so quickly and into such a competent, sophisticated young man. We are so proud of you, dear.



 [alt_narcissa](#)

Dora, it was good to see you doing so well with little - Bea, is it, you're calling her? Curious name you've chosen, Albia, but she's quite a beautiful child. I daresay your husband's business must be improving if you can afford some help. Though I would suggest expanding into the adjacent townhouse if you intend to keep her for an extended period. It does seem quite cramped cozy in that shop as it is. Not that you haven't done a lovely job with the nursery. I'll just send the items we discussed this week. You'll find them quite useful.

It's too bad Barty has been hard at work and unable to come see you. I forgot to ask: Has Norah been able to visit? I suppose she might not be feeling up to a crying infant. It's strange, isn't it, how a baby can improve someone's outlook just by existing - I hope she does come to see for herself how you've turned into a proper matron of the Protectorate.

Miss Clearwater, do forgive me for not replying to you sooner. I'm sure you understand how busy we have been with matters this week, especially given the circumstances affecting our family. It was Lucius' and my pleasure to dine with you and Mr Weasley. We're glad the invitation was received in the spirit it was intended.

For the young ladies in the Sisters in Witchcraft: I hope you found our exercises on Saturday to be useful. You are all too young to shoulder such a senseless loss. While it was not all we had planned, I think it important that you had the chance to respond in a productive way to the shock of Miss Abbott's untimely death. Do recall that we shall see each other over the summer months as well. As Miss Braithewaite reminded you at the end of the session, kindly remember to work on your trees before our summer meeting, as we'll be discussing them when next we meet. In the meantime, should you have any need to speak to me or to her, do not hesitate to send us word.

Professor Sinistra: As you know, both my husband and I have received letters from several of the rising fourth-years hoping to advance in the programme this summer. Please look for my private message at the end of this entry for our recommendations; I know you are running short of time to make the decisions, given the most recent determination by Undersecretary Umbridge regarding the next phase of examinations. (On a personal note: I understand from my brother-in-law that you have been quite attentive to Professor Lestrangle as he recovers. Know that our family thank you for your dedication. I know he regards you as a friend and I am sure he would be grateful to know that there are many who wish him a swift journey back to health.)

Finally, to all those who continue to inquire after my own health, I am quite all right. It takes more than an incompetent pickpocket to deter me. More importantly, I know that the might of Our Lord's sworn defenders shall be visited on those who insist on breaking His peace. I, for one, sleep easy when I think they are guarding our lives.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-06 04:09:39](#)

Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

Do forgive us combining and sending our recommendations in this way. I thought it faster than an owl.

My husband asks me to tell you that Mr Capper, Mr Finnigan, Draco of course, Miss Bundy and Miss Li all sent him acceptable letters. For my part, Miss Brocklehurst, Miss Dunstan and Miss Parvati Patil are all excellent candidates to move forward to the next phase. Miss Bulstrode, I regret to say, obviously cannot be considered on the merits of her letter, nor I think is Miss Midgen at all realistic in her aspirations to be a cover witch. Her letter showed a complete lack of self-assessment. Lucius similarly did not find Mr Goyle's owl legible, let alone suitable (and given the boy's deplorable breach in allowing his journal to be stolen - well, I'm sure you understand that he must be made an example). He also had rather colourful language to impart regarding Mr Stebbins' letter - I certainly hope that Mr Stebbins shows better grammar and sensibility in his essays for his regular subjects. Lucius was not certain that the YPL can do much more for him at this juncture.

I apologise that neither of us were able to forward our responses to the letters before now but as you know, there were rather a number of them and we are, as always, pressed for our time.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-06-06 04:56:37](#)

Re: Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

Mrs Malfoy,

Thank you for the time and attention in your response. I much agree with your assessment and your husband's in regard to the letters, and will pass along your comments to the relevant parties as part of my recommendations. Draco's letter was, of course, quite appropriate given his unique role in his class and our Lord Protector's service. (And may I say, I have been quite impressed this year at how he has begun to step more fully into guiding his classmates and being a role model for others in a clear and unobtrusive manner.)

I do also agree about Mr Goyle - he has apparently shown quite some skill in Dark Arts class this year, but the rest of his work is often as lacking in attention to detail as his letter was, and of course the matter of the lost journal is quite serious.

In regards to Professor Lestrangle, I am certainly glad to do whatever I can. As you can imagine, working and teaching at Hogwarts can feel somewhat isolating at times. I've enjoyed the chance for company while marking papers, or a chat over a drink in Hogsmeade (and of course, appreciated his assistance with several student matters throughout the year.) And of course, a new round of stories that we here have not already heard a dozen times is always appreciated.

I do also greatly appreciate your time and attention, both to the young women of the Sisters in Witchcraft, but also to our Head Boy and Miss Clearwater. I know that they all appreciated the time and attention you and Mr Malfoy so graciously offered at such a hard time.

Again, thank you to both you and your husband for your time and discernment in reviewing the letters, and I'm sure you'll see the results as we move to the next stage of the process. As always, please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Aurora Sinistra



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-06 04:40:37](#)

Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Dear, I did get your owls. Thank you for the recording; it's clear you've been practising and not just plucking chords for silly little songs like you and Pansy have been writing. I quite appreciated the drawing as well. I'm glad to see you've not abandoned art altogether. It's quite a good likeness of him. Did you use a photograph or is this from memory?

As to the other matter: You know Mother is not strictly speaking involved with *Purest Sparkle* in any way, nor do I have any say in their contests. But I'm aware of why you have an interest in the outcome, dear. As it happens, I chanced to be speaking to Aquinata Aubrey, who sits on *Sparkle's* editorial board, and I may have said something about Miss Weasley that *might* put her in a good light. Although I don't know that I share your father's optimism about her prospects, if truth be told. She needs a good deal of polish before she'll get where she wants to go, I'm afraid.

At any rate, I've done what I can do. The rest is out of my hands.

Please take care - I know exams are over but that's precisely when you and Harry tend to hare off unexpectedly.

All my love,

Mother



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-06 22:56:03](#)

Re: Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Is Father optimistic about her prospects? I had more the impression that he thought she might be willing to reveal a thing or two about her family, given her propensity for disassociating with them (if you call her "Weasley" she gets shirty; requests that you call her "Ginny W, please." How do you like that?). Anyway, what's done is done. I do appreciate the effort, though.

Thank you very much for the gifts (and thank Father for me, too). The ring is just perfect, and everyone was asking about it at breakfast. And the music stand will get a lot of use, too.

And yes, I still draw, and that one was from a picture, though I didn't do a direct copy of it. Art is more of an alone thing than a social thing, so I'll probably get more involved with it this summer.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-07 00:01:40](#)

Re: Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Well, let us say that I certainly expect your father would not encourage you to waste time on one for whom there is no hope whatsoever. Perhaps inspiring her to turn away from her family is merely the first step on a longer journey.

I'm glad you liked the presents. It's getting harder to guess what you'd like. We'll have a proper party when you get home. Oh, and I don't think he told you in his last letter but Mr Crouch did offer his seats to Quidditch when you return. I believe he even went so far as to arrange his box-mates' seats so you may bring a few friends of your own. We'll call that his birthday present to you. Mr Hooper can supply you with the details, I'm sure, so you can ask those people you want to invite before you finish the year.

I thought the pose looked familiar. That faraway look of his.

Well. I am not sure how much time you shall have between returning to the Manor and leaving for Cadet training but we'll spend some time at Kensington so you can see what Mr Cooper did with the gardens - in case that inspires you to further artistic effort.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-06-06 20:33:01](#)

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Thank you, Aunt. It was so lovely to see you. I'm sorry I didn't think to issue a proper invitation, but we've been so busy with Bea, and I never thought you'd have the time to visit. I know how busy you are, especially now.

I don't think cousin Lucy will be staying too long, as much as we appreciate her help. She has to get back to her veggie patch and cows and those other country things she likes to chatter about. Bea certainly seemed to enjoy your visit though. The way she curled her fingers around yours, it was almost as if she knew you were family.

Mrs Crouch hasn't come to visit, no, but I know her health hasn't been too good. I'd go and visit her, but I wouldn't like to impose. Perhaps I should send her a photograph and a short letter. That way she can see Bea and hear how we're doing, but without having to risk her health. Do you think that would be right?

I don't suppose babies are really Barty's thing, but he did send his best wishes, which was kind of him.

Thank you again for your visit, Aunt.



 **[alt_narcissa](#) at 2011-06-06 20:59:18**

Re: Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Oh, I think a letter and a photograph would be just the thing to cheer her. It's good of Barty to contact you, as well; I wasn't even certain he'd seen your announcement, he's been so occupied in the field.

Now, I've spoken to Harrod's and the changing table should arrive within two days. I did have to select a smallish one to fit that tiny nursery; really, dear, you should see if the next house over can be converted, if you think your husband can afford it. In no time at all Bea will need a much more comfortable room - and larger furniture as well! While I was there I saw a darling little mirror and brush set. You may not need it right away but you'll be grateful for it once those curls start growing. And of course, there are a few things for you as well, dear, to bring down the swelling in those ankles. It will take some time to lose the weight again, though I will say it's easier to do once you start lifting her and pushing the pram. But do get plenty of fresh food and exercise, dear, it's better for her as well as yourself.

2011-06-05 22:42:00

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Ace party, Draco! Many happy returns.

And Blaise, the hamper this afternoon was *inspired*.



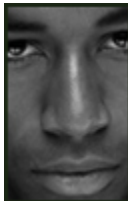
 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-06 03:15:00**

(no subject)

Yeah, it was well snitch, Malfoy. Many happy returns.



 [alt_blaise](#) at **2011-06-06 03:26:57**

(no subject)

Thank you. I thought it came off well.

And the party this evening was just the thing. A wizard way to celebrate end of term. Leave it to Malfoy to choose the most auspicious time for a birthday!

(Mother says that I was ill-mannered and arrived in the midst of a nasty spring storm--freezing rain and murderous wind--and, of course, she couldn't just pop through the Floo or Apparate in that condition. Says it was paradoxical: I've been perfect ever since, but the start was as far from auspicious as one can imagine.)



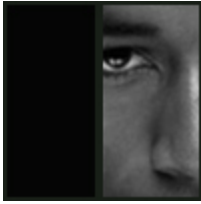
 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-06-06 03:32:03**


(no subject)

Hah!

How uncharacteristically inconsiderate of you!

I'm sure you've more than made up for it since, though. Daphne and Draco can both attest to that.



 **[alt_blaise](#)** at **[2011-06-06 03:38:28](#)**
(no subject)

Cheers, Pansy.

2011-06-06 08:37:00

Private Message to Gwyneth Pendarvis-Tremayne and Professor Aurora Sinistra



Dear Ms. Pendarvis-Tremayne,

I'm writing to you as part of my application for the Young Protectors' League summer programme; we are contacting adult witches and wizards who are working in the careers that we might like to have in the future.

 [alt_susan](#)

I've thought for a while now that I would like to become some sort of creative artist when I leave school, but until recently, I haven't been certain what art form I most wanted to focus on. Now, though, I'm pretty certain that I want to write. I want to someday be able to write stories and poems that move people, that make them laugh or cry or think.

And that is why I wrote to you, because ever since one of my Housemates lent me her copy of *Wizardry of Words* and I read your poem about the restoration of Tintagel, I haven't been able to get it out of my mind. I saw Tintagel on a YPL trip two summers ago, and I've never forgotten it. Your poem brought that feeling back exactly.

I also really enjoyed the accompanying interview with you. It was really wizard to learn that you were in my House, Hufflepuff, when you were at school, and I loved hearing about your loyalty to the Cornish landscape and what the restoration means to you as a Cornish witch.

I haven't any dramatic heritage of my own--the Bones' have pretty much always been Londoners--but I've always loved old wizarding folklore, stories, and songs, particularly from the countryside.

The YPL summer programme will be taking place in the countryside this year--we will be improving our defence, duelling, field herbology, and other skills. As a future writer, I believe that it is important to have a wide variety of life experiences and skills to write about, and also recent events have made me especially aware of how important it is to never, ever be helpless or defenceless.

Thank you for your time and for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Susan E. Bones

2011-06-06 10:13:00

*Private Message to Miss Violet
Carpenter and Professor Aurora
Sinistra*



 [alt_lavender](#)

This year I am applying for the Young Protectors' League summer programme, and all of us who are rising fourth-year students at Hogwarts are writing to witches and wizards who are working in the fields we might like to enter someday.

My Divination professor, Professor Cordelia Carpenter, suggested that I write to you and I hope that you are amenable to it. Until recently, I had planned to have a career as a fashion designer before marrying and becoming a full-time wife and mother. But after speaking with Professor Carpenter, I realise that I have a responsibility to develop my Divinatory Gifts and use them for the benefit of Our Lord's Protectorate.

I don't know yet if I truly have enough talent in the arts of Divination to be of use to the Ministry; the Sight doesn't run strongly in my family as it does in yours and Professor Carpenter's. But she believes I have great Promise!

In any case, I would like to learn more about how you use your gift within the Department of Magical Law Enforcement.

This summer everyone who is accepted into the YPI summer programme will be spending several weeks in the country improving our skills in lots of different areas. Although Seers generally aren't involved in combat, I feel it is important to learn these skills, because when I do marry and become a full-time wife and mother, I will need to be able to protect my children and my home to the very best of my ability!

Thank you so very, very much for letting me write to you!!

Yours very truly,

Lavender Brown

[2011-06-06 11:08:00](#)

The Draught

In my promise to my readers, I submitted that I shall not allow any false instructions to stand. It is in that spirit that I inform you: arsenic exposure, either by skin or ingestion, is highly toxic. Nitroglycerin must be made in an ice bath to prevent violent explosions in the course of its creation. Caustic soda mixed with water will rapidly dissolve anything it comes into contact with, including bladders and human skin. The application of arsenic soap will do nothing to prevent this effect.



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

Any such chemical experiments suggested by writers MUST be practised first on an extremely small scale. Thus, if the reaction is harmful and the chemistry incorrect, the damage will be to your equipment and not to yourself.

I am, to my irritation, seeing a preponderance of journal entries which call upon their readers to seek ingredients not found in nature nor in their immediate environs. Any ingredients which you must rely upon others to provide are to be suspect. Any ingredients which must be purchased without reasonable pretense, such as a quantity of bladders, quicksilver, gunpowder, dynamite, or arsenic soap, are to be suspect. I had, at first, dismissed such writers merely as stunningly poor chemists whose incompetence was rivaled only by their recklessness. However, given the demands for ingredients that can easily be tracked at the point of purchase, I must conclude that those who ask such things have neither the safety nor the liberty of their readers at heart.

On The Practice of Occlumency - Part II

In the previous instalment of this series on Occlumency, the most basic method of resisting an intruder - wiping the mind clean of thought - was outlined. While an effective preventative, it likewise is the surest sign to those attempting to glean information that resistance techniques are being used. Thus, utilising the blank template which study will achieve, we shall learn to paint an environment which mimics the normal workings of the mind.

A practitioner of Legilimency will encounter three things as they enter a mind: emotions, memories, and impressions. Emotions are the

mind's response to a given situation, memories are associations conjured by current happenings, and impressions are the feedback which the eyes give directly to the mind - in other words, that which is happening in the present moment. If any one of the three are missing, the illusion of viewing a normal mind is shattered. We shall begin with the simplest of the three. It is essential to continue the practice, established in Part I, of using the word 'Legilimens' as a trigger to induce the illusion. Speak this word aloud, or have a trusted associate speak it for you, before commencing these exercises.

A memory, to an intruder, will appear as a series of moving images similar to a film or moving photograph. In order to prevent oneself thinking of those memories which will best serve the purposes of an interrogator, one must practise thinking of a memory which is unrelated to the pertinent information, yet appropriate to the situation at hand. As it is yet quite difficult for those few who practice Legilimency to do so without the knowledge of their victim, said situation is likely to inspire fear and uncertainty. Choose one memory which is associated with these feelings, and practise bringing it and only it to the surface after blankness has been achieved. Once other memories intrude, cease and rest before trying again.

Once this memory can be called upon at will and sustained for minutes at a time, it is time to practise the addition of emotions. The emotions of a victim will be briefly experienced by an intruder, and have no visual component. Again, fear is the most potent and most natural of the emotions which will be experienced in an interrogation. Confusion, too, is a common emotion of the innocent under inquiry. Nearly every person has been wrongly accused of some act, either minor or major in severity, at some point in life. This emotion is the one which must join fear to create the illusion of blamelessness. Practise also calling forth anger, disgust, and indignation. When other feelings begin to occur besides those which have been chosen, or the chosen memory becomes vague, cease and rest.

Impressions call upon one to open one's mind to the happenings about them, which is difficult to maintain whilst creating a mental fallacy. Meditation and concentration will shut out some if not all of the sights and sounds of one's environs in favour of the considerable mental task at hand. A lack of impressions will betray the efforts of one attempting to screen themselves. In order to introduce impressions of the immediate surroundings, allow that sensory input to wash over the mind while at the same time maintaining the fearful memory and the emotions of alarm and confusion. Think of impressions as rainwater on a glass pane, and do not allow them to disturb or alter your

illusion.

This final step will take the most time to establish, but it is essential in this practice to take heart in incremental measures of success. The cost is effort, and the reward is security.

The Treatment of Minor Burns: Poultice of Burdock Leaves

In the case of first and second degree burns, a poultice of burdock leaves is effective in healing the wound. Burdock is a biennial member of the thistle family, and is to be found on English roadsides and countrysides following its introduction in the early 19th century. It is distinguished by its broad, flat leaves, which are reminiscent of those of the rhubarb plant. Be careful to distinguish between the two, and study the illustration below before harvesting. This harvesting is done in the summer months, and only leaves which are palm-sized or larger should be gathered. While it is best to have a supply of dried leaves available for the purposes of first aid, freshly harvested leaves - washed thoroughly - will serve in cases of urgent need.




First, test an area of uninjured skin for adverse reactions by applying a fresh or dampened burdock leaf to the area. If there is no irritation or swelling after five minutes, proceed with the treatment. Clean the wound completely. Assuming a supply of dried burdock leaves, rehydrate them by soaking them for five minutes in warm water before applying them to the wound. Immediately cover the leaves with a dry, clean cloth, and secure it firmly. In the event that only fresh washed burdock leaves are available, inspect them minutely for insects and impurities before use and reject those which are anything less than clean. Reapply this same poultice twice each day lest the

leaves stick to the healing skin. Wash the affected area between applications.

As always, use this information wisely.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-06 16:10:27](#)

Order Only

Poppy, can you give us an assessment of the accuracy of his advice with regards to the burdock? Or Frank and Alice, can Stephen do so?

Interesting that he is warning about the accuracy of other writers.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-06 18:41:09](#)

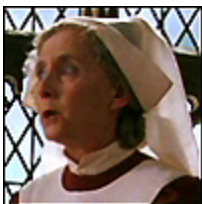
Re: Order Only

Sure, but which writers?

I don't mind telling you I've been fairly bored cooped up in the Shack, so I've been amusing myself lately by reading further afield. The horoscopes offered up by that Kalypso woman are simply laughable but actually rather entertaining for all that. And I think the puzzles that Menlo chap puts out are often better than the *Prophet's* crosswords, actually.

Still, there are rather a crop of 'advice' columns, aren't there. Household hints and such. Wonder where Snape's seeing the sort of thing he's talking about here. Have you seen anything advising using arsenic as a washing powder? I haven't.

(If you really want a laugh, though, you ought to check out Myopius Mancuso's journal - only not when Molly's around, if you know what I mean! I suspect your Fred and George and a fair number of boys their age and above have already availed themselves of his *particular* brand of anecdotes!)



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-07 13:58:05](#)

Re: Order Only

Well, the answer is both yes and no, Arthur.

You'll see that his essay has occasioned conversation

amongst Healers. I offered to take up the pen to make a statement of our concerns because I believe that the young people here ought to have some warning not to mistake the usefulness of what he recommends.

As he indicates, a poultice of burdock or an application of burdock leaf to minor to moderate burns would offer some relief during recovery from the injury. And burdock has antiseptic properties (its seeds more than its leaves), which is why it is frequently incorporated by Healers in their wound poultices and burn pastes.

But taken as instructions for what to do in the aftermath of a severe burn of the sort caused by any of the calamities he mentions at the opening of his essay (burns from an explosion or from contact with lye), his procedures would not only waste time but also distract from the most essential immediate action demanded, to wit: in the case of deep traumatic or caustic burns, one must first quickly remove any burned or contaminated clothing from the site and then immediately flush the burn with copious amounts of tepid water.

In all burns, but especially those caused by contact with a caustic material or liquid, it is essential that the wound be not merely 'cleaned' (and, goodness, one hopes that common sense dictates it ought not be scrubbed!) but thoroughly flushed for at least 20-30 minutes as the caustic substance will not easily rinse away and will, so long as it is present, continue to consume not merely the skin but the flesh beneath if it is not entirely washed away.

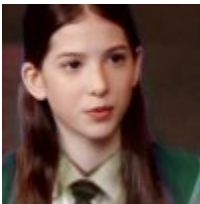
It's troubling that he's not more clear. He opens by specifying that he has in mind the treatment of first- and second-order burns. (But does the average person have any idea which those are or how many orders of burning there might be?) And then he mentions 'cases of urgent need', a phrase which can be expected to raise hope that his procedures might help in dire situations involving quite severe burns.

That's not only untrue, but following his steps would do harm to the sufferer.

You see, under the guise of good sense and expert instruction, he'd have a would-be caregiver dither about, dampening dried burdock or finding fresh, then testing it in uninjured areas, and waiting precious minutes for any sign of irritation. And only then does he mention cleaning the wound? By that point a caustic burn would have eaten its way deep into the flesh and the injured unfortunate

would need far more aid than burdock can offer.

His marks for accuracy are middling at best, Arthur: in his great care to communicate how one ought to prepare the burdock, he entirely muddles the order and necessary procedures for treating the sufferer.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-06 20:41:59](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I wonder if the burdock thing is true? That would have been useful to know.

It's so odd seeing things like this posted by Goyle, of all people.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-07 14:04:35](#)

(no subject)

My colleagues at St Mungo's and I feel it is incumbent upon us as Healers to issue a warning to readers of this missive that the suggestions offered herein about the usefulness of BURDOCK are insufficiently clear and might lead would-be caregivers to do harm rather than the good they intend.

First. There is no instance in which burdock is urgently needed. Burns of great severity--particularly those caused by contact with caustic substances (caustic soda or lye, for instance) or traumatic burns (for instance, those caused by explosions)--do not require the urgent application of burdock. Burdock does not reverse burn damage or halt the burning of caustic contaminants. It is not interventionary Healing magic.

In all cases, the first step in treating burns is to flush or wash the wounded area. Do NOT scrub the damaged flesh. Simply wash it with cool water for a sustained period of time to bring down the temperature of the skin, to flush away any contaminants, and most particularly to wash away any substances that may be causing the burn.


To be clear, then: in cases of severe burns, especially those caused by contact with caustic substances, the first step is to PROMPTLY remove any clothing or material or residue near the burn AND wash the

burned area for 20-30 minutes. This is essential in cases of caustic burns because caustic substances are often quite difficult to rinse away, and they will, so long as they are present (even in tiny or dilute amounts) continue to consume not merely the skin but the flesh and even the bones beneath.

So what is the use of burdock? As this writer says, as a home remedy in cases of minor or moderate burns like those caused by the sun or a spill of hot water or a small splash of candle wax, burdock leaf (applied to a well-washed wound) may provide some relief for the residual pain, some quickening of recovery, and a degree of protection against infection.

Poppy Pomfrey
Matron Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry




 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-07 14:42:59](#)
ORDER ONLY

Oh, dear.

I hope this won't get you into trouble.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-07 15:43:43](#)
Re: ORDER ONLY

St Mungo's has a liaison with the Wizengamot and with the Minister for Magic's office; we did seek consultation first, so I believe there shouldn't be official repercussions.

I think, honestly, the question it begs is whether the College of Healers needs to fund a position for someone charged to vet all that passes for Healing advice in these journals to and issue warnings where warranted. Of course, the CoH have no funds for such a position.


St Mungo's raised the issue in the case of this writer because his essays have attracted considerable audience, as witnessed apparently by an uptick in admittances for eye injuries from blackness powder and not a few burns in consequence of experimentation with flour explosives. Why, even here at Hogwarts, we had Quidditch players attempting to use blackness powder to blind their opponents, and we were exceedingly

fortunate there were no fatal falls in consequence of that prank!

I learned yesterday that St Mungo's staff have been put on notice that MLE are to be called whenever a patient is treated for injuries bearing any conceivable connection to procedures promoted by this writer. (There are, in fact, a handful of journal-keepers whose writings have been red-flagged by MLE for St Mungo's attention, but this one ranks high on their list.)

My St Mungo's colleagues themselves have no idea who he is, and I've obviously not shared the view of my secret acquaintances that this writer is Severus Snape. They are merely on edge about the potential damage his writings might cause.




 **[alt_goyle](#)** at **[2011-06-07 18:46:10](#)**
(no subject)

Ah, Madame Pomfrey - I'm delighted you're here.

I thank you for the favour of collaborating with me upon my post by offering such helpful details as the rigorous definition of "clean the wound completely." My sympathies to you in advance, Madame, for the punishment which shall surely be yours for acknowledging anything I say to be true. You are, of course, invited to write with me in the future if your true concern for public health leads you to throw off the yoke of the Ministry in favour of continuing to disseminate the truth. Should you lack that courage, however, I hope you will nonetheless continue to apply your talents to other journals which also purport to give advice.

Good day, Madame Pomfrey, and good luck.
Select:




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-07 19:16:31](#)**
Order Only

Get stuffed, you supercilious, sneering snake.

He doesn't even have the sense to get that you're telling him he's full of dragon dung, Poppy. What a right pillock. Azkaban's done nothing to improve his social skills.



 **alt_poppy** at [2011-06-08 00:27:37](#)

Re: Order Only

Well, it wouldn't do, would it? Azkaban.

I don't believe I'll honour him with a reply. No point escalating the business or providing a side-show.

Sirius. It's good to hear from you. I worry when time slips away and you're silent. Of course, I'm certain that if someone had seized upon you, I'd have heard of it.

That's one good thing about having Professor Lestrangle on my ward: he's not currently putting you in peril. Otherwise, it's a deep inconvenience having him here; it has put me in the way of spending considerable time with his brother, who is one dangerous customer. I was sincerely hoping the family would shift Professor Lestrangle to St Mungo's, but this is not a lucky season for me, it would seem.

2011-06-06 15:17:00


Well done, Wood!

Diggory says that some of the scouts who saw Gryffindor's last match have contacted you to talk about joining a side once you leave school. That's ace! Any ideas where you'd like to wind up?



 [alt_zacharias](#)



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-07 15:48:05**
(no subject)

It's awesome, isn't it?

Today after breakfast he was called up to the Headmistress's office, and we're all sure it's about going for try outs.

The Falcons keep sending him owls. Puddlemere, too. And some others, I think.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at **2011-06-07 19:23:40**
(no subject)

Falcons are sorcerous! Puddlemere's not too bad but I can't imagine they'll want to replace any of their regulars. I mean, I know Wood's quite good, but he's no Rory Cumberland, is he?



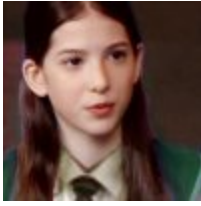
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-07 21:27:34**
(no subject)

Good show, Wood! It makes Slytherin Quidditch victories all the sweeter when we have to beat someone who's about to turn pro!



 [alt_zacharias](#) at **2011-06-07 23:18:47**
(no subject)

Tell the truth, Perks, I bet Stretton's jealous as anything. Isn't he?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-07 23:46:33](#)
(no subject)

We haven't discussed it as he's been quite busy with NEWTs.

He would have very much liked to play quidditch professionally, though, so I imagine he's quite jealous.

2011-06-07 13:51:00

Third year students

Due to the complexity of the interview process for the combined cadet force programme, the Ministry has decided that the most effective approach is to have students being considered for the programme remain at Hogwarts for an additional week. Your parents have already been informed of this change in plan.



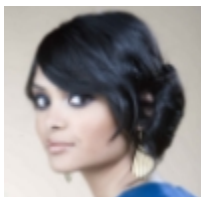
 **alt_sinistra**


Those students chosen to proceed to the next step will find their names listed on a list in the common room. Students who were not selected to continue at this time will find a note on their bed with some additional information (and your parents have also received a letter with some additional details.)

While a number of students have been invited to remain, please remember that this is not the final step: the CCF programme is limited to roughly 15 students, to be determined by the interviews, tests, and practical exercises to take place next week.

Please be assured that this programme is not the only way to become a contributing member of Our Lord's Protectorate. As the YPL becomes smaller in the upper years, our focus is jointly on providing students of outstanding potential with leadership opportunities and training beyond what Hogwarts can normally provide, and on giving students from less advantaged backgrounds a chance to demonstrate their commitment, skills, and willingness to serve the Protectorate.

We recognise that some students will have other interests outside the YPL programme, or can better benefit from individual mentoring by family, family friends, or experts in specialised fields. We hope that you will see the YPL programme the same way we do: one tool among many to form a more wonderful future for all witches and wizards in the Protectorate.



 **alt_padma** at **2011-06-07 19:06:26**
(no subject)

Professor, is the list of everyone in all the common rooms or is it only Ravenclaws in the Ravenclaw common room and Gryffindors in their common room and so on?




 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2011-06-07 19:24:39](#)**
(no subject)

We provided the complete list, for ease.

Of course, we expect all students to continue to behave in a courteous way when discussing the programme, and be sensitive of the feelings of their classmates who were not chosen to proceed to the next stage.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-07 19:26:51](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, of course, Professor! That wasn't why I was asking. Thank you.

[2011-06-07 15:27:00](#)

Private Message to Michael Corner and Linus Moon



 **[alt_padma](#)**

Corner, what did you do? I thought you wrote to Professor Sinistra. What happened?

Linus, I thought you were supposed to make sure he turned in his letter.




 **[alt_michael](#)** at **[2011-06-07 19:37:48](#)**
(no subject)

I did write to her. Well, I wrote to tell her that I needed more time. But she wouldn't give me an extension. So I told her what I was going to say to Professor Lestrage. Well, most of it. It didn't make any sense to send the whole thing, even though I worked on it for weeks to sound just right. Because he doesn't like people to call him a hero or anything. Even though he is. So I left all that part out. I just said that I wanted to be a teacher because I didn't want to work in my step-father's shop. And that I didn't want to get left out from all the nift stuff over the summer.

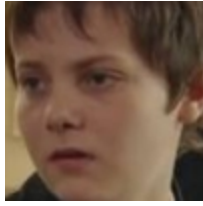
Guess that wasn't a very good reason.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-07 19:50:07](#)**
(no subject)

You should have written more about *her* as a teacher. It didn't have to be perfect, just convincing. And no, I shouldn't think anyone would be impressed if you said you wanted to go just so you wouldn't be stuck at home.

Wonder what Nott did to get chucked out in the first round?




 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-06-07 19:52:35](#)
(no subject)

I panicked. I kept hoping that Professor Lestrage would wake up, you know? And then suddenly it was the deadline.

Nott probably wrote his letter to Carrow.




 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-06-07 19:54:50](#)
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Nott scares me a little, he probably scared them, too. Maybe he brought in that dead field mouse he was fiddling with at dinner the other day. I'm not sorry not to have to spend another week with him,

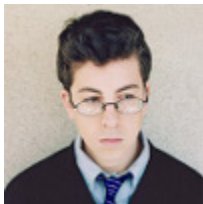
I'll put it that way.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-07 19:58:00](#)
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Malfoy told Finnigan who told me that his mum wouldn't let him invite Nott over after one time when he 'accidentally' killed a bird she had. I don't remember what kind.

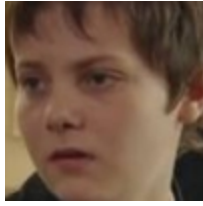
Just don't say anything about him too loud where the Slytherins can hear. They may think he's odd, too, but they'll die before they let anyone outside the House know it!



 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-06-07 19:51:21](#)
(no subject)

You shouldn't worry so much about the little details, mate. I mean, spending an hour or so on spelling and grammar is good, but I remember you were up working on that way after I went to bed a few nights running. I saw, what, the third and fourth drafts? I meant it when I said it was fine, I really did. It was probably better than mine.

Still, Professor Sinistra said there's loads of ways to be a loyal member of the Protectorate, and we all know you work really hard.




 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-06-07 19:55:26](#)
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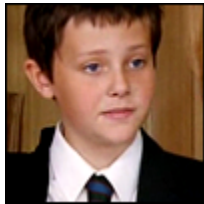
Yeah. I don't know why I get that way sometimes. I just do.

Maybe if I don't have YPL next year I'll have more time to practice violin.



 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-06-07 20:01:20](#)
(no subject)


You are pretty snitch on that thing, from what I've heard! Mum signed me up for cello lessons when I was younger and all I could get out of it was an awful sawing sound.



 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-06-07 20:02:51](#)
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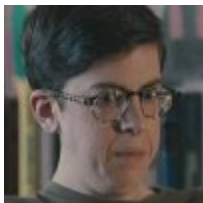
I'm okay at it.




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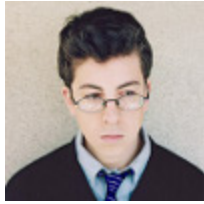
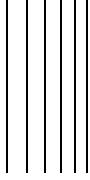
Dad says cello's really hard, especially when you're small. It took him forever to get tall enough to reach all the way up and down the strings without having to stand up. But violin's hard too because the strings are smaller. I dunno.


Anyway. What sort of tests do you think we're in for next week?



 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-06-07 20:09:08](#)
(no subject)

They're saying all sorts of things about 'leadership,' which might mean we'll be working in teams? I can't even guess. It makes me nervous that I can't study, since the subject could be anything.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-06-07 20:17:52](#)**
(no subject)

Actually, I'll just study everything.

2011-06-07 15:30:00

Honest Wil's Got Answers

I've been hearin from some of yeh wiv questions about wevver it's really safe to be mixin the things I've told yeh about. An, of course, yeh ought to be careful. I'm always tellin yeh to be careful an use yer loaves, innit? Tellin yeh to hold the pail close to the bucket so yeh'll not be splashin stuff out.



 [alt_wagstaff](#)

But now yeh want to know should yeh be wearin gloves when yer mixin stuff, an all I can say is wear gloves if it makes yeh feel safer, but only if yeh can feel wot yer meant to be holdin, cause it'll do yeh no good at all to be wearin gloves if yeh drop a pail of caustic and lose all of it on the floor.

[2011-06-07 17:55:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Well?


Ron, Neville, did you get in?

Sally-Anne and I did, and if you're going to be around here all next week too, it'll be *ace*.



 [alt_pansy](#)




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-07 22:36:22](#)
(no subject)

Yep. We're both staying!


Awesome, right?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-07 22:40:01](#)
(no subject)

Excellent!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-08 00:41:26](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, it'll be fun to have Hogwarts pretty much to ourselves, I think.

Except I'm sort of nervous over what the testing might involve.

Blimey, we just got finished with a bunch of tests.

2011-06-08 13:58:00

Private message to Percy Weasley

I've received your owl, and I'm glad you'll be taking me up on my offer. I've also heard from Charlie that he'll be able to join us next week, Wednesday through Sunday, and the two of us are putting our heads together to come up with stuff for the three of us to do.



 **alt_bill**

Not that we're planning on dragging you hither and yon, mind. You'll have plenty of time in the schedule we've sketched out where you can tell us to to push off, and you can wander off to one of the parks with a book if that's what you'd like. But I've called in some favours and managed to score some tickets. We'll take in some Quidditch, the Appleby Arrows versus the Wimbourne Wasps. The Kelpie Bridles will be playing at Bannister's and there's an exhibition, a retrospective on the first ten years of Protectorate history that could be interesting.

I have five tickets to the match; it's on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Do you think Penny might like to join us? We could go to dinner afterwards. There's a place called the Silver Pendragon that my mates at work have been talking about, that I'd like to try.

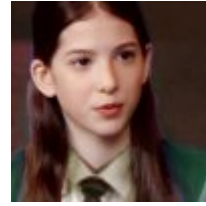


 **alt_percy at 2011-06-09 13:27:47**
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This all sounds quite splendid. Thank you for including Penny; yes, she would very much like to be included. I'm very much looking forward to it.

2011-06-08 15:23:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Terry, I want you to know we haven't forgotten you. I finally had a chance to get hold of Milli's diary this week and I couldn't read the locked posts from there, even though I COULD read a private message from Milli's mum. But, I wasn't going to write a whole long entry or anything, I just wanted to see if I could read. I had another idea, though, which is that Fred and George EACH got a diary from the Ministry (right?) and they only use one, so perhaps they could send their extra to Terry? Because since Fred and George can both see the locked entries AND Terry can see them, I would think that it would likely show them to Terry (but this would be really easy to test, they could just give it to Ron or Neville and have him see).

We'll still have to work out a way to get you the diary Terry but we will. And if Carrow is letting you read but not write maybe you'll see this.

And you're still a Hogwarts student and you're still a Ravenclaw, like Professor Vector and Linus Moon and my mum and dad (and Padma Patil. Sorry about that. But I share a House with Gregory Goyle so you know it could be worse.)

Anyway I was thinking about Dark Arts and how I'm the only person on the lock who's studying them. So, now that exams are over, I was thinking perhaps I'd write some essays, you know, for the lock. For Terry. Because if there's one person in the world who deserves to have any of the Cardinal Curses used on him, it's Amycus Carrow.

Um, before I do that, though, I think I want to make sure it's all right with everyone else. You won't think less of me, that I'm learning how to do these things. Neville, especially, because I know you don't like the killing curse, ever. (And it's not that you're wrong. I want to write about that, too.)

I sort of got the idea from Goyle -- I mean, from whoever it is that's using Greg Goyle's diary. Although it sounds like he gets some of it wrong, and I probably will, too, so maybe I shouldn't do this as I don't want to forget anything really important like 'wash off the potion that's burning you before you put the burdock poultice on.'

I'm staying on at Hogwarts for extra days because of the YPL testing. I don't know how much spare time I'll have, they haven't really told us much about what we'll be doing. But I should have time this summer, if I don't have time this week.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-08 21:08:59](#)
(no subject)

We were literally just opening up our journal ourselves to write a post that said, "Terry, where are you, c'mon, mate, write us back," when we saw this.

Perks, you are ruddy brilliant. No lie, we deeply appreciate that Slytherin sneakiness of yours. We DO have an extra journal. It's George's--we've been using Fred's.

Unfortunately, it's not here; it's home at the Burrow. But we'll be there next week anyway. We think we know where it is, stuffed in an old trunk up in the attic. But we'll be able to check then.

So yeah, Terry, it's yours now. If you've lost your own, that is. As soon as we can figure out how to get it to you safely, and we have a way for you to hide it. Perks, do you have any more of those beads you weave into those what d'ye call 'em macrame bracelets? If you can scrounge up about four or five of them and hand them over to us at dinner, we'll charm them for you so they can be used as hiding contraband. Then we'll give them back to you to weave into a new bracelet.

The curses now, though....



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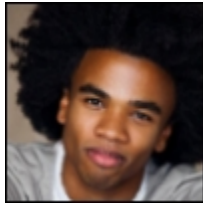
Hang on....




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-08 21:09:38](#)
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The two of us are arguing about it.

That doesn't happen very often.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-08 21:13:09](#)
(no subject)

Which of you is on which side?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-08 21:47:28](#)
(no subject)

Doesn't matter, really.

The thing is, we've talked to Percy. About what happened in Carrow's classroom. He's been pretty wrecked about the whole thing, so he hasn't been so much nose-in-the-air as he usually is with us and, dunno, guess we caught him at a weak moment late at night the other night after practically everyone else had gone to bed. And so he opened up about it more than he usually does with us.

Ron, did you ever know what really happened, the summer before last when Dad caught him doing something, and he disappeared for a night, and Mum and Dad wouldn't let on at all what happened?

Well, he finally told us. Dad caught him trying to crucio a garden gnome and just about went spare over it.

When Percy got back the next day, he and Dad hashed all out, and it ended up with Dad making Percy swear he'd never try doing crucio again. That's why he's never done it this year, even though he's got the right to do it, as Head Boy. We were wondering why, and that's it: he promised Dad.

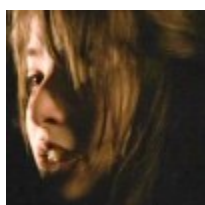
But seems that Percy never made any promise about 'Imperio.' Not that we're exactly fussing that he did. Guess he had to.

Percy said that Dad told him, that using those curses--crucio, imperio and avada kedrava--they change you. Don't know what that means, exactly, except Percy said Dad was right. But he wouldn't explain any further than that.

So we don't know. Guess Terry's got the right to decide for himself, if he's willing to do whatever-it-takes to get rid of that bastard. Even if it means doing one of those curses.

The thing is, we just don't know what it'll mean for him having to live with it afterwards. Live with himself.

Whatever Percy's learned about it, he's keeping it to himself. But from the looks of it, it's pretty bad. He looks like he's on the verge of spewing at the mere thought of it, and it's as if he's aged about ten years. And not in a good way.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-08 22:07:51](#)
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It does change you.

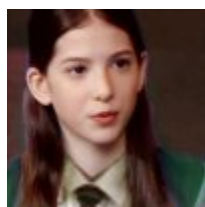
That's part of what I want to warn him about.

But I think eventually Carrow's going to kill him. Even if it's hard to live with yourself after you use the killing curse on a person, at least you get to live.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-08 23:15:50](#)
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Well, maybe he could avoid the whole thing if he masters that animagus spell, and he can use it to get away from him.

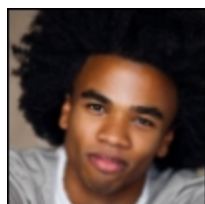



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-08 23:31:26](#)
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True.

The killing curse is easier than an animagus transformation, though.

Also, there were people who wanted to help him get away before Carrow took him. And Terry went with Carrow because he was afraid for Hermione's safety. If he runs away, Carrow will know he's run away. If he kills Carrow and makes it look like an accident, that might be safer for Hermione.




 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-08 23:52:08](#)
(no subject)

Ugh. No really good options.

Afraid you're right about Carrow. I mean you'd think he wouldn't because he likes having someone to order around and bully. But maybe he figures one mudblood--sorry, Terry, Hermione--is as good as another. And if he kills one, he can just go get another one.



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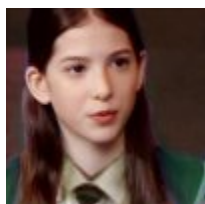
Double ugh.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-08 23:54:52](#)
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Yeah.

We've really got to get him our other journal.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-08 22:13:27](#)
(no subject)

And out of curiosity -- did he succeed in cruciating the garden gnome?

Because one of the things about these curses is that they are a LOT harder to use on strangers. It's easier to cruciate someone you like, actually, than a stranger. (I know, this seems really weird. But if you like someone a lot they've probably made you cross a few times and if you really want to, you can work yourself back up into enough of a fury to cast the

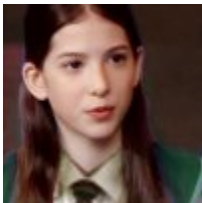
spell. If you're the sort of person that can cast it. Some people just can't cast cruciatus, ever, on anyone.)



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-08 23:47:29](#)
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Don't think he did, actually. We sort of got the impression that part of the reason he was willing to make that promise to Dad was that deep down, he thought he maybe couldn't do it anyway.

Blimey, wonder what Mum and Dad have been thinking, now that he's done imperius.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-08 22:06:08](#)
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I've got the beads. Why don't I leave them behind the statue of the man with the fox growing out of the top of his head?



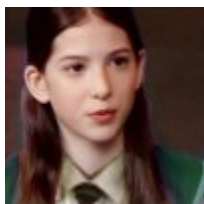
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Great. We'll look for them there.



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Right. We've charmed the beads and put them back, so go ahead and use them to make a new bracelet. Let us know when you're finished with it.



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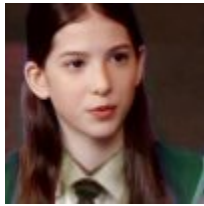
Okay.

When I made the bracelets before I did three charms on them -- anti-breakage, anti-attention, and anti-loss. I can do the first two no problem. The third, I would need blood or hair or something like that -- actually if we

CAN find anything like that of Terry's that might even be a way to get it to him, your father wouldn't have to give it directly to Terry he'd just have to leave it behind in the camp. In theory it would get it to Terry from anywhere but it would take years, I think, if we didn't at least get it close.

I know it's a long shot but does anyone have anything like that? Hair, or something that Terry bled onto, or anything like that?

Where did he sleep, in the Headmistress's office? Because most people shed hairs occasionally when they sleep. Though the House Elves probably clean in there...



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-06-09 16:17:40](#)**
(no subject)

Wait, I just thought of another possibility.


Those things he made for us. The beads on the bookmarks. They might work, especially if he ever cut himself while whittling. I might be able to work the charm using one of those.

There's this thing called an cruopticon that's a Dark device used to analyse blood that's been spilled. Miss Professor Carrow has one, I think Professor Lestrangle has one too, and I think there's one in Professor Slughorn's office but I'm not sure it's working, he has it set off to the side with something broken. I could offer to try fixing it. He might let me, and if I could get it to work again I could look at the beads he left behind.

Other people who would definitely have one, let me think. Oh, you know, Harry might have one, a simple one, and Teddy might, too. If I could persuade Professor Slughorn to let me try to fix his I might be able to persuade Harry to let me borrow his.

Failing that a really good magnifying lens would be a start, if anyone has one....



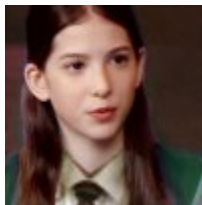
 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-09 18:36:29](#)
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Why a magnifying lens?

I mean, yeah, actually I've got one that was my grandfather's I think and I packed it in my trunk first year and haven't taken it out but once or twice, 'cause, y'know, there haven't been lots of times I wanted to look at things with it. Uh-

But what're you meaning to do with it?

Oh. And did you want me to give you the thing Terry carved for me?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-09 19:30:37](#)
(no subject)

There are spells that make certain things more visible. But if there's only a tiny bit it's still hard to see.

And yes about the bead. Actually I think I'll write a new note about that, I want to make sure Nev and the rest don't miss it.



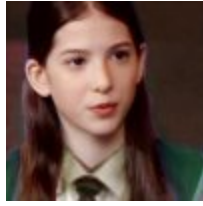
 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-09 19:33:31](#)
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That's okay, I saw it. I'll give you mine, too.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-09 19:34:14](#)
(no subject)

Us, too. And we'll get Lee's and pass that on, too. Maybe we'll get lucky with one of 'em.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-06-09 19:41:24](#)**
(no subject)

Alright.

I should warn you, the cruopticon isn't working AT ALL right now. Professor Slughorn let me take it (plus two other things that need fixing) although I think he's on to me, a little, and knows I wanted one of them to use it, it wasn't just to suck up. Hopefully he won't ask. Anyway, I opened up the cruopticon and I think someone spilled a cup of tea with milk and sugar onto it, it's all gummed up. I'm going to clean it out and see if that fixes it.

If one of the beads has some of Terry's blood on it I'll probably weave that into the bracelet with the container beads. It'll sort of act as a note, too, I expect he'll recognise his own work so he'll know it's from us.



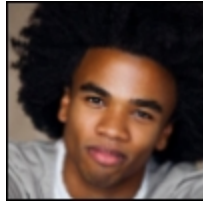
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Well, you know, if we don't find any of his blood or hair on any of the stuff he gave us, if we could just get the bracelet to him, and if there was some way to exchange messages securely with him--I mean, if he could at least read a journal, maybe he could complete the spell, yeah? I mean, he's got a wand, and if you could just tell him the spell, he could use his own blood when he gets the bracelet. Couldn't he?



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-09 22:16:13](#)**
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We do plan to ask Dad, next week, if he can find out what camp he's in. That would narrow things down at least. We bet that Dad probably could.



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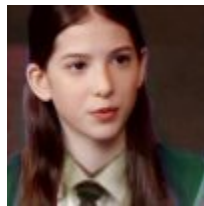
And you'd trust him, for something like this?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-09 22:25:21](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Yeah, we would. Of course, we wouldn't tell him everything. But he knows we've been keeping an eye out for the Professor, and he'd at least be willing to tell us where he is, if he can find out. And we bet he could.

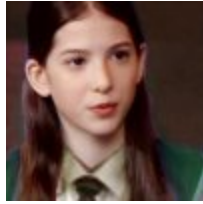
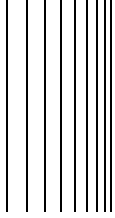
If there really isn't any other way, we think we could trust him if we gave him the bracelet, and asked him to get it to Terry without Carrow finding out about it. We wouldn't need to tell DAD what the bracelet does, of course--it'd be enough if we just say it's a keepsake we want Terry to have. Mum and Dad both hate Carrow, they've made that clear. Especially after what happened to Percy.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-09 23:41:24](#)
(no subject)

The trouble is it's not just a spell, you have to do certain things as you knot the bracelet. I offered to show Terry how to do it last time and he said he'd rather I do it as he's all thumbs with that sort of thing. It's not hard to do the knotting but I'm not sure I could explain it without demonstrating.

There are ways that someone can set all the charms in place and then all Terry would have to do is bleed on it, but I'm not that clever at this.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-09 19:45:56](#)
(no subject)

And Ron, the magnifying lens might help me fix the cruopticon, too.

2011-06-08 22:31:00

Private Message to Professor Sinistra

Professor,

Sorry this is late coming. I hadn't had a chance to catch Diggory or Avery before tonight's final Prefect meeting. But now, I've talked to the other YPL counselors and below is the list of those who are willing or able to stay next week to help supervise the rising-fourth-years as they undergo their entrance testing:



 [alt_penelope](#)

Avery
Pennifold
Bletchley
Diggory
Tamblyn
Bobolis (Euterpe)
Urquhart

Also, Ritchie Coote, Marietta Edgecombe, Terrence Higgs and Niobe Jones volunteered to stay, though they'll be in their first year as counselors. I told them I'd talk to you about it but I don't know as we need them; after all, the students really only need someone to keep them from burning down the castle while nearly everyone has left.

I asked Pyle specifically if she'd stay as head counselor, since I can't, but she didn't seem too interested.

Under other circumstances, I hope you know I'd be happy to stay on and oversee things. Just now, though, I'm sure you understand that I have other priorities.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **2011-06-09 11:41:32**
(no subject)

Miss Clearwater -

Thank you, as always, for excellent and thoughtful work. I believe you're right, and we don't need the extra assistance (though it's much appreciated, and their willingness to volunteer is noted.)

I'm quite sure the students who are remaining will be on good behavior, and of course, we'll be keeping them quite busy, so it's really only when they're in their own houses that I'd like an older student around.

As to your own plans, please don't worry: you have been extremely helpful at a very trying time, and I quite understand that you have other obligations. I'll be in touch about plans for later in the summer, but I believe we're in good shape there, as well, just a few final details to sort out.

2011-06-09 09:23:00

Private message to Narcissa

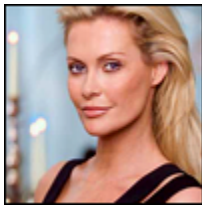
Narcissa - I imagine that you're not getting Draco back as soon as you had hoped, as he no doubt has been chosen to continue on for the cadet programme screening. That being the case, would you be interested in having your nephew (and his nanny, of course) visit for a few days? I'm trying to balance both Hydra and work here, and find myself guilty of keeping Rigel with Mrs Baylock too often.



 **alt_rodolphus**

Please don't feel that you must say yes. I was planning to ask Druella next.

-R.



 **alt_narcissa** at **2011-06-09 18:11:50**
(no subject)

No, indeed, Lucius had already learned that the testing would occur at Hogwarts before the owls went home to parents. I'm sure Draco would not wish to be excluded from the YPL, though, despite its irrelevance to his future.

But I can imagine that you will want to spend time alone with Hydra - surely you mean when she returns? Rigel is of course welcome to the nursery and Mrs B to the nurse's room adjacent, anytime you like. (I'll just let Draco know so that if he returns to find any of his old toys broken he shan't stage a tantrum of his own. He can be rather funny about his things, even if he hasn't played with or picked up something for years!) Will you want to send them along on Saturday or Sunday, after Hydra's had a chance to see her brother?



 **alt_rodolphus** at **2011-06-09 19:50:21**
(no subject)

Apologies, I ought to have been clearer.

Hydra is already at home. I took her from the school on Monday morning. She had already finished her exams, and it seemed best she return...for a variety of reasons.

I should mention that Bella doesn't know that Hydra is already here.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-09 19:55:28](#)
(no subject)

Oh.

Oh, I see.

Yes. Well ... I'll have Netty give the nursery an airing out today, then.

In that case, why don't you and Hydra come along for supper and you can leave Rigel beginning tonight?



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-09 20:23:08](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Narcissa. That sounds quite agreeable.

2011-06-09 14:28:00

(no subject)

So, a bunch of us blokes were talking and we don't know for sure what sorts of tests we'll have to stand next week, but we do know that physical fitness is part of it.



 **alt_zacharias**

So, anyone who's interested, we're meeting to have a footrace this afternoon. The course is from the main doors, down to the Hogsmeade gates, then up to the lake, double back along the shore to the greenhouses and back up to the entrance hall. Avoiding the Willow, of course!

Oh, and Fleet said he could put up a bar in the third-floor study, so anyone who wants to do a chin-up challenge after the race is welcome, too.



 **alt_ron** at **2011-06-09 18:38:50**

(no subject)

What time?

Sounds wizard.



 **alt_zacharias** at **2011-06-09 18:43:17**

(no subject)

After lessons. 'Round four?



 **alt_zacharias** at **2011-06-09 18:44:32**

(no subject)

Oh, and I should say that you don't have to be continuing in the YPL to come and race, if you like.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-06-09 19:56:02](#)**
(no subject)

Good idea, Smith.

Let's hope that all the people who've never run more than a metre in their life realise that they won't be able to get in shape in such a short period of time, though.



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2011-06-09 19:58:04](#)**
(no subject)

Too right!

2011-06-09 14:45:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley

I'm all set. She wasn't surprised and I don't think it'll count against me for next year at all.




Have you told your brother about Mr Malfoy's tickets? The concert's on Wednesday, right? I think I put down the 15th in my diary, anyway.

 **alt_penelope**

How is it today?



 **alt_percy** at **2011-06-09 20:39:17**
(no subject)


I'm glad Professor Sinistra was understanding, but not surprised, really.

Yes, the 15th. I'll let Bill know, so he can plan around it.

(I'll have to remember to have my dress robes scourgified. I wonder if I can find a tailor switch out the cuffs on them for me; they're beginning to look rather tatty.)


Every day is a little bit easier. Thank goodness the Prefects meeting is over and I'm finally done with all that stuff.



 **alt_percy** at **2011-06-09 20:41:35**
(no subject)

And I'm quite looking forward to the symphony. It was really so kind of Mr Malfoy to obtain the tickets for us. I know that there's been quite a demand for them, since it's the symphony's world premiere.



 **alt_penelope** at **2011-06-09 20:49:26**
(no subject)

I'm excited, too. I just hope you don't get mobbed by reporters and photographers, ha!



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-09 20:48:09](#)
(no subject)

No, nor I, but you never know if they'll think you're shirking. I mean, I *am* larking off to New London with you, it's not like I've a sick granny or something.

And to that point, I've told my father that I'm staying with Laverty that part of the week. I've got to get a suitable set of robes, too, after all, and I can't think he'll be pleased I'm going shopping and hanging about with you when I could be home doing chores.

Ugh. In a way you're lucky. If your mum shoos the twins off to Jordan's, you'll likely be pretty much alone most of the summer. Especially once you find work. Then you'll only have to stand them at meals. You'll see, summer will go quickly and they'll all go back to school (where they'll be my problem!).

2011-06-09 16:33:00

Private Message to Lucius

Rodolphus has asked us to host Rigel for a few days. He's bringing Hydra to supper and will leave Rigel and Mrs Baylock when they go.




 **alt_narcissa**

No, I don't know for how long - I'm sure it's just until Hydra's feeling more herself. I gather he's been trying to see to her this week without making any other arrangements to cover either his duties to MLE or seeing to Rigel's daily time and it's overwhelmed him, and no surprise.

Do try to come home on time, if you can. I know it's been difficult for you lately. I just don't wish you to be startled when you do arrive.



 **alt_lucius** at **2011-06-09 21:20:22**
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Baffled. Not certain where to start.

Rod has Hydra home already? Why?

And are you certain you are up to hosting an active toddler?



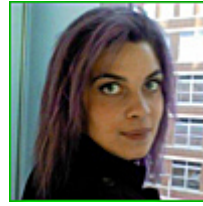
 **alt_narcissa** at **2011-06-09 21:22:32**
(no subject)

I gather she's having trouble adjusting after her ordeal. But I didn't ask. It's enough to know that he's brought her home to look after her personally. And - I doubt very much you'll see her but he has not seen the need to bother Bella with the news. I quite agree.

As for Rigel, he's no trouble. And the nanny will be staying to look after him. You shan't even know he's here.

2011-06-09 16:47:00

(no subject)



 **alt_nymphadora**

Hullo all.

Sorry I've not replied to all the messages and notes you've left. It's exhausting looking after a baby. She's wonderful, don't mistake me, but I can't remember the last time I slept for more than three hours at a time.

Junius' cousin Lucy is here for a few days to help, and she's been a marvel, but she won't be here forever. We're trying to get Bea settled into a routine, but it's hard work with the shop and everything. There's lots of noise and excitement all the time, and it floats up to her nursery, no matter how many muffling charms we use. She's got ears like a bat, that one. Not literally.

My aunt Narcissa suggested we expand into one of the empty properties on either side, which I think would be rather good. We're going to get on to the Ministry about requesting one of them as soon as we have time.

Oh, a few people have asked about Bea's name. Perhaps it would help to know that we were half expecting her to be a boy, and were thinking to name him Albion. We talked a lot about names, and wanted something to remind us, and our baby, of how lucky we are to live in the Protectorate. There were quite a few options, but we liked Albion as a reminder of how we're living in the new golden age for wizards and witches - the new Albion, like Merlin had, you know?

But of course, Bea was a girl. So Albion became Albia.

Her middle name's Carina, which is a star constellation. That one was for to keep up my family's traditions. I thought

Oh, she's woken up again. See ya.

2011-06-09 22:42:00

Order Only: Parchmentwork

I shall be only too glad to close the books on this term. What a fortnight!



For the first time I can remember I've been asked to sign off on the records for three students who've left us early. In fact, four have left if one counts young Mr Boot, and it feels to me as though he ought to count, though I was not obliged to file any parchmentwork for him nor given a chance even to check him over before he left us.


 **alt_poppy**

And, of course, there's a fifth child--Miss Abbott--who shan't be completing the term.

That was and is too terrible take in.

At least in Mr Wood's case, the early departure is a mark of success. Well deserved by all accounts, and I wish him all the best.




 **alt_molly at 2011-06-10 16:02:04**
(no subject)

I know...a horrible ending to the year.

Poppy, thank you so much for your kindness to Percy. He's written to us, telling us of the aftermath, and Arthur and I wanted very much to let you know how much we appreciate that you were there to help him through that whole thing.



 **alt_poppy at 2011-06-10 23:51:22**
(no subject)

It's the least I could do. Molly, it was simply awful. And to have to prepare the girl and hold a viewing for her here in the hospital wing, it was really too much.


Nearly as awful, though, is this business with the Frobisher family and that atrocious clinic they've got their daughter involved with.

Did it make the papers? The clinic counter-sued. When the girl began to break their curse on her. They counter-sued her parents for custody. And they accused Hogwarts of negligence with respect to our pupils' well-being. Claimed that Miss Frobisher was in mortal peril here.

I've no idea what Minerva did--or perhaps it was Lucius Malfoy--but so far as I'm aware, none of the papers have picked up the bait that Eosphorus Clinic threw them about a second child brought to death's door at this school.

It's been simply horrendous.



 **alt_sirius** at [2011-06-10 16:41:01](#)
(no subject)

Circe, that's getting to be like old times. I remember my seventh - no, sixth year, we had about 15 students gone before year's end. Of course, that was mainly due to relations having been killed. Still, not an encouraging sign. Let's hope for all our sakes it's just an anomaly and not a portent of things to come.

Only. I'm a bit confused as to why these Quidditch teams are in such a rush to bring this Wood boy on board. I mean to say, I've seen him Keep and yes, he's quite good. I'm not surprised the scouts see promise. But unless something's changed on the sceptered isle, I can't think why they'd need him prior to the end of term. Even when Dorrit was recruited in '75, he had his offer in hand well before N.E.W.T.s were over but he didn't have to report to training camp until July.

Sorry. Once a commentator, always a commentator.



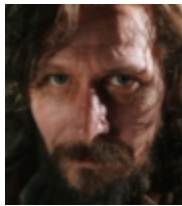
 **alt_poppy** at [2011-06-10 23:58:24](#)
(no subject)


I do remember.

And you're right: it was terrible then. Worse than any of this recent business. But there's no way to soften the misery of a child's death. And it's brought such sadness to the other children here. Awful.

I don't know much more about the Quidditch business. I can't remember a prospect's being pulled away before the end of term--and we've had our share of quite promising Quidditchers. I gather from Minerva there were recruiters from three teams hounding her for permission to have a go at wooing him for their side. They harassed his family, too, until it was agreed he could go for a series of trials.

May the best, most generous team win, I say.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-11 00:55:16](#)**
(no subject)

Three teams, was it? Well, now.

I saw what you told Molly, about laying the girl out. I'm sorry you had to go through that, Poppy. I know it's done with, and it was meant to give the kids some sense of - I dunno, peace, I suppose. But that sort of thing is best left to those who've chosen it as a profession.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-06-11 14:44:05](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, Sirius. I quite agree.

I hate to be the one to ask it. I know I'm always the one harping on your safety, but you are aware of the fact that we are about to be invaded again by Ministry personnel--including MLE, no doubt--for this YPL business with the rising fourth years? I've no idea what they've planned. Or where they are lodging them--here at the school or in Hogsmeade. The school will hardly be in pristine condition in the wake of leaving day.

You know that they had said all along this was to be done in New London next week, and then all of a sudden they sprung it on Minerva that it would suit all parties much better to hold it here at the castle during the week following term. As if she could say no to the request.

It does beg the question why. I've a sneaking suspicion that MLE want a further opportunity to search the place and saw a chance to have the place nearly empty without putting Minerva on

official notice of their intent. I shouldn't be surprised if Irma Pince hexes the first of them who has the temerity to cross her threshold. She is still absolutely spitting venom over their forcing her to re-inventory the collection. Says they carted off priceless parchments and artefacts from her archives, as well.

In any case, it would be dangerous for you to be anywhere close next week. And yet, I suppose that with Mr Marvolo undergoing whatever it is they plan, you'll dig in your heels and insist on staying. I trust you've found a safe place from which to keep your vigil.

[2011-06-10 07:54:00](#)

So Happy...



 [alt_ginny](#)


Waking up this morning, I knew it would be a good day! I woke early to get much of my packing done. I didn't want to leave it til tonight or early tomorrow morning. I am looking forward to hm... leaving the castle for a while. After getting much of my packing done, i decided to go down to the Great Hall for breakfast. shortly after taking my seat I received an owl.

He dropped a very simple envelope, with my name and address written in green sparkles upon my place setting. When I opened my letter, I saw that I had **WON** a prize in the summer makeover contest. The Details below that listed the prize as a day trip to a Spa in New London, where i will also receive:

- 1 set of this season's dress robes
- 1 sets of this season's casual robes
- Matching Hair accessories and shoes for each.
- 2 hand bags (an every day one, and a special clutch)

I am so excited for this opportunity. It really couldn't have come at a better time.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-10 12:56:35](#)
(no subject)

You won a makeover and new robes?

You mean you entered that *Purest Sparkle* contest?

Well. Congratulations, then.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-06-10 12:59:54](#)
(no subject)

Yes and Yes.

Thanks, I am really excited. I am really looking forward to the summer hols now.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-10 14:23:46](#)
(no subject)

Congratulations, Gin.


Glad it made you happy.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-06-10 14:49:45](#)
(no subject)

Thanks Ron! I hope you have a good trial next week.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-10 14:26:27](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

At least one of us is having a good start to the day.

I mean, it's not like I'm not. Only everyone's asking me what got up the twins' noses earlier. And Percy's obviously having a crap morning.


Kappa totally had it coming, though.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-10 14:49:05](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

What did Kappa do? And what did they do to him? He couldn't even walk, the prefects had to carry him up to the Hospital wing.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-10 15:17:42](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Kappa was being an eejit.

Started when Bradley and Summerby came in for breakfast and one of them squealed about something right when she got behind Percy. So he jumped, I guess. I didn't see it. Only saw his juice go flying all over.

So then while he was mopping that up and apologising to Jenkins for getting it all over her plate, Kappa starts up down our end of the table, saying Percy's lost it.

I'm not sure which hex they used. Or which of them did it. Maybe both at once, and that means it was probably a combination of things they made up on the spot. Because if you'd seen them, you'd've seen it was more about wanting to teach Kappa to shut his gob than anything they'd thought out.

I s'pose Kappa's lucky he's got a mouth at all now.

[2011-06-10 08:57:00](#)

Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley



 [alt_percy](#)

I'm sorry that...that you ended up the middle of things at breakfast. And I'm sorry about the detention. I mean, you're right, the House Cup doesn't seem like much now, does it? But I'm sure that's not how you wanted to spend your last day here at school.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-10 15:12:10](#)
(no subject)

That's all right, Perce.

We'd do it again.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-10 15:13:46](#)
(no subject)


Well, no, it wasn't necessary. Not...not for me, anyway.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-10 15:15:07](#)
(no subject)

It was entirely necessary. It'll be good for Kappa to spend a few hours crawling on his belly. Not to mention that we think we made quite an improvement in his personal appearance.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-10 15:16:49](#)
(no subject)

Well. I just hope that--that there won't be any scenes like that at the Leaving Feast. Or at breakfast tomorrow.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-10 15:17:52](#)
(no subject)

If people mind their manners, then no, there won't.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-10 15:19:06](#)
(no subject)

Funny, you two are usually the first I worry about forgetting their manners. But in this case...

Don't ever repeat I said this. But...

Thank you.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-10 15:19:37](#)
(no subject)

What else are brothers for?

[2011-06-10 09:26:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

So what did Hooch do to you?

Detention, yeah?

First Slughorn, now Hooch. Are you going to try for Sprout or Vector next? Better hurry, though. You've only got today and tomorrow morning!



 [alt_ron](#)

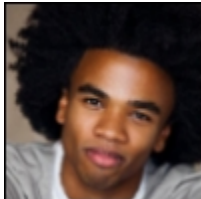



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-10 14:54:03](#)
(no subject)

Detention, yeah.

Well, maybe it would've been just points until Rachel Dames started grouching about how we'd made Gryffindor lose any last chance for the House Cup. Then we told her--er, what we told her. Then Hooch added the detention.

We're going to spend the day straightening out the Quidditch sheds and buffing the trophies. Nothing too difficult.



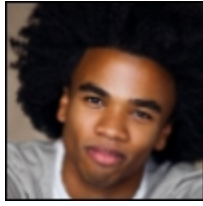
 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-10 14:55:30](#)
(no subject)


I saw Aurelius Kappa after you were done with him. Blimey what did he ever do to you to get hexed like that?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-10 14:55:51](#)
(no subject)


The wanker bloody well deserved it.



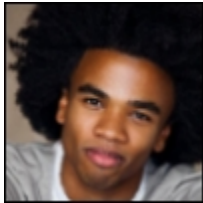
 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-10 14:56:36](#)**
(no subject)


But what did he do to get you so hacked off at him?



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-10 14:58:18](#)**
(no subject)


I think he said something, sort of mouthing off, about Percy.



 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-10 15:00:02](#)**
(no subject)

Why, was Percy taking points off him or something?




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-10 15:01:59](#)**
(no subject)

No. He spilled his juice. Percy did. Someone right behind him startled him, I guess. And Kappa said, I dunno, something.

Next thing I saw, Fred and George's wands were out and the hexes started flying.



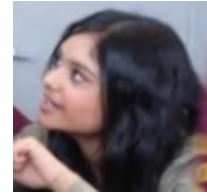
 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-10 15:03:57](#)**
(no subject)

Whoa.

That's not exactly their usual style. When someone's making a crack about Percy.

2011-06-10 12:56:00

Private Message to Lana Sandoval



 [alt_padma](#)

Dear Lana,

How are you? It seems like it's been ages since we talked. I can't believe the year's almost over! I'm sure that you're very busy; I hope you're enjoying your--what did you call it?--intensive, that was it--your intensive with Mr Lestrage. I bet it's really interesting. He's ever so mysterious, don't you think? I think if he weren't in this sort of trade he'd have made an Unspeakable really easily. He was here last week, you know, when Professor Raz was hurt, and he looked ever so dashing, even though you could see he was well worried. I hope Professor Raz is going to be okay soon.

Anyway, I don't know if you've been following the YPL all that much since leaving school and getting all involved in the Auror training, but this summer, they've organised something called a Combined Cadet Force. And we're to stay and undergo exercises and physical tests to determine our fitness for this particular programme. (Well, mostly all of us. A few people have already been cut.)

Yesterday, Smith challenged everyone to a footrace and a chin-up competition and today there's to be a broom race, which of course Marvolo and Malfoy will win but that's all right. I'm actually rather surprised at my performance in the chin-ups! I knew I'd be okay in the race but not brill, but I did almost as many chin-ups as any other girl, less than ten behind Bundy, who was the winner--of the girls, anyway. (And that's not surprising; she's got the arms for it.)

But I was wondering if you have any advice about other things to do to prepare. All of us in Ravenclaw have already started a bit of a regimen, since we none of us want to be embarrassed in the testing. We're doing sit-ups and push-ups and Su Li has this brill routine she calls *kata*, so we're doing that and it's like a slow-motion type of defence thing. Her brother does it, she says. But I thought--well, I'm sure there are exercises you do in Aurors' training that will be well close to the kinds of things they're asking us to do next week.

So if you have a few moments and you could think of some suggestions, I'd really appreciate it. On the whole, I think this year's been better than last, with a few big exceptions. Which is odd because with all those Dementors you'd think it'd have been worse more of the

time. At least Parkinson and I aren't rowing at every turn, which makes things easier! I'm not sure who they'll get to replace Professor Carrow but it's bound to make next year really interesting.

I've been thinking about going home, too. In a way, I'm glad we're staying the extra week. I'm never sure what we're going to learn when we go back, you know? Like, last time Dad was barely sleeping at the house. He had a flat in New London because he said it was just more convenient. I dunno if he's still spending most of his time there or not. Not sure I want to know, really. But this way, we'll come home and we'll probably only be there for a week or two before we go off on the YPL CCF - well, that is, provided Parvati and I both make it in, of course! I don't want to make any assumptions.

You should know that everyone in the Corner is well and sends their greetings, too. We look through the papers all the time, expecting to see that Lana Sandoval has once again brought glory to MLE and the Protectorate!

Oh, and Dames and Bobolis were saying the other day that they're looking forward to the DoP induction - only Dames hasn't got her invitation yet. I dunno if your mum's involved again this year, with the luncheon? But anyway, I thought it was interesting that Bobolis has hers and Dames doesn't. Wonder if someone at the DoP knows something we don't? Or maybe it's just held up in owl post. That's what Bobolis said, anyway, though I think Dames is getting a bit worried about it!

Well. I'm sure you're well busy helping Mr Lestrangle with important work, so I'll close this up.

Take care,

Padma

2011-06-10 19:51:00

Private Message to Horatio Hooper



 [alt_lucius](#)

Have just come from Court.

It is Our Lord's wish that I ... *re-arrange* my time to focus my efforts on relations with France, control of the camps, assisting in the capture of DogStar operatives and other sundry pursuits which He deems more ... suitable.

Shall need to meet with the following, in person, in private - sometime in the next month and absolutely before we are less than one month from end of quarter:

Nolan Tenebridge
Cumulus Cuthbert
Charles Pennifold
Ephraim Clarriker

No need to tell them the purpose of the meetings for now. Should not require saying but schedule *around* current Board meetings and of course, leave the end of July free.

Also, kindly see to it that the calendar is cleared on Wednesday (with the exception of Court).

I note that you've asked for time week after next. Surprised you bothered; you ought to realise it is out of the question. Dideron's delegation arrives on the 21st and will wish to inspect the proposed location the following day. Trust you have co-ordinated with International Wizardry on their accommodations in New London and at the stadium site? Have you ensured that the nearby camp has sufficient labourers on tap to build, presuming all goes as planned? Make sure I have time booked with Selwyn to review the details on Monday, if you please. Any word on whether the English boy will be coming?

Oh - and send a bottle of brandy out to Le'Strange Hill with my compliments, will you? Gather my brother-in-law has been pressed of late but is making significant progress on his analysis of the DogStar prisoners' artifacts. (So much so that my wife has offered our

hospitality to his inquisitive and *mobile* son.) Suspect the fortification will induce him to exhibit greater insights.

Finally. Interested in your explanation for Minister Fudge's recalcitrance yesterday morning. Asked after him to-day and learned that you were incorrect: Clearly there is some personal slight he has perceived. Have contained the situation for the time being. If you value your employment you would do well to discover the true cause and bring it to me before he and I next meet.

2011-06-10 23:15:00

Final announcements

Please remember to check your Common Rooms as well as your dorm rooms for personal belongings. Your prefects should have a lost and found table out in respective House Common Rooms.



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_percy](#)

Madam Pomfrey has informed me that there were a couple of students who failed to stop by the Hospital Wing to pick up any last doses of medicinal potions. She will be available during the breakfast hour in the Hospital Wing to pass them along to you to take home with you for the summer.

All trunks must be fully packed by 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning so that they may be delivered to the station. This means everybody! Check in with your house prefects in the morning once your trunk is fully packed so your name may be checked off the list.

Siobhan Calderwood and I would particularly like to thank the students for their support in this, our last year at Hogwarts. It has been an honour for both of us to serve as your Head Boy and Head Girl. Good luck to you all this summer and for those returning next year, strive to do your best at your studies. We are proud of your part in continuing the rich traditions of Hogwarts, and we wish you the best in all your future endeavours.

2011-06-11 09:46:00

Goodbyes

I can't say I've experienced a leaving feast like that before, and, lovely as parts of it were, I hope I never have to again.



 **alt_daphne**

Bones, that song you sang for Abbott was wonderfully moving. I know it brought tears to my eyes, and I'm sure I saw quite a few others daubing away at their faces, too. I also must say that your voice sounded as beautiful as I've ever heard it. Who is it that you train with, again? And Pansy, you wrote the song, didn't you? Well done and good show.

And now there's just a few of us left behind in the castle. It's strange and a little unnerving. I look forward to the trials, and expect to do well, but this place just feels so very *haunted*. Maybe because the ghosts actually outnumber the living for once!

Ginny - I was so happy for you, to hear that you won a prize in the *Purest Sparkle* contest! Now, I believe that spa you'll be going to is New Glow in Knightsbridge, isn't it? Right on Brompton Road? Why that's not far from Belgravia at all. In any case, and so long as YPL doesn't interfere, we should meet at New Glow when you go in for your spa treatment! You can show me all your new robes and things then, too.

Now, for all my fellow castle-haunters, what shall we get up to this weekend? More races and chin-ups and whatnot? I hope we can squeeze in a fun, social thing or two, as well!



 **alt_pansy** at **2011-06-12 02:41:03**

(no subject)

Yes, I did. Bones helped with some of the melody, actually, but yes, that was one of mine.

Thank you, Daphne.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-12 03:14:35](#)
(no subject)

I suppose I might be rather good at writing music, if I had the inclination. My tutors have always been quite explicit that one should focus either on performance or writing, and not both. Though that's really only true for theatre, I think. Quite a few rock musicians write their own music these days.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-12 03:43:43](#)
(no subject)

That's why I wrote Mr Tenebridge, because I think I'd much rather be on the writing and producing side of things, and I really think it'd be more appropriate for me anyways.

I'm learning the guitar, but it's so I'll be a better songwriter, and not because I see myself as a performer or anything any time soon.

On the other hand, I have absolutely no trouble at all imagining you on a stage!

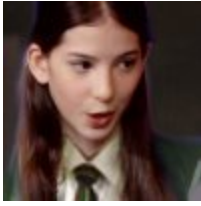


 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-12 05:14:43](#)
(no subject)

I saw that you wrote to him for YPL, and I definitely think you contacted the right person. (As is evidenced by your remaining here in the castle.)

I only play a little piano. Mother thinks all girls should know it, one of her silly, old-fashioned ideas. But I can't say that I'm sorry I play a little, so there is that.

Why thank you, Pansy. I certainly have aspirations of spending many years there.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-12 04:59:26](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

'That thing that you do? I'd be JUST BRILLIANT at it if only I actually WANTED to do it!'

Honestly.

Your and Susan's song was absolutely lovely, Pansy.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-12 14:47:43](#)

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

Why don't you know?

Daphne would be just brilliant at anything if only she had the inclination. It's a pity she doesn't, otherwise she could discover the cure for Dragon Pox or, no doubt, rule the world.

And thanks.

I wrote it for him, you know. But I'm really happy that Susan used it for someone else too. Because it means that what I wrote was something bigger than just a little thing in my head, and that it spoke to more people than just me. Does that make sense?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-12 16:51:49](#)

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

I wonder how she lives with herself, doing something as frivolous as acting when there are diseases to cure and world-changing spells to research?

I thought you'd probably written it for him but it really does work for people other than you. I mean I think it's a really good song, and it completely makes sense.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-06-12 03:15:15](#)**
(no subject)


You don't want another party again already, do you?
Though I suppose if someone could pull one off on short notice, it would be you.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-06-12 03:16:05](#)**
(no subject)

No, silly. Though I will be having one at the house this summer, whenever time allows. Not one more single castle party, though. I'm rather sick to death of them!



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-06-13 15:23:43](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, Greengrass. I hope it made people think of Hannah, or of someone else that was special to them.


Maybe you'd like to join the school choir next year?
Professor Carpenter's really good.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-06-13 16:42:31](#)**
(no subject)

I've often thought it looked fun, but Mrs Gibbons doesn't want me to work with someone else. She says it might "undermine her training methods."



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-06-14 13:45:45](#)**
(no subject)

She sounds awfully strict!

I suppose she's a very good teacher though.

2011-06-11 10:27:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Sally Anne Perks



All right. So you said we had to wait until school was over, and now it is.

 [alt_ron](#)

I even waited until the train's left.

You were going to say who it was that's been bothering you. Which slimy Slytherin Quidditcher was it?


I mean, I don't much like any of your Quidditch players, but whoever did that to you deserves to get bludgered.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-11 15:52:56](#)
(no subject)

I said I'd tell you after we'd gone home for the summer. We haven't gone home yet.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-11 15:55:43](#)
(no subject)

But they've all gone home.

And you still won't say?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-11 15:57:35](#)
(no subject)

I'll tell you when you're back at the Burrow and I'm back at the Stretton's! It's not that much longer.

2011-06-11 14:14:00

Order Only - Private Message to Poppy Pomfrey



Poppy

We were going to invite you to come down and visit us at the shop this week, to give Bea a quick check up. Yes, I realise the moon won't have any effect on her, yes I understand it's ridiculous to worry. But she's my daughter. I'd feel much better if we could just check anyway, if you don't mind.

 [alt_lupin](#)


However, I see some of the children are staying up at the school for some sort of activity week?

We therefore thought we might come to you, as I imagine you won't be able to get away for long.

Would that be all right? Let us know if not and we can see about arranging something else.

Remus




 [alt_poppy](#) at **2011-06-12 10:41:36**
(no subject)

Of course, you may!


Shall I ask Pomona to see whether Tilda could lodge you? She talks about Nymphadora's visit in such warm terms whenever I see her, and I know she would love to have you if she has the room.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2011-06-12 17:11:23**
(no subject)

That would be ideal. Thank you, Poppy.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-06-12 19:19:01](#)**
(no subject)

Good.

To be honest, it will give me an opening to talk with Pomona on a safe topic. One we agree on. At the moment, we are on awkward footing over Sirius and his

Well. Never mind, but I welcome the chance to talk with her about your visit.

2011-06-11 20:18:00

(no subject)



 [alt_narcissa](#)

We have been enjoying the company of my nephew for a few days, while his father focuses all his effort on a particularly important project. Though Rodolphus, you neglected to warn me that Rigel is going through rather a *clinging* phase. Or perhaps it only started because he has been without his 'papa' for more than a few hours at a stretch. He was most befuddled when a second bedtime came and he still had not seen either of his parents. It's a lesson he must learn, however, and just as well soon as late. I must say Mrs Baylock has quite a way with him - or should I say that *he* has quite a way with *her*?

Meanwhile, the Induction Committee from the DoP have been kind enough to meet here instead of in New London. And it's my turn to host our card party, isn't it, Ursula? So I shall be quite the homebody this week, apart from our evening commitments.

I certainly hope that on at least one of our outings, we shall be able to sample the fare at Monteith, as I keep missing the opportunity to go. The trends all season have been skewed so far toward 'small plates' - not a bad thing, in my opinion, but reducing through starvation only does so much good, after all. Just yesterday I heard the most frightful tale from Catherine Stevens about the measures taken by some of those so-called spas! It's simply not to be borne.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-06-13 02:47:00**

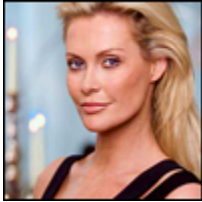
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Rigel sounds like the proverbial handful. Can't say this news surprises.

And you have him on top of what sounds like quite a tightly packed schedule. I imagine, by the way, that Monteith would consider it a boon if you asked them to supply food for a card luncheon or a supper at Kensington or the Manor.

I agree, though, that it's good to keep occupied--and to stay well away from New London's 'spas'. Dodgy at best. Down right dangerous at worst. And truly, the only sure way to keep fit is to eat properly and stick to a reasonable regimen of the sort you yourself keep. Honestly, to hear some people go on, you'd think moderate

exercise was the equivalent of being sentenced to the galleys. And so they seem perpetually to put off starting until 'tomorrow', which in the end means never doing a thing to help themselves.

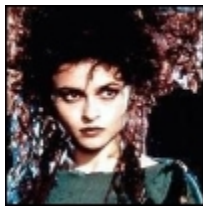



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-06-13 02:56:25](#)**
(no subject)

He is certainly his mother's son and no mistake!

The schedule isn't terribly arduous, though new items do seem to crop up every day.

I couldn't agree more about the road to health. Catherine had nothing good to say - the only consolation is that it's not her own daughter caught up in the sordid business.




 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-06-13 20:49:09](#)**
(no subject)

I am not clingy, Cissy - nor did I have a clinging phase.

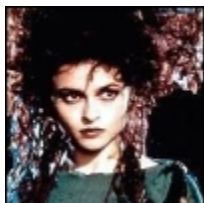
Thank you, however, for playing the good Auntie for a few days. I look forward to spending some time with my son at home tonight.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-06-13 20:54:57](#)**
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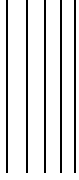
No, of course not, Bella, dear. I meant in other ways.

I didn't think to be rid of him so soon, but certainly, if you have the leisure to spend time with your family I'll see to it that he's back among you.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-06-13 20:58:26](#)**
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Stay for supper if you like. I'm sure that Hydra would like to see her Auntie now that she's back from school.

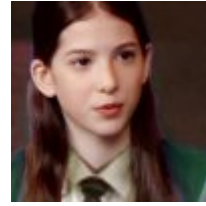


 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-06-13 21:04:58](#)**
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Thank you, Bella. I'm sure that would be lovely.

2011-06-11 22:58:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Well, I took apart the cruopticon and I thought I'd gotten it clean but then I took a closer look and realised the tea or whatever was spilled got into all sorts of little crevices inside so I borrowed a tiny soft cleaning brush from one of the house-elves and started working. But I'm not getting it done tonight and my fingers are getting cramped from holding the little brush so I'm going to write about Dark Arts instead.

So.

The three cardinal curses used to be called 'unforgiveables' because you'd go to Azkaban if you did them on a human, but be careful because it's generally only blood-traitors who say 'unforgiveables' these days. I think Mr and Mrs Weasley are careful not to call them that but they never say Cardinal Curses either, they say, 'the spells that used to be called the Unforgiveable Curses.'

Anyway, each one is strongly associated with a particular emotion. Cruciatus is concentrated hatred. Imperius is contempt. And the killing curse is anger. In some ways that makes it the easiest to cast, because a lot of people never feel enough hatred to cast cruciatus or the arrogance you need for Imperius but everyone (almost everyone) gets angry sometimes. If you've ever gotten angry enough that you've wanted someone dead, you've been angry enough to cast the killing curse.

In Dark Arts class there's quite a lot of talk about 'mindset' and 'controlling your emotions' and what this means, more or less, is that it's actually quite easy to cast a Dark spell (though not necessarily one of the Cardinal Curses because they are so powerful) if you're furiously angry. What makes it really difficult is if you're casting a curse on someone you don't really care about one way or the other. The trick in that case is to summon up the emotion and direct it. When I took my final exam I pretended I was casting the killing curse on Professor Carrow and it worked quite well except that I had my eyes closed so I missed. And, that's the only real defense against the killing curse: dodging.

There are quite a few spells that can be used to kill someone, after all,

from the entrails-expelling curse to wingardium leviosa (you hover someone high enough and drop them, they'll die). What makes AK special is that you can't defend against it, at least not magically -- 'protego' won't do you any good.

The way the spell works is to rip the victim's soul loose from his or her body. And that brings up the real problem -- well, risk, anyway.

This, they don't talk about much in Dark Arts class but after that conversation with Neville last year I was curious so I looked for information about whether the spells change you, and if so, how.

Killing another person does something to your soul. And, it doesn't seem to me that it ought to matter that much whether you use AK or a knife but it does, because your soul and your magic are related in some ways that are difficult to explain (I assume, anyway, because no one really explains them) and when you cast avada kedavra since it rips out the other person's soul it sort of injures your soul in a way that's harder to heal. None of the books explained it very clearly. There was one book that seemed to have a whole section on it that had been sliced out -- and that was in the library, where Madame Pince usually keeps a close eye on things!

It's quite a bit safer to use it on animals, like my father did, because animal souls aren't quite like ours. Also, it takes a lot less power. It's actually a very humane way to kill animals because it's so quick and painless but after studying it I understand better why Mrs Weasley thinks it's better to use an axe.

Anyway, here's how you cast it.

First, you need to feel intense anger, hate, or fear. (Anger is the primary and hate and fear are the secondaries -- that's how she put it in class -- with a whole long list of tertiaries that includes resentment and humiliation and oddly enough romantic love, don't ask me to explain that as it made no sense to me).

Second, you need conviction. Like Goyle (ha) put it in his essay about wandless magic. If you have reservations, the spell will not work. (The mindset stuff also included all sorts of talk about putting aside reservations. Actually she had us do some of the same exercises that Goyle talked about for stopping someone from reading your mind, except in this case the thing you're not trying to think about are your doubts and your sense of whether it's WRONG to go around killing people.)

(Do you see why I say it's a lot easier to do Dark spells if you're casting them on someone you really hate and want to see dead?)

Third, you need to speak aloud. There are all sorts of arguments about whether it is THEORETICALLY possible to cast the killing curse silently (because maybe it's been done and the victims are all dead so NO ONE KNOWS) but the fact is it's an incredibly powerful spell and those are extra hard to cast silently. If a beginner, you also maximize your chance of success by casting it while standing, and by shouting the words at the top of your lungs.


For the actual spell, take a fighting stance, one foot ahead of the other, your weight balanced. The wand movement is to thrust your wand toward the sky on the first word, and sweep it down to point it at the person you're casting it on, on the second. As you sweep the wand down, you shift your weight toward your front foot by bending your knee, as if you were hurling the spell toward them like a bludger. (If you're seated, you can lean forward. This part is not absolutely required, it merely increases your chances of success.) If it works, you will see a green flash envelop your victim and they will fall over dead. Protego will not help them but they can dodge (if they know it's coming).

It leaves no trace and in fact one of the problems historically is that it makes it hard to know that a murder has happened. (This is part of why they made it such a huge crime to even TRY to cast it.)

It is the easiest of the Cardinal Curses to cast in a lot of ways it's the least risky, because you don't have to maintain it.

Oh, and. I should mention that many people our age can't cast it, not to kill a human, anyway. OWL year, that's when most people have enough magical power to seriously try. Some people have their full power earlier. It's hard to know. Most of the hard spells are also complicated and AK isn't, so if you DO have your full power and conditions are right you could use it to kill somebody even if you can't cast a corporeal Patronus Charm, say, because that's just hard to cast. If that makes sense. Anyway, it would be risky to cast but if you have nothing to lose, the more intense your emotion is the stronger the spell will be anyway. So if you're actually in fear of your life, it might work even if it wouldn't otherwise.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-13 16:13:26](#)
(no subject)

This was interesting to read, Sally-Anne. Well, in a sick sort of way. (Not that I mean that you're sick, mind you. It's just that the whole subject sort of gives you the shivers.) Anyway, I'm still glad I'm not taking the class, but I'm also glad I understand a little more about it.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-13 16:14:29](#)
(no subject)

Likewise.

Do you get the same sort of harm to the soul with the other two? Crucio, or Imperius?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-13 17:56:51](#)
(no subject)

It's not the same. They do damage the caster, each in its own way, but they're different.

With Cruciatius, partly it's what you know about yourself, after. Some people can't cast it at all. If you haven't really thought it through and you're pointing your wand at someone you really hate, you can cast it but you can't sustain it. Actually that's what happened with Sandoval, and me, that time in Carrow's office. When I started screaming it startled her so much she almost dropped her wand. Carrow took the mickey over that and so she tried it again and this time she kept it going for ages, or at least it seemed like ages.

And cruciatius is utterly unbearable pain, it's absolutely the worst pain you can imagine. It's not even describable. And usually people scream when you're doing it, you can't possibly pretend to yourself that it's not happening. They scream, they go stiff and rigid like somehow they're trying to get away, if they can get any words out they usually beg for mercy. And as soon as you feel doubt, or pity, or any of that, you're not going to be able to keep it going. Which means that to really be any good at casting the spell you have to LIKE seeing people in pain. Or at least that person.

So if you ever cast it and you succeed, that's what you know about yourself: that you are that sort of person. Who can torture another person in cold blood. Who keeps doing it even when they're not a threat to you. Who likes seeing them in pain.

Sometimes it's just a discovery. But sometimes it's like what I've said about lies, and how people make themselves believe what they say because they don't want to think of themselves as a liar. If they'd never cast cruciatus, they wouldn't have been that sort of person, but that day, they decided that was the sort of person they wanted to be, and they made themselves into it because they wanted the power, or they wanted people to be afraid of them, or they were Head Boy and they didn't want people to think they were a ponce who balked at casting a little spell like cruciatus when you had the permission to do it and everything. And after that, they ARE that sort of person.

And once you are, to STOP being that sort of person you have to be willing to admit that you did something utterly awful.

2011-06-13 09:24:00

Order Only: Children home

Molly and I have been assessing the children since their homecoming on Saturday night. (Except Ron, of course, who remains at Hogwarts).



 [alt_arthur](#)

Our greatest concern, naturally, has been Percy, although we have done our utmost not to ruffle his sensibilities by prying too much. He has been somewhat subdued, holding back rather than joining in the general conversation around the dinner table, yet participating in household chores (rather more willingly than usual). I seized an opportunity yesterday afternoon to speak with him by offering to take him fishing alone. He ending up raising the topic himself (I suspect he expected a cross-examination and was simply resigned to telling his story yet again.) He repeated the bare bones of the tale we'd already heard from Minerva and Poppy, without any hint of the emotional aftermath, and I didn't press him. He seems to be sleeping normally, Poppy. He mentioned how much Penelope Clearwater helped him in the last week. I gather that today is her birthday. He left this morning by floo for his week long stay in New London with his brothers. He'd arranged last night with Bill to go shopping for a gift for her this morning, and he'll use Bill's owl to send it to her this afternoon.

He received an owl from the Ministry right before he left this morning for Bill's. The Board of Governors at Hogwarts have retroactively granted him permission for his use of Imperius. To our surprise, the licencing fee has also been paid. I intend to look up the licence number today to see who submitted the fee on his behalf. Molly and I have mixed feelings about this. We are relieved that he will not be facing an official inquiry--I imagine that there are powers that be who would not relish a public rehashing of Amycus Carrow's misdeeds. Yet the notion that Percy now has official permission to perform Imperius certainly revolts us. Still, all things considered, we are cautiously optimistic that he is recovering.

Fred and George have rather surprised us. The constant, sniping state of warfare that has been going on between them and Percy for the past couple years has been Molly's constant despair, but it seems to have been entirely suspended for now. Molly noticed a little detail at dinner last night: we were having roast beef, and when Fred picked up the platter to snag the last piece, George shook his head at him a

little and silently tweaked it out of his grasp and handed it on to Percy. Quite uncharacteristic, really: last summer they would have snabbed up the last piece and jeered at Percy had he protested. They also sought me out last night after dinner to ask me, rather grimly, if I could possibly find out Amycus Carrow's new location. This surprised me a great deal until I realised their reason behind the questioning: they are extremely worried about Terry Boot. I promised to do my best to find out, although I don't know what they think they can do with the information.

Molly's spoken the most to Ginny. She seems to have changed more than any of them in the past year. She walked to Ottery St. Catchpole yesterday to purchase some magazines, the sort filled with garish colours and short, breathless articles concerning clothing and hairstyles. Molly is rather wistful about the whole thing, really.

Remus and Tonks, brace yourselves. Really, they grow up so very fast.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-13 18:31:56](#)

(no subject)

Did you find out who paid the fee, Arthur?



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-13 18:34:14](#)

(no subject)

Yes. Turns out it was Rodolphus Lestrangle. On behalf of his brother and daughter, I suppose.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-13 18:37:06](#)

(no subject)

Interesting.


Percy and I spent a couple of hours this morning browsing gift stores. Not quite how I expected to spend my first morning with him, but it seemed important to him.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-13 18:37:38](#)
(no subject)

Did he find something for her?




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-13 18:39:16](#)
(no subject)

He settled on a charm for her charm bracelet, along with a couple of books. It seems he's bought her a few other charms as previous gifts, too.

How serious is he about her, do you think, Mum?




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-13 18:40:24](#)
(no subject)

Well, I'm sure I don't know! It's not the sort of thing he's talked about much in his weekly letters.

You may glean a bit more if you see her with him this week. Wasn't she going to join you for the Quidditch game?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-13 18:43:27](#)
(no subject)

Right, and the dinner afterwards.

He did upset my plans for Wednesday night. It seems that Lucius Malfoy condescended to give him a couple of symphony tickets for him and Penny for that night.

2011-06-13 10:12:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Wow. I hope it's not all like that all week.

How boring was that?

Do you prefer walking or running? Flying or swimming? Pumpkin filling or apple?

Do you dip your roast beef in the horseradish sauce or use your knife to place a bit of horseradish on the cut bite before consuming it? Or do you dislike horseradish? Or beef?

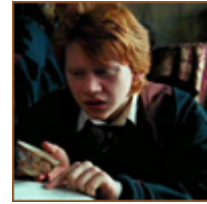
How many times do you chew a bite of roast meat before swallowing?

Which syllable do you emphasise in the following words: aluminium, investigative, aspidistra?

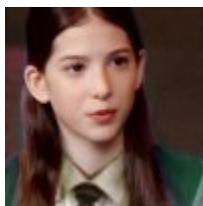
Take the number of letters in your full name and divide by 4 then add 17 and record the corresponding number from the chart to the left of this question. What was that even about?

Do you hold a hair brush in your left or right hand? Or use a detangling charm?

Oi.



 [alt_ron](#)




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-13 15:42:30**
(no subject)

I think they were trying to lull us so we answered without thinking too hard on the important ones they'd hidden in there. Like 'how did you meet your best friend?' (which isn't interesting if you say 'we are roommates here at Hogwarts' but that isn't true for everyone) or 'how would you teach someone to cast "wingardium leviosa" if they just weren't getting it' or 'if you could go anywhere in the world outside the Protectorate, where would you go' or 'if you found yourself trapped outside the Protectorate, what would be the first three things you did'?


Unless my test was different, and maybe it was. They could easily have different tests for pureblood and half-blood students.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-13 16:09:03](#)**
(no subject)

Did you see the reporter who was here from the *Daily Prophet*, by the way? She ended up talking to me a little bit.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-13 21:25:41](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah. I did see her.

And did see her watching while they put you through all those charms exercises?

You're doing really well today, by the way.

2011-06-13 10:50:00

Private message to Daddy

Things I very much like to eat

Toast or rolls with butter and jam

Toast with beans

Mashed potato (not too lumpy or runny)

Eggs

Sandwiches with egg and cress, or cheese and cucumber

Rice (without herbs)

Cheese and onion pie

Carrots

Fruit

Porridge with honey

Chips

Pumpkin, tomato, or potato soup

Bubble and squeak

~~Cakes, biscuits, tarts, and choes~~

Pan haggerty

Things I will eat if I have to

Peas

Mushrooms

Swede

Tomatoes

Lettuce

Roasted beetroot

Red cabbage (not green)

Onion soup

Things I don't like to eat

Beef

Chicken

Pork

Prawns

Fish

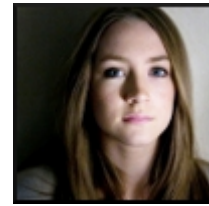
Kidneys

Broccoli

Turnips

Black pudding

Spinach



 [alt_hydra](#)

Aubergine
Smelly cheese




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-13 17:41:20](#)
(no subject)

Well, at least I see some improvement from a few years ago, when you regularly turned down tomatoes and beets. But then we used to get meat into you if it was tucked into a pie, and now it seems you won't even eat it at all.

What are those words you've crossed out? Something to do with sweet foods? Crossing them out suggests that you're letting the compulsion affect even your thoughts about sweets. See if you can overcome that, Duckie.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-13 17:44:58](#)
(no subject)

I still don't like the way that tomatoes look, with so many seeds, but they taste nicer than I remember. Swe Almost sweet.

I'd rather not eat meat. Do I have to?

Cakes. Tarts. I can do it but it takes concentration. Just like how I can bite into a biscuit now and even chew it a little...but then I can't seem to stop myself from spitting it out.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-13 17:52:19](#)
(no subject)

Funny thing, that. When you stop eating so many sugary foods, your palate starts to notice the natural sweetness in something like a tomato or a beet.


If you really don't want to eat meat, you'll have to be sure to eat

plenty of eggs and beans, and lots of veg, too. Otherwise, you'll be living on nothing but bread and potato. That's what they feed the muggles in the camps, you know, when they are able to spare them any non-transfigured foods. It's something to subsist on, but it's not something to grow on.

As for eating the biscuit, remember that the chewing is what's actually bad for your teeth, so you've already got past the worst part. Swallowing it down will come in time.

Duckie, I should tell you that your Mummy has decided she wants a nice dinner at home tonight. She hasn't had a decent meal in weeks, so we'll be having her favourite.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-06-13 17:58:38](#)**
(no subject)

Beef Wellington? What should I do?

From,
Hydra




 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-13 18:00:30](#)**
(no subject)

You'll have to get creative, Duckie.

In better news, the healers sent word this morning that your Uncle is starting to have moments of consciousness, which means that the curse has almost run its course. Hopefully, he'll be back to his old self soon enough.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-06-13 18:02:32](#)**
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I guess I will.

That is better news. Can we have him over right away?

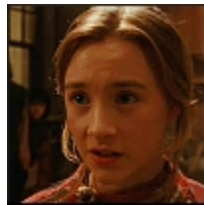
From,
Hydra




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-13 18:03:34](#)
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As soon as he feels up to it.

Now, it's coming on lunch time. Are you alright on your own, or shall I come up?



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-13 18:05:49](#)
(no subject)

I'm alright on my own.

After hearing you and Uncle Lucius talk I know how busy you are with the important artefacts.

Does the Head Girl keep working after you come up at night?


From,
Hydra



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-13 18:07:16](#)
(no subject)

No, she goes home to her parents. Or perhaps to her boyfriend. And you can simply call her Miss Sandoval, as she's no longer Head Girl.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-13 18:08:05](#)
(no subject)

Do you think Miss Sandoval is scary?

People at school did, but I didn't much.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-13 18:09:31](#)**
(no subject)

I confess I do find her scary, but likely for entirely different reasons than your classmates.

Now Ducks, go have a grand time in the garden and I'll check in with you before supper, alright?

[2011-06-13 13:04:00](#)

Private Message to Seamus Finnegan



 **[alt_dean](#)**

After going through that first task in the trial this morning, my head is still spinning. That task wasn't complicated, but what I can't think through is how the pair of them made it past the first cut. I was hoping that we would have the dorm to ourselves during this process. You know, that that they would only take serious people. Oh well I guess they will allow them to weed themselves out.

How did you do on that first task, or how do you think you did?




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-06-14 23:44:07](#)**
(no subject)

Why won't those prats just flunk out already?

It's a shame more people weren't there to see Weasley scream like a little girl over the spiders.

I think I did alright on the first task, how about you?



 **[alt_dean](#)** at **[2011-06-15 12:14:05](#)**
(no subject)

I think I did ok.

An Weasley's scream was priceless. Its hilarious that he can jump in front of an animal that can kill you, but he can't just stand up and squash the spiders.

But as far as sharing that humour, I don't think we could do it this week, but I am sure we can arrange a spider show and tell.

2011-06-13 21:44:00


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so when're you coming home?



 [alt_frank](#)



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-14 01:48:46](#)

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I miss you too, darling.

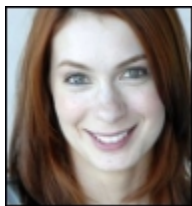
I'm staying at least til the end of the week, as long as I'm still wanted until then, that is! Remus and Tonks and Bea are all taking off Wednesday to check in with Poppy, and with the house empty, I can make sure to catch up on cleaning and laundry, and start cooking and freezing meals for when I leave.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-14 01:49:44](#)

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seems like you're keeping busy enough



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-14 01:51:50](#)

(no subject)

Right you are!

Did you see what that Narcissa Malfoy wrote about me? I've been teasing Remus that he owes me a week's wage!




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-14 01:52:47](#)

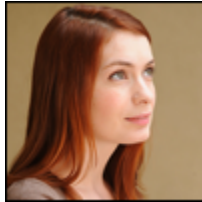
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don't you work yourself too hard now.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-14 01:53:18**
(no subject)


I shan't.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-14 01:55:29**
(no subject)

And how have you been keeping, love?



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-14 02:02:11**
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well enough.

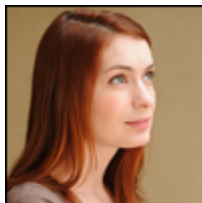
lonely, but well enough.


steve and me are thinking of going back up to sherwood, check up on things.

danny's got a cold.

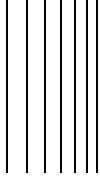
shah and creevy were squabbling and tried hexing one another, so we had to unstick shah from the wall and re-grow creevy's hair.

the goats are going at it like mad and dropped three new kids since you've been gone.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-14 02:05:39**
(no subject)

Poor Danny. Give him my love, and make sure he takes whatever Stephen gives him. I know he hates taking potions, but I've seen how miserable he can get with these summer colds.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-14 02:11:45](#)**
(no subject)

I'll tell him you said hello.

2011-06-14 08:46:00

Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Seamus Finnigan



 [alt_padma](#)

Malfoy, you know how you were saying a while ago that there's more to Longbottom than meets the eye?


Did you read this morning's *Prophet*?

Finnigan, better watch your back. 'Auror Longbottom' might just decide to use the Cardinal Curses on you if you don't treat him with respect!

Have you ever had any clue he might actually know which way to point a wand? I mean, when you were practising defence, before?

The papers seem to think it's remarkable, anyway.




 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-14 15:09:04**
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Finnigan knows what people with the Longbottom name can do, because I told him. So does my Uncle Stephen, and Professor Raz.

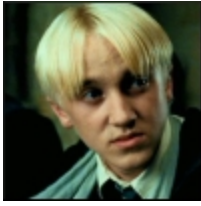
Be honest, didn't you start to wonder back when he wrote to Scrimgeour?



 [alt_padma](#) at **2011-06-14 15:30:31**
(no subject)

Oh, I was wondering before then, but yeah, I can't *believe* he had the gall to write to Scrimgeour! I guess that's Gryffindors for you. Probably why he's even here in the first place and not already home.

I dunno, though. If I were Scrimgeour I'd have to worry about giving someone like Longbottom the skills to really do any damage. I suppose you Slytherins would say he'd be keeping his enemies close, where he can observe them, but still.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-14 15:39:25](#)
(no subject)

Scrimgeour probably doesn't have any personal experience with what his mad parents can do, though. And now that we know his traitor parents are alive, maybe Scrimgeour thinks it'll be a nice way to rub their face in the fact that their son is being considered for the cadet programme, which is of course only for the most loyal and talented among those our age.

I dunno, though. It's more like Longbottom to try to shrink away and hope no one notices him. It'll be interesting to see what he does now that this article has come out about him.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-14 22:56:14](#)
(no subject)


What did you make of that last puzzle game? The one where everyone's whole team had to reach the top of that column *without* brooms?

I saw that some of the Hufflepuffs were trying to levitate each other up there.

Did yours have a loose brick, too, though? Ours did. We cast a banishing spell on it and the whole tower collapsed, so we could all touch the top. And the examiners said that was good enough.

How did your lot solve it?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-15 03:34:36](#)
(no subject)

Ha, trust the Hufflepuffs to think it's easier and more sensible to move a whole group of people up in the air than it is to just knock some mortar down. They never said the column had to stay upright, did they!

We used blasting spells on the mortar until the top of the tower was crumbled at our feet. Wasn't much more than dust and chunks by then, but the examiners said it was a fine job.



 **alt_seamus** at [2011-06-14 23:41:05](#)
(no subject)

I reckon you're right about the article being a way to rub their faces in it.



 **alt_seamus** at [2011-06-14 23:39:33](#)
(no subject)

Mr Rosier says you should never take what newspapers say too seriously.

I've never seen Longbottom look like anything but a prat. When we were practising together I suppose he looked like less of an idiot than he usually does, but its not as if he was especially good.



 **alt_padma** at [2011-06-14 23:54:51](#)
(no subject)

True, but papers love a good redemption story, don't they? They make it sound like he wants nothing more than to become a loyal hero of the Protectorate - and whatever he may or may not think about his traitor parents, we *know* he's not hero potential!

2011-06-14 10:18:00

Order Only: Neville in the Daily Prophet


Frank and Alice, I'll save my copy of *The Daily Prophet* for you. They published a little profile of Neville! Apparently, a reporter stopped by Hogwarts to watch the student testing for the Young Protectors League Cadet programme, and Neville was one of the students she interviewed. They asked him a few questions, and he hit just the right note with his answers: modest yet with a quiet confidence. And the reporter noted that his defence spellwork was 'really something to watch'!



 **alt_molly**

I am sure you will be very proud of him indeed once you read it.



 **alt_alice** at **2011-06-14 19:07:41**
(no subject)

Oh! I would love a copy. Thank you, Molly.

2011-06-14 10:48:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good




Why, Neville. You're apparently covering yourself with glory.

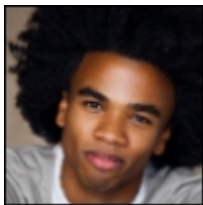
 [alt_gredforge](#)


Good going, mate.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-14 15:52:11](#)
(no subject)


I just hope my Gran won't be cross with me.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-14 15:52:59](#)
(no subject)

Why should she be? It's a good article, mate! You come off looking like quite the future Auror. That's what you want isn't it?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-14 15:54:11](#)
(no subject)

Yeah...except she's not ever real happy if I draw any extra attention. Because, well, you know. My parents.

Malfoy's been giving me absolutely *filthy* looks this morning, ever since he read it.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-14 15:55:10](#)
(no subject)


Ignore him. That's what we do. We find it quite easy.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-14 15:55:32](#)
(no subject)

It's not so easy if he's in your year, and in some of your classes.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-14 17:37:41](#)
(no subject)

No lie about Malfoy.


But, yeah, that reporter did say loads of nice stuff about you.

Glad she wasn't here to watch that group thing this morning, though. It was humiliating enough with the spiders without that turning up in The Prophet tomorrow. Finnigan and Thomas are so going to pay for that.

Gits.

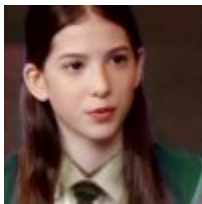
I was going to say they're bigger gits than Malfoy, but really? No.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-14 19:35:25](#)
(no subject)

Look, I don't think you should feel so embarrassed about it. And ignore their cracks about being a 'real Gryffindor.' ~~(Although, yeah, it's probably a good thing there wasn't a reporter~~

They took you by surprise, that was all. Could have happened to anybody.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-14 23:48:26](#)
(no subject)

Well, at least maybe you'll make it through the next cut.

2011-06-14 14:28:00

Order Only


Poppy, I don't want you to think I'm ignoring your dire predictions. It so happens that I'm perfectly safe and I've got a little something to help me stay that way.



 [alt_sirius](#)

Moony, let me know when you and Tonks arrive and your faithful mastiff will be happy to wag a tail in greeting. I've got the better part of a bottle of plum brandy here, somewhere, too, so we can toast to Bea.



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2011-06-14 19:21:49**
(no subject)

There's no need to take that tone with me, Sirius. I asked you to assure me you were aware of the number and nature of this week's Ministry 'guests'. I'm glad if you've taken precautions and are at a safe remove from the school, though it would be nice if you'd say as much rather than cheekily assuring me of your 'little something'.

Honestly. If I see you, I have a rolled up copy of The Prophet ready to greet your nose with the sharp thwap it richly deserves.



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2011-06-14 19:33:41**
(no subject)

Wot?

No tone. No anything. You're worried; I appreciate it but you don't have to be on my account.



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2011-06-14 19:29:18**
(no subject)

I hope it helps!!!



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-14 19:32:12](#)
(no subject)


Thanks, kiddo. And Crookshanks.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-06-14 20:19:41](#)
(no subject)

We're coming up this evening, after we close the shop. We'll let you know when we get there.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-14 22:09:27](#)
(no subject)

Travel safely, dear.

Pomona has arranged everything for you at the farm. You need only turn up there, and Tilda will have your room waiting for you.

2011-06-14 16:33:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley


Thanks. It was pretty much the only *good* thing about yesterday.



 [alt_penelope](#)

I'm staying at the Blue Mooncalf over on Dulwich Road. I did at least find something to wear that won't scandalise you, I think!




 [alt_percy](#) at **2011-06-15 03:46:33**
(no subject)

Bill took me to a tailoring shop today so my robes will not disgrace me. The cuffs have been replaced, and they look much better.

I'm sorry your birthday was not all you wanted, but I'm glad my package arrived on time to (hopefully) cheer you up. Tell you what: let's arbitrarily decide that this year your birthday's been switched to tomorrow. We'll spend tomorrow night together at least.


I know that you'll look splendid. I'm quite looking forward to it.



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2011-06-15 11:57:09**
(no subject)

That sounds perfect to me.



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2011-06-15 11:59:50**
(no subject)

Just -

When you said spend the night together...

I mean, I do have a hotel and I don't care if anyone sees you come back with me. But if you think your brother would notice that you didn't go home, that's okay, too.

I just

I didn't want you to think that before it was only because of - you know, because you were having trouble at night.

2011-06-14 18:48:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



The cruopticon is working!


I found a trace of Terry's blood on the bead he carved for Fred's bookmark. So I've threaded that on and finished the charm. I can't pass it to Fred and George but I can give it to Ron and Ron can bring it back to the Burrow. Ron, I'll leave it behind the statue of the merman with the trident and you can grab it before breakfast tomorrow, that way if one of us gets sent home (are they sending us home? or do we have to stay, even if we failed out? have they said?) you'll have it.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Whew.

Now I have to fix the self-adjusting cauldron and this potions analysing thingie that were also broken, since I told Professor Slughorn I would. I think they had the same tea spilled in them. Anyone want to help me scrub small bits with tiny brushes?



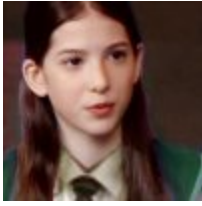
 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-15 00:15:46**
(no subject)

Yeah, all right. I'll look for it

Don't know what they'll do with us if we squib out. Guess they'll say tomorrow morning.

I hope Finnigan and Turnipbreath get the boot. They're being all smug about everything tonight.

Where are you working on those instruments? I'd actually come help you if it's not in your common room. Wouldn't mind getting out of mine.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-15 02:26:21](#)
(no subject)

I'm in the empty classroom next door to History of Magic. I thought about setting up in the History room but you never know when Binns will pop in.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-15 02:28:15](#)
(no subject)

And thank you! I got a note today from Madam Pomfrey inviting me to come by the Hospital Wing tomorrow night to help with some sort of inventory thing, she said it will be educational and will give me a leg up on the mediwizardry stuff this summer (I think she thinks I'll get in, but maybe she's just being encouraging).

Anyway, I think she's right that I will learn a lot and it might even be interesting. But that's a whole lot of hours I'd thought I could work on these when I will be busy with something else.

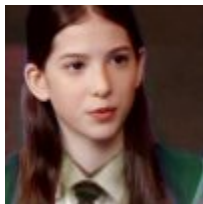


 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-15 02:32:15](#)
(no subject)

I bet you will get in. 'Course you will.

I'll be surprised if I do, but at least I'm trying. And we did pretty well with the tasks today. I was good at the ones where you had to think ahead like in chess.

Anywiz, I'm on my way. See you soon.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-15 02:40:47](#)
(no subject)

I think the most frustrating thing today was when we were working on the one where we had to guide someone else who was blindfolded by shouting instructions at them, and it was sort of a race. If I'd been working with Pansy (or you! or Neville!) you'd have listened to me. But noooo, I got paired with Mandy Brocklehurst and she probably wouldn't trust me if I told her the sky was blue. And then later, I had a good solution to the

Pyramid-building one but Smith didn't want to listen to me -- I mean, we got it done but we were nearly dead last, and if he'd listened to my idea we'd have been first.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-15 03:00:13](#)**
(no subject)

Excellent! We owe you, Perks. Big time.

2011-06-14 20:28:00

Private Message to Rodolphus

No doubt you've been waiting for this, so I'll just get on with it:

How long has it been going on?



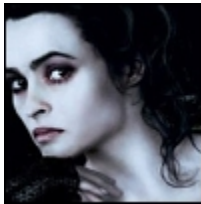
 [alt_bellatrix](#)



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 02:36:07](#)

(no subject)

Oh wife, please do clarify. There are so many possible referents.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 02:37:49](#)

(no subject)

You may have skill at keeping secrets, but your daughter does not.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 02:38:19](#)

(no subject)

Doesn't she?

What gave it away, then?



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 02:41:46](#)

(no subject)

What didn't give it away? From her look of pained concentration throughout the meal to her refusal to look my way...and then after supper, when she knew I was watching from the other room, she pocketed an orange and ran off with it to her room.




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 02:43:51](#)
(no subject)

I see.

Perhaps she has finally taken steps in learning to resist the Imperius curse. I should think you be pleased at that.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 02:45:24](#)
(no subject)

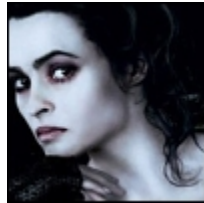
Had she taken those same steps without your coaching and coddling, perhaps. Done without my knowledge, no less.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 02:46:55](#)
(no subject)

Just as your cursing her was done without mine.

We agreed, Bella. You run your punishments by me, first.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 02:50:17](#)
(no subject)

It wasn't a punishment, Sir Gallant, it was a measure of prevention. I don't like that woman sending me Owls about Hydra and her diet and oral care - as if I never tried to teach the girl either, time and time again.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 02:53:09](#)
(no subject)

Ah, so it comes down to your pride.

Surely you can see that she's lost weight, and that regardless of your intent, it was seen by both Hydra - and anyone else who determined what was going on - as punishment.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 02:55:11](#)
(no subject)

Ridiculous. If she lost weight then it's her own fault, silly girl. No one ever wasted away because they couldn't have their sweets and bonbons - no one but a fool.

Why you persist in seeing her as a tiny, feeble thing....do you not know that you only encourage her to stay that way?




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 02:58:18](#)
(no subject)

You used to encourage her too, once, and now it seems you've opted for shortcuts.

I can't think of many tiny, feeble things that would have success in resisting you.

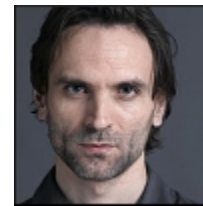
You must at least concede to that.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 03:00:18](#)
(no subject)

Oh, they might if they all had you to hold their hand.

And there's something else going on, too...something else you haven't told me.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 03:00:43](#)
(no subject)

Oh? What is it now.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 03:06:44](#)
(no subject)

Hydra's only been back a few days, but her things are already scattered about the house, the kitchen elves have gone through the eggs in half the usual time, and...

You took her out of school early, didn't you.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 03:09:37](#)
(no subject)

You truly are credit to your profession, Bella.



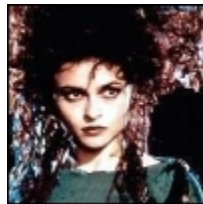
 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 03:10:55](#)
(no subject)

You are fortunate that I am very, very busy right now.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 03:11:37](#)
(no subject)

I'm not necessarily sure that's true.



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-15 03:22:28](#)
(no subject)

Not this tired act again. You had better

No, no. You will not draw me into this. Not now. My energies are better utilised elsewhere...and the worst part is that *you know this*.

2011-06-14 23:12:00

It feels a bit odd...


...being at school when everyone else has gone and all.



 **alt_susan**

Flying trials tomorrow! I think I'll be alright at those, at least.




 **alt_ron** at **2011-06-16 00:34:30**
(no subject)

You all right, then, Bones? Looked like you were doing well on the flying today.

Wanted to say that Neville's going to be all right. I heard you were upset when he fell and thought, well, yeah. Anywiz, Madam Pomfrey says he'll be all right. He broke his nose and has a concussion and has to stay overnight up here, but he'll be okay.

Thought you might've wanted to know.



 **alt_susan** at **2011-06-16 13:27:11**
(no subject)

Thanks, Weasley. For telling me and all.

I appreciate it.

[2011-06-15 08:14:00](#)

YPL testing


So far it hasn't been too bad. My groups did alright yesterday when we had to think up solutions to problems, though usually it was one of the Ravenclaws who figured out the easiest way to do it, not me. (That's not terrible, right? One of the things we should be showing is a willingness to listen to the clever people, yeah?)



 **[alt_seamus](#)**

Just a couple more days and we'll all be going home. I hope I make it in, the stuff they're planning for later sounds brilliant.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:22:05](#)**

(no subject)

Of course the Ravenclaws thought up the clever solutions!

Are you ready for tomorrow's tests? Did you and Thomas and the other Gryffs talk about it yet?




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:27:21](#)**

(no subject)

Ohhh, good point. Perhaps I'd better do that a little more privately, though. Considering what we heard.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:30:06](#)**

(no subject)

I suppose that's only fair.


I just hope I remember everything we worked on about flying! It's been so long since I passed that stupid test and I really haven't been on a broom much since.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:32:23](#)**
(no subject)

You should've said something earlier, we could've gone out yesterday when the tests were done!



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:34:29](#)**
(no subject)

I know but most of the girls had plans last evening, so - there wasn't any time.


I think it'll all come back, though. Isn't that what they say about riding?



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:28:39](#)**
Private message to Ron Weasley

I heard a rumour we're facing a boggart tomorrow. Considering how... unnerved you can be by a few little spiders I thought you might like to know you'll be running into another big one!




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:47:58](#)**
Re: Private message to Ron Weasley

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Worth it if I get to see you wet yourself again about seeing some bloke carrying a sorry little tin of peas.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-06-15 13:55:07](#)**
Re: Private message to Ron Weasley

Yeah, I'd face a real muggle terrorist if I got to see you screaming about spiders in front of your Slytherin girlfriends. It won't be just Gryffindors this time.

2011-06-15 08:47:00

(no subject)

Well,

Don know wha you herd but Imn hot dead yet!



 [alt_rabastan](#)

Havn a hard tim writing, hans and head are fuzy both. All thees pain potins dont help. With the writtin, I mean, coz theybe bloody fucin good in other ways.

Howd this happn again? Only remembre bits...

Rory, soz it, I mised our date, did't I? I bettre start marking, realy behin.



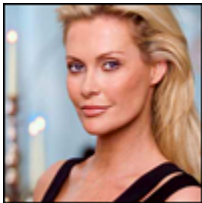
 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-06-15 15:00:27**

(no subject)

Hot dead. Really?

Enjoy the pain potions while Matron's willing to give them.

Good to see you back.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2011-06-15 15:02:38**

(no subject)

You're one to talk, Barty.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-06-15 15:05:34**

(no subject)

I sincerely doubt that death would contribute to my attractiveness.

Or was that not what you meant?



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-15 15:07:08](#)
(no subject)

First, you're assuming I would ever refer to anyone by such an epitaph, living or dead.

But no, you egotist, I was referring to pain potions. And reactions to same.




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-15 15:42:48](#)
(no subject)

I am an egotist? Possibly.

And he's right about pain potions: they are 'bloody fucin good' and ought to be enjoyed for all the distracting bliss they provide. Also for the licence they give one to make a complete idiot of oneself while forbidden to do anything at all useful.

That said, I have no wish to repeat that enjoyment soon again.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-15 15:48:13](#)
(no subject)

Hm. Including licence to use profanity, it would seem.

I'm sure no one would wish to require the succor they bring, dear, but they do have their uses. And not just revealing your inner idiot.

But I certainly agree that there are other entertainments that are much preferable.

A relaxing game of cards, for example. And the ladies are arriving; I must excuse myself at least for the next two to three hours.

Raz, I shall come up tomorrow to make sure that you have all you need.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:52:07](#)**
(no subject)

I thought to-day was your luncheon, not cards.


Am I incorrect?



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:52:51](#)**
(no subject)

You're quite correct, husband. I invited them here for a change.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:11:01](#)**
(no subject)


Wouldnt make much a difrence, pale bastard.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:32:42](#)**
(no subject)

Can't say they do much for your temper.




 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:10:11](#)**
(no subject)

NOT dead, pilock.

Its not jus the potions, hands are still stif, too.




 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:38:46](#)**
Private Message to Rabastan Lestrangle

Hands, eh?

Save some that for next week. I'm taking you to Pseudonymity as soon as you're back in New

London. Belated birthday. Let you get some sensation back in your limbs.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-15 15:46:06](#)

Re: Private Message to Rabastan Lestrangle

Oooh really? I think I should get older and injured more often, if that's the outcome.

Thank you, Barty. It'll give me something to look forward to, while I lie about like a lump.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-15 15:01:51](#)

(no subject)

Razzer, wonderful to hear from you, my dear!

Don't worry about your marking, I'm sure it's been taken care of.

Lucius will come up and see you this evening if you're able to have a brief visit.

I'm sure the healers have told you to continue to rest. You'll be up and about in no time.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-15 15:13:45](#)

(no subject)

Yes I'm supposed to rest but I'm so boooored.

Too bad, marking sounds fun. For once.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-15 15:16:25](#)

(no subject)


Poor Raz.

Well, you could continue to harass Barty. That's always amusing.

It's too bad your Professor Sinistra is busy overseeing the

children's examinations. Perhaps, if you're able to sit, M Pomfrey could position you at a window where you could watch?




 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:27:59](#)**
(no subject)

I suppose that the only entertainment going round here.

Okay, Ill ask her.




 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:04:23](#)**
(no subject)

Welcome back, Razzer.

As Narcissa says, I shall be up there this afternoon and will pay a brief call.


You had us worried but it's good the worst is past.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:16:48](#)**
(no subject)

I look foward to it. If you can bringng me a propre dressing gown I will follo thee to the endes of the earth, good sire.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2011-06-15 15:18:50](#)**
(no subject)

Hah. Dressing gown, slippers - am I a servant?

But of course, we'll see to it that you're comfortable, old man, now that you're able to make demands.

No doubt you'll be wishing for dancing girls by the end of the week.




 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-15 15:23:20](#)
(no subject)

I'm practically indecent in this one. I think it's for a child? child?

It is true that I am always partial to dancing girls. Especially when properly gowned.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-06-15 15:30:35](#)
(no subject)

I shouldn't say that too loudly if I were you, Raz. I believe there may still be reporters about - or will be soon, if you let them think they'll glimpse something ... tantalising.


Or worse: I predict a rash of injuries among the students - all female, of course!



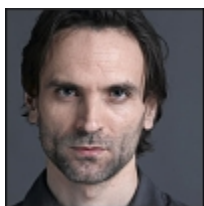
 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 15:30:38](#)
(no subject)

I made sure you had your dressing gown and other comforts when I was last there, so I can't imagine what you mean. Except that you've had the same dressing gown for ages, despite receiving several new and more "Decent" ones over the years.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-15 15:42:04](#)
(no subject)

I like this one I've had for ages, but it is a little tatty. But thank you for making sure I had it.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 15:47:30](#)
(no subject)

It's really I who should be thanking you, I think.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-15 15:47:53](#)

Private message to Roddy

What did you do to Carrow?



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2011-06-15 15:48:55](#)

Re: Private message to Roddy

Nothing. Yet.

Waiting for you on that.

You do remember what happened, then?



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-15 15:49:36](#)

Re: Private message to Roddy

I remember enough.

And good.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-15 17:31:30](#)

(no subject)

I'm quite relieved to hear that you're on the mend, sir.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-15 18:23:28](#)

(no subject)

I understan I owe you quitie a lot of thanks, Mr Weasley.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-15 18:43:26](#)

(no subject)

I was very--well. 'Glad' doesn't seem to be quite the right word, sir. But I was relieved that I could be of service.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-16 00:10:28](#)
(no subject)

So am I.




 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-06-15 20:49:00](#)
(no subject)

That's one of the best bits of news I've seen in a good while.

No worries about missing our marking date (or your marking: I understand the Headmistress worked something out).

I'm writing this quickly while helping out with the CCF trials, but I'll stop up later to entertain you with some stories, of which I have plenty.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-16 00:11:22](#)
(no subject)

I cannot wait, and that iss a fact.

[2011-06-15 08:55:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley



 [alt_neville](#)

Fred and George?

Ron told me something that Seamus told him. I-I have to get out of the testing tomorrow.


I remember that potion you gave me last fall, the one that made me sick up all over your book bag? Is it something you have any more of? Can you, I dunno, send it to me by owl or something?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 14:21:52](#)
(no subject)

Why can't you do the testing? It's gone pretty wizard for you so far, hasn't it?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-15 14:22:21](#)
(no subject)

I--

Just take my word for it. I absolutely can't. Can you help me?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 14:23:23](#)
(no subject)

Don't have any more of the potion, we're afraid.

We could make it. Except we don't have some of the ingredients. Or a potions lab.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-15 14:24:08](#)
(no subject)

Bugger. Could I make it? If you gave me the instructions? Maybe I could sneak into the potions dungeon.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 14:25:11](#)
(no subject)

Uh...we wouldn't recommend it.

This potion's pretty advanced, and easy to mess up. And to tell the truth, you could REALLY do a number on yourself if you get it wrong.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-15 14:30:03](#)
(no subject)

Bugger, bugger, bugger.

All right.


I'll just have to come up with something else.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 14:30:49](#)
(no subject)

Too bad Lee and we aren't there. We could arrange some kind of diversion. Or maybe Ron could?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-15 14:31:28](#)
(no subject)

No. I don't want to involve him in anything that could mess up his chances.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 14:32:51](#)
(no subject)

Well, being sick isn't the ONLY reason you can have for skivving off. You could fake an injury. Or if you're desperate, you can even pick a fight, so you're in detention instead.




 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-15 14:33:54](#)**
(no subject)

Although in your case that might look even more suspicious. Gryffindor you may be, but you're not exactly the fight-picking type,

Neville.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-15 14:34:30](#)**
(no subject)

No. No, you're right.

Well, okay then.

Anyway, thanks. And let me know if you think of anything else.

2011-06-15 10:11:00

Private Message to Harry Marvolo



 [alt_lucius](#)

Harry -

Received your owl regarding the hippogriff. Rather wish you had written earlier; though in any event, it is impossible to comply with your request at this time. Hippogriffs are not suitable pets in the best of circumstances and this one in particular has shown itself to be unpredictable, savage and highly dangerous. What's more, the beast has been promised to Ms Drumgoole for her game preserves and, as I understand it, she in turn has already made commitments to paying customers on the basis of its presence on her grounds.

If you truly wish a specimen for a private collection, you may of course discuss it with your Father and I am sure that some arrangement can be made for an allocation of land or stables within His holdings. If you like, I would be willing to ask Professor Brutka about the possibility of training and taming another hippogriff for such a purpose - perhaps one that is more inclined to accept the approach of children - and to work with you on an individual basis, either over the summer or next academic year, to achieve a rapport with that creature. Regardless, the question of *this* specific hippogriff has already been settled to the Governors' satisfaction. Or will be once the creature has been remanded to Ms Drumgoole this evening.

Do let me know if you would like to pursue the other avenues I have suggested, Harry. As you know, I am always at your disposal.

Yours most sincerely,

Lucius S. Malfoy, &c.

2011-06-15 14:53:00

Order Only: Frank and Alice

You'll no doubt see in your books that there's been a bit of bother between your son and another of the Gryffindors, Mr Thomas. A flying collision.



 [alt_poppy](#)

The boy is fine. Or will be very soon. He scraped himself up, blacked his right eye, and broke his nose. But, really, the most difficult thing will be the job the elves will have, taking the stains out of his robes, so you needn't be overly concerned.

There is, however, something I think you ought to know, and I'm going to have to bend a promise I've made the boy in order to tell it you.

As I was seeing to him, I asked him about the testing. Said I'd seen the article in *The Prophet*, which he huffed at a bit. I think it's cost him some trouble. And I asked what today's business had been and what was on for tomorrow. Learned about the flying exercises they were doing when he fell and learned that they're to do some obstacle course tomorrow that's rumoured to include a boggart.

We talked the whole while I patched him up, but when I told him I thought he could leave and still catch whatever wrapping up they planned for this afternoon, he looked at me, stunned. I think he expected it to take longer. Much. He went suddenly very pale and couldn't seem to find the words he wanted, and when he did, it was to ask if I meant it when I've said that a person could tell me anything in confidence without fearing that I would reveal what he'd said. (You see the difficulty in my repeating this to you, but I feel it was not you he meant to keep it from.)

When I assured him that I would, indeed, keep any private matters private, he asked if I couldn't keep him overnight and into tomorrow--and couldn't I perhaps say that his injuries were a bit more serious than they are.

'But then you'll miss the obstacle test,' I said. 'With the boggart.' He nodded and gave me one of those special adolescent looks. Very glum. I told him that I understood how difficult it can be to face what one most fears, but he interrupted me.

'Oh, no,' he said, calm as you please. 'I'm not saying I can't face a

boggart, I'm saying I mustn't. Do you understand there's a difference?'

Do I understand? Well.

Put that way, I could, indeed, see certain difficulties he might anticipate, so I told him there was always a chance that he might have a concussion. I did a quick further check of his vision and reflexes and told him he should take a bed down at the quiet end of the ward. He's there now, resting and looking exceedingly relieved for someone who has received bad news from the Matron about his injury.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-16 01:00:37](#)**
(no subject)

I see, poppy. thanks for letting us know.
and thank you.

2011-06-15 14:59:00

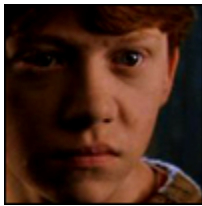
Hey Longbottom....


Learn to stay on your broom if you are going to get in the way!



 **alt_dean**

Do you seriously think that you can keep up with your inability to...well, keep up?! Just quit now and save yourself further humiliation.



 **alt_ron** at **2011-06-15 19:11:15**

(no subject)

Get bludgered, Thomas. That was your fault.



 **alt_dean** at **2011-06-15 19:17:39**

(no subject)

Fault?

What's that? Oh yeah, a word that's not in my vocabulary. Only losers, miscreants and squibs assess fault. A way to blame others for their inadequacies.

Please, I was minding my own business, its not my fault you friend can't handle his broom.



 **alt_ron** at **2011-06-15 19:35:03**

(no subject)

Nice.




 **alt_dean** at **2011-06-15 19:51:28**

(no subject)

I do believe that I have better things to do than to make Longbottom look unfit and clumsy. He excels spectacularly at that on his own.




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-16 00:49:02](#)

Order Only

How exceedingly disappointing.

I didn't think it of the boy.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-16 01:06:30](#)

Re: Order Only

That's the boy you rescued from the camps, isn't it?




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-16 01:07:13](#)

Re: Order Only

Yes, he is.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-16 01:11:26](#)

Re: Order Only

Hmm. Well, he certainly hasn't brushed up on his people skills much at Hogwarts.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-16 01:15:56](#)


Re: Order Only

No, that's not it, I don't think.

Rather, it's the people he's chosen to, er, brush up.


Which don't include Neville or Ron, I believe.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-16 00:47:51](#)
(no subject)

Will Neville be all right, son? The twins mentioned there was an accident today.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 01:34:59](#)
(no subject)

He's got a concussion. And Madam Pomfrey's making him sleep in the hospital wing tonight. Gave him something to make him sleepy a bit ago.

He's all right, though. And his nose'll be fine soon, too.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-15 19:15:14](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Nev.

Sorry I couldn't walk you up to Madam Pomfrey's. You made it up there, right?

I'll come up as soon as we're done here.

It was totally Thomas's fault that happened. He was after knocking me off mine. And he can bet I'll pound him later if he so much as looks crosswise at me.

I think maybe that one examiner--the nicer one--was looking when it happened, so they probably know it wasn't your fault you crashed. And don't worry. You did the first part of the sequence just fine.

And there's always tomorrow.

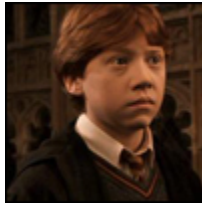



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 19:30:18](#)

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

Oh, no.

What happened, Ron? How badly is he hurt?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-15 19:33:51](#)

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

Not sure. There was loads of blood, but he could walk. Not straight, exactly. But he did walk on his own.

Thomas cut him off during the flying exercises. I'm pretty sure he was trying to get in my way, but he got in Nev's instead. We weren't that high, and I didn't really see what happened, but Nev ended up crashing. I heard that part.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 19:37:55](#)


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

Thomas was trying to cut you off? And he took out Nev instead?

Bloody hell. Bet Dad's gonna be sorry he ever rescued that kid from the camps in the first place.

Wait a minute--are you sure Thomas cut him off?



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-15 19:42:32](#)

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

Why?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-15 19:43:37](#)

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

Yeah.

And you're right. I've been thinking about it a lot, the way he's been acting. How Terry Boot's back in the camps now, but he's still here and trying to get Nev cut from YPL. Which could be really bad for Nev.

I'm dead sure. But I don't know if anyone really saw it happen.

Or if they cared. They seem to like to see us turn on each other. Most of the stuff has been about who can be most cold-blooded. And fine, y'know. I can fight better than most. Got brothers who taught me that, yeah?

But Neville's different, y'know?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 19:44:59](#)

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

We're wondering....

Ron, what did Finnigan tell you was going to happen with the tests tomorrow?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 19:45:27](#)

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

And you passed it on to Nev?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-15 19:47:34](#)

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

Boggarts.

That what he PM'd you about, then?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-15 19:56:26](#)

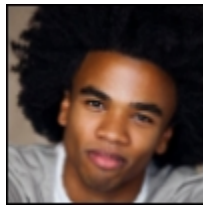
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He said there was something going on tomorrow in the testing, that he absolutely had to get out of it.

So he asked for the potion we gave him to miss that lesson last time. The one that makes you spew. We didn't have any left, and so we suggested that he could either fake an injury or pick a fight to get out of it. And we said he wasn't exactly the fight-picking type.

Bloody hell. So did he decide on giving himself a real injury instead?

Nev, that's overkill, mate. What were you thinking?

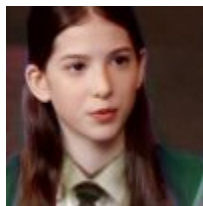


 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-15 19:58:54](#)

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

What, he wouldn't face a boggart? But he's a Gryffindor, are you saying he's too cowardly--

wait a minute that doesn't make any sense. How could he be too cowardly to face a boggart but brave enough to crash his own broom?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-15 22:40:50](#)

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

Maybe it's something it would be easy to torment him with. Like with Ron and spiders. Maybe he can't afford to let anyone find out

what it is.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-15 20:26:16](#)

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

I don't know. It seemed real enough.

Though, y'know, it's like I told him--I really thought it was me Thomas was trying to mess with.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-15 20:01:24](#)

(no subject)

Maybe.

Or maybe this is all part of his plan.



 [alt_dean](#) at [2011-06-15 20:06:26](#)


(no subject)

Maybe.

But I don't see why anyone would make themselves seem clumsy and idiotic, just to get a head.

But after a stunt like that on the broom, I don't trust him.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-15 20:25:23](#)

(no subject)

Not to get ahead.

To get to the hospital wing.




 [alt_dean](#) at [2011-06-15 20:36:20](#)

(no subject)


That is a very interesting way of looking at things.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-06-15 23:51:58](#)
(no subject)


When did you turn into such a *berk*, Thomas?



 [alt_dean](#) at [2011-06-15 23:56:04](#)
(no subject)

When did you start minding Gryffindor affairs? Stick your nose else where.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-06-16 00:29:32](#)
(no subject)

I used to think you were all right, y'know?

But whatever. Say what you like, it's not as if I can stop you.

2011-06-15 20:07:00

Private message to Hopkirk

At Hogwarts for brief fly-over. Dawlish called in rasping about an escaped Hippogriff, a mess of signaling charms, and a possible sighting of one of our Azkaban escapees.

Have taken Singh and Gupta. Have backup standby.

This had better not be a waste of time.



 **alt_bellatrix**

2011-06-15 21:00:00

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 [alt_pansy](#)

Have fun in the Hospital Wing with Madame Pomfrey, Sally-Anne! I know you don't care to be there as a patient, but hopefully being there as an Assistant will be lots more interesting. And Longbottom, that fall looked downright nasty. Take care of yourself, yeah?

Seeing as how everyone is busy and all, I think I'm going to go out for a walk.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-16 01:25:19**
(no subject)

The smells keep making me feel ill.

Every time, Madam Pomfrey has me just sit down and rest for a bit until it passes and then she sends me back to inventory another row.

You know what? I am beginning to think that the ENTIRE POINT of having me come do this was to desensitise me to the smell of the Hospital Wing.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-16 01:31:05**
(no subject)

D'you want me to come with you?

Madam Pomfrey gave Neville something to make him sleep. And I'm thinking she'll probably make me leave soon if I'm not careful.


So, yeah. I could come out with you if you wanted to walk for a while.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 01:40:57](#)
(no subject)

Ohhh don't you want to stay here in case I vom?
(Actually you'd probably want to go for a walk
precisely for that reason.)



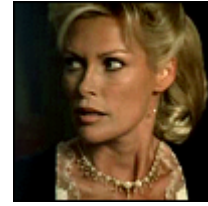
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 01:43:03](#)
(no subject)

I sort of

well, I wanted to go out on my own. But maybe we
can hang out tomorrow?

2011-06-15 21:05:00

Private Message to Barty and Rodolphus



 [alt_narcissa](#)

I know it's frightfully last-minute, but Lucius has just owled to say he's unable to go with me to the symphony tonight. Something about a complication - though nothing to worry about, I'm sure. Rod, he found Raz in very good spirits, you'll be happy to know.

Are either of you interested in accompanying me? I could go alone, of course, but that seems uncivilised - and unnecessary.

If either of you hurry, we could get there before the end of the first movement.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-06-16 01:28:48**

(no subject)

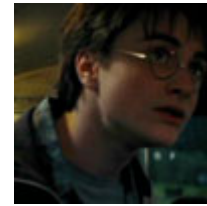
On my way.

2011-06-15 21:19:00

Private Message to Draco Malfoy


Where are you Draco?

Hermione and I are here. And she is watching me. And telling me to call her Granger. But you know who I mean. And she says to get here too.



 [alt_harry](#)



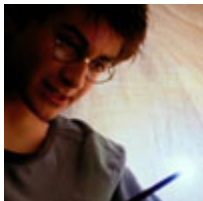
 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-16 01:24:04**
(no subject)


Look, I'm coming, alright?

But this is a TERRIBLE idea. Worse than the time we tried to rescue that baby dragon, because it was just a baby, and this is a giant, nasty, rude bird-horse.

I mean, TRUE the dragon was owned by Macnair, which probably made that whole venture more dangerous, but my Father is part of all this! He'll be furious if he finds out we let it loose.

Granger, tell him I'm right.

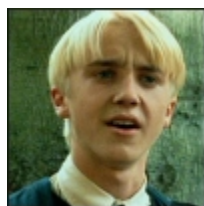



 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-06-16 01:25:28**
(no subject)

I wont let her have the quill.

She says you're right though.

But I don't care. We couldn't do anything else good this year. What is the worst that could happen??



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-16 01:29:17**
(no subject)

We get caught.

We get caught, then thrown out of the YPL and the Cadet Programme.

We get caught, and get punished.

We DON'T get caught, but the bird-horse eats our faces anyway.

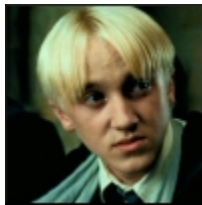
Do I need to go on?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-16 01:31:36](#)
(no subject)

Well none of those are as bad as what happened to Abbott and we couldn't stop that.

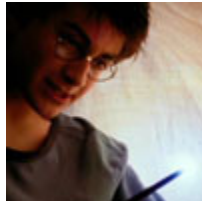
Anyway Hermione says they aren't going to throw you or me out of the cadet programme. She says lets be serious. And I bet Madam Pomfrey can grow faces back. Stop being such a wanker!




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-16 01:34:14](#)
(no subject)

Whoever had their faces grown back before!
We'd have to take polyjuice for the rest of our lives, just to look like ourselves.

Fine, I can see that you're dead set on this. Just. If we DO get caught, let me do the talking, alright?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-16 01:36:04](#)
(no subject)

Sure fine!!! CMON!!!

[2011-06-15 21:24:00](#)

Private message to Dean Thomas


I know some people are worried about Longbottom putting himself in the Hospital Wing right as the Razzler was waking up.



 **[alt_seamus](#)**

But it's really nice having the room to ourselves for a bit, isn't it? I could get used to this.



 **[alt_dean](#)** at **[2011-06-16 02:34:25](#)**
(no subject)

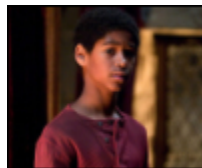
Its great!


I have a great plan for tomorrow? Ron, spiders and a very public display.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2011-06-16 02:43:13](#)**
(no subject)

Anything that involves Weasley and spiders is a good plan.



 **[alt_dean](#)** at **[2011-06-16 02:59:43](#)**
(no subject)

Here is what we do. I over heard there will be an obstacle course tomorrow. NO rumor. There will be a boggart in the course. I plan to find it, if you are going ahead of me you can find it first. And find a way to direct me to it. I think I heard them say we will be going in alphabetical order which means weaselface will be right behind me.

When I find it I will drop some spiders that I will collect in the morning before breakfast. I will push him in front of the boggart which he will totally expect it. I think I overheard him say you warned him about this today anyway. What he wont expect is that all the spiders didn't disappear when he gets rid of his boggart. While he is battling the boggart, I will cast engorgio on the real spiders and run off. In a couple of minutes we should hear a lovely piercing girls scream coming straight from the redhead himself.

It will be priceless, and everyone will see and hear. Complete humiliation is the plan tomorrow.

2011-06-15 21:31:00

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 [alt_pansy](#)


Hey Gf Hermione, how did Harry talk you and Draco into doing this? I don't think Draco gives a knut, seeing as it tried to kill him and all, but since when does Harry care about *hippogriffs*? And what are you planning on doing? Just... letting it fly away or something?

Anyways, I'll just be hanging out up here until you lot are done.

I hope it doesn't try and kill Draco again.

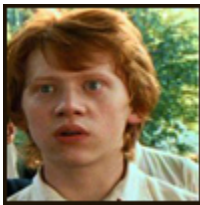
Be careful.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-06-16 01:55:45**

(no subject)

Are you okay? What happened? Who were those men that helped you? I was going to do that owl signal like Harry told me to, but it happened so quickly, and I was too far away to run over and do anything.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-16 01:58:43**

(no subject)

Wait. What?

Wot?!!




 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2011-06-16 02:02:47**

(no subject)

Yeah. What the heck's going on, Parkinson?




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-16 01:59:49](#)**
(no subject)

Ugh.

Sally Anne's sicking up again.

But tell us what's happening. Are you okay?




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-16 02:01:44](#)**
(no subject)

I'm fine. I'm just watching.

And it looks like they're fine too.

Harry is trying to rescue the hippogriff.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-16 02:03:45](#)**
(no subject)

But. What's this about other people about?

2011-06-15 21:49:00

Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

You know the hippogriff situation.

It's off to the preserve today and my protests couldn't help it. Lucius stepped out for a moment. We're headed to sign the final papers now.

I hate losing even the small battles.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

2011-06-15 21:54:00

ORDER ONLY: EMERGENCY

BUGGER BUGGER BUGGER

I knew they'd try something.

Snape and Macnair are on the Hogwarts grounds.




 [alt_sirius](#)

AND SO IS HARRY.

Frank - Kingsley - WHOEVER - Need backup. Fast.

I think we've enough time to get to him before the moon's up.



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2011-06-16 01:56:41**
(no subject)

Wait. What?!

Gracious.

What's going on out there?


Sirius?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at **2011-06-16 02:16:26**
(no subject)


Frank, stay where you are. Sirius, I'm on my way.
Where should I meet you? Where did you spot them?



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2011-06-16 02:23:43**
(no subject)

We're in the Shack. Snape's here and Macnair. Sirius is taking the Vow.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:25:44](#)
(no subject)

Sirius is taking what vow?

What?


Lupin!



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-16 02:27:04](#)
(no subject)

We're not bloody getting married, Moony. He's still a git and I still don't trust the bugger.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:28:32](#)
(no subject)

What?

Who?


What have you sworn to?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-16 02:30:52](#)
(no subject)

Merlin, WHAT is going on!?



 [alt_frunk](#) at [2011-06-16 02:35:43](#)
(no subject)

are you sure, Kingsley?

you just say the word and I will be there.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-16 02:39:27](#)
(no subject)

**STAY THERE!! DO NOT COME NEAR THE
SCHOOL.**

THIS PLACE IS CRAWLING WITH MLE.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-16 02:49:37](#)
(no subject)

what a clusterfuck.

sorry hermione.

I'll stay put. but you let me know if you need backup.

2011-06-15 21:55:00

Order Only

Gah, Sirius, I can't find you. There are all sorts of dark shapes flitting in and out of the shadows. Saw the silhouette of someone, a woman, I think with scraggly dark hair with a silver streak, dueling someone else, couldn't make out---



 [alt_kingsley](#)

bugger. Saw a flash of green light; she's throwing the killing curse around. And now I'm hearing howling.

Hell, is that Remus?

Taking cover for now.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at **2011-06-16 03:05:23**
(no subject)

Hell - the woman is Alecto Carrow.

Things should be settling down soon, I hope.

2011-06-15 22:05:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good




 [alt_pansy](#)

someone saw that the hippogriff was gone and started shouting and looking all over for it and calling alarm and sending off signals so I did the owl thing just in case you were close by with it and they knew that it was a warning or something because now there are people EVERYWHERE and BELLATRIX LESTRANGE IS HERE I JUST HEARD HER and if they find me I am IN SO MUCH TROUBLE

and I know you cant talk about it but you can get hold of Sirius and I know he's here too, here at Hogwarts, because I just do, but YOU NEED TO WARN HIM OR HE WILL BE CAUGHT.

and you lot need to hide. or come back to the castle. or something I don't know but there are aurors running all over the place and I climbed up a tree and I'm too scared to come down again because they all look like theyd hex the first person they saw even if they were short and scared looking and in student robes and I don't know what to say if they see me but you need to tell Sirius RIGHT NOW and you and harry and draco had better WATCH OUT VERY CAREFULLY and I think they might be after Snape and Macnair and if they are out there too they might be after Harry so you all had better lay low and this is such a giant mess and I do NOT WANT TO BE HERE RIGHT NOW AT ALL AND I AM ALL BY MYSELF AND I AM UP IN A TREE AND I AM NOT IN THE MOOD TO DIE TODAY.

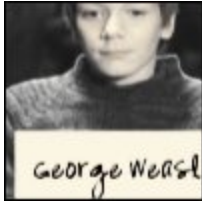


 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-16 02:10:33**
(no subject)

Wait.

WOT?!!!

Sirius Black???



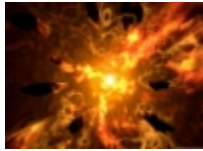
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:10:45](#)
(no subject)

Sirius Black is THERE?!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:11:14](#)
(no subject)

And Snape and Macnair?!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:11:36](#)
(no subject)

AND WE'RE NOT?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:13:35](#)
(no subject)

And MLE. Did you catch the bit about Auror
Lestranger?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:13:39](#)
(no subject)

TELL US WHAT'S GOING ON



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:14:37](#)
(no subject)

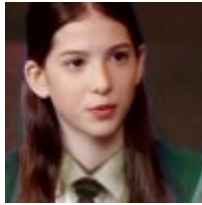
**WHEN YOU'RE THROUGH DODGING
HIPPOGRIFFS AND DANGEROUS ESCAPED
FUGITIVES, THAT IS**



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:17:30](#)
(no subject)

so I went for a walk to see if I could find Sirius Black only I ran into Harry and Draco and Hermione and they were going to rescue the hippogriff and they asked me to be a lookout and they tried, but it wasn't going well, and then two men came out of NOWHERE and helped them, but it seemed okay? I don't know? Hermione hasn't said?

And then some other man came and raised an alarm about the hippogriff gone missing so I warned them? Only it didn't work because then the man started SHOUTING AND SIGNALLING AND EVERYTHING AND NOW I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'VE GONE AND I AM IN A TREE.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:18:56](#)
(no subject)

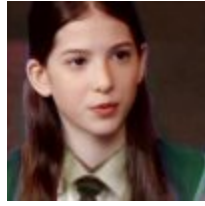
Where are Harry and Draco now?

I could maybe go back to our common room and see if they came and just haven't thought to look in their journals. But abandoning you doesn't seem like something Harry would do, unless he thought you were meeting him back here.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:22:51](#)
(no subject)


I don't know they left with the hippogriff and I can't see them any more or the men and I don't want to leave my tree to look for them! I was on lookout at the top of this hill, and when everything went SIDEWAYS I just climbed the nearest tree and other than that I have NO IDEA!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:25:08](#)
(no subject)


DON'T GO LOOKING. I mean staying in the tree you're in sounds like the best option right now, don't you think?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:14:38](#)
(no subject)

that's why I was going on the walk I was seeing if I could find him because I knew he'd been hanging around here because I'd sent him another owl and the owl came back after ten minutes and it makes a lot of sense because granger said to terry to go to sirius so I think he's here but if he is he's in trouble!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 02:17:29](#)
(no subject)


Seriously?

Sirius Blinkin Black?

He's here? Tonight?


With MLE EVERYWHERE?



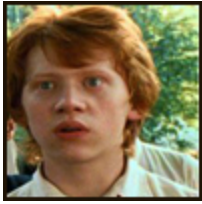
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:17:53](#)
(no subject)


maybe?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:13:13](#)
(no subject)

I think if they catch me I'll just say I was on a walk and then got scared and thought I saw Snape and start crying hysterically. It won't be hard to do.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 02:14:07](#)
(no subject)

Do you need me to come out there?

Sally Anne says I can't, but I totally can. Just

oh, shoot.

But I totally can if you need help




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:14:52](#)
(no subject)

~~NO YOU CAN'T YOU WON'T HELP ANYTHING
YOU'LL JUST DRAW ATTENTION~~

I really don't think it would be a good idea.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:15:17](#)
(no subject)

No DO NOT COME OUT HERE.

THIS IS BAD ENOUGH WITHOUT OTHER PEOPLE
I CARE ABOUT OUT HERE.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:14:11](#)
(no subject)

ohhh Pansy be careful.


I don't know what I'd do if



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:17:08](#)
(no subject)

I think I'm going to be sick again



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 02:19:58](#)
(no subject)

No. No no no.

Oh

2011-06-15 22:06:00

Private Message to Harry and Draco

I don't think you can HEAR me. Whatever you happen to be doing right now, I think it would be a VERY GOOD IDEA to come back ~~insi~~ to our Common Room. RIGHT AWAY.



 [alt_pansy](#)

2011-06-15 22:06:00

Private message to Hopkirk and Scrimgeour



 [alt_bellatrix](#)

Both fugitives spotted, pursued by dementors, captured, then secured inside an empty tower in the castle.

After making arrangements with Marx for the kiss, we went to the tower to transfer the fugitives. Upon arrival found that they were gone by means unknown.

Dawlish was the one guarding the door. Singh's taking care of the body. Have the report say that Dawlish aided in the fugitives' escape. We still have some questioning to do - more on that in the morning.

One last thing, and I trust that you'll keep this under lock and key. I saw something in the woods tonight. Or someone, rather. He didn't know that I saw him.

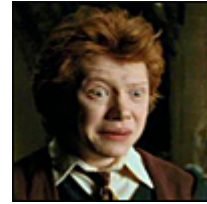
Sirius Black is alive.

[2011-06-15 22:17:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

WAIT!

WOT?



 [alt_ron](#)

WHERE DID YOU **GO**??????!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 03:22:02](#)

(no subject)

What? Where's who??!?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 03:22:03](#)

(no subject)

What? They're right here. What do you mean, where did you go?



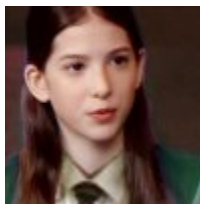
 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 03:23:59](#)

(no subject)

Didn't you see

I mean

uh




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 03:24:37](#)

(no subject)

Well, I was vomming. As requested. Did I miss something?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 03:27:04](#)
(no subject)

They disappeared.

Harry and Hermione and PANSY FISHEYE
PARKINSON.

DISAPPEARED

but, um

then they were here again. Just like


only

more

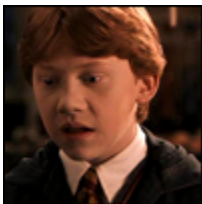
well, Pansy's hair was


i dunno



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:34:38](#)
(no subject)


Did you know that Harry has a timeturner?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 03:37:48](#)
(no subject)

Wot?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 03:42:03](#)
(no subject)


Really?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:44:34](#)
(no subject)

Totally brilliant.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 04:00:48](#)
(no subject)

That's BLOODY brilliant!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 03:45:58](#)
(no subject)

Wait
WAIT

So when you said 'make a distraction' you went back in time?

Did you go BACK OUT to where there are Dementors, a werewolf, and MLE?

2011-06-15 22:24:00

ORDER ONLY WARNING

THE MLE IS ON ITS WAY TO HOGWARTS

I MEAN IT'S HERE


BUT THERE ARE A LOT

PLEASE GET OUT ANYONE WHO IS COMING



 **alt_hermione**



 **alt_frank** at **2011-06-16 02:32:53**

(no subject)

are you safe?

is harry safe?



 **alt_hermione** at **2011-06-16 02:34:23**

(no subject)

walking hard to wwwwwrite



 **alt_frank** at **2011-06-16 02:45:19**

(no subject)

keep safe kid just concentrate on that. if it gets to where it's a matter of life and death, grab harry and use your portkey.

2011-06-15 22:29:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



I am cold and this tree is massively uncomfortable and there are people running around all over and I do not want to spend all night up here but I will if I have to and there are ANTS crawling EVERYWHERE and IS THAT HOWLING I JUST HEARD? WHY IS EVERYTHING TRYING TO KILL ME?

 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-16 02:33:16**


(no subject)

Howling?

HOWLING?

THERE IS A FULL MOON TONIGHT. IT COULD BE A WEREWOLF. Can you climb any higher? WAIT unless the branches get thinner because what if they broke? UGH PANSY maybe you should write to Lucius, right now? Do you think he'd warn off MLE so you could get OUT of there???



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-16 02:33:31**

(no subject)

WOT?!!!!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2011-06-16 02:37:13**

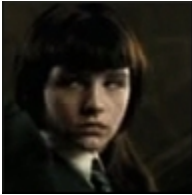
(no subject)

SHITE!!!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:36:47](#)
(no subject)

I mean not getting caught is good.
NOT GETTING EATEN BY A WEREWOLF IS BETTER.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:37:22](#)
(no subject)

oh bugger.


it just got cold.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:38:46](#)
(no subject)

like really cold.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 02:38:59](#)
(no subject)

You're worried about being cold?

I can't believe you're cold.

With wolves and MLE and murderers running around.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 02:39:44](#)
(no subject)

Oh.

OH.

That kind of cold.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:42:55](#)
(no subject)

Merlin. Tell us you have chocolate with you.

And a giant club made out of silver for clobbering
werewolves.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:41:19](#)
(no subject)

Do you have chocs? Maybe? In your pocket?



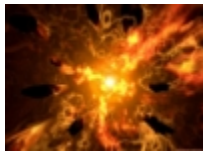
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 02:41:29](#)
(no subject)

Pansy?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:43:23](#)
(no subject)


Pansy? Pansy!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-16 02:43:40](#)
(no subject)

BUGGER




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:47:32](#)
(no subject)

okay okay im okay really just

running and writing is hard but i am alive and
hermione is okay too



 **alt_ron** at [2011-06-16 02:48:20](#)
(no subject)

Where are you?

What's happening?!!!



 **alt_gredforge** at [2011-06-16 02:48:44](#)
(no subject)

But is she somewhere safe? Or is she out on the grounds, too?



 **alt_sally_anne** at [2011-06-16 02:55:16](#)
(no subject)

It's okay.

They're okay.

They just got to the hospital wing. Hermione and Pansy both.



 **alt_gredforge** at [2011-06-16 03:09:53](#)
(no subject)

Oh, thank MERLIN. **SIT ON THEM AND KEEP THEM THERE.**

2011-06-15 22:35:00

Private Message to Walter Marx

Need the full Dementor detail on the grounds
NOW.



 **alt_lucius**

2011-06-15 22:45:00

Order Only: Attn Poppy Pomfrey

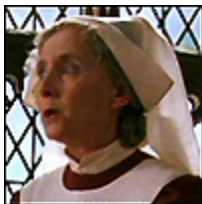
I have reason to believe that Miss Parkinson is far too involved in tonight's events.




 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

Is there any possibility that you might sedate her to ensure she does not get in over her head?

At the least, you might keep an eye on her.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:54:59](#)

(no subject)

Minerva.

What is Merlin's name is going on?




 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-06-16 02:56:52](#)

(no subject)

If only I had the foggiest idea.

Which is why you must ensure that Pansy Parkinson does not leave your careful supervision. I suspect that Sirius is on the grounds and may be in danger, particularly from Miss Parkinson, though she be all unwitting.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 02:58:15](#)

(no subject)

On what grounds am I to sedate this child?


There does not appear to be any medical warrant for it.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-06-16 02:59:23](#)
(no subject)


On the grounds of requiring that we keep this situation under control!!



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:00:47](#)
(no subject)

I will watch the girl, Minerva. But I will under no circumstances violate my Healer's vows.



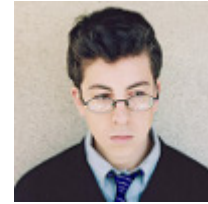
 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:01:51](#)
(no subject)

If, however, you bring me Sirius Black, I will do something considerably more dire than sedate HIM.

[2011-06-15 22:46:00](#)


Look at the moon!!!

What a brill lunar eclipse tonight!!! I read all four volumes of *Ars Celestial* during our holiday last summer, and it said that the red colour is because our atmosphere shows as red when it's reflected onto the moon, and right now the moon is in earth's shadow! Ancient wizarding folklore says that 'blood on the moon' means approaching danger. So thrilling!!! I may need a warm milk to get to sleep tonight!!!



 **[alt_linus](#)**



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2011-06-16 03:12:16](#)**

(no subject)

I quite envy you. You can probably see it much better at Hogwarts than I can here.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-06-16 03:31:01](#)**

(no subject)

Is it cloudy where you are? I'm trying to get a photograph before the clouds roll in, but I can't find my camera. Or my nice socks.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2011-06-16 03:17:56](#)**

(no subject)

Isn't it grand?

I invited Blaise to go for a stroll along the lake, but then when I came up it was so *chilly*. I may need some warm milk, too! Well, tea. I don't drink milk.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-06-16 03:25:01](#)**

(no subject)

It's so exciting!!! Even though it is awfully cold for June. Ah well, that's Scotland I suppose, and we've never been here this far into June before.

Karo likes chamomile for when she can't sleep, I bet you could find

some! I'm going to see if I can find a camera to get a picture. The next one won't be around for yonks!




 **alt_daphne** at [2011-06-16 03:43:32](#)
(no subject)

Doesn't it get warmer the further you go into June, and not the opposite?

Oh, I don't need to find some, I have plenty of tea and things. And a camera, too.

I suppose you might borrow it, but you have to be careful.



 **alt_linus** at [2011-06-16 03:47:05](#)
(no subject)

Gosh, thanks Daphne!!! I'll be really careful, I promise.

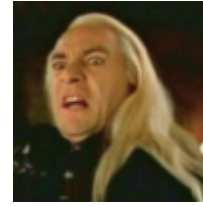
And one would think that about June, yes, but again ... Scotland.

2011-06-15 23:03:00

Private Message to McGonagall and Bella

Have recovered Snape and Macnair *and* Harry and Draco.

Shall need hospital wing for the latter. Secure holding cell for the former.



 **alt_lucius**



 **alt_mcgonagall** at **2011-06-16 03:05:54**
(no subject)

Certainly. I shall meet you in the Entrance Hall.

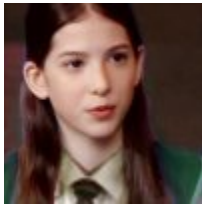
2011-06-15 23:14:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_pansy](#)


Ron or sally anne we need a distraction could you do something now like start vomiting again its really important and they won't let us out of their sight otherwise



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-16 03:15:55**
(no subject)

OK.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-16 03:16:00**
(no subject)

Huh?

Oh.

Right.

2011-06-15 23:14:00

Well

So I am in the Hospital Wing.

Here goes nothing. Soon anyway.

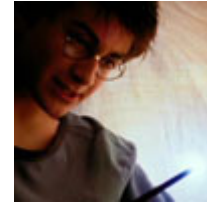


 [alt_harry](#)

2011-06-15 23:15:00


Hello hospital wing

Now I'm in the hospital wing.



 [alt_harry](#)




 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-06-16 03:20:50**

(no subject)

I mean what a nice day it is. In the hospital.

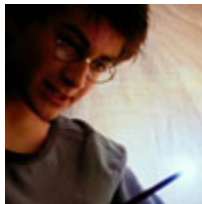
I've been here the whole time.



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-16 03:21:40**

PRIVATE MESSAGE TO HARRY

WHAT



 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-06-16 03:23:21**

Re: PRIVATE MESSAGE TO HARRY

Look it worked okay? I think!



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-16 03:27:42**


Re: PRIVATE MESSAGE TO HARRY

Oh is that...what is that noise?

Oh.

I think it's Auntie Bella.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:22:28](#)
(no subject)

Course you have. You've been sitting with me.


I think the dementors froze your brain a little bit or something.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-16 03:38:39](#)
(no subject)

Are you alright?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:43:11](#)
Private Message to Draco

I didn't die!

And honestly, for a little while there, I just thought I might, but I didn't! And I'll worry later about how much trouble we've all gotten into, but really, honestly, I'm just glad to be alive right now.

And how about you? You looked awfully pale when they brought you in.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-16 03:47:47](#)
Re: Private Message to Draco

I might wish I was dead after my Father gets to me.

I'm alright now. Sort of...overwhelmed. Mentally,

I mean.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-16 03:51:31](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco

P.S. If you had died I would have never let you hear the end of it.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:53:50](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco

It would've been all Harry's fault, so I would have just haunted him for the rest of his life!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 03:21:46](#)

(no subject)

Wait.

I mean

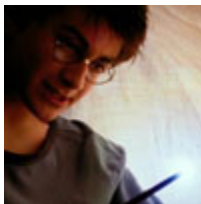
huh?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:23:09](#)

Private Message to Harry

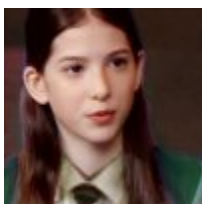
You were brilliant, you know.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-16 03:28:03](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry

Thanks.



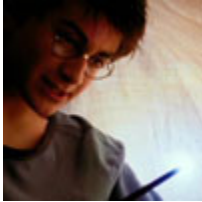
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 03:23:58](#)

(no subject)

What happened tonight, Harry?

Pansy and Granger came in, and then a little while


later you and Draco came in unconscious. I know we don't exactly have curfew right now but I don't think they really want us taking late-night walks!



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-16 03:36:56](#)
(no subject)


Look I will tell you later.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:39:34](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


and I will tell you what he doesn't!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 03:42:38](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


YOU HAD BETTER! Especially after I vomited AGAIN because you asked me to!



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-16 03:44:02](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


It's all right! I solemnly swear it's all right.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:49:15](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

and *I* solemnly swear that time turning is *ace*
and I can't believe we just did what we just did.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-16 03:43:41](#)

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

Darn right you will.

Me, too.

Before they send me home from this YPL business after breakfast.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:54:49](#)

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

deal, tuna breath!



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-16 03:41:00](#)

(no subject)

I wasn't unconscious! I was...tired.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-16 03:42:15](#)

(no subject)

Oh, sorry!

It can be hard to tell.

I'm glad you're feeling better!



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-16 03:45:25](#)

(no subject)

We went on this perfectly exhausting walk.

2011-06-15 23:37:00

Order Only: Everything is alright

Things are alright but I don't know what to say.




Snape and Macnair swore they wouldn't ever hurt Harry. And then Sirius ran off with them later. I don't know what happened to Mr Lupin but he's somewhere and he's a wolf.

 **alt_hermione**

And we had to take the time-turner to make sure that everything got fixed, and we had to send Snape and Macnair back with it too.

It is all okay now though and I think everybody got away.



 **alt_kingsley** at **2011-06-16 03:45:42**
(no subject)


Sirius is with them? Snape and Macnair?

Wait, that must be what the Unbreakable Vow was about?

Well...right. Sirius, send me a patronus as soon as you can, and let me know if you need backup.

And...where is Remus?



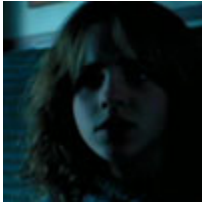
 **alt_bill** at **2011-06-16 03:47:04**
(no subject)

Hermione, where in blazes did you get your hands on a time-turner?!



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-16 03:48:17](#)
(no subject)


Harry has one! He's been using it all year for his classes, didn't you know?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-16 03:47:48](#)
(no subject)

I don't know where he is. He's in the Forest I suppose. He didn't hurt anyone. That I saw anyway.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:48:52](#)
(no subject)

You sent Snape and Macnair where exactly with a Time Turner??




 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-06-16 03:58:43](#)
(no subject)

As far as I can tell, to save Sirius' ungrateful hide.

Miss Granger, Miss Parkinson, Mr Marvolo, the young Mr Malfoy -- It is IMPERATIVE that you sedate them as soon as possible, for as long as possible with a single dose. MLE is making noises about Veritaserum. Come up with some reason - any reason. We shall say they were Obliviated. It will be enough. They will agree to it. They must. Explain it to them if you need to.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-16 03:58:55](#)
(no subject)

Consider it done, Minerva.

And a bit of Confundus in the mix. Yes.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-16 04:03:17](#)

(no subject)

glad you're safe kiddo

I suppose we'll hear about the rest in more detail later but I'm surprised sirius let them get a word in edgewise without hexing them on the spot.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-16 04:09:04](#)

(no subject)

I just received a patronus from Sirius. He's all right, got clean away. He's asked me to rendezvous with him tomorrow, near Sherwood.

Merlin. He's told me he wants me to act as point and backup when he brings Snape and Macnair into the Band, on his say so, to stash them there for awhile.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-16 04:10:00](#)

(no subject)

What?!



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-16 04:16:19](#)

(no subject)

That's what he said. Hex me if I can make heads or tail of it.

I anticipate a hearty argument in the morning. But I'll meet him tomorrow, so I can reassure us all that he's all right.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-16 04:17:21](#)

(no subject)

I'm coming too.

see you there.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-16 04:19:27](#)
(no subject)

Minerva's going to just skelp him.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-16 04:20:14](#)
(no subject)

not if poppy gets to him first!

2011-06-16 02:26:00

Private Message to Horatio Hooper

Get up. Need you in office immediately. Throw out to-morrow's - make that to-day's - schedule.



Keep Fudge but must meet 1st thing, before nine o'clock. Seven would do.

 **alt_lucius**

Travers next - Mordant, that is. Barty as well; see Ned for his calendar. Hopkirk and Scrimgeour may wish to add their instructions.

Next. Bole.

No. Bole before Travers & Crouch. But Hopkirk before Bole. **NOT** at Ministry.

Blast. Selwyn as well - put him in after Fudge. He may have already been notified but in case not, tell him it concerns Whitesnake.

Broome has a special session of Council on the agenda for one o'clock - must work 'round that and imperative to have met with Bole before then. No notice to the *Prophet*, if you please, that Council will convene.

Oh - & send something to Mrs Malfoy for breaking to-night's promise. Two dz sufficient. Inform her I shall likely remain at Bkhm most of evening, as to-night.

2011-06-16 06:27:00

Order Only: Out of Danger



 [alt_sirius](#)

For the time being.

Kingsley, you got my Patronus. Sorry, that's all I had time to manage last night.

Time, ha. Funny.

I left Moony back at Tilda's, once he was able to transform. Dora I'm afraid he won't be any use to you with Bea, but he's okay. Truly - he was even lucid enough to take a few steps over the threshold. I think that potion had an effect even though he missed the final dose.

And about that: I'm sorry. Well, I'm sorry we frightened everyone. It was

I'm still trying to piece it all together. I think the Snape and Macnair that Remus and I spotted must have been the second ones. Is that right, Hermione? That's why they were in the Shack when we fell back there and why they didn't know anything about keeping Buckbeak from mauling you lot.

I can explain more to Frank and Kingsley this morning. Snape claims he wants to join us. I didn't believe him - still not sure but he insisted on the Unbreakable Vow. Macnair too. I mean to say, Macnair swore it too. And me. I don't necessarily trust them to help Harry when they can but then, I don't much care if they die breaking their promise to him, either. Meanwhile we were just getting to explanations when we heard the alarm had gone up and MLE were heading for the Shack. So we ran for it.

Dora, Poppy, you must believe that Remus and I thought we had time to get Harry and Hermione away from Snape when we went out there. Neither of us expected it to get this complicated. He changed as we left the tunnel; Hermione tripped and then she realised Miss Parkinson was also on the grounds, trapped up a tree. Snape and Macnair scattered and Harry ran with him. And the Malfoy boy woke and ran and - I'm not quite sure how, but Alecto Carrow came upon us. I had to change to duel her.

Then Harry came back - he's going to be an ace duellist - and I told him and Pansy and Hermione to run to the castle fast as they could.

Only then Harry gave me the time-turner. Hermione, I'm getting it out of order again, Morgana, this is confusing. Help me out where I've got it wrong.

What I do remember is that Harry told me that I had to take Buckbeak and get Snape and Macnair out of the tower after they were taken there - and then give the time-turner to Snape so that he and Macnair could rescue Buckbeak and save Harry from getting mauled. Understand? I couldn't argue it - I mean to say, they already had done, which means I must have done. I found the creature nearly mad from all the Dementors near the lake, although just as I arrived I saw the glow of a patronus somewhere nearby. I got them out and had to let Buckbeak go so I could find Moony.

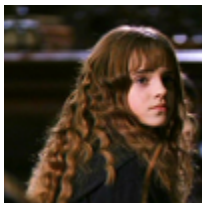
That's why I proposed the rendez-vous. Frank, yes, please come along. I just don't trust them - swearing to protect and help Harry (and not to harm him) doesn't mean they won't have any scruples about anyone *else*.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-16 12:01:37](#)
(no subject)

I sure hope this makes more sense when you repeat it in person, my friend.

See you soon.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-16 16:39:43](#)
(no subject)

You have it I think. It helps that Harry was time-turning all year. It's hard to think in two times at once if you aren't used to it!!

But when Harry came back to give you the time-turner it was the second Harry, not the first one, the first one ran off into the forest just like you said.

And I don't think he's going to tell on us really I don't, I hope you aren't worried about it or won't do anything rash, because honestly I think it will be all right.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-16 20:55:56](#)
(no subject)

I'm more worried about the little ferret Malfoy. But I'm fairly sure he was unconscious most of the time.

I *know* Alecto won't be any trouble. She'll be lucky if she can remember how to dress herself.

Miss Parkinson, now ... she might be a significant risk. Minerva or Poppy may have to Obliviate her - very carefully.

2011-06-16 07:34:00

Private Message to Horatio Hooper

WHY, pray tell, should you have put me down to meet Mafalda at Brookside's when I can walk to her office thirty seconds from Fudge's?



 **alt_lucius**

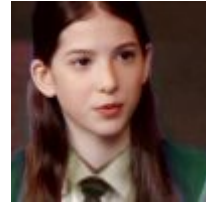
I need **BOLE** somewhere apart from the Ministry, you idiot. And not a restaurant, either, breakfast be hanged.

As you shall soon be if you don't make better progress. Cancel the reservation. Bole. In his office. In forty-five minutes.

Be thankful I am too busy to-day to likely make it to St James' to have further discussion of your failings.

2011-06-16 08:37:00

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 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Are the rest of you lot awake yet?

After Madam Pomfrey decided you ALL needed dreamless sleep potion she decided that Ron and I needed to get back to our dormitories RIGHT AWAY.

Can you tell me what happened?




 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-06-16 13:45:32**
(no subject)

They're still asleep. At least for now.

I can't believe I missed everything!



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-06-16 15:58:45**
(no subject)

I feel a little muzzy about it. That sleep potion was pretty strong.

But here's what I remember.

I was up in my tree, and then Hermione and Sirius Black came running up to the tree and helped me out of it. We were going to the castle and there were Dementors everywhere and I was *so* scared, and then Mrs Professor Carrow came out of the woods looking absolutely mad and started chucking killing curses at Sirius. So he shouted at us to run away, and we did, and got to the hospital room. And they were still fighting when we left, so we were both worried that Sirius was going to get captured or killed or something.

And Hermione told me that the two men that helped them with Buckbeak were Snape and Macnair? And they didn't want to hurt Harry, in fact, they all took an Unbreakable Vow just to prove that they wouldn't.

And Harry came back to the hospital, and when he and Draco came

in, we heard that Snape and Macnair had been found with them and had been captured and put in a tower, and were going to be Kissed. As soon as we could, we went over and told him about Sirius and the duel, and what we'd heard about Snape and Macnair, and then he thought for a bit, and then he got this look on his face, this really *determined* sort of look, and he says, "I know what we have to do." And he pulls this timeturner out, and wait for something to happen so we can pop out without other people knowing, and then once Sally-Anne started vomming, we walk over so we're standing sort of behind this screened in area, he tosses the chain around our necks, me and Hermione and him, and twists the turner a couple of times, and all of a sudden we're in the Infirmary only it's earlier in the evening, and no-one is around.

So we had to run right away down to the place where Sirius was going to duel Mrs Professor Carrow, and we found Buckbeak there, tied up to a tree, waiting for us. I could hear myself from the past setting off my owl signal -- I was going to try and stop myself from doing it, but Hermione said that because no-one tried to stop me then, that means it didn't happen, and it was too late anyways. So we kept our heads down, and as soon as we saw us run away, we jumped out and attacked Mrs Professor Carrow from behind, me and Harry, and we hexed her with this keen combination we'd been practicing in Slytherin, and we knocked her clean off her feet. And when she was passed out we each took a turn Obliviating her. Just in case.

And then Hermione sorted out that the Snape and Macnair who had helped Harry with Buckbeak earlier were actually from the future, so in order for them to be able to help Harry in the past, they needed the time turner. And they needed to not be Kissed. So we gave the time turner to Sirius and told him to rescue Snape and Macnair from the tower, so they could go back rescue Harry. And he didn't look happy at all about that, but he said he would, and really he had to because otherwise we would have to rescue them instead and we didn't trust that Buckbeak would take us. He said he would tell them to give the time turner to Crookshanks when they were done so Harry'd get it back. And then he took off on Buckbeak.

And then Harry said that when they were getting attacked by Dementors earlier, Draco and Harry and Snape and Macnair, they were saved by a really big patronus and he wanted to know who saved them. So we went to the lake to watch. Only no-one else was there, and no-one else was casting anything at all, so then he got that look all over again and just cast it himself, and it was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. It was a stag, and it ran across the lake

and all the Dementors scattered.

And then we went back to the Infirmary and waited around the corner until the other we time turned away, and then just sort of walked right back through the door again, so it was like we'd never left.


So you see, Sally-Anne, when I asked you to vom, it really was a matter of life or death. Several lives, actually.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-16 16:34:39](#)
(no subject)

Yes this exactly. Only before what it was, was, there was also a werewolf, and that was part of why we all had to run so much. And I thought that Snape was going to be alright, I really did! I'm ever so glad.



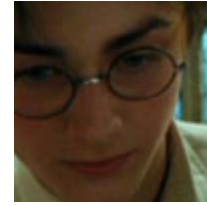
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 17:56:17](#)
(no subject)

That's what I was really unclear about. When we were running to the castle and you were trying to tell me about him, I thought you'd been Imperiused or something, but then Harry looked so worried when he heard about what was going to happen to him and Macnair too.

Do you think she'll remember? Mrs Professor Carrow, I mean? I woke up this morning, and when I remembered that part and what we did I got all shuddery.

2011-06-16 12:25:00

Everything that happened last night



 [alt_harry](#)

Here is what happened:

- Draco and Hermione and me went on a walk.
- We ran into Pansy. But we didnt walk with her.
- We saw Snape and Macnair and then we ran away.
- Then there were dementors everywhere. And the MLE I suppose. So we kept trying to hide. And it was amazing we didn't get killed or Kissed!!
- And then we hid but Hermione went back to the castle.
- She sent help. I guess that Alecto Carrow attacked her and Pansy. I guess she found Pansy on her way.
- Then we were all very overexcited so Madam Pomfrey gave us something to sleep.

I still don't know what else happened. I mean things we didn't see.



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2011-06-16 16:35:17**

Private message to Harry Marvolo

You talked to Draco then?



 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-06-16 16:35:37**

Re: Private message to Harry Marvolo

No but he'll understand.



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2011-06-16 16:39:36**

Private message to Harry

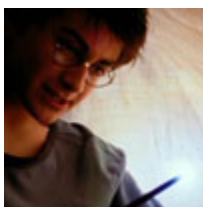
I was wondering what happened.

Mummy came in very early this morning, and she was very grim, and she put on the dress she always wears when she goes to see your father about something important, and then she was gone.

Daddy only told me that she had a long night at Hogwarts, but I didn't know that Snape and Macnair were there?

Were they trying to kill you?

From,
Hydra

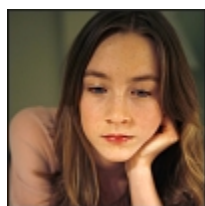


 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2011-06-16 16:41:11](#)**

Re: Private message to Harry

I suppose so.

Your Mummy killed someone last night here. I heard it from someone. I suppose things didnt go well.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-06-16 16:43:37](#)**

Re: Private message to Harry

It must not have been Snape or Macnair, because she wouldn't have looked quite so angry if that were the case.

Well.

I'm glad you're alright.

I guess you're really very lucky, because I don't think I would be, if it were me.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2011-06-16 16:45:01](#)**

Re: Private message to Harry

Well Madam Pomfrey gave me and Draco and Pansy and Hermione something to make us sleep. And now it feels a little far away. So it isn't hard to be alright.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-17 04:38:27](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

I meant that I would probably be in terrible trouble, or would have got myself kissed, or something, or got someone else killed.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-16 16:56:41](#)

(no subject)

Bloody Erebus, and I slept through it all?

Feeling useless right about now.

And yeah, that sounds pretty amazing all right.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-06-16 17:09:23](#)

(no subject)

I'm really glad the lot of you are well and didn't get killed. Or kissed.

That would have been awful.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-16 17:22:08](#)

(no subject)

I can't believe that Snape and Macnair were on the grounds and nobody thought to tell us! I suppose they thought we would panic, but STILL! Blaise and I were all set to go for a walk ourselves - thank the stars that

we didn't!

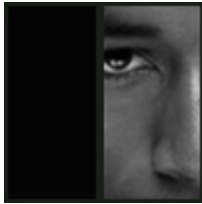
I'm ever so happy you lot are alright, Harry. I really hope that Auror Crouch can catch Snape and Macnair soon!



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-16 17:34:03](#)

(no subject)

Oh, and I don't know that you know this, since you had a sleeping potion, but they announced this morning that Mr Dawlish is *dead*. They didn't say what happened, but I guess Snape and Macnair must have got him. How tragic!



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2011-06-16 18:55:04](#)

(no subject)

Good show, getting through all that.

Rather puts everything else this week in perspective.

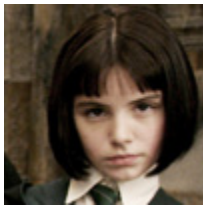


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 21:28:33](#)

(no subject)

I was up a tree! When everything started happening, I was so scared, I climbed the first thing I saw that would get me out of the way. I'd bet that I would've spent the whole night up there if Granger hadn't found me.

And it was so dark out that I was worried someone would mistake me for something else. I guess that's what happened with Miss Professor Carrow. Because it was awfully dark and she might've been confused. Have you seen her yet today?

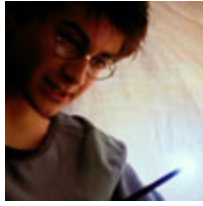


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 21:29:08](#)

Private Message to Harry

Did it work?

Does she know?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-16 22:12:56](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry

It worked, I think.

We haven't got in trouble anyway.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 22:38:02](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry

True.

And did you get it back?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-17 13:18:54](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry

Yes.

[2011-06-16 13:43:00](#)

Private Message to Pansy Parkinson

I didn't see you at lunch so I dunno if you're still sleeping off the Dreamless or whatever, but I just wanted to tell you that I'm really glad you're not hurt. I couldn't



 [alt_susan](#)

I came in late but I thought I heard Professor Sinistra saying they were going to put off the afternoon trials so that you and Marvolo and Malfoy wouldn't miss them.

Though that probably doesn't seem terribly important right now, in comparison to being alive.

Speaking of unimportant things (because it's often cheering for some reason), I sent off the first clue to Lovegood for Teatime of the Strange.

I've been talking to Brocklehurst a bit this week, and it sounds like Lovegood might have a friend in her, or at least someone who doesn't *actively* try to wind her up.

Although, if I were Lovegood I'd be hoping like mad that Brown and the Patils all get into the summer programme.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-16 21:25:55](#)
(no subject)

I'm glad I didn't get hurt too! It certainly was an awful time to choose to go out for a walk.

It's funny, but right now, I just sort of feel... happy. Incredibly happy. I can't stop smiling. I don't recommend brushes with death, but I think I am really really glad to be alive right now, and that's just a pretty good feeling.

And thanks for the reminder about TOS! I'll send off my funny-shaped acorn thing next week or something so it'll be nice and spread out. And I'm glad Brocklehurst was for it, because being in her own house and all, I could see why she might be a bit iffy. I mean, it's funny when she pops on every now and then and says something random, but I sometimes think people in her own house get a bit annoyed with her because she's like that all the time. But that's just

the way she is, right?

It still is awful how Brown treats her. I mean, say what you will about the Strettons, at least Jeremy *talks* to Sally-Anne. And sticks up for her every now and then. And treats her like a person.

2011-06-16 14:12:00

Private Message to Narcissa

Are you all right?

I've just been pulled from a consultation because Crabbe's people have detected the private Floo has been activated.



 [alt_lucius](#)

Trust you are aware that this is not a good day for unnecessary disruption.




 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2011-06-16 18:20:16**
(no subject)

Perfectly all right. I wasn't aware that they would trouble you about it. Ms Wexford knocked on my apartment door and I told her as much but then she insisted on visual confirmation - because, as she explained, if I were being held prisoner then naturally an assailant would instruct me to claim that all was well.

I truly wasn't aware that anyone would disturb you, my love.

Are you all right?




 [alt_lucius](#) at **2011-06-16 18:21:29**
(no subject)

I'm fine.

Busy.



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2011-06-16 18:27:09**
(no subject)


And Crabbe said they wouldn't normally but it was the second time this week.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-06-16 18:28:00](#)**
(no subject)

I'll talk to the Floo board. The connection might be defective.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2011-06-16 18:29:58](#)**
(no subject)

No, I shall have Starling's team look at it. The way things are going I shouldn't wonder if persons of interest are trying to tamper with the accursed thing.



 **[alt_narcissa](#)** at **[2011-06-16 18:31:07](#)**
(no subject)

Well

If you really think that's necessary, dear. I'm sure it's a simple case of a faulty grate.

2011-06-16 17:15:00

*Private Message to Bartemius Crouch,
Sr*



Father.

What's this about your stopping in here this afternoon? Clearly today was not one where I'd be reasonably supposed to be slouching about behind a desk. You may spend your work hours that way, but I do not.

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Was there anything of substance you wished to say?

2011-06-16 18:13:00

Order Only: Events at Hogwarts

Fortunately, MLE seems to have overlooked the children as unimportant victims.



With regards to Obliviating Pansy Parkinson - Miss Granger has indicated that that would be a poor idea, as Miss Parkinson has made notes about her experiences. 'Quite safe,' she says, which I cannot believe, but if Hermione can't get her hands on them to destroy them, I certainly won't be able to without arousing suspicion.

 [alt_mcgonagall](#)

Finally, Obliviating Draco Malfoy won't be possible without either obliterating Harry Marvolo *or* gaining his acceptance of Draco's Obliviation - which Hermione indicates will not be forthcoming. I daren't toy with Marvolo's memories myself: the only thing worse than the Dark Lord finding evidence of the true events of last night in Marvolo or Granger's mind would be the Dark Lord finding evidence that I had tampered with their memories.

It seems like a tight little knot of conspirators that won't fall apart, and as Miss Granger seems thoroughly unrepentant for this - I am not sure what else I can do. Except, of course, pray that MLE continues as they have been and vents their anger on Dawlish's corpse.

Things at the school are surprisingly little disturbed. Since Miss Abbott's death, it seems that nothing can upset the student body's equilibrium - as though they've passed through the worst, almost.



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2011-06-17 03:08:16**

(no subject)

I'm forced to agree with Hermione. I should have Obliviated Pansy on the spot but it's too late now. She's already written me. Again.

That's the fourth letter since Reg ~~died~~ disappeared. Bugger all.

2011-06-16 22:47:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You know, if tomorrow just has NO SPIDERS in it, I'll be happy to read another of those pamphlet thingers out loud in front of everyone and pretend I LOVE the Lord Protector like the father mine should have been and whatever whatever it said.




 [alt_ron](#)

I don't even care if they really do make us go through a test to see who can take the most pain without screaming or passing out or whatever. But then, it was Zabini I heard that one from. So, y'know, whatever. He was probably just taking the piss.

But I swear, if Thomas and Finnigan try anything more, I'm going to totally let them have what's coming.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-17 04:26:54**
(no subject)

I think you might get help. Some of those spiders went running back through the obstacle course trying to get away from you. And they're really creepy when they're big like that, even if it was just an engorgement charm.

I think Brocklehurst was one of the ones who got ambushed by them.

I don't know if the pain test's for real but if it is, I'm telling them to knock it off as soon as it stings. In my House, we try to think up cunning ways to AVOID pain.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-17 14:29:14**
(no subject)

Just an engorgement charm?


Bloody-



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-17 04:27:43](#)
(no subject)

Now, the pamphlet was easy. I can read patriotic pap out loud all day if I have to. Or until my voice gives out.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-17 14:28:13](#)
(no subject)

Well, yeah. The hardest part of that was when I thought to myself all of a sudden, 'How would it sound in the voice I used for the Mad Cat?'

Cause, yeah.

Not a good idea.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-17 14:35:36](#)
(no subject)

Thank you for not suggesting that to me right before I had to read yesterday.

Going off into giggles so hard I couldn't get the words out wouldn't have been good either.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-17 17:32:30](#)
(no subject)

"And *meowwwww* we must discuss the *Purrrrtectorate*, and why being a wizard is the cat's whiskers."

2011-06-17 08:28:00

Private message to Harry

There's something I need to ask you before we leave the castle.



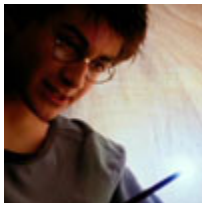
There's something about the other night that keeps coming back to me, and I've tried and tried again to tell myself I must have imagined it, but no matter how I try I can't shake away what I heard and saw.


 [alt_draco](#)

When we were in the ~~sha~~ place where you said they swore to do the thing? I was almost out of it, but my body kept trying to come to. I heard voices, and there was more than there ought to have been, and even though it was a struggle, I managed to open my eyes a few times. The room was fuzzy, but I saw how decrepit it was, and I saw feet, a lot of them, and then I looked up and saw faces.

Do you know whose face I think I saw?


Tell me the truth - was he there?



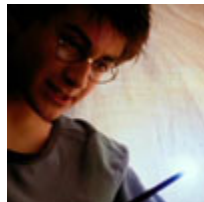
 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-17 17:52:57](#)
(no subject)


You won't tell?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-17 17:57:23](#)
(no subject)

And why shouldn't I?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-17 19:13:15](#)
(no subject)

The Unbreakable Vow.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-06-17 21:04:13](#)**
(no subject)

What about it?

You say that was Ma - the other two.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2011-06-18 12:47:29](#)**
(no subject)

Look I dont want to talk about this.

2011-06-17 09:19:00

Ugh!

I *Scourgified* and took a bath last night, and I still feel sort of muddy and slimy round the edges.




 **alt_lavender**

And those doxy bites hurt!

Still, I'm trying to do my best and stay positive!!



 **alt_padma** at **2011-06-17 13:51:30**
(no subject)


Well, at least we weren't *attacked* by that Snape and Mr Macnair!

Or running about when the Dementors came on the grounds.

I still can't believe Marvolo. Sometimes it's like he's trying to get himself hurt.

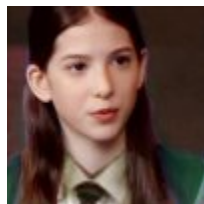
Though I suppose we've him to thank that we didn't start until afternoon. I got a load of packing done - though I would have preferred knowing Tuesday because I could have used a lie-in!



 **alt_lavender** at **2011-06-17 14:21:28**
(no subject)

You're already packed?! I've barely started!

I still get a little shudder thinking that Snape and Macnair really were that close!



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2011-06-17 14:38:28**
(no subject)

I get more than a LITTLE shudder when I think that Pansy, Harry, and Draco were out there with them.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-06-17 14:41:15](#)
(no subject)


They're either the luckiest people in the school or the unluckiest, I'm not sure which.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-17 14:30:40](#)
(no subject)


Right - I was waiting for a crisp lecture from you, Patil, and was left disappointed that I never got it.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-06-17 14:37:10](#)
(no subject)

Don't let's fight, you two! No one was hurt and that's what's important.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-17 14:40:12](#)
(no subject)

I wasn't fighting, I was just funning her in good nature.

I didn't know you thought I was so confrontational, Brown.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-06-17 14:45:30](#)
(no subject)

I don't!

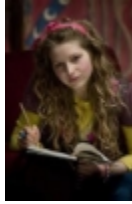
It's just--no one was hurt, we're on the last day of the trials, and I just want all my friends to get on with each other and be happy!




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-17 14:47:24](#)
(no subject)

Who's not happy? I'm fine.

And you look as clean and fresh as ever, by the way.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-06-17 14:50:47](#)
(no subject)

Well I'm glad you're fine then!


Thank you.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-17 14:59:47](#)
(no subject)


I could say it all over again but I don't think you'll listen any better than last time, will you?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-17 15:02:56](#)
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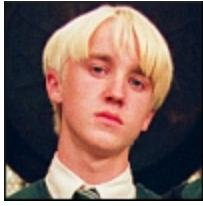
I do listen, actually. But it's complicated by the fact that certain persons of my coterie are willfully deaf.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-17 15:04:30](#)
(no subject)

Which is practically the same as not listening!

Are you in a great deal of trouble, though? With your father and all?



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-06-17 15:06:36](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I don't know yet, but probably not. All we were doing was going off for a walk.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-06-17 14:37:12](#)**
(no subject)

I heard today is supposed to be easier -- well, unless the stuff about a pain test is real, but at least that won't involve mud or doxies.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2011-06-17 14:39:51](#)**
(no subject)

Right now, I think I could handle just about anything as long as it doesn't involve mud!

Or slime.

Or getting ambushed in a maze by biting things.

[2011-06-17 12:18:00](#)

Order Only: In the woods



 [alt_kingsley](#)

Frank and I are here with Sirius, Snape and Macnair, the latter three all looking exceedingly grim. Sirius scraped through his adventures the other night all right, just exhausted. Poppy isn't here, of course, but we used our knowledge of rough field medicine to give Snape and Macnair a wand-point physical, and for the most part, they're in satisfactory shape, considering that they've been fugitives for months. Macnair had a ulcerated abscess on his foot (holes in his boots), which we managed to heal without any problem. Snape's teeth are a miserable rotten mess. We did the best we could to clean them up, but it'd probably be a good idea for a certified healer to look them over, too. We undoubtedly missed a cavity or two. We've given them some new (well, used) robes and footwear, and with the help of some Aguamenti and shaving charms to get rid of the stubble, they're definitely less disreputable.

Severus Snape looks as though Azkaban aged him a good twenty-five years ahead of schedule. His hair is gone to greyish-white, and a lot of the humanity has been leeched out of his eyes. Macnair's a passable woodsman, apparently, so they weren't starving, but neither of them has much flesh to spare. Frank pulled out his ever present camping kit, and Snape's and Macnair's eyes certainly glistened when they saw the food. Macnair bolted his, but Snape lingered over the meal, as if trying to suck every molecule of taste out of each bite. (Maybe his teeth still hurt, too.)

In the mad scramble during the night of the full moon at Hogwarts, it seems that the three of them quickly cobbled together an alliance based upon the agreement that none of them want to kill Harry Marvolo. Now we have to decide what to do with the two of them.

They tell us they want to join the resistance. Of course, these two, unlike Minerva, willingly took the Mark, which must certainly give us pause. The thought of Macnair throwing in his lot with us sticks in Frank's craw in particular, I think, because the man actually crossed wands with the Aurors, back when he was part of Voldemort's bodyguard, at the time of the fall of the Ministry. I'd especially like to hear Remus and Minerva on this, since they worked side by side with him for awhile at Hogwarts.

They both consider themselves personally betrayed by the Lord Protector, although both shut up and looked uncomfortable when Sirius asked them flat out how. When we pointed out that there was no way we were going to trust them without knowing a good deal more about them, Snape responded calmly that he knew that perfectly well, and he wasn't stupid enough to throw his lot in with people who'd be foolish enough to trust him merely on his say-so. 'Particularly when I know they've been such idiots in the past,' he added pointedly to Sirius, who glared back at him.

Anyway, it's clear this means we need a magical interrogation. Neither one is happy about it, but they're resigned to the fact that it's necessary. We don't have a decent legilimens in our ranks, so that's out. Snape unexpectedly volunteered that he's too good an occlumens for it to do much good for us anyway--which is a point in his favour; he didn't have to offer that information. And then, as if that wasn't enough to aggravate Sirius, Snape went on to say that he doubted we had anyone who could brew decent Veritaserum. HE could, but of course we wouldn't trust his brewing.


That leaves the Pensieve, I guess. Minerva, I think we'll have to arrange a hand off so that we can borrow it again.

Once they're cleared, we can begin thinking about what to do with them. Sirius' first thought was that we should stash 'em with some of Davidson's people for now. Frank and I pointed out and then Sirius agreed with us that it's a better idea to separate them. At the very least, we'd have a better chance of getting to the bottom of what they know and what they're up to if they aren't given the opportunity to corroborate their stories with one another.

Any ideas, let us hear 'em.

I'd better put this down and get back out there. We're being careful to keep two of us awake at all times that they're both awake, and Frank's eyes are drooping. It's my turn to take the watch.



 **alt_frank** at [2011-06-17 17:55:04](#)
(no subject)

regardless of what we decide to do with them, we need to make sure we keep our eyes on them. like sherwood -- i'd rather keep tabs on what they are doing than let them go off on their own.

they can't do much right now, not without wands or a place to have as home base. and snape has been hiding how tired and weak he is -- trust me. I've been there. they're fairly dependent on whatever we can give them, and the best thing they've got going for them is intel.

snape's is several years old, but macnair was His bodyguard for a good long while, and he could tell us more about security, and high-ranking members. we can also sort out his perspective on the people at hogwarts, like the carrows, as well as lestrange.

I am also dead curious about the connection snape claims to the old man. and lily, too, although he's kept very quiet about her so far. that's my reason one for wanting the pensieve. I want to know what the old man said to him.


we haven't mentioned names of other people we've got in the order, so min, they don't know about you yet. or the weasleys. and yes, they saw remus, but he wasn't in his junius ponds get up, so tonks is safe too. and we're not talking about moddey dhoo either, obviously.

neither of them are idiots, so they probably suspect some sort of connection between sirius and hermione, but if we're lucky they'll just chalk it up to harry keeping in touch with him and leave it at that.

they didn't seem overly surprised to see me, but like I said, they aren't idiots. I didn't cross paths with snape too often, at least not to my knowledge seeing as how they all wore those damn masks, but I have a reputation, don't you know. and macnair, I certainly do remember him.

very well.



 **alt_sirius** at [2011-06-17 19:10:51](#)
(no subject)


I can see why he'd want to keep his ugly mouth shut about Lily, Frank. He was obsessed with her at school. As if he hadn't been creepy enough just on general principle.

It's true that Dumbledore trusts where a lot of others wouldn't do but I don't see how even he could think Snivellus had anything but

lies to offer. Bet that's why he got all scowl-faced when Kingsley mentioned the Pensieve, anyway. He's probably lying about getting Dumbledore's endorsement.


I do agree that it's imperative neither of them see anyone *else* in our ranks, not until we're good and ready.



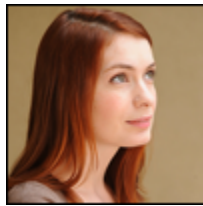
 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2011-06-17 19:38:20](#)**
(no subject)


You know, my friend, I think he would be much more likely to cooperate with us if you refrain from calling him 'Snivellus.' At least while he's in earshot.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-17 19:49:56](#)**
(no subject)

Trust me, that's about the *best* thing I could call him - in or out of earshot.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-18 05:10:43](#)**
(no subject)

If it's that hard to stay civil, love, perhaps you ought to limit your conversations to Macnair?

Perhaps splitting them up would be a good idea. I know you two were at one another's throats while at school, and I can tell Frank is none too happy to be talking with Macnair, and that might be clouding both your judgements.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-18 05:23:48](#)**
(no subject)

I'd like to limit my conversations to --

Yes, all right. You're right. I'll behave if he does.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-18 05:29:09](#)
(no subject)

And how've you been? Had a chance to sort through what happened yet?

I'd imagine it was good seeing Harry like that.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-18 05:42:30](#)
(no subject)

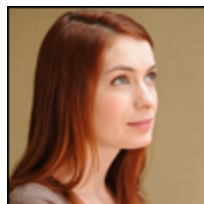
I'm still processing. And trying to figure out just how all this changes things.


It was good - but not near long enough. He's so big! I mean to say, he's not even as tall as James was at 14, I don't think, but And he's got Lily's eyes, Allie. Everything else is James. He's just like them both.

Thinking about him going back to that monster - it just makes me so *angry*. I hope for their sakes that Macnair and ~~Sniv~~ Snape have some decent ideas about how to bring Voldemort down because I swear by Morgaine it can't be much longer. I'd trade my life gladly if it meant getting rid of that maniac. I'd walk straight into his 'throne room' and cast the Killing Curse if I thought it had a hope of success.

Which Macnair says it wouldn't, by the way. Seems to think Voldemort's got some form of protection that keeps him from being killed by the usual methods. That much he's already volunteered.

Though he could be lying. Hard to tell with that accent.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-18 05:49:24](#)
(no subject)

I know you don't like it, but it does sound like they could really help us.

Merlin knows we've been treading water for years now. This might give us what we need to really make a difference. I know, I know, we make a difference to those

children we save, but there is so much more work that needs doing, and there is only so many of us out there willing to do it.



 **alt_lupin** at [2011-06-17 21:55:26](#)
(no subject)

I'm very sorry about Wednesday night. It all got so hectic, but I know that's no excuse for letting myself get distracted to the point of putting everyone at risk, even the children. Especially the children, apparently.

I never could have forgiven myself if something had happened to any of them. Harry might never get the chance to know, but Hermione, I hope you'll consider my apology, although I don't expect you to accept it.

Anyway. Walden Macnair. I thought I knew him, for a while, but I suppose it's difficult to really get beneath the surface when we're all hiding so much. These days, it's just not safe to give too much of yourself away to anyone.

As someone who has been through a somewhat similar experience of proving himself after a period in the wilderness, I think we owe it to Macnair, and Snape, to allow them a chance to explain, if they're inclined to take it. They're not the only ones who've made regrettable choices, and allies are a commodity we could certainly do with gaining, especially allies with some degree of insider knowledge and information about our enemies, even if it is a little out of date now.


And they took the Vow. That counts for a lot.

As for how we might extract genuine and trustworthy information, I'm afraid I haven't a clue. Snape may not be the most skilled at social niceties, but he's most certainly intelligent enough to find a way around almost any way we might devise to test his loyalty, should he so wish. And Macnair's sharper than you might think too.

The pensieve sounds like a good place to start. If they've been travelling together for a while, I wonder if we might obtain information on Snape from Macnair, and vice versa. They may be more willing to give up things they've learned about each other than things they want to hide about themselves, especially if they're to be separated.

I certainly don't envy you chaps the task.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-17 22:23:12](#)
(no subject)


I'd certainly like to hear more about what they've been up to since escaping Azkaban. It's thought that one of them got into Hogwarts, maybe more than once, right? What were they after, if it wasn't to kill the Marvolo kid?



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-06-18 18:01:20](#)
(no subject)

I can only say one thing - "these two, unlike Minerva, willingly took the Mark"? I willingly took the mark, Kingsley. I chose, since it was the best option available to me. At the time, I have no doubt I would have agreed with you - I would have said that these young men deserved every criticism. Now I cannot be so black-and-white.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-18 18:37:39](#)
(no subject)

Oh, no you don't. Stopping you right there.

You may think the worse of yourself for the choice, Minerva, but you did it to protect us.

Not because you subscribed to his ideas or his methods or wished to be part of his regime. Certainly not because you thought him brilliant. Nor because you admired the Dark Arts or coveted the power and powers they could confer on you. Nor because you had fantasies of immortality.

Let us not forget what drew that generation to his so-called cause. Nor what horrors have ensued because they succeeded.

I will NOT have you confusing this matter with your regrets. We all, every one of us, regret that you were forced to take that step. And we are all, every last one of us, grateful that your doing so made it unnecessary for any of us to do the like. We cannot know what it

has cost you to compromise yourself in this way, but this is not a moment to lose sight of the very definite difference between the time and circumstances under which you took his mark and those under which these two men did so.



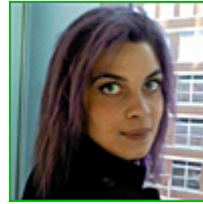
 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2011-06-18 23:41:47](#)**
(no subject)

I agree absolutely. If you had really joined with him, wouldn't your first act have been to betray the Order? No, indeed: instead you have done what you could to protect us. Indeed, you couldn't have protected us so well if you hadn't taken that Mark.

[2011-06-17 15:04:00](#)

Order Only

Well. That was all a bit more dramatic than we were expecting.




We bolted for home almost as soon as the sun was up. Just figured with MLE crawling all over, we shouldn't get ourselves caught up in it all. Hope that's okay.

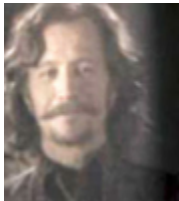
 [alt_nymphadora](#)


On the upside, I was up with Bea all night for the full moon, and she was absolutely fine. Not even a twitch. Hopefully someone will stop stressing now. But then again, I shouldn't expect miracles.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-06-17 21:31:52](#)
(no subject)

Cheeky.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-17 22:09:41](#)
(no subject)

Bea's perfect. She probably won't even grow up to be a troublemaker.

Not likely, but then that's perfect, too.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-06-19 12:03:48](#)
(no subject)

With her godfather's example to follow, I don't reckon she'll have any choice but to become a troublemaker. I just hope she gives her poor old mum a break from time to time!

It was lovely to see you, you know. Don't be a stranger.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 13:47:35](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I don't think she need look as far away as her godfather for examples of recklessness.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-17 22:58:32](#)
(no subject)

I know, as little as you said about it, that for Bea to pass her first full moon safely was a big relief. I'm so glad.


I finished knitting another blanket for her. I know, I know, but I enjoyed doing the last one so much, I couldn't resist to keep going. I'm waiting for Percy to get home again to send it to you, because his owl, Hermes, is a little better at managing packages than our Errol, who's older.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-06-19 12:01:30](#)
(no subject)

Oh thank you so much, Molly. You're so generous, and your blankets are always so perfect. Thank you.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-19 12:39:44](#)
(no subject)

I feel quite badly that I was unable to see you and Bea after you brought her all this way. And, of course, I'm not surprised that there was no alteration in her during the moon, but I quite understand both your apprehension and your relief. And I'm very sorry I couldn't help reassure you as you kept vigil on the night of the moon.

I shall be leaving on my summer rambles in a few weeks, and I could come to New London then. Or if there is any cause for concern between now and then, I could pop down briefly at any time.

2011-06-17 18:22:00

Almost there

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who's worked hard to make the CCF trials this week work as smoothly as they have.



 **alt_sinistra**

Of course, my thanks must begin with our Headmistress and other staff (including Madam Pomfrey, who's been kept quite busy this week) for rearranging plans and space on short notice, and likewise to the various examiners and Ministry staff who have assisted in testing. My thanks also go to our students, who've met the challenges of this week with remarkably good grace.

This testing has also given the opportunity for various Ministry departments to give a trial run to new methods of guiding people towards the roles in which they can best serve the Protectorate, and I believe the results of these trials will benefit all of us in years to come.

I know that parents may have some questions as students return home, about the decision-making process. While some material has been delivered by owl, I or the CCF programme coordinators (listed in the material sent home) are also available for additional questions.

(For myself: I'll be at Hogwarts for a day or two, and then am taking a quick few days to visit with family, before we dive into the summer YPL programme planning for the younger students. My journal is likely a better way to reach me than owl.)



 **alt_sinistra** at **2011-06-17 23:46:52**

Private message to Arca Sinistra

Mum -

We're almost done, thank Merlin. It has been an incredibly difficult few weeks, as I'm sure you can imagine, and the recent chaos barely made a dent. I will be very glad to get the various examiners (all of whom have their own pet theories and interests, none of which coordinate well with any others) out of my hair.

I need to stay here through Saturday night or maybe Sunday to wrap up loose ends, but then I am very much looking forward to a few

quiet days with you and Dad at home. If you can keep a lid on the rest of the family, it'd be much appreciated.

And no. I keep telling you to get through Diane's head: Raz and I are friends, nothing more. The date he refers to is, as I have told you, a date to mark and share amusing bits. (All right, and a bit of a drink.)



 **alt_sinistra** at **2011-06-17 23:51:00**

Private message to Rabastan Lestrangle

Raz -

I'm so sorry I'm not likely to be able to stop by today, or until everyone's gone away finally. There's a lot of tedious wrangling about the final disposition of places, and every examiner seems to have an entirely different idea about what should happen there.


I am planning to take a few days at home with my parents - if I don't, I think I might do something horrible to someone out of sheer nerves.

Are they going to let you go somewhere more pleasant to recover? (And surely, you won't be in trouble for what happened while you weren't able to keep an eye on your charge. I hope?)

I've a few days of time in New London that need to happen for planning and related shopping, but otherwise, I'll probably be back here mostly except when I'm at the YPL weeks.

Rory



 **alt_rabastan** at **2011-06-18 03:49:04**

Re: Private message to Rabastan Lestrangle

They tell me I should be able to leave the castle tomorrow or Sunday, so long as I have someone to check on me daily for a while. As you can see, my hands are working better now. I'm trying to ween myself off the pain potions, too, though I can't say it's much fun at all.

I haven't yet decided where I'll go. I'm sure either Barty or my brother will offer to take me in, though. Or insist, rather.

And don't worry at all about not being about to get away today, I managed to entertain myself very well. Did you know there are three hundred and eighty three little tiny pockmarks on the stone slab above my bed? It's positively riveting.

But now I'm even more entertained at the thought of you doing something horrible. What on earth could that be, I wonder? Pushing one of the examiners off a moving staircase? No, nothing surely so violent as that...

Hmm. Well, it will give me something to wonder about as I bear down for my first night of tossing and turning, sans potions. Wish me luck!

-R



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-06-18 13:37:49](#)

Re: Private message to Rabastan Lestrangle


Oh, that's excellent news, that you get a change of scene. As to the tiny little pockmarks - I had a bout of being miserably ill when I was a student and did much the same thing, though of course, once I'd counted them, I started making them into little tiny constellation groups. (It at least extended the distraction a little...)

As to my doing something horrible - well, I admit, I am not practiced with that sort of thing. As you say, pushing someone off the stairs is not my style, but I have had fantasies of making the examiners have to pass their own tests and trials at wandpoint. Or having to sit through interminable meetings about the fine points of some topic that has no lasting value. (Perhaps I am too wrung out for any good plots, so I welcome your far more inventive mind...)

Oh, Merlin. They're starting up again on the arguments about what the color choice tests reveal about loyalty and leadership ability. I must look thoughtful and attentive. I'll come by tonight when everyone's off and away, at least.

-R



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-18 01:15:09](#)
(no subject)


Thank you very much, Professor, for all your hard work. We all appreciate it.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-06-18 13:40:00](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Miss Patil.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-06-18 01:16:52](#)
(no subject)

Yes, thank you, Professor. I'm sure it's very rewarding to see the YPL flourishing and I know I speak for all the Hufflepuffs when I say that it's down to how you lead us. Even if we don't all make the CCF we really

enjoy YPL.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2011-06-18 13:40:36](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Mr Smith, that's much appreciated.

2011-06-17 20:04:00

A week in New London

I am genuinely grateful to my brother Bill for putting me up in his flat this week, to give me an opportunity to look around New London a bit. And my brother Charlie's here now, too! It's wonderful to see him again, and he's looking good, barring the usual singed patches. It seems like we've been all over the city. New London is certainly looking splendid, with all of the renovation that's been going on. Much more green space, and of course, much less crowded than London has been historically, I understand. Truly, this is the way a city is supposed to be!



 [alt_percy](#)

I had been rather, well, reclusive during my last week at Hogwarts and rather thought I'd be in the same mood this week. But Bill took me the first day to see the Protectorate Retrospective: The First Decade, an exhibition at University College. It was so interesting I was quite seized by an interest in history that's got us out and walking to see the sites around London almost every day this week. We took one of the pre-arranged tours on Tuesday, but then on Wednesday night we went on our own to see Protector's Square, and the Triumphal Arch in Green Park, and so on.


I took Penny to the New London Philharmonic on Wednesday night, using the tickets that Mr Malfoy had so kindly provided. It was a world premiere, the Albion Symphony, by Eustace Euphonious. I freely admit that my knowledge of music is rudimentary at best, but even to my amateur ear, the performance was splendid. Very moving. I was so glad to be able to share it with Penny.

Penny also joined the three of us today when we went to see the gardens at Kensington. I had started to feel that perhaps I'd been a bit too ambitious with the walking tours, but that was certainly worth the trip, a highlight of the entire week.

I've tried to squeeze in a few visits with friends and acquaintances. Mr Crispin, my mentor from my internship last summer with Mr Malfoy, was gracious enough to meet me for breakfast this morning, and I had lunch with Ned Pennifold earlier in the week.

Still, it'll be a nice change to be sitting still tomorrow. Bill's gotten us tickets to see the Wimbourne Wasps play the Appleby Arrows.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-18 04:18:09](#)
(no subject)

My Aunt and Uncle live at Kensington, some of the time.

Well, I suppose you probably knew that.

Sometimes I think I'd rather live at Kensington than St. James Palace because I like the gardens there better, and also because I'm afraid that I might see Bloody Mary here someday.

Someone told me that's a silly thing to be afraid of because Bloody Mary was a muggle queen who burned witches and wizards and she wouldn't become a ghost, and even if she did, she wouldn't DARE show her face to us.

But her heart and bowels are buried in the Chapel Royal, doesn't knowing that just give you the chills?

But even though Kensington gardens are so beautiful, St. James park is so wild and lush and I like the duck island, and then there's Buckingham, right across way by the Lord Protector's memorial gardens.

So that's nice.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-18 04:42:39](#)
(no subject)

Oh, he knows it. In fact, we almost didn't get to go through because there was a longish queue and the security measures have been increased, but Percy explained that he knows Mr and Mrs Malfoy personally and that he even worked for Mr Malfoy last summer, and they let us in.


The gardens are really beautiful, and Mr Cooper's sculptural elements make them even more special. I loved the tree that grows from a sapling to a 100-year oak in about three minutes. And back,

of course. Have you been to see them since your Aunt had them installed?

I do think that a traumatic enough death could make even a muggle leave some traces, but I've never heard of a corporeal ghost who wasn't a witch or wizard in life. Whoever told you there's no spectre to be afraid of is right, Lestrangle. Have you been to the chapel itself? That might help dispel your misgivings.

How are you recovering, by the way? Well, I hope. Percy told me a little about what happened and it must have been quite unnerving.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-18 04:52:24](#)
(no subject)


Yes, we went for supper just recently, and Aunt Narcissa let me go to the gardens because she knows that I like them very much. The mushrooms that pop up from the ground to make a path are my favourite.

We go in there for some things, like naming ceremonies, and to look at the Black family tree that my parents had put into the stained glass windows. I stay away from the choir stalls, though, because that's where her heart is.

I'm doing well, thank you.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-18 16:03:01](#)
(no subject)

I hadn't seen the mushroom path. What a nice, whimsical idea. I'll have to look for it, if I get back to the gardens again.

I'm very glad you're doing well, Miss Lestrangle.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-18 16:35:52](#)
(no subject)


It's a bit hidden, you have to know where to look.

I hope that you are doing well, too.

It sounds like you might be.


From,
Hydra



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-18 04:44:00](#)
Private Message to Percy


It's been really special, hasn't it? I hope your brothers aren't too upset that I've tagged along so much.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-18 15:56:39](#)
Re: Private Message to Percy

They've liked meeting you. Both of them have said so.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-18 16:06:21](#)
Re: Private Message to Percy

I only wish--I don't want you to think

I mean, if I were in New London on my own, you understand, I would have very much liked to take you up your offer, about the hotel.




 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-18 16:19:33](#)
Re: Private Message to Percy

No, it's okay, Perce. I figured you might not want to have to explain anything to them. Or that they'd get the wrong idea, like we're, I dunno. Doing more than just holding each other.

I can't wait until we can share a flat properly, though.

Of course, my father will probably *still* get the wrong end of the wand, but so long as you're prepared for that!




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-18 16:08:55](#)
(no subject)

It's been a fun week, Perce. You know what they always say about living in a city: you only bother to see the sights yourself when you've got visitors to show around. Would you believe I'd never seen

Kensington Gardens myself before now?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-18 16:26:59](#)
Order Only

Mum and Dad:


It's certainly been illuminating.

I think that for Percy, a week in New London was definitely the right idea. He was very quiet when he first arrived, but I think the exercise from all the sight-seeing has been good for him, and now he's definitely coming out of his shell. We're spending more time with his girlfriend than I expected, but that's no hardship. Charlie and I both like her, and she's obviously concerned about him. Mum, I hope you get more of a chance to see her this summer, but based on a few remarks Percy's dropped, I suspect you will. They seem to be quite serious about each other.

That's the good news.

The bad news is that it's crystal clear to me that you can't breathe even a hint of your involvement with the Order to him. His loyalties are solidifying, and I'm afraid your fears were justified. Listening to his comments made when we were looking at that historical exhibition was nauseating. He's swallowing the regime's propaganda hook line and sinker. I think part of the problem is that he idolises that berk, Lucius Malfoy. It's not so much what Lucius represents, understand. He hasn't thought very deeply about it. But he's dazzled by the man's money, his influence, the fact that he's at the center of power.



 **alt_arthur** at [2011-06-18 16:40:09](#)

Re: Order Only

Thanks for the report Bill. I'm glad that there have been some benefits to your idea to put him up for the week. As for the rest...I'm very sorry to hear it, but as you say, it's what your mother and I feared.

Has he unburdened himself any about what happened with Carrow?



 **alt_bill** at [2011-06-18 16:44:19](#)

Re: Order Only

I've probed a little--very gingerly--about the aftereffects of using the Imperius. He admitted about what happened after that scene when you caught him trying to cast Crucio. I know you were relieved when he said he wouldn't try casting it anymore. But I think that's because being a sadist doesn't tempt him at all. Carrow revolted him--but perversely, that sense of his own superiority is what made it easier for him to cast Imperius. Aside from the general horror of what happened, he was shaken when he cast Imperius, but I suspect not in the same way as when he tried Crucio.

He hasn't said so, and I'm not sure he's entirely articulated it to himself. But I'm beginning to wonder whether what really shook him about it was that he liked it.

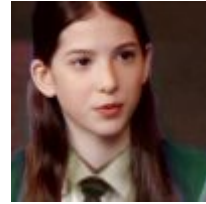
No, the temptation to cause pain isn't what's going to get Percy into trouble.

It's the temptation of power.

[2011-06-17 22:03:00](#)

YPL testing is over!

I was rather hoping they'd let us know right away whether we'd got in for the summer, or not.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)**

I suddenly realised that we're all leaving tomorrow and it's two and a half months before we come back to school. It'll be nice to see Gemma again.

What did people do during the pain test? They said they'd stop it when you said you'd had enough and so I stopped it as soon as it hurt more than an itch. I'm in Slytherin. We're clever enough to AVOID pain. At least when it's optional! (Or maybe not everyone got that one? I heard a rumour not everyone got the same tests today.)




 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-18 04:00:39](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Daphne's alternating between being kind and being nervous. She's acting kind (in a superior sort of way, I mean) when she's thinking that surely either I'll be dropped for being a half-blood, or Pansy will be dropped for being a trouble magnet (I rather like how Brown put it, they're either the luckiest or the unluckiest people at the school). Nervous, when she's thinking SHE'S surely the one who's been dropped. This, despite the fact that NO one in Slytherin really believed them when they told us they were dropping one more girl and one more boy from each House. They were just trying to rattle us. Also, they want to see if there's someone that everyone turns on, and if so, how that person reacts.

Pansy, do you think you're going to be in trouble? About the walk?
~~Harry got that owl today and~~



 **[alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-18 14:45:09](#)**

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

Yeah. I got the pain test. Put my hand in the box and just stared at them until they stopped making it worse. And they did stop it before it got to where I couldn't stand it. I mean, it was pretty bad, but I just

thought about the fact that Thomas and Finnigan would have to do it, too, and I really wanted to be sure neither of them took it better than I did.

I heard some people didn't have to do the pain thing. Bundy said when they called her in all they did was ask her to say why they should take her and not Brown or Patil. She wouldn't tell me what she said, though.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-18 14:46:30](#)

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

Gryffindors.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-18 17:56:18](#)

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

Well, Lucius was steaming. I mean, really really angry. But it was more because he was concerned, I think, because he was the one who ordered the Dementors to come, and if he'd known we were all out there, he wouldn't have.

I honestly don't know.

If they found out about what Harry did with the hippogriff, letting it go, I mean, well, I didn't help with Buckbeak, not really, but I didn't stop it from happening or tell someone what they were doing. So I might get in trouble for that. I think he was angry enough so that I can expect some amount of trouble. But not nearly as much as Draco and Harry.

Draco is obviously very unhappy. He hasn't said hardly anything the entire train ride, and I think he and Harry are on the outs. Do you think it's because of the letter Harry got?

I don't know what they'll do about Hermione either. I mean, she went along, but she could claim that she was forced, and she did help me, I made that *very* clear whenever they asked us what happened.



 **alt_draco** at **2011-06-18 18:15:44**
(no subject)

That pain test was nothing at all.

I suppose that for some people it was worse, knowing that it would hurt. I'd rather know in advance that it's going to hurt. It's better to know what's coming so that I can prepare myself for how to deal with it.

2011-06-18 11:23:00

Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Alright. So it isn't fair for me to lie. Even by not saying things. I know that. I just - you can't tell, all right?



 [alt_harry](#)

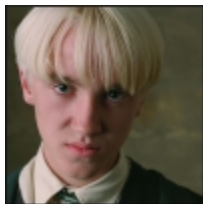
Yes, the person who you thought was there was there. There were three people who swore the Unbreakable Vow. And there were other people there too. Mostly people that other people think wanted to kill me. But they don't.

The one you were worried about swore it too.

He knew my parents. My real parents I mean. My blood parents. Not Father.

I don't know maybe he knew Father too.

So, I'm sorry I didn't tell you straight out. Only you have to see what trouble we'd be in. And right then they would have tracked him down. But I guess he's far away by now.



 [alt_draco](#) at **2011-06-18 15:42:54**

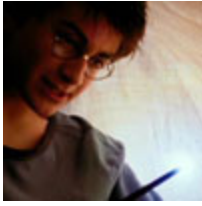
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I remember he knew your parents - you showed me his letter that you got a long time ago, remember?

And I'm glad that no one wants to kill you, but that doesn't mean you can trust them, does it? Who knows if they even did a REAL unbreakable? I've never seen one, have you? And the Ministry wouldn't think that they're all dangerous for NO reason, so even if they won't kill you, they might kill ~~me~~ other people.

Oh bloody hell...and no we're the only ones who know he's NOT DEAD. Oh Merlin, we're going to be in so much trouble. It'll be Carrow for sure, maybe even Azkaban... or they'll just put us in the camps, me and Granger both.

I wish I was obliterated.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-18 15:49:36](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Only I didn't know if you'd remember.
Sometimes people do that thing. They forget on purpose.

I didn't think of that. A fake unbreakable. Only they didn't like each other very much I don't think. They weren't in kahoots. So it doesn't seem likely. That they could fake it together I mean.

Anyway stop being stupid. Hermione was right before. They won't put you in the camps. They might put HER in the camps. But not you. But you're right about Carrow maybe.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-18 15:50:11](#)
(no subject)

Look this is stupid.

I just got an owl from Father.

You're going to be punished in my place. Hermione too.

I think he means Cruciatius.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-18 15:50:44](#)
(no subject)

Only I shouldn't have told you.

I don't think I can obliviate you. I mean it worked that once. But I might mess up your whole brain.



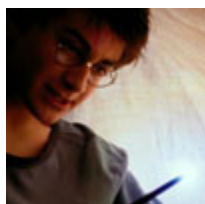
 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-18 15:56:17](#)
(no subject)


What do you mean it WORKED THAT ONCE?
You've obliviated me before?

I... I can't believe this. I almost want to TELL EVERYONE because I'm so angry right now.

"Your right about Carrow maybe" so casual, too. You forgot to add the "oops."

Oh, and you have a lot of nerve, telling ME to stop being stupid. I feel like ALL I DO IS TRY TO STOP YOU FROM BEING STUPID.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-18 16:05:56](#)
(no subject)

I haven't obliviated YOU!!! It was somebody else!

I'm sorry okay? I know I'm the one who is bugging everything up.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-18 16:13:34](#)
(no subject)

Oh.

Oh, you probably meant Lockhart.


Look, I guess you listen to him because he told you true things about yourself when nobody else would. I know that matters a lot.

But he's still part of those OTHERS who hate us, so of course he would say almost anything to get someone as important as you on his side, wouldn't he? You have to be careful, because HE could get us into terrible trouble, too.

Though it sounds like we already are.

It's not just that I'm scared of punishment, either. I know you don't feel bad about keep secrets from your father, but I don't like to keep them from mine, and definitely not from Mother, either. It makes me feel terrible about myself. Like I'm not even the son they think I am.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-18 17:09:36](#)
(no subject)

Well you're lucky because you have a father who thinks about you at all.

I mean I know Father thinks about me. But he doesn't think about ME. So I don't care if he doesn't know some things. If he bothered to ask I would tell him. Maybe. But he won't bother ever. So there isn't any point.

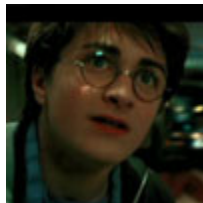
Look this is why I didn't want to talk about this. There isn't any way to feel good about it I think. Not for you anyway.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-18 17:57:16](#)
(no subject)

I know that I'm lucky in that regard. But even if your father is sort of distant, well, mine likes you. And then there's Raz, too, he talks to you about lots of stuff, and without him you'd never have learnt the patronus. Your father is too busy to be close to anyone, I guess.

You're right I don't feel good about it. But I won't tell, not with my mouth, anyway. So long as you promise that you try to be careful and remember that you don't really know him, and he doesn't really know you. I mean, I'm his own relative and he's never tried talking to me! I'm pretty sure he's the one that called me the "Malfoy brat," too.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2011-06-18 18:01:44](#)
(no subject)

I promise.



 **alt_draco** at **[2011-06-18 18:05:23](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you.

Has Granger ever been Cruciated before?

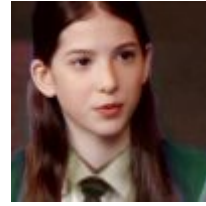


 **alt_draco** at **[2011-06-18 19:34:16](#)**
(no subject)

Because you might want to warn her that it's different when it comes from your Father.

2011-06-18 13:11:00

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To
No Good*



Ron -- it was Miles Bletchley.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-18 18:28:06**

(no subject)

Oh.

So that's why you wouldn't say before, then. Cause he stayed for this week.

Bloody

I could've hexed him ten times this week and no one would've known.
I can't believe

He's so bludgered next time I see him.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-06-18 18:36:38**

(no subject)

I know the feeling.

We've decided to call him Letchley. I hope it'll catch on.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-06-18 19:46:20**

(no subject)

Yeah.

Heh. That's good.


Not that it's good enough to get him back, mind you.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-18 19:47:14](#)**
(no subject)

Well, he tries anything funny again, we can always try that hex we put on him before. That seemed to work rather well.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-19 02:02:45](#)**
(no subject)

Don't forget that Sally-Anne said that that there was someone else, who was bothering Katrina Bundy. I guess that means he might be in Gryffindor.

I've asked Evelyn to keep an eye out. Not using your name at all, Sally-Anne, or Katrina's either. I just told her that I heard something that made me wonder if there was anyone who was bothering the younger girls. I didn't say any more than that. She promised that if she learned anything, she'd let me know.

2011-06-18 15:38:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_pansy](#)

I just got an owl. From Sirius Black. Not a letter, mind, but an owl.

Apparently he sent a letter to Harry and in the letter he told Harry to give me the owl because it reminded him of Regulus, but of course he didn't write me direct. So now Harry knows that I've been writing him.

And he asked if we could talk later.

I'm sort of worried. About the talk. Because I *think* Harry is okay with Sirius, I mean, Hermione, you said he's been writing him, right? And Sirius took an Unbreakable Vow for Harry, and Harry went back to rescue him and all, and when they'd found what they said was Sirius's body, he wasn't happy about it, you could totally tell.

But.

How okay is he? I mean, will he tell? Anyone? ...Draco? Did he actually *read* the Grim Truths? Did he think anything of them?

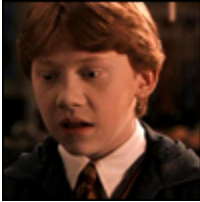
I can always say I wrote him after Regulus died, and then wrote him just now, after I knew he was alive for sure, so that won't raise any uncomfortable questions about how I might have known he was alive and all that but this is something I really did not want to get out. I mean, I told you lot because I needed to tell something I really, really did not want other people knowing. And now Harry knows. And I'm sort of freaking out about it a little bit. Besides which, he knows I've got loads of records that I'm not supposed to have, because Sirius wrote about that too, and in the grand scheme of things it's probably not the biggest deal, but I could really get in trouble for having them. And I really really don't want to get rid of them. I mean, they are honestly my favourite things of all the things I have.


And then there's the matter of the owl, who is really very cute. He's zoomy and fluffy and very *wee*, and I already have an owl, so I don't *need* this one, even though it was a present in remembrance of Regulus, so it is sort of sentimental and all.

But I figure Sally-Anne could use it maybe? To write her parents and

all? Because it's not a school owl, and it's not an owl that was purchased by any of us, so I guess it's the safest sort of owl to use for that sort of thing. And other people could borrow it too, of course.

What should we call him?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-18 22:37:23](#)**
(no subject)

Wait.


Sirius Black gave you an owl?

That's

Well

Huh.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-18 23:01:52](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah. Exactly.

Huh.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-19 00:34:40](#)**
(no subject)

Wow. Um, I could see how that would be unnerving, yeah.

Well, you know him better than we do, really. Marvolo, I mean. It's kind of like the arrangement we have here on the lock, isn't it? He's got secrets and you've got secrets, and neither of you are likely to tell the other's secrets because both of you know it.

Hermione, what do you think?

It was right nice of Sirius Black to think of giving you the owl. And yeah, it would be dead useful to maybe have an owl that isn't traced to any of us. As to what you can name him...maybe you can bring it for us to see if we get together at the Burrow or at my place

sometime this summer, and we can think of a name that suits it.

I still can hardly believe the whole thing. That he's alive, and you helped him, and he did that vow because of Marvolo, and you helped him get away. With a couple of other really dodgy blokes.




 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-19 00:38:18](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, an owl like that would be useful.

Hey, we could use it to send messages to Terry, maybe. Couldn't we? It'd be really good if it's small.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-19 01:02:53](#)**
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I wouldn't risk it until we know it can follow directions. Because it doesn't seem to have the best attention span, and if it just sort of flitted right over to him in front of Carrow, that'd be no good at all,

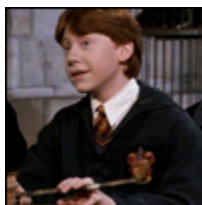
would it?




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-19 01:05:38](#)**
(no subject)

That's a good point, Nev. About the secrets. I'm just... well... I mean, I like keeping some things to myself. You know?

And I'll bring him to the Burrow, yeah.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-19 01:32:18](#)**
(no subject)

Right. So when do you want to come for a visit?

I'll ask Mum and Dad, but I know they'll say yes. I mean, it's not like we're going anywhere travelling.

About the name, though. I guess you didn't want to call him Regulus or Black or something that means black in a different language. Would that be weird or make you sad or something?

Or, uh. Something to do with flying. Like you could call him snitch or bludger or firebolt or something.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-19 01:48:42](#)


(no subject)

He *hardly* looks like a Firebolt.

He'll just be Owl until we settle on something.

Right now, he's Annoying Owl, because he will not settle down, and Pip is getting touchy about it.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-19 01:06:46](#)

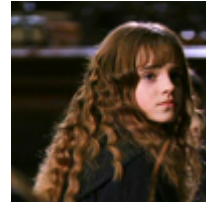
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And it was pretty ace. The way it happened and all.

[2011-06-18 19:51:00](#)

Order only: cruciatus

I just found out I'm to be cruciated as punishment for Harry doing everything that we all did. Draco is too.



 **[alt_hermione](#)**

I don't think he means anything else by it, but I don't know, and I can't get out of it, and I don't know what to do, except think innocent.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:00:04](#)**

(no subject)

What?!

That slimy -

When do you go?

Minerva, can we get her anything to dull the pain?

Merlin, what if he uses legilimency?

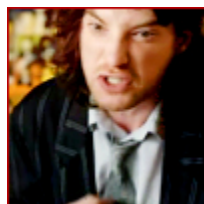


 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:09:38](#)**

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You mean...in front of Him?! They're hauling you in front of Him to do it?

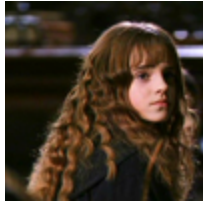
Shite!



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:10:19](#)**

(no subject)


When? When is this supposed to happen, Hermione. Do you know?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-19 03:14:15](#)
(no subject)

I don't. I don't even know if it'll be at the same time as Draco, or if it'll be soon or anything. He didn't say, but it can't be too long from now - Harry doesn't think so anyway.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 03:14:25](#)
(no subject)

Bill, do you think we could give her some sort of occlumency talisman? I dunno - a bead or a quill, something she could keep on her, that would help protect her from someone penetrating her

thoughts?

Hermione - has he ever tried to probe your mind before?




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-19 03:18:35](#)
(no subject)

He hasn't. I think he doesn't think it's worth it. I don't know though, he's gotten very strange, and Harry is worried too and he says he doesn't think he'll try to legilimise me but he can't know for

sure...



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:21:52](#)
(no subject)

don't think anything like that exists, least not that I've heard.

you're not going to like this idea, but I'm going to see if Snape has any thoughts about it.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:25:02](#)**
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I'd be surprised if something did exist. But it should be possible to rig something.



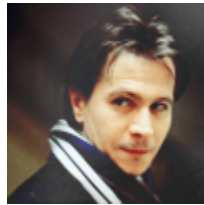
 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:26:10](#)**
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I agree. worth it to check out all our options. and kingsley knows a little, but snape knows more.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:27:28](#)**
(no subject)

You'd better tell me that both of them are sleeping right now, if you and Sirius are busy writing in your journals at the same time.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:29:51](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, they're both kipped.

Well. They were. Frank's rousing Snape.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:30:48](#)**
(no subject)


one of us should stay behind and watch macnair while the other two see if snape knows anything.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:32:58](#)**
(no subject)

That'd be me, I suppose.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:34:12](#)**
(no subject)


right.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:35:02](#)**
(no subject)

Do you want me to call in Benjy or Caradoc as reinforcements? Because I can, you know. Or we could get one of Turner's people in.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:36:30](#)**
(no subject)

macnair's still sleeping, and we'll still be in earshot if he needs any help.



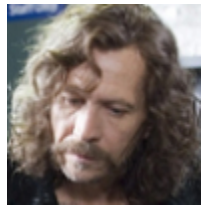
 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:37:10](#)**
(no subject)


I thought we didn't want to introduce them to anyone else just yet?



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:12:24](#)**
(no subject)

That's what I meant by 'think innocent.'




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-19 03:18:26](#)**
(no subject)

It might not be that simple.

Besides, it's harder than you'd think, to keep your thoughts focused while you're being tortured.

And yes, he can do both at the same time.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-19 03:58:33](#)

Private message to Sirius Black

There's another thing...Hermione's own Unbreakable Vow. If he breaks her mind open, she would be, in fact, revealing information about the Order. Could the vow then could kill her right there, even if it wasn't voluntary on her part?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 04:02:09](#)

Re: Private message to Sirius Black

Circe. You're simply full of uplifting revelations, Bill.

Morgana, I want a toke.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-19 04:10:56](#)

Re: Private message to Sirius Black

Yeah, well, if I had one, I'd give it to Hermione instead, for when Voldemort's through with her. She's the one who has to go through this.

Bugger.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-19 03:12:33](#)

(no subject)

Oh, Hermione!


How did you find out, dear? What do you know? Surely..surely we can...I mean, there must be something we can do!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-19 03:15:30](#)
(no subject)

Alice, Frank...could Stephen prepare something, some potion, that she could take right beforehand?



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-19 03:16:16](#)
(no subject)

Or could Poppy?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-19 03:19:46](#)
(no subject)

I've never heard of a potion that does much at dulling cruciatus. And if there were one, I'm not sure it would be something that Poppy could brew.

Hermione--I don't even know what to say.

Bloody hell, we did all we could do to prepare Aurors to face that, back when we were doing training. But you're just a kid.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:17:32](#)
(no subject)

I'll check.

dunno if any potion would help against legilimency, but we can get her something for the pain, or to relax her muscles.

maybe

I'll check.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:15:49](#)
(no subject)

she's got her portkey.


cold comfort that.

sorry really doesn't do it justice, kiddo.

damn.

damn.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-19 03:22:55](#)
(no subject)

But how could she activate it if--forgive me--she's writhing on the bloody floor? And if he uses legilimacy on top of that...he might crack her open and empty her mind before she could even react.

And then it would be too late!




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-19 03:25:02](#)
(no subject)

Bill, that's just--don't be so cruel as to say such things!

Oh, this is horrible.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 03:27:40](#)
(no subject)


Yes, it's horrible, Molly. But it's also - and unfortunately - a real possibility.

Maybe she can avoid it by - I dunno, offering to take some other punishment?

Not that any of them should be punished.

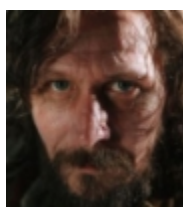
Wait. WHY are you being punished, Hermione? I mean to say, what are they saying you did wrong?




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:32:44](#)
(no subject)

or she can get out now and avoid it altogether.

you'd have a place with us, hermione. you'd be safe. and you wouldn't have this sort of thing hanging over your head all the bloody time.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 03:34:21](#)
(no subject)

That's what I just said, Frank.

She should leave now.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 03:35:56](#)
(no subject)

Because the thing is, why punish them if they don't know that they had anything to do with Snape and Macnair getting away?

And I don't see how they could know that.

They were in the wrong place at the wrong time, is all.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-19 03:40:58](#)
(no subject)

I'll remind you that you took an unbreakable Vow to keep from hurting Harry Marvolo, didn't you? If you persuade Hermione to disappear now or assist in her getaway, wouldn't that mean a world of trouble for the Marvolo kid? Would your Vow rebound upon YOU if he then gets in further trouble for that?

It's a long causal chain of events I'll admit, my friend. But I'm not in favour of anything that results in you dropping dead.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:43:05](#)
(no subject)

that's pretty tenuous, mate.

what if it's me that persuades her instead?




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 03:44:30](#)
(no subject)

It's my understanding that Hermione's being cruciated because for whatever reason, Voldemort won't cause physical harm directly to Harry.

So if she disappears, someone *else* might get hurt on his behalf but he won't suffer any harm himself.


I nominate Lucius Malfoy. Maybe it'll make him think twice about calling in Dementors when there are kids roaming about.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-19 03:49:01](#)
(no subject)


Well, I think she should leave by portkey now!



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-19 03:54:50](#)
(no subject)

Merlin knows I don't want Hermione facing cruciatus. But if she does use the portkey, you realise we may never again have another opportunity to place someone so close to the heart of Lord Voldemort's court. It would be a huge loss for our intel.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-19 03:55:47](#)
(no subject)


Damn you. Because you're right.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 04:00:37](#)
(no subject)

I'm not using a child to get us intelligence. Not like that.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 04:02:00](#)
(no subject)

agreed. not bloody worth it.

no way.




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2011-06-19 12:19:03](#)
(no subject)

I agree too.

I know you had to think of it Kingsley, and I don't blame you for having to say it, but I don't care two stitches for intelligence.

We have to get Hermione out, because it's not right that she has to go through this!



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:25:08](#)
Private Message to Bill

he'd get information out of her, but she might have enough time to get away after.

at this point I'm not looking for her to get out without spilling anything, I'm looking for her to get out alive.

fucking hell, man, I really do not need that image in my head.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:28:36](#)

Re: Private Message to Bill

knowing her, she's too bloody stubborn to just get out now.

goddamn.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-19 03:31:45](#)

Re: Private Message to Bill

If he gets anything out of her, even if she escapes by portkey, it could compromise any of our Order operatives that Hermione knows about. And that means Minerva, or Kingsley, or the people at Sherwood. Or dammit, Mum and Dad and me.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-19 03:35:26](#)

Re: Private Message to Bill

don't think I don't know that.



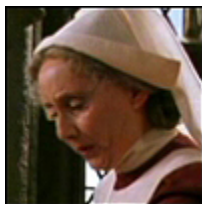
 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 03:31:37](#)

(no subject)

Why not just use the portkey at any rate?

There are certainly plenty of other people who could have helped her. They'd never know how to

trace it.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-19 12:04:53](#)

(no subject)

What in the name of goodness--

Cruciatus.

There is no potion that can lessen the effects of Cruciatus. Like Avada Kedavra, there's no way to protect against it, save dodging. I confess I don't know whether there are ways to train the mind to be able to fight it once it's cast, but if Kingsley and Frank don't know, then I'd say not. I'd guess it would have been central to Auror training if such a thing were possible. I know your texts gave considerable space to discussing ways of improving one's ability to resist (but not to escape) Imperius. These spells are not unforgivable for no reason. Cruciatus, especially.

If I were there, I could give her something afterwards, but you are all quite right that there is not a thing I know that can help her face the trial unless it were something that would make her lose consciousness pre-emptively and enter a stasis state.

Not that he'd be fooled. He'd know immediately she'd been tampered with and not by another child. And all he'd need do is bide his time and deal with her when she awoke. And in the interval, multiply his plans and will to punish her.

What pray tell did Severus Snape suggest to you? Draught of Living Death? Poison she could hide in her mouth and swallow to end her life if she deemed him likely to read her thoughts?

Casting or dosing with one of the Confunding magics could have a paradoxical effect, heightening rather than lessening both her mental vulnerability and her experience of sensation.

To be honest, I think you ought to use your Portkey, Miss Granger. I cannot counsel you to undergo this 'punishment' because, as all have said, your Unbreakable Vow to us puts your life at risk. We have done you a terrible disservice, putting you in this position.

2011-06-18 23:52:00

ORDER ONLY

been talking to snape. he said there weren't any easy solutions, that putting up those sorts of barriers takes lots of practice, and that there weren't any easy fixes to this one. he also said that the idea of resisting Him was pretty helpless regardless -- that he suspected only a handful of people could.



 **alt_frank**

he did say he knew how to make a pain potion that had long release so Hermione could take it beforehand, but it could dull her reflexes, which would make her less likely to be able to resist legilimency as well as move quickly should she need to activate her portkey.

he's also been more than a little interested in kingsley and me writing in our journals. hasn't asked about it so far, but you can see the wheels turning.



 **alt_bill** at **2011-06-19 04:03:08**

(no subject)

Shite. Again.

Sirius, guess you know him best of the three of you. Think he's telling the truth?



 **alt_sirius** at **2011-06-19 04:09:43**


(no subject)

Well.

I agree with everything he's saying, I'll give him that.

Still, a skilled Occlumens could probably rig up some sort of protective spell that could be transferred to an object. Might take some trial and error but maybe.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-06-19 04:12:35](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, well, it's not the sort of thing you can do as a trial run.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-19 04:19:52](#)**
(no subject)


exactly how much time do we have here?

doesn't mean we can't try.

I'd say the pain potion might be too dangerous, seeing as how she'll need to keep sharp if she needs to get away quickly, but Hermione, if you want it, you let us know.

my vote is for just using the portkey now, though.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2011-06-19 12:24:19](#)**
(no subject)

I've only now seen this, I'm so terribly sorry.

Honestly, whatever he said about a delayed or prolonged pain potion can only help her in the aftermath. The pain of Cruciatus is not physical. Not originating in the bones or muscles or organs, though it feels acutely to afflict all of them at once.

The Cruciatus curse affects the mind. And cannot be dulled or escaped.

I've said to Miss Granger on her entry that if we were there, we might find a way to put her in a stasis state and make him think her incapable of suffering that way, but only for the time that would last. And yet, the more I think of it, the more I realise that's a nonsense theory: she would suffer equally well whilst in stasis, because Cruciatus would seize her consciousness without regard to the physical effects of the potions. It would only make her more vulnerable because we'd have trapped her in a body she couldn't control to run, jump, flinch, scream, cry. I'd think that prospect might make Voldemort the more viciously pleased to prolong his

torture of her.

It's horrible. Too, too horrible.



alt_sirius at [2011-06-19 04:16:19](#)

(no subject)

Maybe we're thinking about this all wrong.

Not that we want our Hermione Cruciated. But --

I keep asking myself *what* this punishment is about, really. And I keep thinking that perhaps it's much more minor than we're making it out to be.

From their perspective, Harry and Draco went where they weren't supposed to go. They nearly got themselves 'killed' and - possibly - their actions resulted in the loss of a magical creature. I'm not even sure they know that that was Harry's original plan, freeing Buckbeak.

So. He might not have any reason to legilimise her, mightn't he? Not that he needs a reason, mind you, but she did say that usually he considers her beneath his contempt.

We could be panicking over the wrong thing.



alt_frank at [2011-06-19 04:21:04](#)

(no subject)

what should we be panicking over, then?

you might have a point about him not having the motive to see what she knows, though. that doesn't mean it isn't a possibility, still.



alt_sirius at [2011-06-19 04:26:43](#)

(no subject)

I agree, Frank - I'll support her using the portkey now if she wants to do.


But I can understand if she wants to stick by Harry.

And while I can't say I'm happy - in the slightest - at the prospect of her being tortured, and we can't take the risk of her revealing anything about the Order, willingly or un- ... well. Having her portkey away does make it clear that she's been contacted by Voldemort's enemies.

And that might actually convince him to probe deeper into what Harry - or any of his mates - knows.

Merlin. It's a clusterfuck.




 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-06-19 04:21:46](#)**
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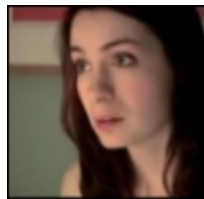
Merlin, I hope you're right, Sirius.


Hermione, let us know what you find out...when it will be, and if young Marvolo has been told anything else about the, er, specific reasons given for this. And we'll proceed from there accordingly.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-06-19 04:22:41](#)**
(no subject)

And Alice, let us know if Stephen can add anything, as far as helpful information with regards to potions.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-19 04:24:15](#)**
(no subject)

Shall do, Arthur.

This is awful.




 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2011-06-19 04:31:44](#)**
Private Message to Arthur Weasley

Arthur, if it all goes quite terrible, and we have to flee...

I mean, I know Alice and Frank would welcome us

to Moddey Dhoo, if there was no other way, but...what about Percy?



 **alt_arthur** at **2011-06-19 04:32:36**

Re: Private Message to Arthur Weasley

I don't know, Molly.

We can only hope it won't come to that.

2011-06-19 07:47:00

Order Only: IT WAS FINE.

Well I didn't respond to anything anybody was saying last night, because honestly, it all seemed very stupid, because just as soon as I wrote that entry practically and started commenting on it Harry came in and he said 'it's time,' and he took me to his Father.



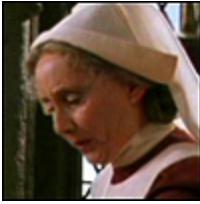
 [alt_hermione](#)

And it was like his Father has almost forgotten that he had promised to punish us, and someone reminded him, because it wasn't a ceremony at all, we were just in his antechamber off the great hall and he said 'Harry, you must learn to behave yourself like a proper young man.' And I suppose Draco was before or after or something because he wasn't there right then, I don't know if he's been punished yet. And I almost thought he was going to say 'this hurts me more than it hurts you,' because it sounds like the kind of thing that parents say in novels when they're going to beat one of their children, but he didn't, he just put the Cruciatus curse on me.

And it hurt a lot but he didn't even try to look me in the eye, I don't know that he looked at me at all, he was too busy looking at Harry, and of course I couldn't see because it hurt so badly it was far worse than anything, I mean worse than anybody, Harry warned me about that of course. But Harry must have been upset-looking, because then Voldemort said, 'still so attached to your pet? Well, that's all very well. Better her than someone else,' which I think was him trying to say that Harry shouldn't go on dates. But of course it isn't like that between us at all so that was right off target, so he couldn't have been legilimising either of us without our knowing or he would have known that.

Only I didn't think about that then because I was still hurting, and Harry took me back and said 'thank you for the lesson Father,' and then the house-elves came and cleaned me up. And then I went to sleep because they gave me something to make me sleep so I didn't see what you all were saying anyway.


So it was fine. And I don't feel the after effects too much, I promise, Madam Pomfrey.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-19 15:09:06](#)
(no subject)

Bless.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-06-19 15:24:29](#)
Order Only: Private Message to Hermione

Oh Hermione.

You're such a brave girl, far better than we deserve. But you don't have to stay and suffer through all this just for the Order, or even for Harry or anything else. If you ever want to leave, you just go. Use a portkey and don't look back.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-19 16:38:29](#)
(no subject)


Yeah, what Remus said, Hermione. If you ever need to leave, you just go.

He's going to pay for everything, kiddo. Trust me on that.

You said ... he was looking at Harry. But you don't think he was legilimising him, either?

That's a lucky break, if so. Still, it's not something you should ever, ever have to endure.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-19 22:28:01](#)
(no subject)

Yes, indeed. I...feel relieved. And then sick to my soul to be relieved. At the thought that our safety is won at the expense of your pain.

Arthur and Bill and I are all so very sorry, Hermione.

(And no, it is not fine.)



 **alt_frank** at **2011-06-20 02:22:13**
(no subject)

it isn't fine.

and it isn't bloody worth it.

I don't want you to have to go through anything like that ever again.

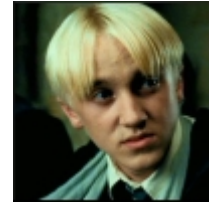
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Private message to Harry and Granger

Is it all alright?


Granger I think you went first and if he'd learnt something, he probably wouldn't have acted like I was wasting his time so much.

So. We got lucky.



 [alt_draco](#)



 [alt_harry](#) at **2011-06-20 00:23:49**
(no subject)

Yeah. We did. I think.

2011-06-19 14:50:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Um.

So last night I asked about having people over. Y'know, when would be a good time and all, because obviously we all know Mum loves it when we have people. The more the merrier, right?

And she gave me the most

I don't know what kind of look

a LOOK

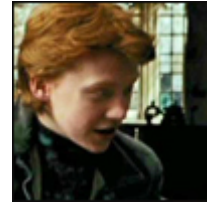
like I'd asked her if it'd be all right if I practised Transfig by turning Ginny's head back and forth to a pumpkin

and she dropped a whole basket of runner beans on the floor and left the room. Left them all there on the floor, didn't she?

And when she came back, she had a list of ten things for each of us to do. All in separate parts of the house. **INSIDE** the house, mind you, and when I went to beat one of the rugs outside, I found out she'd put some locking charm on all the doors.


And, y'know, this sort of thing's happened before, but I think this time Mum may just have gone completely off her nut.

Mind you, she cooked us all eggs and toast soldiers this morning and pretended none of it'd happened at all.



 [alt_ron](#)




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2011-06-20 03:48:07**
(no subject)

Well, you can always ask her again, and if she doesn't want us over at the Burrow, we could always meet in New London instead.

Maybe it was just because you asked right after you got home?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-20 04:35:14](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, 'course I can. And I know it had nothing to do with not wanting us to have friends come here. That's not how Mum is at all.

Well, y'know. You've seen her.

But it was really odd last night. And she kept us all up really late, too. Like she didn't want anyone to go to bed. Which, y'know, she's usually shouting at us to get in our rooms and lights out and no more talking and stop going back and forth and if anyone slams another door, they'll be very sorry indeed.

But last night, she kept making excuses. And this morning she let us all sleep. I mean, we had breakfast at noon, I think. Later, maybe.

Now you probably won't want to come, if I make you think Mum's truly gone round the twist. She was all right today. And she'd cooked all this amazing food for tonight: I guess that's what she was doing all night last night while we were cleaning the lounge and the stairs and the cupboards and the loos and all. Baking. Tarts and bread. And meat pies. And that thing she does with runner beans and bacon. We're all completely stuffed tonight!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-21 03:00:56](#)
(no subject)

And then after the big breakfast, she asked us when we were having Lee over. Like nothing had happened.

[2011-06-19 19:03:00](#)

Daphne...

Please accept my apology for not answering you promptly. Things at home have been rather busy since my return. I would love to meet up with you for the spa day. I am to be there on Saturday, the 25th, promptly at 11 AM. I look forward to this, and hopefully you could make it.



 [alt_ginny](#)

Ginny W.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-20 01:51:27](#)

(no subject)

Apology accepted, of course! I believe I should be able to be there on the morning of the 25th, especially since New Glow isn't far from my home.

Actually, have you ever had a proper tour of New London before?



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-06-20 03:39:37](#)

(no subject)

That's great. No, I really haven't had a tour of New London. We only go out of necessity mostly, so when we are there we don't spend much extra time.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-20 05:35:13](#)

(no subject)

Now, that's just a shame. We probably won't have time for a proper tour on the 25th, but some day you really *ought* to see all there is to see.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-20 01:52:53](#)

(no subject)

Hey Weas Ginny W, meant to tell you so earlier, but I've been busy with one thing or another: congratulations on your prize winnings. I'm sure you'll put them to good use.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2011-06-20 03:42:54](#)
(no subject)

Thanks. I am really looking forward to this.

And Thanks for respecting my wishes about my name. I know it must be hard because you are probably used to calling the others by our last name. So... Thanks



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-20 05:33:42](#)
(no subject)

It's not hard at all, actually. But you're welcome just the same.

[2011-06-19 23:29:00](#)

Private Message to Draco Malfoy

I just got my owl from Lucius.

Apparently, I am to pay for half a hippogriff. And if that's what half of it cost, hippogriffs are incredibly expensive.



 [alt_pansy](#)

If that's what I got for not *stopping* anything from happening, I can only imagine how angry he must've been with you.

Are you okay?



 [alt_draco](#) at **[2011-06-20 03:47:37](#)**

(no subject)

I was supposed to have a proper birthday celebration at home, and now that's been canceled. The money's going toward the hippogriff. I think Father's also selling the quidditch tickets he secured for the two of

us.

So I suppose you might say I've been better.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **[2011-06-20 03:52:05](#)**

(no subject)

Oh, Draco.

I'm so sorry.

That sounds awful.

Perhaps when I'm in New London this summer, you and I can go out and do something special? I know it won't make up for what you've had to give up by half, but it would mean a lot to me if it would give you something to look forward to.

And next time Harry attempts anything so foolhardy, you and I can take turns sitting on him until he gets his senses back.

Which could take *months*.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-20 03:58:54](#)
(no subject)

Does it? I suppose it does, in a way. Not getting a party and quidditch doesn't bother me as much as it ought, because I can already tell Mother's planning ways to make it up to me.

What really bothers me is that Harry never listens to me. It's not just that he doesn't get punished and I do, it's that friends should listen to friends when they feel strongly about something. He doesn't. I think he sort of tries to, or thinks he tries to, but in the end he doesn't.

But then, when it comes right down to it I guess he's used to being able to have the final say.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-20 04:04:37](#)
(no subject)

Yes, I can see how he would be used to getting his way.

Do you think part of it is not caring as much about himself as he ought? I mean, that he is more interested in whatever he's trying to save or find out more than keeping himself safe?

Although you'd think if he cared so much about saving people, part of that would include keeping you safe too.

And if he isn't punished for it at all, do you suppose he learns anything from it?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-20 04:11:43](#)
(no subject)


Don't get me wrong, he's not a pillock about it or anything, and he's not arrogant, either, but a part of him is still aware that he's Harry Marvolo. How could it not be?

I think he also thinks he'll just always be all right for the same

reason. And that since I'm Harry Marvolo's best mate, I'll be all right, too. Every time I tell him we shouldn't be doing something, he says "don't be stupid."

Oh, ah, I didn't mean he's not punished. He is. Just...not the same way.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-20 04:22:46](#)
(no subject)

Okay.

And of course he's not a pillock. He's *Harry*. I think he's sort of incapable.

That still sounds like it's very frustrating for you.

I know

Well, I'm not very good at taking advice all the time either. And it's not life or death sorts of things, or things that'll get you into trouble, really, but I can see why you were frustrated with me last term.

But for what it's worth, I can see that the advice you've given me was because you cared for me, and was meant to help me, and I appreciate that. And I promise that I might not agree with everything that you say, but I will *always* listen to you, and take what you say into consideration.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-20 04:37:53](#)
(no subject)

Right. He also wants to just be a normal kid, and do stupid things without feeling like it will make the Protectorate look bad. I think he gets annoyed with me because I'm always reminding him of who he is. Even though that little part of him *always* knows - like I said.


But sometimes I feel like that little part is me.

Sorry, not trying to whinge.

Thanks for that. Really. I know Father's always tried to give you advice, too, and I'm not trying to be like him, just so you know. I mean, I don't want to be like some big brother person, because...well, we're the same age, more or less. And not related.

Anyway, I hope that hippogriff is happy with itself, off somewhere eating a big fat supper of pheasant, or somesuch.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-20 04:42:58](#)

(no subject)

It had better be happy!

Stupid hippogriff. Probably doesn't even realize it's still *alive* and all.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-20 04:48:04](#)

(no subject)

And what do you say about New London? Not right away, obviously, but what about we plan a day out in two weeks or so?




 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-20 04:54:32](#)

(no subject)

Oh right, meant to answer about that.

Yeah, let's plan on it. What do you want to do?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-20 04:58:39](#)

(no subject)

Whatever you want to do, of course!

Although part of it ought to include eating at a really marvellous restaurant.

We could check the papers to see which bands are playing in town that weekend, too.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2011-06-20 05:07:08](#)**
(no subject)

In that case, I'll be sure to ask Mother what her current favourite is.

Sounds well snitch. Maybe if Father's feeling less cross with me he'll arrange for us to meet the band, too. Backstage, you know?




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-20 05:11:47](#)**
(no subject)

Excellent!

2011-06-20 11:40:00


can



 **alt_hydra**


I DID IT!!!



 **alt_padma** at **2011-06-20 18:29:41**
(no subject)

Did what?




 **alt_hydra** at **2011-06-20 19:06:34**
(no subject)

Oh, it isn't much, really, heh.

Just something I didn't think I would be able to do,
but now I've done it.


From,
Hydra



 **alt_rabastan** at **2011-06-20 19:06:04**
(no subject)

Well, now you've done it.




 **alt_hydra** at **2011-06-20 19:06:49**
(no subject)

That's what I said!

From,
Hydra




 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-20 19:09:42](#)
(no subject)

So you're just going to tease everyone about what you've done and not spell out what it is? How impolite, Duckie.

Or perhaps you're practising portkey and trying to bluff us all.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-20 19:10:32](#)
(no subject)

No, I'm not.

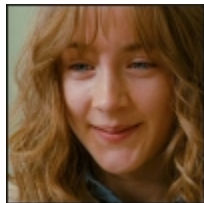
Though maybe I'll have time to start working on portkey now.


From,
Hydra



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2011-06-20 19:13:09](#)
(no subject)

Sounds as if you are very accomplished indeed. You can come 'round to Spencer House and play portkey with your old Uncle this week while he's on the mend, yeah? How about it?



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-20 19:13:41](#)
(no subject)

I will!


From,
Hydra



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-20 20:19:53](#)
(no subject)

Well done, then, whatever it is you're keeping secret, but too proud not to tell us all you've accomplished.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-20 20:25:54](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I'm not trying to be proud, I'm simply so excited, but I don't want to be prideful so I should add that it was really only a little thing I did.

From,
Hyra




 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-21 01:59:07](#)
(no subject)

It must have been important, this little thing, to illicit so much excitement, then.

When shall you see your Uncle, do you know? I also wish to visit and you know we don't wish to tire him. Besides, it's best to spread the visits so he does not languish from boredom in between.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-21 03:53:42](#)
(no subject)

I don't know, Daddy says tomorrow but I don't know what time.

Lunchtime, maybe.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2011-06-21 02:59:08](#)**
(no subject)

Well, then, congratulations are probably in order.




 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-21 03:51:44](#)**
(no subject)

Well done, Duckie.

Didn't make yourself sick celebrating, did you?



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2011-06-21 03:52:22](#)**
(no subject)

No, none of its as nice as I remembered.

Isn't that funny?

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-21 03:53:02](#)**
(no subject)

Well, not to pun, but it might well leave a bad taste
in your mouth for a while yet.

2011-06-20 16:37:00

Private Message to Barty Crouch, Jr

I need your help. I'm sorry, I know better than to use a private message but I haven't time for an owl. And there's no other way, not with Draco home and - the others hanging about. Besides, if anyone from Dominic's department so much as dares to read this, so help me, I'll have their heads mounted on the wall like Auntie Elladora's old elves!



 [alt_narcissa](#)

Well, now.

You recall what happened last week? Lucius insisted on asking Marlogosia Starling to investigate whether these DogStar ruffians or someone else tampered with the Floo. Of course, you know I tried to let him let *me* call the Floo Board Authority myself, which would have been the end of it. Trust my loving husband to be thorough in his concern for my safety.

For I've just got home from *Witch Weekly* and learned that Marlogosia arranged to send a technician from the FBA to have a look. And the elves *let him up* to inspect the thing!

They're paying for their error, make no mistake. But the point is that his report is likely already on its way to Marlo. Or will be, soon enough.

Naturally, I can't go down to the FBA myself - it would be far too conspicuous. If only I'd been here, I should have Confunded him on the spot! I could hex Marlo for not letting me know either that she was sending anyone or when they planned to come.

Could you - that is, do you think you could come up with a plausible reason to go there, find this chap, tell him - I don't know, tell him Marlo sent you to see to it that the report reached her, and then ... make sure it says that he replaced a faulty grate?

You know I wouldn't ask like this if there were any other way - I can't even use your present with Crabbe's guards on the bell all the time.

Do say you can do something. Better still, tell me you've caught the blasted traitors responsible for this whole miserable 'additional

security' mess!

But - please. *Try* to intercept the report?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-20 23:30:04](#)
(no subject)

Narcissa.

Have checked. The report has not yet been filed.
FBA's culture of laziness may save the day.


Strongly suspect the inspector skived off the remainder of his workday after his trip out there.

In any case, to be clear, I brazened it out and went straight to Starling to ask after that report. I'm consultant on your stalking case, so that much was fine. Could have been awkward if the report had already been read and filed and then I turned up asking after it, but that wasn't the case. So yes. Told Starling I'd see we get that report first thing.

And I will do. You may trust that I'll be waiting in FBA when he arrives in the morning.

As for your other request. Soon, soon, soon.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-21 01:52:28](#)
(no subject)

Well, that's a relief! Thank you, dear; I'm sure you'll see to everything appropriately.

Better than I've managed, clearly.

2011-06-20 22:45:00

Order Only

Minerva, I got your patronus, and I've picked up the pensieve you left for us in the hidey hole.

We'll give you all a report once we've sorted out what the two of them can show us with it.



 **alt_kingsley**

[2011-06-21 10:06:00](#)

Private message to Penelope Clearwater



It's strange to be home again.

It's not as bad as I feared it would be. Mum is obviously going out of her way to coddle me, which is both somewhat embarrassing and rather nice. The twins are being surprisingly reasonable. No pranks at all yet. This must be a record.

 [alt_percy](#)

I was hoping I would have heard something by now on some of the job leads I was pursuing. I know, I know, I shouldn't be so impatient, but I'll go mad if I'm cooped up here all summer. I still have hopes, though. Felix Abernathy was very encouraging, and I hope that once he hears from Mr Crispin, that will bear some fruit. Of course, it wouldn't be ideal, but it would at least be a foot in the door.

I got an owl today from Max Wentworth. He's already found a job, can you believe it? Working at Gringotts. Not that I have any wish to work with goblins, you understand, but I wouldn't have thought he'd find work so quickly.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-21 15:47:56](#)


(no subject)

I know it must feel like every day without work is as long as a week. But it's early days, yet, Perce. Keep looking and I'm sure the right position will come along.

It's good to hear the others are leaving you alone. Pretty soon Ron will be off with the CCF--at least, I assume he will be. I know he tested fairly well, though of course I haven't heard directly. And then your sister will get her week. It's too bad your mum can't pack them all off for the summer - but like I said, summer will be over before you know it. Then it'll just be you and your mum and dad. That's not so bad, is it?

Oh, hey, I meant to ask you last week: Have you heard from Oliver yet about whether he signed on to Puddlemere or Appleby? I would have thought he'd have made his choice by now.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-21 18:48:47](#)
(no subject)

On Oliver, I haven't heard officially, but I know he was leaning toward Puddlemere.

(I do miss you. We've spent so much time together lately that it's odd not seeing you every day.)



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-22 03:07:32](#)
(no subject)

I miss you, too. And believe me, I'd much rather be living out in the middle of nowhere with all your sibs banging about, in some ways.

The very moment my father saw that I was writing in the journals, he decided he had a load of chores for me. Me, mind. Not Mum. And I get to hear how *they* only get to go on holiday once a year and how *they* could use help. Ugh. He could *get* a domestic if he wanted one - but he's just too cheap, is all.

Sorry. I shouldn't be complaining to you. Morgana knows you could use a domestic or two at the Burrow as well.

2011-06-21 12:30:00

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Narcissa.

Want to see you. Today. Tea? Katyenka?

First, though, all's well re. Starling. Took care of report. Should be no more fuss from FBA, either. Will tell you more if you'll say yes to tea.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Also have something definite to report on your case. Might soon be able to free yourself of Crabbe's lot.

I hope the latter will follow the former without undo fuss.

Name the time?



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2011-06-21 18:12:23**

(no subject)

All right. Quarter-past three.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-06-21 18:14:09**

(no subject)

Good.

2011-06-21 13:04:00

Private Message to Virgil Crispin

Been thinking about our conversation yesterday. Should be interested to see what evidence you think this young assistant may have gleaned from her employer. Come in later this week or early next and we can review it.



 **alt_lucius**

Glad to hear that you have started seeing someone new. Sure that Miss Gilmour is superiour to Miss Kirke in every respect. Trust that your newer responsibilities are more conducive to a relationship - both for her and for you. Still, as you know, it is wise to ensure that you meet your obligations and set limits if necessary to ensure that you are able to manage a partner's expectations on your time. Have also found it advantageous to maintain some independence even from one with whom one is intimately involved. Mrs Malfoy and I, for example, or Mr and Auror Lestrangle - we all of us value a certain measure of privacy and most markedly respect boundaries with one another to preserve our own domestic bliss.

But that is a discussion for later, once perhaps you have discovered the right mate. You are still of an age where it is more important to test compatibility with many partners than to settle too quickly on one. Not that one pays much attention to these things, but heard that you and Miss Robins had also escorted one another on occasion. Not to your liking, then? But then I hear from Fudge that she has many admirers. Before a few weeks ago, still thought she and Mr Cameron were an item. Impossible to care, at any rate: Find the landscape changes far too quickly to bother about it.

Thinking, too, about your assessment of Weasley. You had not previously told me of your conversation with him last summer, regarding the measures to which we must sometimes resort when addressing difficult situations and people clamouring for calendar time. Seems he did take the lessons to heart - at least, to some extent. Certainly has cultivated some applications better than others. Did I tell you he used his association with me to gain admittance to Mrs Malfoy's gardens when he was about to be turned away? Something about the queue being over-long and the security personnel unwilling to admit more than a certain number at a time. Wrote to thank me and Mrs Malfoy for our hospitality afterward. Resourcefulness like that is

promising. Too bad his parents will always be an embarrassment to him. But then, you know the eldest, Bill, correct? He has certainly done his best to rise above his father's reputation.

In any event, must do something about Hooper. Offering him to Nagini looks more and more like a viable option.

Have you an interest in any of the Board appointments we discussed? Shall be stepping down from Nimbus and Presto, certainly, by end of summer. Likely Obscurus as well, though Charles is adamant that I stay. Should like to give up WWN but currently impossible. Naturally the final decision would rest with the remaining committee but a solid recommendation would rather tip the balance, I should expect. And your request to come to Court: Not a good time at present, as I said. But perhaps by year's end there will be an occasion to make sure you are properly introduced. Meanwhile you might tell Hooper to arrange drinks at the Elysian for the two of us - next month? - and there I can introduce you socially to warlocks of your acquaintance while clerking for me. The distinction shall not be lost on them.

2011-06-21 22:30:00

ORDER ONLY

been spending all day with snape and macnair and the pensieve and we are all of us knackered. all day spent taking turns looking at memories, leaving one on guard, after a night of taking guard duty in shifts.



 [alt_frank](#)

kingsley and sirius can put in their side of things, but so far, we've sorted through a lot of memories about early death eaters and got to sit in on more than one meeting led by Himself courtesy of macnair, with a few from snape thrown in too. it confirms that lucius malfoy is an enormous poncey arse, and bellatrix lestrange is insane, neither of which is news. from what we saw, He spent a good portion of His time either giving speeches about the natural superiourity of pure blood or keeping his own people in line through fear, torture, and intimidation. whenever He was angry, his followers paid for it in blood.

some of the dark magic we saw wasn't familiar to us - we took some notes to share with Bill and see if there is anything he could make of it.

another thing Macnair mentioned was that once, he accidentally legilimised Him. without trying. just sort of happened, he's not clear on why. but from what he could gather, He was obsessed with immortality, and that was the thing He was thinking of. couldn't really show us that memory, because it was more a feeling than anything, but he wanted us to know what he'd experienced.

then there was Snape's interaction with the old man. see, Snape was in the Hog's head and overheard a prophecy given to the old man by a seer. we saw that one a couple of times, the prophecy one, so we could get it right. kingsley wrote it down. it was about the Dark Lord, and someone who could come along to defeat him, but that neither of them could die while the other lived, or something. like I said, kingsley has it written down. so snape went to Him and told Him about the prophecy. but turned out the prophecy was about Harry, because it's all about a baby born on the seventh month to parents that defied the Dark Lord three times, and so He decided it was about the Potters because Lily was due in end of July, and became obsessed with Harry and was planning to kill Lily and James to get to him. So Snape went straight to Dumbledore once he found out about that, told him what he'd done, and swore his allegiance to the old man in

exchange for their protection. the Potters. told him right then and there he'd be a double agent, and that he'd do whatever it took to keep all of them safe. he also showed us the few meetings he had with Dumbledore while he was teaching potions at Hogwarts, passing along information to him about where the death eaters were planning to strike next.

so you're aware, he was picky about what he'd show us about the meetings, and cut one of the memories short. said it was personal, and clammed up when pressed.

I think what I got out of the whole thing is that both of them wanted to show us all they could to help us, and yeah, Snape was keeping some things to himself, but he made it clear that it didn't have anything to do with information we would find useful, and if it did, he would reveal it.

It's been a long day.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-22 02:32:07](#)**

Private Message to Alice Longbottom

we need to talk.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-22 02:33:26](#)**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

What is it? What's happened?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-22 02:37:10](#)**


Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

I'm fine.

just

read through what I wrote about the prophecy.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-22 02:47:11**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

Oh.

....Oh.



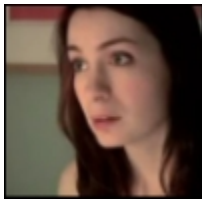
 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-22 02:48:24**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

so I'm not the only one that sees it, then.

don't know what to think about that one.

don't know what to think at all.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-22 02:49:42**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

Neither do I.

Merlin.

Have you talked it over yet with Sirius?



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-22 02:52:13**

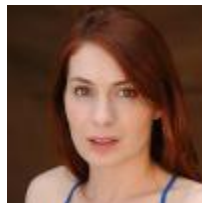
Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom


not with the company we've been keeping.

besides, I wanted to talk it over with you first.

why didn't he tell us, Al?

the old man. why in hell didn't he tell us?



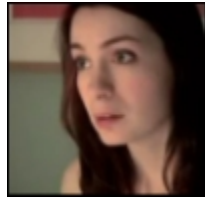
 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-22 02:53:23**


Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

I want to read it over when you come back.

All of it.

Carefully.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-22 02:54:11**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

It could have been us.

Oh, Frank.

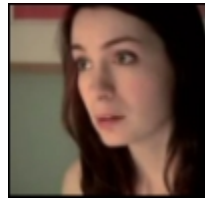
It could have been *Neville*.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-22 02:54:41**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

still could be for all we know.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2011-06-22 02:55:50**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

NO.

Don't you say that, Frank Longbottom.

Don't you *dare*.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-22 02:57:09**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

you're thinking it too.

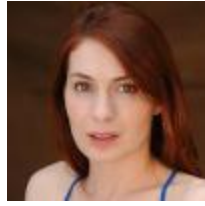
and if you're as scared shitless as I am, you've got an idea how my day has been.




 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-22 02:57:49**

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

worst part of it is I've listened to the damn thing four times easily and I still have no goddamn idea what it really means.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-22 03:00:29](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

We'll

We'll read through it together when you come back.

We can see what Arabella and Regina make of it. They've got good heads on their shoulders.

Oh, darling, when are you coming home? How much longer are you staying out there?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-22 03:02:07](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

til we sort out what we're going to do next.

at the very least, though, I think after today we can lighten up a bit on our guard.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-22 03:04:41](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

Be careful, Frank.

Be very, very careful.

Remus was Remus. This is different.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-22 03:08:53](#)


Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

And you are tired.

And Sirius is leaving.

And this is a time when you could be very vulnerable, because you're starting to relax, and if you need someone to relieve you, I'd ask Davidson, or one of the Players, or me. Ask me.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-22 03:09:57](#)
Re: Private Message to Alice Longbottom

I will be careful, general.

no worries.

after a while, we're going to have to decide if we trust them or not. and this is part of it.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-22 03:11:21](#)
(no subject)

A double agent, Frank?

That does not inspire confidence.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-22 03:51:10](#)
(no subject)

leaving them would've gotten him killed. staying with them, he had the chance to pass along things to the old man he wouldn't have known otherwise.

I've spent all day in his past, poppy. I believe his intentions are sincere.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-22 04:01:33](#)
(no subject)

If he's skilled enough to have deceived Voldemort and still be alive, he's quite capable of deceiving any of us.

Dumbledore, I'm not sure of. But then, Dumbledore himself may have had uses for him even if he were untrustworthy. And the fact that Dumbledore kept his dealings with this man hidden from his Order... is significant. And worth very careful consideration.

But, Frank. Going back a bit. When was this Prophecy meant to have been made? And by whom?



 **alt_frank** at **2011-06-22 14:33:48**
(no subject)

didn't quite catch who it was -- it was hard to see through the crack in the door, but we could hear it clear enough. I think she was somebody named Sybil.

it was made back in 80.

and if it makes any difference, snape only had a few months to work with the old man before getting thrown in azkaban. and the old man left without telling us much of anything not soon after that, so it doesn't surprise me that he didn't talk about Snape.

2011-06-21 22:34:00

Order Only: Solstice

I've just realised: With all the fuss and bother over Macnair and Snape, Frank and I forgot about taking *Tide Turner* to meet Aleks. Last communication I had from him he was putting together the shipment and planning to arrive at the drop point in the Channel early this morning.



 [alt_sirius](#)

Bugger.

I'm trying to locate an owl willing to attempt penetrating the wards, to let Aleks know what to do. Too bad the little one I found just when we left Hogwarts is off on another mission. Transfer of goods or no, Aleks still has to pay the captain and now he's got a load of cargo with nowhere to sell it. Buggery.


Moony, it also means Laszlo may run short on some of those delicacies you've been able to supply in the past.

But - for what it's worth, like Frank says, we had the two of them put their memories into the Pensieve today and spent a load of time watching them for all the details. I still don't think Snape's to be trusted any further than necessary but - well, for the moment, I guess he's got information we can use. Certainly can't have him going off on his own and getting caught and giving up what he now knows, that's for sure.

Kingsley took some hair from each of them: Emmeline and Benjy are going to appear, polyjuiced, somewhere in the West Country so that MLE will hare off there. Davidson's agreed to take them in for now.

And I'm off as well. I'll check back with Davidson in a week or two but there's something I've been putting off until Harry finished out the school year. So. Got to see to that business as I've let it go too long as it is.



 **alt_bill** at **2011-06-22 14:13:03**
(no subject)

Bugger indeed.

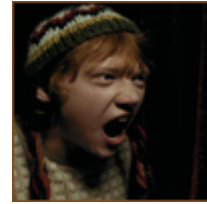
We all forgot. We were distracted, yes, but that's no excuse.

Sirius, were you able to make any contact with Aleks?

[2011-06-22 08:24:00](#)

Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! WIZARD!!!!

Wood's going to Puddlemere!




 [alt_ron](#)

And Rory Cumberland's going to the Falcons-- amazing! I've never heard of a deal like that. Not for a recruit. Go, Oliver!


I mean, that's totally too snitch for snidgets!



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-06-22 14:18:09](#)
(no subject)

That *is* pretty amazingly brill for someone who's just out of school!




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-22 20:51:35](#)
(no subject)

Innit?!!

Shame the Cannons didn't get him.




 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-06-22 14:30:16](#)
(no subject)

Goodness!!!

Cheers to Wood!!! I heard he'd had an offer from the Arrows and I got all worked up since we've not had the best season (well, seasons,) but of course he'd take Puddlemere! I knew I should have had him sign a programme or something after that last game.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-22 20:52:30](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I heard the Arrows were talking to him. And the Wasps.

Imagine. All of them fighting over you? Awesome.




 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-06-22 21:03:34](#)
(no subject)

Gosh, the Wasps, too? That's **so snitch**.

I can't even imagine, though he doesn't seem the type to let it go to his head. Are you thinking of going into Quidditch someday?




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-22 23:14:59](#)
(no subject)

I know, innit?

Well, I'm not even on our House's side, so I dunno. It'd be snitch, but I guess even if you're ace at Quidditch, it's not something you should count on, y'know? I remember Dad saying that to Charlie, and I reckon he's right.


Unless you're like Wood, and you can't even imagine doing anything else, ever. 'Cause, y'know, if you looked up 'Quidditch mad' in a dictionary, it'd have a picture of him.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-22 15:04:57](#)
(no subject)

It's rare but not completely unheard of. Look up Professor Raz's recruitment package sometime.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-22 21:01:19](#)
(no subject)

True. But that was yonks ago.

And the teams all had different owners then--most of them, anywiz.

Seems as if they don't pay quite as massive a salary nowadays, either, but maybe it's just relative. My brother Charlie had a few teams talking to him when he left school, and I remember him saying how things changed 'cause of inflation or devaluation or whatchacallit that happened when we went to a closed system.


Or maybe it's because they don't have to worry someone will go to a foreign team anymore. And none of them are paying to recruit foreign players, either.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-22 21:12:26](#)
(no subject)

That's just the thing - not to say that Wood and Cumberland aren't good, but the scouts used to be able to pull talent from the continent, or even from places like South America. So they have a lot less to choose from, basically. Imagine not just having the Wasps and Puddlemere fighting over you, but teams in Germany and Spain, too.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-22 23:25:34](#)
(no subject)

That'd be snitch, I guess. But I don't know. You'd have to speak German or Spanish, I guess.

And I guess I can't really imagine living anyplace else. Another country, I mean.

I think it's sort of good that people don't move so far away from their families now. I mean, I guess Charlie's about as far from home as you can get now, and it seems pretty far, but I wouldn't want him to live in China or Romania or Norway or someplace

like that. Like dragon handlers used to do. We'd never see him then.



 **alt_zacharias** at **2011-06-22 23:31:45**
(no subject)


It's sorcerous, innit?

Tell you one thing, it's given Diggory some high hopes for next year!

And I certainly hope I draw Puddlemere first in fantasy Quidditch in the autumn.

So. Combined Cadet Force, eh?



 **alt_ron** at **2011-06-23 00:48:28**
(no subject)

Well, yeah. Diggory's good.

Guess it depends if there're any Seeker spots open, yeah?

[2011-06-22 17:05:00](#)

We got owls

about the CCF.

I was accepted! But Parvati wasn't.

I don't think she's too upset, except that we won't be together for the whole summer.

The letter says I have to report on the 4th - is that what they told everyone? Or are we split up into groups like last summer?

Who else made it?



 **[alt_padma](#)**




 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2011-06-22 21:23:43](#)**
(no subject)

I'm in. And my letter says the same thing about the 4th.

Did you notice that's just a week, though? I thought we were supposed to spend three weeks, training and such.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-22 21:28:51](#)**
(no subject)

You didn't read the whole thing, then, did you? Because it says we'll go back in August after this week.

I bet we'll get assigned to different projects in the meantime, the way the Auror trainees do. Sandoval said that by the time she finishes her training she'll have had intensives in all the major areas. So I reckon they might split us so that some of us do orienteering first while others do their survival skills, or something like that, anyway.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-06-22 23:33:05](#)
(no subject)

Oh, yeah. I did see that, of course. But I thought it was three weeks in a row.


Maybe you're right and there's going to be more they didn't tell us about.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-23 00:36:33](#)
(no subject)

I can't imagine that they'd make the actual programme any easier or less tricky than the trials themselves.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-22 21:23:48](#)
(no subject)

Mine says the 4th.

Shame about Parvati, then.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-22 21:39:08](#)
(no subject)


You were accepted?

Oh.

Congratulations.


Parvati's okay - she's just glad she can spend her summer free from mosquitoes and spiders and other creeping crawlies.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-23 02:25:06](#)
(no subject)


Nicely done, Weasley!



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-23 12:49:00](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, Parks.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-06-22 21:27:35](#)**
Private Message to Padma Patil


Padma -

First off, I was hoping we would both get in!!! I'm sorry about Parvati, though, and I hope she's not too upset. It's just one youth programme, after all, and she's really clever, she'll have lots of opportunities.

I actually wanted to talk about why I got in. I think it was that test with the Cardinals. Even though I studied I was utter crap at duelling and the physical tests, you remember, and those were the ones where they seemed to pay most attention. But then it seemed like they were letting more things go after I ... with the ... I was thinking about Crabbe and Goyle, you see, and those sixth-formers who just *won't let up*, and it just happened.

I can't tell Mum. Or Dad. I can't concentrate on my lessons. And I feel awful even petting Miss Precious, knowing I can do that to something. I know the Heroes use them for heroic work, but it's only when it's really necessary, and I don't think it was necessary when I did it. Does that make me a bad person?



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-22 21:37:25](#)**
Re: Private Message to Padma Patil

I really don't think she's too broken up. She said that at least she doesn't have to go camping in muck again! And I think she plans to help Mum in the shop, anyway. Lav didn't make it, either - she already flooded us - so I think she'd've been more upset but they're out together.

Anyway, Lines, I shouldn't worry about being able to cast the Cardinals, if that's what impressed them. Maybe you should use them on Goyle or Crabbe anyway, so they'd let you alone! Only don't

do it to those 6th-years. You know Weasley almost got in trouble for casting the Imperius on Professor Carrow? Because he wasn't licenced.

So it's a valuable skill to have, don't you see? And you can always threaten them - I doubt Crabbe's clever enough to know you need a licence.

Or you could let me talk to Malfoy and Marvolo. They can stop anyone doing anything they don't fancy.



 [alt_linus](#) at [2011-06-22 21:50:01](#)

Re: Private Message to Padma Patil

I suppose it could be a good thing. It's been hard to stop thinking about the sounds it made, but you're right about Crab and Boil. I'm a terrible bluffer, though, so I'll have to work on that. You remember, I only had one half-eyebrow left after the most recent game of Exploding Snap. No fear about the sixth-years. They already shave, for goodness sakes.

And you know I can't let Malfoy or Marvolo know. It'll get me trounced even worse, that's the way it works with boys. I don't know about girls, but if you're a tattletale, you're pretty much dead.

I knew talking to you was the right thing. Mum says hello and congratulations, by the way, and says to say hello to your mum.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-22 22:31:13](#)

Re: Private Message to Padma Patil

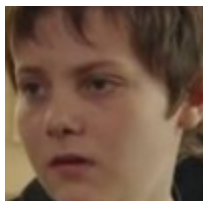
But you wouldn't be grassing, silly. And Malfoy has ways with Crab and Boil that don't involve saying so, either.

I won't tell if you still don't want me to. Only if those 6th-years come after you next year, you should go straight to the Corner. You're protected there - plus it's the library so Madam Pince would murder chuck them out if they made any fuss.

That's why it's good you know you can cast Cardinals, if you need to. You don't have to - you shouldn't have to use them, ever,

especially if you still want to write history. I mean, what kind of historian or author needs to cast Imperius, right? But you know you can and that's got to be comforting. Of course you wouldn't want to hurt anyone nice, or a pet or anything!


Tell your mum thanks - and tell her my mum says she's got more of those scarves she likes. She should come round the shop and see.



 [alt_michael](#) at [2011-06-22 23:34:32](#)
(no subject)

Well, you know I didn't!



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-22 23:37:06](#)
(no subject)

You don't have to be so maudlin about it, Corner. Parvati didn't either, nor Lav. There were loads of people cut from the programme during the week.

There were only spots for about half the class, so you've got good company.




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2011-06-23 00:33:00](#)
(no subject)

I got in, too! And I called Blaise up on the fire right away and he's been accepted as well, of course.

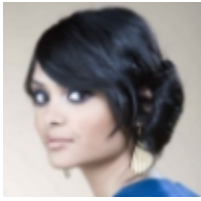
I really want to hear from Sally Anne and Pansy, to see if what they said about one of us not making it was really true or not. Though it's certainly not true in the case of the boys, because Blaise is in and Harry and Draco surely are, too.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-23 03:00:27](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I got in too. I just haven't opened my journal til just now.

So I guess I'll see you on the fourth.




 **alt_padma** at [2011-06-23 03:02:47](#)
(no subject)

Cheers to all of you!


What about Perks? I haven't seen her say anything about it.



 **alt_pansy** at [2011-06-23 04:01:24](#)
(no subject)

I haven't heard anything from her since she got to the Stretton's. I'm betting she's still settling in.



 **alt_ron** at [2011-06-23 12:51:21](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Have you even had an owl from her?

I mean to say, it's probably just the Strettons again, innit? Taking her book away for something Jeremy's done to cheese them off. But still.

She's okay, right?




 **alt_pansy** at [2011-06-23 13:06:58](#)

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

I haven't, but yeah, I figure it's like last summer. I'm sure she's just fine.

I've sent her the Owl, so she'll have something to use to send off letters if she can't write in her journal.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-23 13:16:11](#)

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

You don't think they'd take that away from her, do you?

I guess she's smart enough not to keep it around where they'd see it. Probably sent it off right away. But then maybe you'd have heard back. I mean, it's been almost all week now.

It'd be really squib if they took it from her. The owl, I mean. D'you think it's big enough to carry parcels full of jam?




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-23 13:45:10](#)

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

It's really titchy, so it might be able to manage one jam jar, but not anything heavier.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2011-06-23 03:03:22](#)

(no subject)

Well done, then, Greengrass!



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2011-06-25 00:11:20](#)

(no subject)

Well, Parvati and I will have a lot of shopping to do since I didn't get in either!

It won't be the same without you, though.

But I'm glad you got in and are going to go off and learn a load of really nift things!

2011-06-23 08:19:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Um, Nev?

Have you seen The Prophet today?

Mum's all upset about it. Guess it was kind of a rotten article. I haven't really seen it, but they were all talking about it when I came down for breakfast.

Sorry, mate.


I mean, I don't reckon it's going to be much fun. Not being there with Patil and Zabini and Greengrass and Malfoy and all that lot. Not to mention Thomas and Finnick. I hope we don't have to share rooms with people from our own Houses.

Anywiz, it's a real shame about you crashing your broom that day. You were doing so well until that happened, I really think they'd've taken you.



 [alt_ron](#)



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-23 14:22:57](#)
(no subject)

Congratulations on getting in, Ron. I hope it turns out great for you.

[2011-06-23 08:52:00](#)

(no subject)

Happy Birthday, Han.



 **[alt_susan](#)**



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-23 13:18:45](#)**

(no subject)

Aw. That's today?

Shame.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2011-06-23 15:28:06](#)**

(no subject)

Yeah. I don't know what else to day.

Except..dammit, she should *be* here, and we should be talking about stupid things like packing for YPL or something and laughing at jokes that aren't that funny, because that's what we do.

Well, what we did.



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2011-06-23 18:08:45](#)**

(no subject)

We should do something. Plant a tree or something for her. What do you reckon?



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2011-06-23 19:24:43](#)**

(no subject)

That's an interesting notion, Ern. Maybe at Hogwarts? What do you reckon Professor Sprout would support it?



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2011-06-23 19:32:32](#)

Private Message to Zach and Susan

Dunno if they'd let us plant one at Hogwarts. It might just remind people about what happened and how a Professor murdered a student, and I reckon that's something they'll want to quieten down so people forget and don't complain too much.

I don't know where else we could do it though. It should be somewhere public where people will see it, even if they don't immediately know who it's for.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-06-25 00:07:14](#)

Re: Private Message to Zach and Susan

Do you really think they'd get fussed about a tree?

Maybe we could do something inside the Sett, where only Hufflepuffs could see it?

Anyhow, we should definitely ask Professor Sprout if we can do something when we get back to school.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2011-06-23 19:25:02](#)

(no subject)

Sorry, Sue.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2011-06-25 00:05:03](#)

(no subject)

Thanks, Zach.

2011-06-23 09:23:00


I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

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 [alt_neville](#)



 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-06-23 14:27:10**

Private message to Hannah Abbott

Happy birthday, Hannah.

I'm just...

Wherever you are, I guess you must know why I did it, but I feel like I let you down. Let everybody down, but maybe you the most.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2011-06-23 14:28:56**

(no subject)

Hey, Nev. Saw the paper. Dad always says the *Daily Prophet* stinks.

You all right then?



 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-06-23 14:30:15**

(no subject)

I've had better days.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2011-06-23 14:31:26**

(no subject)

Probably. And you'll have better days in the future, too.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:33:36](#)**
(no subject)


It's not that I wasn't sort of expecting it. I hoped...
but no, they really couldn't. I made it really easy
for them to cut me from the programme.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:34:24](#)**
(no subject)

Ron said you were doing great until you crashed
your broom. Rotten luck, mate.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:34:48](#)**
(no subject)


Luck had nothing to do with it.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:35:15](#)**
(no subject)

So Ron was right? Dean really did deliberately
ram into you?




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:36:12](#)**
(no subject)

Look, it was my choice. Okay? It was my
choice.

But just because I chose it doesn't mean I have
to like it.

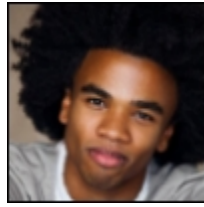



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:37:31](#)**
Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley

And I don't like it. It stinks.

I've said enough. I don't want Ron feeling any

worse for me. He should be glad he got in, and not feeling sorry for me.




 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:43:22](#)**
(no subject)

Wait a minute...you threw the trials deliberately? That's not what I heard from people. They were saying that you--well--

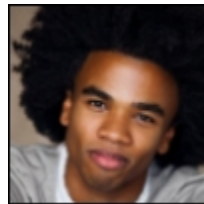
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yeah. Didn't fly too hot.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:43:57](#)**
(no subject)


Good. Let them go on thinking that.



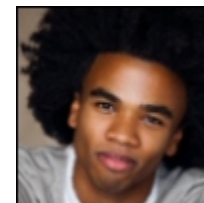
 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:44:27](#)**
(no subject)


But why, Nev?



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:45:52](#)**
(no subject)

With all due respect, and I mean this in the nicest way possible, it's none of your bloody business, Lee.




 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-23 14:46:29](#)**
(no subject)

Oh.

Uh, okay then.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-23 15:54:31](#)**
(no subject)

Aw, mate.

I'm sorry.

2011-06-23 12:58:00

Private Message to Rodolphus Lestrangle

Rod.

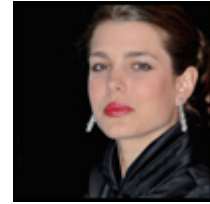
Oh.

I'm stunned, really. I thought you'd just sent me to deliver this parcel to Craddock and pick up his next, but as soon as I came into the department, Hopkirk called me in. Said you'd put in a petition to extend and that they've granted it. Based on the supporting dossier you assembled for me.

Rod.

I didn't even know it was a possibility to extend. They never told us.

I said yes.



 [alt_lana](#)



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at **2011-06-23 19:58:11**
(no subject)

Lana - We may petition for an extension if we feel that the trainee's work is ongoing or especially productive. In your case, I felt that both were applicable.

For many years, I've preferred to work alone. Family members like Narcissa often fret that I've "holed up" and forgotten to eat. Your company, however, has made my work...better. I'm not sure if it's the element of instruction, or having another pair of eyes there. Or maybe it's just you.

I'm very pleased that you said yes.

2011-06-23 14:11:00

CCF announcement

I've been asked to issue a public announcement, just to clear up a few questions we've been hearing. All students should now have received an owl with information about the CCF program.



 [alt_sinistra](#)

For those who were selected (whose names are below), your owl contained additional information about when and where to report. As you'll note, you'll be attending for one week beginning on the July 4th, returning home for several weeks, and then returning later in the summer. Between the two sessions, you will be expected to complete a variety of conditioning, written, and practical exercises to make the best use of your final two weeks. We appreciate your patience while getting this programme organised.

Students not selected will be receiving some individual information with ideas, suggestions, and resources that those involved with the YPL and CCF staff feel might be an excellent avenue to explore for future development, training, and perhaps choose as a profession. You should receive these within the next fortnight, depending on which department is providing the details. (If you do not receive anything by the middle of July, please let me know.)

And now, our congratulations to those selected to participate in this year's CCF programme (listed in alphabetical order):

Susan Bones
Katrina Bundy
Seamus Finnigan
Daphne Greengrass
Su Li
Ernie MacMillan
Draco Malfoy
Harry Marvolo
Linus Moon
Pansy Parkinson
Padma Patil
Sally-Anne Perks
Zacharias Smith
Dean Thomas
Ron Weasley
Blaise Zabini

2011-06-23 18:45:00

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 [alt_frank](#)

we're taking it easy today. snape wanted to go out to look at the local plants, for his next version of the Draught. so we went on a bit of a walk. found some willow trees, and he took some cuttings of them. it was a nice change of pace. he seems awful keen on working up a new one, and he said local plants would be the most useful - that he wanted people to be able to pick up ingredients just by going for a walk or looking in their backyards.

I also got a chance to talk to him some more about the prophecy. about what he thought it meant.

he thinks that what it meant was that Harry is destined to kill Voldemort - that he'll be the key to his undoing in the end.

I asked him whether he thought it had to be Harry, and he said that whether or not Harry was the baby in the Prophecy, he thought that You Know Who choosing Harry the way he did meant that Harry was the one the prophecy meant.

he also said that by the time he'd gotten there, You Know Who had already heard about the prophecy, and had decided that it meant that Harry was some sort of key to immortality - that as long as Harry was alive, that He couldn't die. Snape didn't know who'd done it, but someone else overheard the prophecy too, and got to You Know Who first.

so merlin knows who gave Him that idea, but Harry's probably still alive because of it, because He would've killed him just as He killed lily and james otherwise.

don't know what I think about it yet. still sorting through everything myself. it's a bit mad to think about, but it explains why You Know Who went after james and lily like he did, and why He's been so protective of Harry. not to mention how it fits with macnair's information about how He's obsessed with living forever.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2011-06-23 22:58:56](#)
(no subject)

Well I'm glad to know that anyway, not that I could do anything if anything happened, but it is nice to know that about Harry, I mean, in case something did happen.

I suppose it all fits although it makes me wonder really about why he doesn't just keep Harry wrapped up in cotton wool all the time.

On the subject of which, Harry told me all about how you wrote him about how you gave him his broom, Sirius, which I am still boggling at, because really, that could not have been the smartest idea you ever came up with in the world, really!!!



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-24 15:25:49](#)
(no subject)

That's very interesting about the Prophecy--that his interpretation should be so very different from YKW's.

Does this explain Macnair's attempt on the child's life, then? A belief that killing him would cause YKW's death? But there's quite a leap between thinking a Prophecy ties the child to YKW's pursuit of immortality and taking it to mean that in order to kill YKW one must first kill the child or that killing the child would in and of itself kill YKW.

I dislike this sort of semantic puzzle. And prophecies always involve them, don't they? More often than not, doom comes from putting too much stock in having sorted out what the blasted things mean.

2011-06-23 19:34:00

Private Message to Barty Crouch, Jr. and Maximus Truncheon



 [alt_lucius](#)

Have seen Narcissa home. Thank you again for notifying me so we could come in for the briefing. Max, shall be back in an hour or two to revisit the remainder of the ... testimony.

Shall inform Caesar that his protection detail can move on as of the week-end. For now they've been told to keep themselves to the guest quarters unless she is going out of the house. Know that Narcissa would rather discharge them immediately but think it best to wait until the news has broken to-morrow.

Speaking of which, presume Selwyn has the conversation with Bole well in hand.




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-06-25 00:54:36**
(no subject)

Lucius.

Trust you've seen The Prophet.



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2011-06-25 01:24:02**
(no subject)

Yes.

Not one of yours, then?




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2011-06-25 01:31:23**
(no subject)

Definitely not.

Mafalda's was the only statement that originated here.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-06-25 01:59:54](#)
(no subject)

No.

Well.

Shall have to test the hypothesis. Remember I mentioned that Crispin had some intelligence for us regarding Maule and Smethley?




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-25 02:11:53](#)
(no subject)

Yes.

Has he come through?




 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-06-25 02:19:01](#)
(no subject)

Oh, yes.

Might be ... enlightening to see what Mr Hooper does with an incorrect but juicy piece of gossip.




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2011-06-25 02:31:19](#)
(no subject)

If that's the dripping tap, I'm sure you'll see it stopped in short order.

But does Crispin have anything worth pursuing? I'm planning to light a fire under Holcomb tomorrow. See what's got that investigation stalled.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2011-06-25 02:51:50](#)
(no subject)

Holcomb may have enough to move very soon, based on what Crispin has. Enjoy the weekend, Barty. Time enough to pursue this on Monday.

[2011-06-24 19:58:00](#)

Goodness!

Percy, have you seen tonight's *Prophet*? And have you talked to Oliver recently? Because - well - the Vale of Glamorgan. Isn't that where you said his family all live?



 **[alt_penelope](#)**


Twenty-six arrested. I don't know how big the village is, but he'd have to know at least a few of them, wouldn't he?

How terrible for him. You don't suppose he ever knew anything? Well, I guess he couldn't have done, or he'd have told someone!

And just after he got his big break, too. That's got to make his victory seem somewhat hollow. Well, that's if he really did know any of them, I guess.


Oh, how awful.



 **[alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-25 01:40:38](#)**
(no subject)

I hadn't seen it, nor have I spoken with him. Merlin, that *is* where his people are from.



 **[alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-25 01:49:53](#)**
(no subject)

Just read it. Not much detail, is it? Perhaps there will be more in tomorrow's *Prophet*.

I just tried floo calling his house, but no one is replying. In fact...

How odd. His house seems to be off the floo network.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-25 01:50:27](#)
(no subject)

Some sort of glitch, I expect.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-25 02:31:17](#)
(no subject)

Sure, it must be.

How's the job search going? Anything promising this week?

2011-06-25 20:24:00

Order Only: Arrests

I'm still stuck here at the office--I was called in at noon on an emergency basis. You'll have seen the list of names in the *Prophet* today. I suspect they'll have more details tomorrow, but I can fill in some of it.



 [alt_arthur](#)

Raids started Thursday night, beginning with six arrests in a rather seedy but well-secured flat in Northampton. Individuals involved with this cell are specifically accused of targeting the Malfoys. The big fish in this group was a man by the name of John Grant, originally from York, who worked as a regional distributor for a catering firm that supplies camps all over the midlands and east (and therefore he had contacts with cells in these other areas). Two of the others taken into custody, brothers Robert and Thomas Wintour, worked with the same company. Christopher Wright worked at the Daventry camp (his father, John Wright, was also picked up). Everard Digby was the sixth. Besides the regional coordination that John Grant did, this group worked at spreading copies of their Grim Truths into the camps and building a recruitment network.

Interrogation of suspects detained over the past month led to the arrests in Northampton and another cluster in York where they caught Thom Percy and Roberta Keyes, who were operating one of Dogstar's underground presses. The press has been seized, and MLE has confiscated a cache of seditious materials in a warehouse in Ripon. Simultaneously, a man called Eric Wood was detained, along with his muggleborn housekeeper. I don't have any details concerning the charges in that instance.


What got me called in today was the need to process a large group of muggle and muggleborn labourers, because the enclave where they've been working, in the Vale of Glamorgan in Wales, was raided last night. Again, the name 'Wood' has come up. Molly, I'm sorry to say it includes members of Oliver Wood's family (Oliver was a roommate in Gryffindor with our Percy).

Most of the people I interviewed this afternoon were very tight-lipped, obviously not trusting me, but the mothers of young children among them are clearly terrified that their families might now be split up between various camps. Molly, it would have broken your heart--one of them got down on her knees, literally on her knees, to beg me for

mercy. Sickening. I did my best to soothe her and will certainly try to find them temporary assignments where families may remain together, but of course what happens to them in the long run depends upon the course of the investigation. It's curious: there are quite a few very young children in the group, considering it was supposed to be exclusively a labouring community. I have not heard anything concerning any accusations of involvement of this group with Dogstar. It may be that they have run afoul of various regulations concerning their adherence to purity codes (I believe there is evidence of at least one pureblood/muggleborn relationship, with children from the union). I am not sure yet whether that is simply an excuse on the part of authorities for some other, hidden agenda, or simple fact.

I've had word of yet more arrests last night, in Leeds, but don't have details. Bill, can you add any more information?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-26 03:37:10](#)

(no subject)

I got a Patronus from Charlie today, Dad, letting me know he got a Floo call with one of the investigators on the case. They were looking for information on Eric Wood. He didn't have much to tell them, as he hasn't been much in touch with the man since Charlie left school.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-26 03:41:10](#)

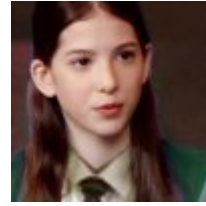
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It was Oliver Wood's family then? Oh, Percy will be quite upset. The twins, too, I expect, since they were on the Quidditch team with him. My goodness, he's been over here numerous times, for pick up games and such. And didn't the boy just land a professional contract? Ron was talking about it the other morning. Puddlemere United, wasn't it?

2011-06-25 22:13:00

My summer is going well so far.

I was very pleased (and honoured) to be accepted into the CCF. I'm looking forward to July! In the meantime I've been extra busy, since I'll be gone for so much of the summer.




 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Gemma was glad to see me again. Philip wanted to know if I'm allowed to ever play with him or if I'm JUST Gemma's friend and the twins have gotten so big I almost didn't recognise them.

Jeremy is looking for a job with someone other than his parents but he hasn't found one yet. So they're having him follow me around, I'm supposed to teach him how to fix things. I'm not sure he's going to be much good at it.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2011-06-26 03:31:58**

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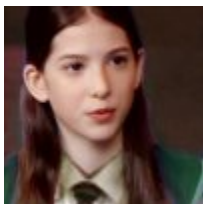
Congratulations on making it into the programme, Perks.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-26 03:33:04**

(no subject)

Thank you, Longbottom.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-06-26 03:33:45**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I'm sorry you didn't get in, Neville.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-26 03:42:35](#)

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

Yeah, well...

Yeah.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-26 03:32:37](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Mrs Stretton took my journal away right after I got back because I was reading it when I guess she thought I should be listening to her. I think she only meant to keep it for a day but then she LOST it.

I finally realised yesterday it was Maureen who'd hidden it. She wanted me to persuade Mrs Stretton to get her a journal. She can have one, because she's in service, but she doesn't. Well, of course it would be good for her to have one. If I'd known she wanted one I'd have been happy to suggest it to Mrs Stretton, she didn't have to take MINE to get me to do it.

It's funny, she's guessed that I would never grass on her. But she doesn't guess that she could just TELL me if there's something like that she wants, and I'll try to get it for her, if I can.

It wasn't hard to talk Mrs Stretton into it. I think it just hadn't occurred to her.

I hope Maureen isn't planning to use it to meet Jeremy. I suppose it's her funeral, if she is.

Anyway.

Did you see the paper tonight? It was sort of buried under all the stuff about the Dogstar arrests, but MLE also arrested a bunch of people from the Vale of Glamorgan. That's where the Woods lived. The article said something about moral corruption and flouting of purity codes. When I lived there I was pretty sure they didn't treat their muggleborns like servants, when no one was watching. You remember how your mum seated Maureen at the table with everyone else? I think that's how the Woods lived, all the time, except when I was there because they didn't trust me.

I suppose it's just as well they didn't trust me.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-26 03:44:47](#)

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

Huh. Wonder if Oliver knows some of the people arrested.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-26 03:47:22](#)

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

I'd think he'd have to know them, whoever they are. Not a very big place is it? From what he's said about it?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-26 03:47:53](#)

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

Uh, YEAH. He would have known all of them. I mean, the Vale of Glamorgan is tiny. The paper said twenty-six people were arrested. There are only about twenty-six adults -- well, wizarding adults.

There are more if you count muggles and muggleborns, but I don't think they were in the count in the paper.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-26 03:48:28](#)

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

Oliver knew. About the muggleborns, I mean. He was in on it.

And he's of age. He might have been arrested, too.



 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-26 03:51:41](#)**

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

But...he's about to start with Puddlemere!



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-06-26 03:52:53](#)**

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

Maybe Dad will have heard something. He got called into the office early this morning, and he's not back yet.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-06-26 03:53:26](#)**

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

Well if tomorrow's paper mentions he was out at practice I suppose we'll know he wasn't arrested.

2011-06-25 23:53:00

What A Day!

My day was completely full. Completely unusual. Completely wonderful!



I got to go into New London to-day. It was brilliant. Earlier this week I received a message telling me that I needed to be in New London a half hour earlier than I was originally told to be there. I started at the offices of *Purest Sparkle*, where I took a short tour and gave a short interview. They also took a couple of "before" shots of me as well. From there I was escorted to the salon and spa, where the real work was to begin.

 [alt_ginny](#)

Daphne met us there right on time at 11AM sharp as we were walking into the building. I am so glad I was able to share that experience with her. Thanks for coming Daphne.

I don't think I ever had so much done to me in one day. I had a facial, and was given pointers on how to make my skin look its best and how to give it a subtle glow. I was shown how to do natural looking make-up and how to enhance my eyes. When they washed my hair, a potion was used that enhanced its colouring and made my red more vibrant. So much was done. I had a mani and a pedi as well.

Then after all that work, came the best part. There was a room set aside, with many racks of the latest designs in dress and casual robes. They pick out five complete looks 3 of which were casual and two dress looks. Then we did a photo shoot. That was a lot of fun, and it was plenty tiring. I feel like I got a small taste of what cover witches do on a daily bases. For every outfit change they had to adjust the make-up a bit, and did a complete redo for the dress robe shots. The make-up artists were wonderful. They always did it in a way that just slightly enhanced my natural look, so I didn't look like a kid, but I didn't look like an adult witch either. They even let me take some shots with Daphne, and said they would send me some of the shots we took by the middle of next week. At the end of the photo shoot, they told me I could pick two complete looks. My favourites of the casual robes and the dress robes.

I picked a lovely blue set of casual robes with all the matching accessories, and the most fabulous shade of green dress robes with all its matching accessories. Its been a really great day. I look forward to seeing the next issue of *Purest Sparkle*.

2011-06-26 14:38:00

Order Only: Bramhope

I was there. Just this time last year. I was there in that pub, and I saw them. The barkeep and the waitress.



 [alt_poppy](#)

I thought them a bit daft the way they were going about hinting at their secret. Putting 'grim' into every fifth sentence and the waitress making sure I noticed she had Canis Major tattooed on her forearm. Not a bit subtle.

And not much like the face of Dogstar we're seeing from the voices that shout rebellion out of that stolen journal. Or that we read about in the papers, but then, Merlin knows we'd not recognise ourselves if we were written up in the *Prophet*.

I suppose the wonder about this lot in Bramhope is that they weren't arrested long since.

Though they only arrested five. I had the notion that pretty much the whole clientele were playing at being a secret society.

[2011-06-26 14:50:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Have you seen today's Prophet? We finally got it away from Mum and Dad and Percy. At least the part with Sporting news.



 [alt_ron](#)

Anywiz, it's right there. A whole big story about Oliver Wood.

It's all about how he was the one good egg in a basket of rotten ones. And how all eyes will be on him to see how he represents right-thinking wizards in this country.

And it quotes Theodolphus Higgs--remember him?--saying he was a mate of Oliver's and Oliver was always saying that his family were queer and how he never felt he fit in at home. And how he hoped he'd get a Quidditch contract right away out of school so he wouldn't have to go back there.

Only the twins say that's bollocks. Higgs was never a mate of Oliver's.

Though, um, maybe Wood did say something about his family being odd.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-26 19:59:49](#)

(no subject)

I don't know if Oliver had a close mate, because when someone's your mate they might expect to be able to visit during the holidays, and Oliver couldn't chance it. Well, I suppose the summer I lived there he could have but he'd been a bit standoffish all those years by then, right? He didn't go visiting except for that quidditch game at the Burrow, not that I remember, anyway.

I think Jeremy has the paper. I'll see if I can find him to get a look.



 **alt_ron at 2011-06-26 20:05:07**
(no subject)

Well, and anywiz, he cared more for Quidditch than for having mates.

But.

I mean, whoa.

I wonder if he'd have got his contract if this had all come out first. And. I mean, imagine if you're whole family got arrested, how that would feel.



 **alt_sally_anne at 2011-06-26 20:13:32**
(no subject)


Okay, I talked Jeremy into giving me the paper and OF COURSE he wants to know what I knew and how much I knew and I told him I never saw anything the least bit improper (which is true) and so they must have hidden it all from me (which they did).

Anyway. I read the article.

It doesn't sound anything like Oliver. Not the least bit.

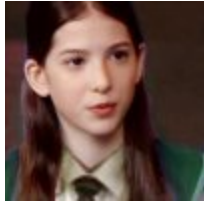
It sounds just like Ginny W., though.



 **alt_ron at 2011-06-26 21:26:56**
(no subject)

What does Stretton think?

I mean, he and Wood know each other. Better than that Higgs does. I don't know what he thought he was about saying all that to a reporter. Jumping in on Wood now he's famous, innit?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-26 21:37:25](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I don't know who Higgs thinks he's fooling.

1. He wasn't in Oliver's year.
2. Or in his House.
3. He's as thick as a brick wall. Higgs, I mean, not Oliver.
4. He's not particularly interested in Quidditch, which means Oliver wouldn't have given him the time of day.

I asked Jeremy what he thought. He said Oliver never said a word about his family. He didn't brag about them. He didn't complain about them. He just didn't talk about them at all. Jeremy knew Oliver had a mum and a dad and that was pretty much it.



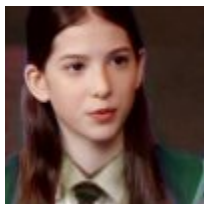
 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-26 21:54:31](#)
(no subject)

D'you think that's right about Ginny, really?

I mean, sure, she's going through this thing right now, but

I don't know.

I mean, if you'd said it sounded like Percy, I'd say you were right. But Ginny's just moody. And wants clothes and wants to learn all sorts of beauty charms and whatever. You should have seen her before she left for her spa day thinger. And now we'll never hear about anything else, I'm sure.

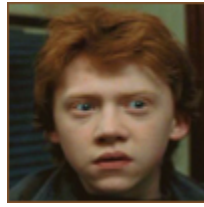



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-26 22:06:09](#)
(no subject)

Mm.

Ginny's sort of one of Daphne's projects. So I've heard the gossip about her back in Slytherin. She loves to talk to anyone who'll listen about how she doesn't fit in, she doesn't belong, there isn't anyone else like her in the whole Weasley family. She definitely likes people thinking of

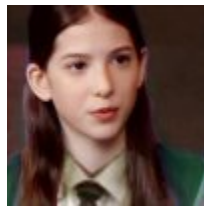
her as the only good egg in the basket of bad ones, like they said about Oliver in the article.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-26 22:21:16](#)
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Uh

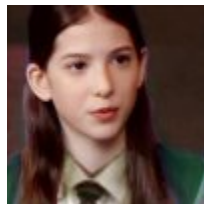
That's not good.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-26 22:42:35](#)
(no subject)

Maybe I'm being a little unfair.

But, she really wants everyone to know that she is DIFFERENT from the rest of you. And most of Slytherin thinks of your family as nothing but trouble. So... yeah.

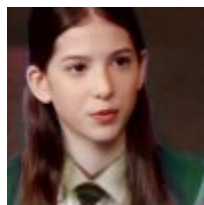


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-27 01:09:00](#)
(no subject)

And you know, Percy doesn't exactly want the world to know how different he is from the rest of you. It's more that he wants (more than anything) for the rest of you to be more like

HIM.


He wants it badly enough he'll force you, if that's what it takes, like that time he made you apologise to everyone.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-27 01:10:16](#)
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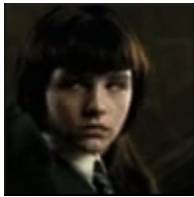
What does Percy think of the business with the Woods? He was Oliver's roommate. He'd have far more claim to be mates than Higgs ever would.




 **alt_ron** at [2011-06-27 02:58:17](#)
(no subject)

Percy was, well, like he always is. Didn't say much to anyone at breakfast, hogged the paper when Dad finished with it, and then stomped off to his room and shut the door.

He was definitely reading all the stuff about these arrests, though. It took forever for him to finish with it.



 **alt_pansy** at [2011-06-27 18:18:29](#)
Private Message to Ron Weasley

This is why I get ulcers.

Because I worry about stuff like this happening.


All of a sudden, without knowing they're after you, you get a knock on the door and people you love are in really really awful trouble and you're either in just as much trouble, or have to try and pretend that you didn't know, and really, what sort of option is that when all they need is a bit of Verisatum?

And we've been doing things. Things that could lead to knocks on doors.

And I'm worried that it's only going to get more dangerous if we aren't careful.

~~I don't want your mum and dad to get in trouble like the Woods, and sometimes~~



 **alt_ron** at [2011-06-28 00:42:26](#)
Re: Private Message to Ron Weasley

Yeah, okay. I know what you mean.

Mum and Dad are being odd again tonight. Only Bill's over, too.

And Mum cooked shepherd's pie, which, y'know, isn't posh or anything but it takes her forever to make it because she fusses over

the crust and has to make the mash and then all the chopping and the meat and everything. But she only makes it when something's awful for Dad at work, y'know.

And then she pulled out the gooseberry fool.

I mean, yeah, Dad looked really peaky when he came through the Floo, and almost looked like he was going to say he just wanted to go up to bed. Except Bill was here, so he didn't.

And now they're off in the other room with the door spelled shut. Dad and Bill, I mean. Probably got a muffling charm on, too, but we haven't had a chance to check. Because Mum had another huge long list of things we have to do 'and I don't mean tomorrow!'

So something's definitely up. I just don't-

You don't think they knew something about all this back that other time Mum went all odd. But that was more than a week ago. I mean, that'd mean they could've known something about the Woods? Only that's mad, because if the Woods knew anything, surely they'd have all done a runner and not got caught.

Now you've got me jumping at nothing. Thanks, Pans.

2011-06-26 19:09:00

*Private message to Hydra and
Rodolphus Lestrangle*



A note intended to bring you both up to speed -

Hydra, despite your lack of response, I know that you must have received my owl regarding your journal entry. I shall succinctly repeat what I said yet again: such short, childish missives are nothing more than an attempt to clamour for attention. If you feel you have done something truly worthy of boasting, then by all means tell the world in less pitifully obscure language; otherwise, save your triumphant outbursts for your Father, as such a success is more down to his skill at playing the Knight than it is to your own efforts. (Though I should credit your ravenous sweet tooth as well, I suppose.)

 [alt_bellatrix](#)

Information not in the owl: Hydra, you are to report to Buckingham after breakfast tomorrow. I have petitioned our Lord and He has graciously allowed you the honour of spending the next week with Harry, seeing as Draco is busy with his parents and Harry's mudblood is in disgrace. Feel I have reasonably presented the case to Him that if Harry is to be in female company, better it not be the unclean sort. My hope is that you will take in the business and bustle of Buckingham and find yourself inspired into servitude for our Protectorate, so that you will at last find your calling and rise to fulfill it. If it happens that you remain uninspired, then at least this can be considered good practice for seeing to Harry's needs.

Rodolphus: Have managed to secure a delivery of three male camp prisoners for the re-creation exercise. None are as pure of blood as one would hope, but all match up quite well in height, weight and age. Exercise will commence on Tuesday, once they've been delivered. I don't need to emphasise how important this re-creation is; as such, please keep all interruptions to *zero*.



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2011-06-27 01:53:44**
(no subject)

I didn't mean to boast, only I wanted Daddy to know what I'd done, and I should have made it a private message but I wasn't thinking.

Well, going to Buckingham is nice, and I just saw Harry at the memorial gardens yesterday but he didn't seem to know anything about it. I guess his Father didn't tell him.

I'd like to find my calling and rise to it. But how to I see to his needs? Because his mudblood takes care of his belongings already, and I don't think I'd know how.

From,
Hydra




 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2011-06-27 02:09:44](#)
(no subject)

Let us be forthright, Hydra: you wanted *me* to know what you had done. I think in these last almost-thirteen years I've come to know your passive machinations quite well. There's a reason Mummy's such a good Auror.

No, I don't mean take care of his belongings; that is, in fact, what the mudblood is for. But it does not do that she is, for all appearances, his closest confidante when Draco is unavailable, and his closest female companion at all. Be a sympathetic ear for him at all times - for trust me, there is nothing that men need more than a limpid, sympathetic ear. Only those built of the strongest stuff listen to their own hearts above all else and all others. We all certainly hope that Harry will grow into such a man, but should he not, then you will be there in times of doubt and loneliness. It may well be that your calling is simply to be a wife, in which case you should begin seeing yourself as such so that you can become the wife of the most important young man in the Protectorate.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2011-06-27 02:11:13](#)
(no subject)

But I don't want to simply be a wife. It would be nice to be a wife and do something else, too, like you do.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-06-27 02:16:02](#)**
(no subject)

I am not yet convinced that you are prepared to do what I do.

Besides, there's nothing wrong with being simply a wife and Mother. That's what your Aunt Cissy does, and she's still very important and, indeed, admired by all. Naturally, since you are *my* daughter I had hoped for more, but fast approaches the time when we must call a fig a fig.




 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2011-06-27 02:20:32](#)**
(no subject)

~~Bloody erebus, Bella, can't~~
You need not emphasise at all. I will have my hands full, myself.

No interruptions.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2011-06-27 02:21:32](#)**
(no subject)

Imagine my relief.

[2011-06-26 19:43:00](#)

Private Message to Penelope Clearwater

I'm sure you've read the *Prophet*. I don't know what on earth to think.



 [alt_percy](#)

My first impulse was to send an owl to Oliver, but now I'm not at all sure that would be a good idea. I wish to support him, as I consider him a very good friend, not just a roommate. But if he's mixed up in something dodgy, along with his family, if he's guilty....well, all ties would have to be cut, of course. There's my own position to consider: I'm looking for a job, and I'm hoping for the sort of position where my loyalty to the regime must be seen by everyone to be above reproach. It's bad enough that my own family is a strike against me (and don't I know it). I must be sure that none of my associations are questionable in any way.

I just don't know. Oliver hardly ever spoke of his family.

I've sent an owl off to Atticus, and I heard from Max by Floo this morning. They don't know what to think, either. Max is a little more free to make inquiries and so has sent him a letter (he already has a job, and I doubt the goblins would care), but hasn't heard back from him.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-27 01:03:08](#)

(no subject)

Oh, Perce.

My read of the article was a bit different, I suppose. It seemed to me from some of the things the paper said--from some of the things *Oliver* said to the reporters - that he might...well, that he might have helped MLE in one way or another.

It sounded to me as if he's glad to be shut of them.

And--well, the thing is...he *did* get an amazing package from Puddlemere. Isn't it possible that MLE had something to do with that, as well?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-27 01:08:44](#)
(no subject)

Hadn't thought of that as a possibility.


If you're right...well. Well. It would fit with him being in our House. I know everyone makes cracks about Gryffindors, but it would take quite a lot of courage to take that step.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-27 01:12:44](#)
(no subject)

And if you think about it, Perce, I don't think the *Prophet* would have run such a big article about him if they didn't already have confirmation from MLE that he's got nothing to do with any of the goings-on in his village. Right?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-27 01:24:29](#)
(no subject)

That's true, too.


Maybe I'll hear more from Max, but...I think I'll write to him. Privately, I mean, by owl. In the morning.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-27 03:51:21](#)
(no subject)

Well, good. I'm sure you'll feel better knowing that you made an effort, anyway.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-27 03:53:12](#)
(no subject)

Do you want to

Well, that is, if you don't have any interviews this week, do you want to get together? I can probably convince them I'm going to some YPL planning

meeting.

If you'd like to meet, that is.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-27 14:09:04](#)
(no subject)

I would love to get together. I have an interview on Tuesday morning and another on Thursday morning, but otherwise my week is open. What would you think about meeting on Wednesday?

I'm annoyingly short of funds at the moment, but I can certainly spring for sundaes at Fortescue's. Or do you have any other suggestions?




 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-06-27 14:14:15](#)
(no subject)

You know my weakness.

Wednesday for ice creams it is. About 2:00 suit you?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-06-27 20:48:44](#)
(no subject)

Perfect.

[2011-06-27 09:55:00](#)

Private Message to Shivani Johns

Thanks for sending the clipping, Vani. You're right. Auror Braithewaite is really one of the most supportive mentors. Imagine his making a point to insist that the reporter mention our contributions? Montague says he's been just nift during his intensive, being sure he's learned everything really thoroughly. They sat surveillance on one of the groups in York. I know Reethi's really hoping she pulls Braithewaite for her next placement. I don't think she's liked arithmantic analysis as much as she expected. That and they haven't let her through the doors in the Department of Mysteries; I know she hoped she could get her foot in or at least make some contacts, so that's been a disappointment.



 [alt_lana](#)

Anywiz, I'm glad I don't have to make a change yet. I have been thinking a lot, though, and you're right in what you said about Mr Lestrage. I wasn't being really honest about how complicated that is. And, well, it's just really difficult to talk about, I suppose, but I don't want you to think I don't know how careful I must be not to offend Auror Lestrage. You know that I've always, always aimed to impress her; her good opinion is just crucial. And, yes, obviously they're having some conflict, and I do see how complicated that could be.

I just don't think it's quite the same as what's happened with the Rowles, is all.

But, Vani, I'm really, really so sorry how that turned out for you.

And I'm sorry if you thought I didn't understand or was too quick to suspect you'd done something wrong when you told us about the time he, well, about the awkwardness before the Frost Faire that time. I'm glad you're out of it now. Do you really think Mrs Rowle's going back to him, though? I mean to say, I thought she was making a clean break of it, but now she's the one wanting to reconcile? Is that really wise, do you think? After humiliating him so publicly?

When do you get the next break in your certification programme? I'm sure I'll continue to be just as busy as I have been, even with this most recent investigation having wrapped up. That's what's so exciting about working with Re outside the department with someone who consults: the work comes in from all sorts of places, and there's always a backlog of artefacts to be examined. Of course, MLE work

takes priority, always. But when there's a lull in investigative assignments, there are always private commissions.

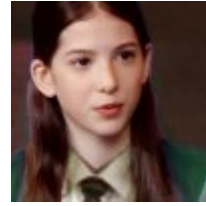
He's such a good teacher, Vani. I hope you're able to meet him sometime, just to see what I mean. He always makes certain I understand the processes we'll use before we begin--because in the midst of deconstructing a piece, the magic sometimes unspools in several ways at once, and one charm may set off multiple reactions, which, if you weren't prepared, would make it really difficult to follow and manage properly. But even when things seem to be going completely pear-shaped, he's always calm and he never just takes it away from me to do it himself, ~~the way Au~~ which some people would do. And believe me, I've done some completely idiotic things, but he never makes me feel foolish.

I was really so sad ~~our~~the intensive was coming to an end, and it was an absolute surprise that he'd put in for an extension. Still, I don't think I'll do what Willett's apparently done with communications and jump straight into an internship year out of my first intensive. I do want to try surveillance, at least. Probably with Auror Crouch, if he'll take me on. I mean, with all the others asking for Braithewaite, I think it will look well if I approach Crouch, and it's certainly true that a good word from him is well worth earning.

Anyway, enough about work. Let's see if we can get Sarah out of her studio and do something--maybe lunch on one of those little boats that run from Kew. Could you make it this Saturday?

2011-06-27 10:17:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



So, about the owl, the one Sirius Black gave to Pansy -- does he have a name yet? he seems a little irritated when I call him Owl -- Pansy and I have been testing him out.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

First Pansy sent him to me, and told him to deliver my message when I was alone. That worked fine, it meant it took him quite a bit longer to get to me because he had to figure out how to get to my window. But he managed it.

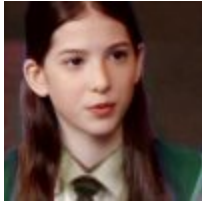
Then I sent him back to Pansy and said to deliver the message when she was alone and outside. He found her while she was out riding.

Then she sent him to me and said to deliver my message when I was alone, it was night, and I was asleep. And to leave the message under my hand without waking me, if possible. He messed THAT up. Well, it was night and I was asleep but he bounced all over my head making the delivery.

Then I sent him to my mum and said to deliver the message when mum was alone, and to wait discreetly in case she wanted to write back. I don't know quite how that worked. He did come back with a letter, though.

Anyway.

I think we could PROBABLY use him to send a message to Terry but I've sent him back to Pansy with the 'deliver to her while she's sleeping, put the message under her hand without waking her!' instruction to see if he can get it right this time. Then he's supposed to wait discreetly where she'll be able to see him, but avoid being seen by anyone else, take anything she gives him, and fly back to me. I expect he'll wake her up like he woke me, and then cram himself into some little crevice and pretend he's being all discreet until she gives him something. We'll see. What exactly would be the instructions, if he went to Terry, other than, 'for Merlin's sake don't be seen by Carrow'?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-27 15:29:14](#)
(no subject)


Oh, I know a test we should do.

We should send a note to Fred, and tell the owl not to wake George, JUST FRED.

Because it's possible Terry's never really alone, and the owl's only chance will be delivering while Carrow's asleep.

We should also try something he just probably won't be able to do, and say, if you can't manage it in two days come back here.

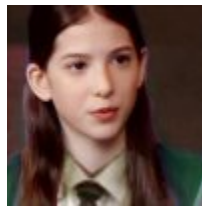


 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-27 16:07:28](#)
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Ha!

That's exactly what I was going to say!! Must be a brilliant idea, then!


And, yeah, if you send him to us, we could try giving him the next test. I mean, we want to know that he'll obey any of us, right? So we know he'd mind Terry, too.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-27 16:29:57](#)
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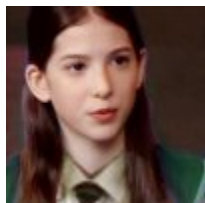
Oh, THAT'S a good idea. Maybe Fred could send him to you and see how fast he could figure out he needs to go somewhere in the same house, which is sort of a weird mission but something we might want him to do sometime, and you could send him on to Lee?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-27 16:45:20](#)
(no subject)

What did you mean about sending him on a task he couldn't do? Like asking him to take a letter to Merlin or Albus Dumbledore or something? Or trying to send him to France?


Or just asking him to carry something that's too big for him? Is that what you meant? We could do that with Lee, if that's what you mean.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-27 16:51:45](#)
(no subject)

No, I meant more something like 'find some person alone' when he's NEVER alone. We could try that with Fred and George, too, I've never seen just one of them. I suppose they go to the loo by themselves but how would the owl get in there?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-27 17:00:24](#)
(no subject)

Oh. That kind of impossible.

Well. How about we send him to Lee and say only deliver this if Lee's hair is green. Which, y'know, it never is, so.

And then come back in two days if you can't deliver it.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-27 17:04:36](#)
(no subject)

That's a good one.

Mostly I'm thinking that if we give the owl really specific instructions with Terry we don't want him cutting corners because he's getting tired of waiting. We want him to either succeed in getting Terry the message without being seen at all by anyone, OR we want him to just come back. Because getting him the message but being seen by Carrow is worse than just failing altogether.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-27 17:40:33](#)
(no subject)

Well, yeah. That's right, innit.

We could try telling him that, too. Owls are

smart like that.

But, um. Could be a problem if he gets the idea that he'll get rewarded if he comes back without having delivered stuff, though. They get sort of lazy if they think they can get away with it.

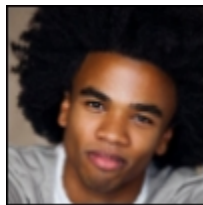



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-06-27 18:12:25](#)**
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Well, maybe we test it so that Lee turns his hair green twice -- once for half an hour when he's alone and it's safe, and once for half an hour when it isn't safe, and then we'll know if it was paying attention, or just flitting around, and if it's able to follow things that complicated.

If Lee can turn his hair green, that is.

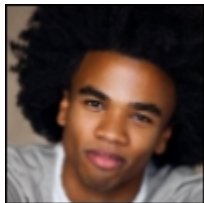
I bet it would look sorcerous.




 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-27 20:54:06](#)**
(no subject)

I could do that.


Bonus points: it would undoubtedly horrify my mum.



 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2011-06-27 20:52:49](#)**
(no subject)

How do you know that I'm not sporting green hair already? Maybe I'm trying out a new summer style?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2011-06-27 20:53:54](#)**
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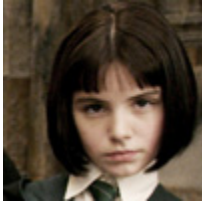
Ha!


You would do.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-27 20:55:44](#)
(no subject)

We're sure it must look very fetching.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-27 18:10:34](#)
(no subject)

I think if we practise the whole "being careful not to wake up the other person" bit, it could get better at that part.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-27 18:59:12](#)
(no subject)

That's a good idea. If we want late-night deliveries to one person in a two-person room, I think we're going to have to send Fred and George a lot of mail, though. Does anyone else here share a room?

Gemma comes in sometimes at night and climbs into my bed but it's not predictable. Mostly if she gets scared at night she wants Maureen.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-27 20:20:51](#)
(no subject)

Ha. If you start sending Fred and George a lot of letters and Mum finds out, she'll totally think you're sweet on one of them.

Of course, if Mum finds out, then we'll know the bird is crap at delivering stuff secretly. And that's what we want to know.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-28 00:41:04](#)
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Would she say, if she'd noticed anything? Does she tease you?

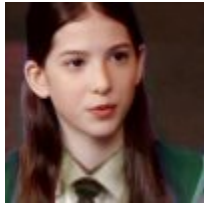
Or would she NOT say anything, but you'd know anyway because of the way she'd spend all day looking like she WANTED to say something and was valiantly NOT doing so?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-27 20:58:27](#)
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It would sure help a lot if we knew how Terry was housed. Like, in the same room with Carrow or not. He wasn't here at Hogwarts, but who knows what it's like for him in the camps.

Bloody hell.



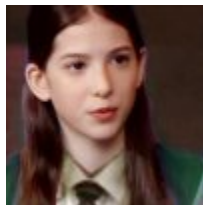
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-28 00:34:53](#)
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Can your father find that out?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-28 02:45:21](#)
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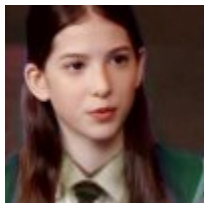
We've asked him to find out, and he's looking into it. He says that he should be able to find out exactly where the git is when he gets the month end reports listing where personnel are stationed through the various camps.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-28 02:50:18](#)
(no subject)

That'll be soon, then, right? June's almost over.

I don't think we have to know where Terry is to send the owl, anyway. It'll just be faster if we do.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-28 00:39:27](#)
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Here's one of the good things about this owl: he is TINY.

If Pansy can send him to deliver to Fred while George is either asleep or gone, maybe you can both keep an

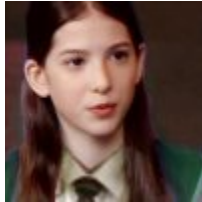
eye out for him -- just to see if you spot him at all, when he's watching you for a chance to make his delivery. Because if he makes a delivery to Terry, his ability to hide and to solve problems is more important than knowing in advance exactly where Terry's sleeping.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-28 00:45:44](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, okay.

What does he look like besides tiny?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-28 01:02:01](#)
(no subject)

He's a scops owl, do you know what those look like? He's only about as big as my fist, and he has little tufts that look like ears. Mostly brown but in a sort of stripy way, with a big dark C and then a backward C on each side of his face.

2011-06-27 12:19:00

Order Only: Vale of Glamorgan situation



 [alt_arthur](#)

We had an interdepartmental session this morning, involving both Purity Control (i.e., the Committee for Muggleborn Labour Services) and Muggle Domestication. It was horrible. I'm sitting down to write this report with reluctance. In all honesty, I'd really prefer to be off drowning the memory of the meeting with shots of Firewhiskey.

It's become increasingly clear that the Vale of Glamorgan was a refuge of sorts for both muggles and muggleborns. Sort of a commune, if you will, run by several branches of the Wood and Ackerley families. They weren't involved with Dogstar (although that has been muddied in the *Prophet*). By way of a mix of bribes, sloppy record-keeping, and the occasional use of Imperius and Confundus, the wizarding families of Vale Glamorgan tracked down all their surviving muggle neighbors and arranged to have them consigned to them as 'labourers.' The muggles don't seem to have been under any constraint to stay, so with luck a few may have slipped through the Ministry's cordon, though the raid came at night and they had little warning. Their 'labour' seems to have taken the form of farming, and the produce from the farms appears to have been shared equally among wizard and muggle residents of the Vale. The muggles are all in excellent health, even down to their teeth, and apparently wizarding potions such as Dreamless Sleep were found in some of the muggle homes.

It must have been a lovely arrangement, while it lasted. But naturally, such beautiful cooperation between wizards (including a few muggleborns) and muggles is complete anathema under our present regime and must be soundly punished. And so we spent the morning squabbling over their fates. I don't know what will happen to the adult pureblood or halfblood wizards, as that's not my department, but I am sure it will be quite grim. I do know that their children will all be taken away and fostered with other families.

There were eight muggleborn wizards--well, nine, but one managed to kill himself within twenty-four hours of being placed in custody by the simple expedient of hanging himself with his belt. A check of the records showed that the muggleborns are apparently the newest arrivals. They were only there for a few years, and so I wondered whether the argument could be made that that they should be


retrained for service somewhere they'd be treated 'properly.' There's always demand these days. The opinion was bruited about around the conference table, however, that the muggleborns in question most likely had been entirely 'ruined' by their dangerous exposure to traitorous ideas. A consensus quickly developed that they should be turned over for experimentation, meaning they'll be given to the likes of Rookwood and Carrow.

There are close to two hundred muggles, on the other hand, many of them children obviously too young to work. Deverill and Harkiss cheerfully spent fifteen minutes in a barbaric argument over whether it would be better to kill all the adults, or merely kill the men and then split up the women and children (with no regard to family ties of course). I caught Norma Brownmiller's eye, and saw she was close to tears although doing her level best not to show it. Clearly, she didn't dare to raise her voice to argue for mercy. I know the humanitarianism she's shown in the past has made her opinions suspect in department decisions.

I didn't dare speak up for both the muggleborns and the muggles. In the end I opted to cast my lot with the hopes of saving as many as possible and so I spoke in favour of sparing the muggles. They were mere animals, easy enough to terrorise into obedience with threats, and why should we not take advantage of their labour? Let them be reassigned to the camp at Cardiff, which lost many during the epidemic, and we can farm them out on various work details.

I don't know what will be decided yet. I imagine there will be a memo out tomorrow.




 **alt_molly** at **2011-06-27 21:06:32**
(no subject)

Oh, Arthur, how dreadful. I'm so sorry.

I wonder though...do you think we should offer to foster one of the children? The pureblood children, I mean: one of the Woods or Ackerleys. They must be so frightened and distressed, and it hurts to think of them going to a home where they'll be told that their parents did something despicable.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-27 21:07:46](#)
(no subject)

I hadn't thought of that, Molly. I hadn't thought of it at all, frankly.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-27 21:09:57](#)
(no subject)

Don't you think perhaps we should?

After all, Percy will probably be finding a job soon. I suppose he will live at home for awhile, but I know he hopes to eventually move out into his own flat.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-27 21:16:37](#)
(no subject)

Mum...I understand you feel for these kids. Yeah, their situation's awful. But what you said about a foster family having to tell them their parents were despicable...don't you see that you'd have to do that, if you take one of them in?

Fostering a child draws an extra level of official scrutiny toward a pureblood family, and I bet it'll be especially high with these kids in particular. They'd want to be sure that whatever traitorous ideas they absorbed from their family were crushed.


Can you really risk that extra level of official oversight?



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-27 21:28:39](#)
(no subject)

I don't know.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-27 21:31:01](#)

Private message to Molly Weasley

I know that you always say, 'Just add water to the stew, and we can always seat another at the table.' But it would be a financial stretch, Molly, dear. And haven't you been appreciated the freedom of not having children at home anymore during the school year? Frankly, it makes it easier for you to do tasks for the Order, doesn't it?




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-27 21:32:00](#)

Re: Private message to Molly Weasley

I think we should at least think about it, Arthur.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-27 21:32:39](#)

Re: Private message to Molly Weasley

We can certainly do that.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-27 23:05:37](#)

Re: Private message to Molly Weasley

And if we take one of the Wood children...well, I think that might mean a great deal to Percy. Which might be a lever we could use.




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-27 23:06:46](#)

Re: Private message to Molly Weasley

That's certainly something to consider, too.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-27 21:16:03](#)
(no subject)

Dad. It does sound awful.


I hope your speaking up will tip the balance, enough to save as many as possible.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-27 21:20:27](#)
(no subject)


Bill, would you consider coming over for dinner tonight?



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-27 21:21:53](#)
Private message to Bill Weasley


I just spoke to him by Floo, and he's upset about this whole business. You know how he gets sometimes when he has to make these awful choices. It would help him a lot if you could come over and perhaps talk a bit with him privately.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-27 21:22:50](#)
Re: Private message to Bill Weasley

Of course I will, Mum, although I don't know how easy it will be to take him aside for a private word, now that everybody's home.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-06-27 21:24:15](#)
Re: Private message to Bill Weasley

If I have to, I'll invent chores for the others, so you'll have the opportunity to be alone with him.


Or I can always send them out to play pick up Quidditch. That never fails to get the others out of the way. Except Percy, and he's mostly been lurking in his room anyway.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-27 21:33:56](#)
(no subject)

If the muggleborns are given to Rookwood or Carrow, does this mean that at least you've now found out where Carrow is stationed? So we can try to get that boy out of his clutches?




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-06-27 21:36:09](#)
(no subject)

Not yet. Although I should be able to learn it soon, when the end of the month's lists of change of camp personnel come in.

Otherwise, if the muggleborns are sent to Carrow, I should be able to get the information from the processing parchmentwork.



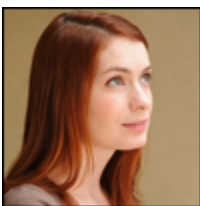
 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-27 21:44:29](#)
(no subject)


keep me posted as soon as you find out, arthur.

I'd like to be one of the people that checks up on him. I owe him that much, if not much more.

and we can check him for tracking charms, see if we can get him out.

I know you're up to your arse in parchment right now, but when it comes to terry boot, the sooner the better.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-27 21:46:51](#)
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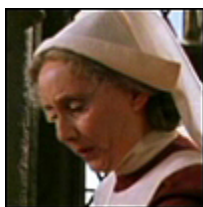
How awful.

Such a cost for such a little bit of happiness.

I'm so sorry, Arthur.

And I know how hard it was for you to sit through that meeting, but

because of your presence, you've managed to save a few more lives than would have been otherwise. Thank you.



 **alt_poppy** at [2011-06-27 22:24:58](#)
(no subject)

Oh, Arthur.

I can't imagine how distressing that must have been. And to be forced to take such an awful, impossible decision.


Alice is right, of course, we need you in that job because if you were not there, things would go very much worse for a great many people.

And I mean that sincerely, Arthur. These are not meaningless noises of sympathy I'm mouthing. Even in her inability to speak up, your Norma Brownmiller was making a contribution by filling a chair that might otherwise have been filled by someone ready to speak vociferously in favour of the worst possible course.

And you took the risk she could not.

I'm very grateful to you for that.



 **alt_sirius** at [2011-06-28 02:58:13](#)
(no subject)

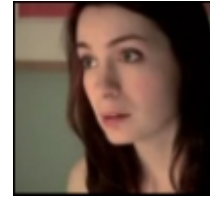
Whatever's going on down Glamorgan way, Arthur, it's rippling through the camps. Wish I could figure out how the muggles seem to be able to pass messages.

Then again, so does the enemy. Heard today that they had half the muggles in the Stevenage camp outside in the heat for hours while they shuffled them all about, took them through their paces, put the stronger ones on harder work details out in the fields and generally threatened wholesale slaughter if anyone so much as breathed a word about labour stoppage or protest. Took some of the teenagers, too, Merlin knows where. Birchmore's a heartless son of a bitch, that's for sure.

I do hope you managed to save most of them from the worst indignities, anyway.

2011-06-27 22:04:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Frank Longbottom



I got a letter today from Neville.

Oh, Frank.

 [alt_alice](#)

He's heartbroken about not making it into that damned program, because he had his hopes pinned on training to become an Auror. Like us. So he could be of use to us.

And that sweet girl, Hannah, she's all wrapped up in it too. Because he feels like he's let all of us down. I thought

Well, I suspected

I thought that she might be something special to him, and he's said as much, and I can only imagine how awful it must have been for him to mourn her.

He told us why he crashed his broom. He'd found out that they were to face a boggart, and his greatest fear is seeing us captured. And he didn't want to risk the trouble he'd get us all in if they saw it.


And you can just tell how sad he is, how much he wants to make us proud, and how awful he feels about letting us down, and all I want to do is wrap him in my arms and tell him everything will be okay and that I love him so much and I wish you were here and I might be just a bit drunk right now and I just can't stop crying.

Come back to me.

Soon.

Soon as you can.



 [alt_frank](#) at **2011-06-28 02:18:51**
(no subject)

I wish I was there right now.

I will be just as soon as I can.

you could come here, if you wanted, you know.

I mean it's not like they can't guess that you're a part of all this.

if you need to.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-28 02:26:21](#)

(no subject)

I would splinch myself and the last think I want is for everyone to see me falling to pieces least of all severus Snape.

I may change my mind on that, though.

After all, fingers can be grown back, can't they?

And who cares if Severus sees me all splotchy and missing fingers and if you make Kingsley stay up all night on watch so you can take care of me because I'm the world's worst mum there ever was and can't manage to hold it together while my husband is doing sensitive important things and I need you so badly right now it hurts.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 02:29:51](#)

(no subject)

usually it's your job to hold me together.


he loves us, al.

he wants to help us more than anything.

that's why he's sad, that's why he's writing us to tell us how he feels. because he cares about us, and loves us, and knows that we'll love him right back.

this is what it means to be a real family. and that's what we are. we weren't that way three years ago, but we are now, and I'm glad he wrote us.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 02:34:01](#)**
(no subject)


When did you start making so much common sense?

You're right. Of course you're right. It just knocked the wind right out of me to read.

I want him here. With us. Away from that awful programme and doubt and worry and needing to keep everything secret. He's strong, he's brave, but you've seen what it's done to Arthur and Minerva, and he's still a boy, and I don't want him to have to be that brave and strong. He shouldn't have to be. We shouldn't have put him in that position.

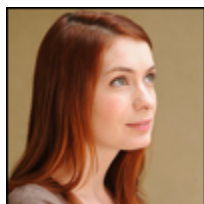
Oh, Merlin.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 02:38:25](#)**
(no subject)

longbottoms are made out of pretty strong stuff. pendletons too.

he's growing up, love. he's becoming a man. a damn fine one, too, from the looks of it.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 02:39:33](#)**
(no subject)

Just like his father.

did you agree with what Severus said? about the prophecy?

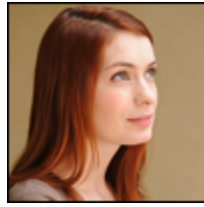



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 02:41:02](#)**
(no subject)

yes. for now.

at least it makes sense.

it's hard to tell whether it isn't just me wanting it to be that way, though.



 **alt_alice** at [2011-06-28 02:47:46](#)
(no subject)

I know how you mean.

Have you talked to Kingsley about repeating last summer?

I think


He really needs it, Frank.

As do I.

he mentioned that training you worked on together, and how much it meant to him, and how happy he was that he'd been scoring so well on defence because that was something that he'd done with you, and you can tell how much he wants you to be proud of him, and if he can't go to that silly brain-washing camp that I never wanted him to be a part of anyways we can show him the best damn camp he ever had.

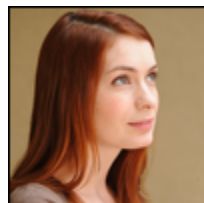
and teach him some tricks his classmates won't be learning.




 **alt_frank** at [2011-06-28 02:49:08](#)
(no subject)

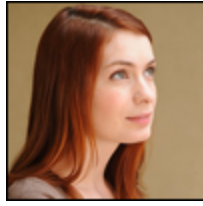
I'll talk to him about it.


it'd be good for all of us, I think.



 **alt_alice** at [2011-06-28 02:49:51](#)
(no subject)

Yes. It would be. Very much so.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 02:51:09](#)**
(no subject)

and now I'm all weepy again.

bugger.

I'll wake up kevin.

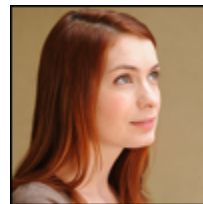



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 02:54:03](#)**
(no subject)

I'll be back before you know it.

this thing can't keep on forever. kingsley and me have been talking about taking them to sherwood, letting them spend some time there under probation. merlin knows whether that'll amount to anything, but I'm not staying in this tent forever.

it's starting to smell like feet.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 02:58:49](#)**
(no subject)

I'm sure.

A few cleaning charms wouldn't kill you, you know.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:01:00](#)**
(no subject)

you never know.

drop your guard for a moment around this lot, and bam, right between the eyes.

just kidding.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:03:41](#)**
(no subject)

I'd bet you are.

You know perfectly well how to cast Scourgify, last I've checked.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:07:30](#)**
(no subject)

I think it'd be easier just to chuck it after we're done with it.


or burn it.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:11:26](#)**
(no subject)

you still want to come over?




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:13:03](#)**
(no subject)

To a place that smells like feet?

I have standards, you know.

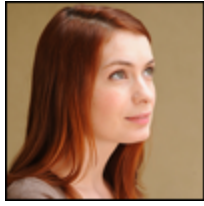
I'll be fine. Besides. I'd have to wake up Jacinda and get her to take Kevin into the nursery, and it's too much of a bother.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:15:09](#)**
(no subject)

it's not too much of a bother.

you need to, you come right up.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:18:19](#)**
(no subject)

All right.

Not tonight. I'll be fine tonight.

But if this business keeps up much longer, I will have to come up there, feet or no feet.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:21:22](#)**
(no subject)


okay.

one way or the other, I'll see you soon.

promise.

you get some good sleep. you'll feel better tomorrow.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:22:42](#)**
(no subject)

I feel better already.


Thanks to you. Darling man.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:27:25](#)**
(no subject)

I love you, you know. I love you so much it is ridiculous.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:30:09](#)**
(no subject)

I love you back.

I don't say it near as often as I should. but I do.

more than anything.



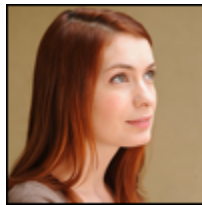
 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:30:39](#)**
(no subject)


I know.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:31:04](#)**
(no subject)

night, al.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 03:32:51](#)**
(no subject)

Night.

2011-06-28 14:28:00

ORDER ONLY. Messrs. Macnair and Snape.



 **alt_albus**

It would, all things considered, be advisable to trust Messrs. Macnair & Snape. Many people, after all, have hidden depths.

I shall look forward to conversing with them upon my return. (And, of course, to seeing the rest of you all.)



 **alt_sirius** at **2011-06-28 12:39:20**

(no subject)

What return? When?

You can't mean to say you want Minerva to swear them into the Order? That's madness.



 **alt_albus** at **2011-06-28 12:41:39**

(no subject)

Dear boy, you must have a very limited view of the possibilities of 'madness.'



 **alt_sirius** at **2011-06-28 12:53:45**


(no subject)

Don't get cute with me, Professor. I've seen enough of madness to recognise the warning signs.

Are you truly ordering us to let them into the Order? To let them read messages behind the Lock? To include them in our plans?

Or are you simply telling us to trust they won't give away what they already know, and we can let Frank and Kingsley stop sitting on them?




 [alt_albus](#) at [2011-06-28 12:59:22](#)
(no subject)

Allow them in.


Take it as an opportunity to develop your character. You have many excellent qualities, but a forgiving nature is not one of them. One of the few ways in which you are like your cousin Bellatrix, I must say.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 13:07:34](#)
(no subject)

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 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 13:26:48](#)
(no subject)

They're *Death Eaters*, Albus. They didn't go and take the Mark to keep Hogwarts safe like Minerva. They joined on their own.


Macnair's killed for Voldemort. And --



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 13:27:38](#)
(no subject)

and for all his talk about changing colours, he tried his level best to kill harry.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 13:30:56](#)
(no subject)

Oh, but he's thought better of that, hasn't he? Bugging *Snape* made him think different.

Morgana. I just don't understand what Albus is thinking.

Not like he'd *tell* us.

And what's this 'return' he's talking about? When's that going to happen? And what does he expect us to do when he decides to provide his leadership again, hm? If it's more orders like this - well.


I just hope he *really* knows what he's doing.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 13:27:39](#)
(no subject)

This is *such* a bad idea.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-28 17:12:04](#)
(no subject)

Yes, but the Order lock, too?

Merlin, Professor.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2011-06-28 12:42:42](#)
(no subject)

Truly, Albus?

I suppose it must be as you say.

I wish you would tell us your plans. Or where you are. Or any thing.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2011-06-28 13:47:34](#)
(no subject)

I'll second that.


Albus, it would relieve my mind if you have any further information about the two of them that would help us accept your advice.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 13:16:18](#)
(no subject)


that's all we get? after three years, that's all we get?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 13:16:39](#)
(no subject)


okay. I get snape. you have a history. I'll give you that much, but why macnair? what reason do you have to trust him, sight unseen?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 13:16:50](#)
(no subject)

and what about the prophecy, then?




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 13:23:21](#)
Private Message to Frank

Apparently they both have hidden depths.


Depths of *what*, I'm not sure.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 13:27:12](#)
Re: Private Message to Frank

dammit, he knows exactly what this means, how dangerous it could be, but he just swans in and expects us to jump to and merlin forbid we ask questions and get them answered.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 13:31:32](#)
Re: Private Message to Frank

I don't expect any answers.

the man is impossible.

and he writes us after so many years away, so many years we've been trying to get by without his leadership

and he gives us so damn little to work with.

it just makes me so fucking steamed.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-28 13:35:43**

Re: Private Message to Frank

where was he last year when you nearly died, and we were all facing merlin knows what?

was he reading when our hermione had to go under cruciatus? or when her parents were sent to be bitten by werewolves?

could've used a bit of goddamn leadership then.

at least minerva answers back.



 **[alt_sirius](#) at 2011-06-28 14:08:02**

Re: Private Message to Frank

Sometimes I think he still thinks we're at school and he's headmaster.

Still. No room for argument, is there?

Wonder what he'd do if we decided not to take his word for it?



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2011-06-28 14:27:09**


Re: Private Message to Frank

I know how you mean, mate.

and I doubt he'd really do anything. but then again, I don't doubt that we will end up doing what he says.


might be unhappy about it, and frustrated as hell, but the man has more than a little weight to throw around, and he's thrown it.



 **alt_bill** at [2011-06-28 13:38:05](#)
(no subject)


Bloody hell. What?!



 **alt_bill** at [2011-06-28 13:38:42](#)
(no subject)


He's got to be kidding.



 **alt_arthur** at [2011-06-28 13:39:14](#)
(no subject)

He wouldn't kid about something like this, son.




 **alt_bill** at [2011-06-28 13:41:53](#)
(no subject)

Seriously, though. How do you expect us to accept them on your say-so? Have you interviewed them, maybe dropping in them while they've been on the run?!


You're in America!



 **alt_arthur** at [2011-06-28 13:43:00](#)
(no subject)

That's enough, Bill. Stubble it.




 **[alt_bill](#) at 2011-06-28 13:43:42**

Private message to Arthur Weasley

Dad, you can't be serious, either! He has no way to know that they can be trusted!




 **[alt_arthur](#) at 2011-06-28 13:45:10**

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

No, I don't believe that's true, son.

He created the Order. He is not going to set us upon a course that will destroy it. And he has powers that are so beyond anything that any of the rest of us have.



 **[alt_bill](#) at 2011-06-28 13:50:52**

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

But he's telling us to let them in to the Order Lock, Dad! The lock that I created!

Merlin, that's one of the few, true advantages we have.



 **[alt_arthur](#) at 2011-06-28 13:53:02**

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

What, are you afraid that they're going to go back to Voldemort then and blab about it?

Son, they've been on the run from the Ministry for months. They'd fall in a hail of Avada Kedavras if they tried. According to Dumbledore, they won't try.




 **[alt_bill](#) at 2011-06-28 13:53:40**

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

According to Dumbledore. But if he's wrong....don't you realise what will happen to all of us?



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-06-28 13:54:11](#)**

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

Son, I've never seen him be wrong. About anything.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2011-06-28 14:08:41](#)**

(no subject)

He's not.

He may be completely round the twist, but he's not joking.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 13:42:15](#)**

(no subject)

I'm glad to see you're alive, Albus.

This is more than a little unexpected. I know you have your reasons, and I wish you'd share more with us about what they are -- if we're to take this big of a risk, and so soon, it would be best to know where you're coming from.

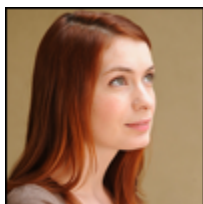
Thank you for your advice.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2011-06-28 13:42:57](#)**

(no subject)

bloody hell, al.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2011-06-28 13:54:15](#)**

Private Message to Frank

I know you, Frank Longbottom.

And I know that you're letting your anger towards Dumbledore cloud your ability to listen to what he

is saying.

Yes, he's left us to our own devices for a long while. Yes, sometimes, his methods are difficult for us to understand.

But you know as well as I that you are Dumbledore's man through and through, even though you're spitting nails right now.

We've been struggling about what to do with Snape and Macnair, and now we have an answer. I can see how you and Sirius are unhappy about it, but weren't you saying just the other day how much you believed their intentions to be sincere? How dependent they were on us? What are we to do with them? Dump them off at Sherwood?

They've been of real use to us. And could continue to be of real use.

You've spent days talking with these men. You of all people know what they are capable of, and where they are coming from.

And you, of all people, can inform us whether this is possible and safe.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 13:57:36](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank

damn it all.

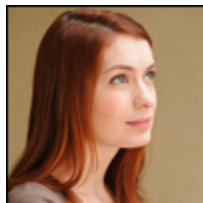
can't say I'm happy about it, about any of it, but you're right.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-28 14:00:06](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank

I can see you're back to making sense again.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-28 14:01:23](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank

Yes, well, a good night's rest can do wonders.

And one of us must keep our head about us. We seem to take it in shifts. It'll be my turn again soon enough.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 14:09:44](#)

Private Message to Alice

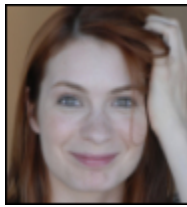
Kiss-arse.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 14:13:15](#)

Private Message to Alice

And I mean that in the kindest possible way, of course.

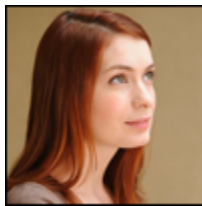


 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-28 14:20:40](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice

Oh, naturally.

You are just jealous that I happen to be better at negotiating than you lot of hot-heads.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-28 14:19:53](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice

Hush, love.

I know this is not the sort of message you'd like to get from him, and that there's no love lost between you and Snape.


I think at this point, it all comes down to trust. And whereas we might not entirely trust Snape and Macnair, not yet, I do know that Dumbledore wouldn't speak up unless this was important, unless he was absolutely sure.

So if we can't trust Snape and Macnair entirely, we must decide whether we can trust Dumbledore.

And I do.

And thus far, in all your dealings with both of them, they have both attempted to tell us everything they know that could be of use, and have made every effort to show their trustworthiness to us. I know, I know, there could be hidden motives there, but that's something, isn't it?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2011-06-28 14:23:01](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice

And we could all use a bit of good news. And hearing from Dumbledore, as frustrating as it can be, is good news.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-28 14:28:51](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice

Dumbledore wants to think the best of people.

But some people just don't have a best in them.

I don't like the idea of letting them in any further while we still have to watch our backs, either.

Cutting them loose I could understand but ... this?


Do I trust him?

Yes. I suppose I do.

Do I think he's right?

I don't know.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-28 18:09:30](#)

(no subject)

Well. Albus. A timely surprise.

I've something I've wished and wished I could ask you, and now here you are and of a mind to offer recommendations.

Would you, all things considered, think it a wise investment towards

my retirement to put money in a scheme being offered me by the persistent Messrs Forke & Shovelle? They offer to bring me in as a silent partner in their redevelopment of Milton Keynes as a new spa and resort, and they say the potential for future returns is simply vast.

I'm not certain it's a wise investment, given the past uses of the properties in question and their current state of, well, considerable disrepair.

What would you advise?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-28 23:23:20](#)
(no subject)

Well he'd better not show off like that if we send him to the camps to find Terry or Carrow will be eating owl stew.

What's a pigwidgeon?




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-28 23:53:37](#)
(no subject)

Wouldn't make very much stew, would he?

Ha! It's just what he looked like. I mean, he's littler than those pigeons he was pestering, and he acts all widgety. That's like fidgety and wiggly all at once. I dunno. It just sort of came out. Seemed to fit.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-29 02:39:32](#)
(no subject)

Very little stew. Carrow'd still do it for spite.

So he's a wiggly fidgety tiny pigeon? I suppose that's not a half bad description.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-29 02:09:15](#)
(no subject)

And, yeah.

I think he might need a bit more training.

If you know what I mean.

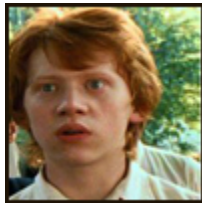
Needs to settle down a bit.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-29 02:40:37](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. He's done everything right, basically, except for the 'don't wake her when you leave the message' assignments, but the whole 'don't attract attention! you're on a secret mission!' thing, I'm not sure he gets.

Clearly this is a GRYFFINDOR owl.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-29 14:43:03](#)
(no subject)

Oi!

Again with the stuff about Gryffindors being bollocks with pulling off missions? I'll have you know, one of those examiners complimented me on my strategic thinking. I'm going to be completely ace at field trials this summer. Wait and see.

Actually, I think Pig's problem is his Mum let him fall out of the nest when he was small. Well, he's still small, but y'know what I mean. Stubbed his brain and stopped him growing, too, maybe.

Oh. Hope you don't mind. We've started calling him Pig. And he seems to think that's a bit of all right. Comes whenever anyone says it. It's funny, too, cause Mum doesn't like pigs. Like at all. Won't have them cause she says they smell. I think she thinks we're taking the mickey by calling him that. Even when we told her what it's short for.

Anywiz, did you want us to send him back to you? Or should we try the thing with Lee next?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-29 14:53:54](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I can't wait for the field trials, that'll be brilliant.

Pig? Pig. That's the weirdest name for an owl I've

ever heard. Why don't you send him back to me, but tell him to bring me the message during the day, when I'm alone, and not to let anyone but me see him. Since that's where he really needs some practise.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-06-29 14:54:46](#)**
(no subject)

And I told you, he's a scops owl. ALL scops owls are this size.

I don't know if they're all insane hyperactive fuzzballs, mind you. But he's a completely normal size for his sort of owl.

[2011-06-28 15:51:00](#)

Order Only: On Snape and Macnair

As I said, I knew Macnair, a little, when I worked at Hogwarts. I always suspected he was more decent than he wanted to let on.



 [alt_lupin](#)

As for Snape. Twelve years in Azkaban is enough to change any man's loyalties to the monster who put him there, even if he hadn't thought better of it before then. Frank, Sirius, Kingsley - you all reported that he showed you a memory where he swore allegiance to Professor Dumbledore. Now Professor Dumbledore seems to be corroborating that claim.

I think we should trust him, and give them both the chance to prove worthy of that trust.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **[2011-06-28 19:59:38](#)**

Private Message to Sirius

Stop being a pillock. No one's asking you to like the man.

You believed me, after all.



 [alt_sirius](#) at **[2011-06-28 20:01:12](#)**

Re: Private Message to Sirius

But -



 [alt_sirius](#) at **[2011-06-28 20:02:09](#)**

Re: Private Message to Sirius

Yeah.

Yeah. Okay.

Right.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-28 20:19:55](#)
(no subject)


I don't care a fig for whatever memory that man cherry picked from his brain to 'share' with us.

And I do not one bit like the manner of this instruction. And nor the substance of it.

I greatly dislike the risk this represents. And if he were here, I would tell him so directly. (As it is, Albus, I trust you're entirely aware both what you're asking and what it costs each of us to comply.)

And that's it in sum. I've given my own allegiance to Albus, and I've no intention of reneging even if I cannot myself see how this course makes the Order stronger or more secure.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-29 03:19:01](#)
(no subject)


Moony's point is that a good soldier doesn't ask why. And he doesn't pick which orders to follow and which to ignore, either.

Personally I think it'll be a miracle if they don't slit all our throats in the middle of the night, metaphorically speaking.

But.

He's not giving us a choice about it, really.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-29 03:21:30](#)
(no subject)


... And much as I look forward to having my throat slit, it'd probably be an improvement about now.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2011-06-29 03:23:50](#)
(no subject)

I thought you were going to see Terrie?




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-29 03:25:19](#)
(no subject)

... Yeah.

Brilliant idea, that.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-06-29 14:19:31](#)
(no subject)

You are preaching to the choir, Sirius.

As I said, I've given my allegiance to Albus, and I will not stand against his request that we take these two men into the Order.

2011-06-28 23:42:00

Private Message to Barty Crouch, Jr and Dominic Selwyn



 **alt_lucius**


Have baited the trap. Contrived an exchange with Fleet in which we planted the suggestion that Maule's downfall lies in his illegal practice of collecting samples of hair from incapacitated patients, for sale in the seedier dens of Knockturn and Carne Alleys.

Rubbish - at least I fervently hope so. Crispin did forward the real evidence to Holcomb per my instruction.

Shall see how long it takes for the rumour to circle back to its source.

Barty, I've those tickets to give back to you, as well. Forgot yesterday.



 **alt_crouch_jr** at **2011-06-29 14:31:06**
(no subject)

That should sour Maule's pudding if it comes out.

Interested to see if there will be any discernible effect on either industry.

Send the tickets to Ned. I've told him he and his mates should use the seats since you've had to decline.

[2011-06-29 10:00:00](#)

So what does everyone else think



 [alt_padma](#)

about all the reports in the news and on the journals? Did you see how Master Arkadinov says he predicted those dogstar captures, which Parvati thinks is proof he's a genius. I say it's proof he's full of himself! Last year he claimed he predicted that Auror Lestrage would kill Sirius Black - but I noticed that he didn't actually say that's what his prediction meant until *after* it happened. Just like *now* he's saying he knew all those dogstar people would be caught, but if you look at what he actually *said*, it just says that the Protectorate's fortunes will rise as stars fall. Well. Anyone who studies Arithmancy knows that there are meteor showers this time of year every year! I think it's awfully cheeky to say that they're linked to anything in particular. (But then I don't think Arkadinov is his real name, either!) Lav, I'm sorry, but he's really too much, even if he is supposedly very famous and Madam Carpenter says he's Talented. Your predictions are going to be ever so much more accurate and interesting, I'm sure!

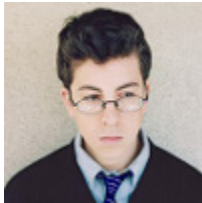
But the reaction to the Aurors is really really nift, isn't it? Lana, I hope you saw that snitch entry Mrs Dapplemyre wrote about all the trainees, particularly you and Reethi Singh and how important it is that our young witches prove they're just as good as warlocks in the field. (I don't know if anyone else reads Mrs Dapplemyre regularly, but her entries are always interesting and really, really thoughtful about how witches can have brilliant careers and still be wives and mothers and all that. I just love how she writes about all the really amazing witches from the past and the ones we celebrate now in the Protectorate.)


And Seamus, did you see that long post by that bloke, whats-his-name, Orestes Skym? Well, he's Welsh so I'm not surprised at all that he thought MLE should have let well enough alone in the Vale of Glamorgan. But did you read the whole thing? Because toward the end he even compared his people's struggle to Ireland and how it would have continued to be peaceful and happy if MLE would just let them all be. And he had a choice thing or two to say about the Kestrels, on top of everything else!

I'm getting ready to go to the CCF next week, how about the rest of us who got in? Actually, I've kept up the exercises that we started when we were going to be tested - and Parvati sometimes comes along, too.

We've convinced Mum that we're old enough we can take little jogs round the neighbourhood and no one will bother us. She even designed us some nift running robes, so that it's easier to go long distances. She might even put a line in for the autumn.

What's everyone else doing to prepare?




 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2011-06-29 20:32:45](#)**
(no subject)

I think it's rather like living in one of those snitch spy novels! Good guys taking out bad guys is so much more wizard in real life!!! Especially when some of the good guys are from my school. I tend not to read most of the commentary posts after the fact. In most situations it's proper to have discourse, but one of the good things about living in the Protectorate is the lack of moral ambiguity. That's what Dad says, anyway. I took a look at Mrs Dapplemyre though, after what you said, and she seems like a really sensible witch.

I've been working on getting my library into a transportable state. Not all of it, mind, just my top twenty reference books and the Ministry-approved history texts. I hear Doctor Deller is really strict, but that'll be a nice change from Professor Rubbishbinns, even if I'm not working with him directly. Hope I will, though! And Mum seems to think they won't feed us enough, so she's been making biscuits nonstop. She's been complaining about how skinny I am.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2011-06-30 01:33:49](#)**
(no subject)

We're learning how to be defenders of the Protectorate and you're bringing books?

I don't think any of the people we wrote to will actually be there, though, do you really? I mean, I hardly expect that Mr Malfoy will be all that involved and about four people wrote to him!

And they'll probably feed us the usual stuff. She should probably be feeding you loads of protein so you'll have strength for all the physical things they'll make us do. I bet you'll be well muscled by the end of summer. But anyway, you're a boy, which is lucky: you

can eat biscuits all day long and it probably wouldn't make you any less skinny!



 **alt_linus** at [2011-06-30 02:05:48](#)

(no subject)

Of course I'm bringing books!!! If I had to rely on duelling ability or strength alone I wouldn't be in the programme at all, I'm guessing. I'll defend the Protectorate academically! But it would be right nift to muscle up a little. Then maybe Karo won't make fun of me so much when we all go swimming.

I'm hoping to get an interview in person with Doctor Deller sometime before the start of next term, actually. Now that I've got my foot in the door, I'm hoping to keep up a correspondence through my school years. There aren't many respectable history scholars out there, and to get in good with the best of them is a big deal!!!

Mum says hello and congratulations, thanks again to your Mum for the lovely visit last week, and best of luck to her with the new line of running robes.



 **alt_draco** at [2011-06-30 02:14:02](#)

(no subject)

There's plenty of land at the Manor for long walks, flies, or runs, so I've had more than my fill of exercise. Too bad the food's so nice. What would a nift running robe be like? I've rigged mine so that the cooling charm doesn't kick in until I keep up a certain speed for a certain distance. Good trick, that.



 **alt_padma** at [2011-06-30 03:41:29](#)

(no subject)


I don't know anyone else who complains about the food at home being too nice! I'm sure you'll be more than fine at the CCF, though. You're bound to know all about the things we're to learn.

The robes hang so they don't tangle up around your legs - and they

have slits like riding robes only they can also be converted to regular skirts. And the ones Mum's putting in the shop will probably have little weight charms that you can increase for extra resistance.

But the cooling charm's a good idea. Mum already uses a wicking charm in her summer fabrics.



 **[alt_lana](#)** at **[2011-06-30 03:00:05](#)**
(no subject)

Congratulations on your CCF acceptance. I wish we'd had that opportunity when I was your year. I imagine you'll all find that it opens many doors for you in future.

I know from experience now that physical training puts one in much better form not just in terms of stamina and strength but mentally and magically. I'm always sharper on days I've begun with solid time in the sparring dungeons or out on the field courses.

Even now that I'm working off-site most days, I've kept my regular regimen with Singh and Evan. It's good to have a partner or two: they help you keep the commitment and they push you on days when you might otherwise slacken the pace or short your routine.


Thanks for pointing us to Mrs Dapplemyre's piece; I would have missed it otherwise. Did you see what Maestro Gilhooly wrote about feeling as though our realm is finally coming into it's own now? Oh, and Belinda Sewell--you know, the biographer? she's written on all the important old families--did you see that she wrote a piece about Auror Crouch and his grandfather, Caspar Crouch, who was a military officer and an administrator in India. It was a really fascinating reflection on how our models of leadership and loyal service have progressed over time, and it was also about how character develops as a result of influences in and beyond the family, considering that virtue and aptitude sometimes skip generations. It was the sort of piece, I think, that only Mrs Sewell could have written without causing a fuss, but it was so perceptive. I couldn't put it down.

Mostly, though, the writers I follow are either motivational--like Aptos Markham, who's always got his eye on the goals Our Lord has set for us--or fitness specialists--I especially like Michaela Throckmorton because she's always suggesting things to add a bit of

variety in a routine or things you can do while standing in a queue or waiting for the lifts at the Ministry. Of course, I also keep up with what our trainers write in their journals--Professor Myddleton, for instance, is simply fascinating on magical techniques for enhancing memory and mental keenness.

I suppose that's more than you wanted to know! I hope you do enjoy the experiences you'll have in this CCF programme. It sounds absolutely nift.



 **alt_padma** at [2011-06-30 14:04:47](#)
(no subject)

Thanks! I know what you mean about getting regular exercise. At first it just made me so tired, but now I feel like I've got more energy if I start off with some physical activity. It's a bit backward, but it's true.

A partner's a good suggestion. I mean, it didn't really occur to me that Parvati would be anything other than a partner, but once I've been away for a week she might not want to go out every day. I should see if Su Li or any of the others wants to meet up regularly while we're supposed to be working on our own.

My father reads Gilhooly all the time. He played in the symphony premiere on the 15th, did you know that? My father, that is. But Maestro conducted.

And I hadn't seen Mrs Sewell's. Her posts are quite long, aren't they? But comprehensive, I guess.

There are just so many journals to read, if you wanted to! It's hard to choose. I do like the occasional funny one. Like that cartoonist, Mr Mockridge? The animations are always good for a giggle. And he always gives Kelvin the wittiest lines. (Considering that Kelvin's a fox that's not too surprising!)

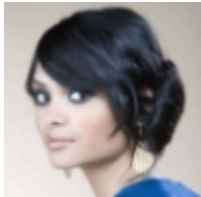
I really think the CCF programme will be very rewarding - and I'm sure that next year, those of us who've done it will be given preference for counselor positions in the YPL, too, which will be utterly nift. I guess I didn't really need help on the exercises and all, but thanks for the names of those other journals! I'll be sure to look and see if there are any routines that would work well for what we're learning.




 **alt_seamus** at **2011-06-30 03:20:00**
(no subject)

I hadn't noticed the post from Skym until you pointed it out. He's an idiot. A complete barking idiot. If you give muggles an inch, they'll take an ell, and if he knew anything at all about Ireland he'd know that.

As far as training goes, my tutor this summer is working with me on duelling and physical training so I've been doing whatever he tells me to, which has included running but also a lot of strengthening exercises. He seems to especially like sending me out to run when it's raining.



 **alt_padma** at **2011-06-30 14:15:23**
(no subject)

We've had rain but we just use an Impervius charm to keep it off.

I think that's why people like Skym can be let go by the Ministry, though, don't you? Because what they've got to say is just so obviously daft. It's almost like it makes the reverse argument for the reader. Sometimes I think it's good to hear the opposition's opinion, like in Future Interrogators. You have to let someone *try* to defend the other side, if only to show how utterly wrong and mad they are and how their arguments don't hold up to any sort of scrutiny.

I can't believe that's the same tutor who drilled you in spelling and regular lessons! I mean, it's hard to imagine someone like Professor Raz also getting all meticulous about grammar.

What else are you planning to do this summer? After next week, I mean. Do you think Hooper will want to hang about with you in New London or anything? I mean, he must have his own plans, too. But I guess you and he are fairly good mates, right? It's too bad Page turned out to be a berk.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2011-06-30 16:21:30](#)
(no subject)

It's a different tutor this summer! Mr Rosier said this summer he wanted me working on the three D's -- Defense, Duelling, and Dark Arts.

Hooper and I met up yesterday in New London and we'll probably see each other a few more times, he's busy too but it's nice to see friends. Do you want to come over for a visit once we're back from CCF? You'd be welcome any time, you know.

As far as people like Skym go, you're probably right but I hate seeing them go on in public. I worry people will start thinking it's NORMAL to want to coddle muggles like pets. And hardly anyone here really understands what's going on in Ireland, anyway, so it really makes me cross when someone's going on like they do know, and they obviously don't.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2011-06-30 16:31:00](#)
Private message to Padma Patil

By the way.


Do you know anyone who's been going to those weight loss clinics? Because Hooper had some pretty appalling stories from his brother about what goes on in them. Apparently they make you lose weight by putting the Imperius Curse on you so you eat less and exercise properly. Which I can almost understand, I mean there are days when the LAST thing I want to do is go out running no matter what my tutor says.

But, it gets worse. Because of course if you're under the Imperius curse you'll do ANYTHING, so apparently they're taking hair from people and things like that and selling them to shops that want them for Dark Arts.

Anyway there isn't anyone in your family who's going to one of those places, is there? They sound dodgy. Worse than dodgy. I think the Ministry's planning to shut them down soon, fortunately. I don't know why they've let them go on as long as they have. I sort of wonder if someone (not Mr Malfoy, of course, but someone below him) is taking bribes? Or maybe the clinic wizards are using Imperius on the Ministry inspectors, but if they'd worked that out

I'd have thought everyone would've had their license revoked by now.



 **alt_padma** at **2011-06-30 19:34:59**

Re: Private message to Padma Patil

Really?

My mum has a bunch of clients who she says ballooned over the last year but then a few of them went to those clinics and dropped the weight again like anything. Some even tried to return their larger-size robes because they said they'd only worn them once or twice!

Mum figured that the clinics were dodgy because anyone who can make you lose weight that fast has to be using some unsafe spell. But Imperius? Wow. That would be why it's well expensive, I guess.

And oh! I bet some people break through the curse - and that's why so many bakeries and tea shops have been broken into lately! Huh.

Wonder if Sandoval knows anything about it? She's been working with Mr Lestrangle, you know, on cursed objects, but I bet one of the other trainees in her cohort is working on something to do with those clinics, if they've got enough to shut them down soon. I wonder if any of them went...what-do-you-call-it, undercover? That'd be well snitch, wouldn't it? Spying on a place like that?

[2011-06-29 10:45:00](#)

Order Only: The verdict

Closeted with Norma Brownmiller this morning.



 **[alt_arthur](#)**


The decision has been reached. Mothers of children under the age of five are spared, but otherwise, one out of ten of the remaining muggle adults from the Vale of Glamorgan enclave are ordered to be killed. Then, aside for mothers with very young children, all of their families will be split apart, willy nilly, so that no more than five from the Vale will be together in any one camp. Brownmiller's supervisor, Cresus Deverill, in a particularly cruel twist, has ordered her to be the one to choose who will live and who will die. I suppose because he despises her for being 'soft toward the animals.'

I went through the list with her. It was absolutely ghastly. This one has five children. Do we let him live, even though he will never see them again? This one is in his sixties. Perhaps we should choose him, rather than someone younger? This one was trained in a despised muggle industry, electronics. She is diabetic. Should we eliminate her? Perhaps this one, because he only has one hand, the other having been lost in a farming accident?

She was sobbing so hard after choosing ten that I finally took pity on her.


God help me. I chose the remaining five.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2011-06-29 16:20:51](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, Arthur. Oh, my dear.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-06-29 16:23:40](#)**
(no subject)

Bloody hell, Dad.

I'm so sorry.

I've gotten word from one of my sources that three of the purebloods

arrested are being sent to Bellatrix LeStrange, in response to her request for three pureblood males, ages thirty-two to thirty-seven.

One of them is Oliver Wood's uncle. The other two are Ackerleys.



 **alt_arthur** at [2011-06-29 16:24:35](#)

(no subject)

She did just request muggleborns with those criteria. Three of them.



 **alt_bill** at [2011-06-29 16:29:03](#)

(no subject)

Yeah, well, apparently what she really wanted was purebloods. For some unknown reason. Guess she saw that this presented her with an opportunity and she decided to seize it.

Given the fact that they've been arrested for offences against Purity, I can't think she means them any good.



 **alt_arthur** at [2011-06-29 16:30:04](#)

(no subject)

Bugger. And the muggleborns had already been delivered to her.

Knowing her, I would guess she's unlikely to give any of them back.



 **alt_kingsley** at [2011-06-29 19:53:40](#)

(no subject)


If I could, my friend, I'd break away to spend some time with you, if you think it might help to talk. I have other duties for now, but once I've handed off this responsibility, perhaps we can arrange some kind of

meet up.

I'm so very sorry. I've trained men and women who were forced to kill, and I've killed myself, and I know what it's like to face that dark

night of the soul.




 **alt_arthur** at [2011-06-29 19:56:27](#)
(no subject)

Not like this, Kingsley.

This is cold-blooded murder. Made all the worse because it's murder by--by bureaucracy.




 **alt_kingsley** at [2011-06-29 20:19:25](#)
(no subject)

True.

But we have all been forced to do difficult things. In some cases, even dreadful things. All we can do is what you have done. Save all those that you can.



 **alt_arthur** at [2011-06-29 20:20:09](#)
(no subject)

Today that just doesn't seem good enough.



 **alt_kingsley** at [2011-06-29 20:20:56](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure it doesn't, my friend.

But sometimes, it's all that we have.

[2011-06-29 11:43:00](#)

Order Only: Journals

Given Albus's recommendation, we are talking over the next stage.



 [alt_kingsley](#)


Davidson has agreed to let Snape and Macnair stay in an isolated bivouac with several of his people and me, as they now start vetting the two of them for the Sherwood Band's security purposes. We had already confiscated all their gear and given it to some of Davidson's staff to check over.

Snape and I have been in discussions about his use of the Goyle boy's journal for his 'Draught' entries. I wondered whether he could use it to start making Order posts, but to my surprise, he volunteered that he already has his own journal. Someone sent it to him about a month ago by owl. Sent both of them journals, as well as a few other personal items the Ministry had been holding since their arrests. When we pressed him on it, Snape said the package came without a signature, but he suspects, based on the handwriting, that it was sent by his Defender, Bartemius Crouch, Sr.

Frank about went spare at the realisation that they had been carrying something that might have been set with a lurking MLE trace. But the two of them checked the entire package out as best they could when it first arrived, and as Snape rather sensibly pointed out, MLE hasn't come bursting in on them yet. Frank and I tested everything, too, and it all looks clean. Are there any other tests that you know of that we should try, Bill?

Assuming you all agree, and I guess upon Albus's authority, we'll give them back the journals and explain the Order lock. Frank will be returning to Moddey Dhoo tonight. And glad he will be to see Alice again (and be shut of us), I'm bound.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-06-29 19:12:42](#)

(no subject)

Barty Crouch, Sr?

What is he up to, doing something like that?


Well, you and Frank are the experts at Dark revealing spells, rather

than me. Except...there's only one I can think of, and it's rather sly. It isn't revealed by casting a spell on the journal alone, because it's a spell that's only triggered by contact with ferrous sulphate, one of the principal ingredients in most inks.

To check for it, take care to rip a page out of the journal first, so it's separate from the rest of the book. Cast a 'Protego' bubble over yourself to isolate yourself with it (leaving the rest of the journal outside the bubble). Write a few words on the page, and then cast the spell, 'Atramentum Reperio,' with a clockwise circle with your wand, over the page.


If that spell's lurking in the paper, you'll immediately see a very bright orange flash. If you do see the flash, burn the paper immediately. As long as you burn it within a few seconds, I don't think they'll be able to hold and use any trace, especially with the blockage of the Protego spell.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-29 19:13:22](#)
(no subject)

thanks, bill, shall do.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-06-29 19:13:02](#)
(no subject)

that, mate, is a massive understatement.

good on you for sticking around for a bit longer, though. and I'll be back soon enough to check on

things too.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-06-29 19:38:25](#)
(no subject)

I've been told to stop objecting. I can't exactly agree but as this is what Albus clearly wants us to do, I'll abstain.

Don't blame me if they turn round and bring MLE down on your heads, though.



 **alt_poppy** at **2011-06-29 21:50:47**
(no subject)

Well. If nothing else, I'm relieved there will be no need to experiment with whether the Order lock could be used successfully on a stolen journal--or what would become of us if it did not hold.

As for the manner in which they came by their journals. That is not relieving in the slightest. But then, we're all in possession of journals sent us mysteriously by the Ministry (though not under the hand of Bartemius Crouch, the elder, for mercy's sake), and we entrust our safety to them every day.

I'm sure I don't know what to hope for as the result of all this.

[2011-06-29 14:47:00](#)

(no subject)

Well, I'm definitely looking forward to starting the CCF programme, because it's boring as all get-out around here.




 **[alt_pansy](#)**

I've been riding every day, which has been nice, and Onions is a really great horse. I think he likes me, because he always seems happy to see me, and he doesn't get nearly as much exercise when I'm not around.

It's funny, being away from Hogwarts makes everything feel different. Everything's lighter somehow. Even food tastes different. I think that being around the Dementors for such a long time numbed everything a bit, and now I'm waking up again. Like when your foot falls asleep and you don't even notice it happening, but then when you start to feel it, it's all needles and pins. So I feel itchy, and excited, and bored, and am looking forward to doing *anything* other than just sitting around here.

It really is too bad that they couldn't accept everyone in our class for the programme. At least the people that didn't get in can still be a part of the YPL, though, and I'm sure that there will be plenty of nift things they can do to help with the younger students and all. I've written Mr Tenebridge, the person I sent my initial letter to, so that he'd know. I'm very much hoping to schedule a meeting with him this summer as well. We'll see!

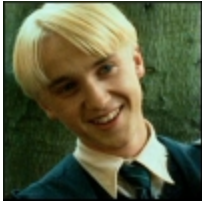


 **[alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-29 19:11:21](#)**

Private Message to Draco Malfoy

How've you been?

Have you talked to your parents about us doing something? When were you thinking would be a good time for you? I've got absolutely nothing planned that can't be rearranged, so my schedule is very open. Once we sort out which day would be best, we can look up the bands and things, or see what else is going on we might want to catch.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-30 03:14:14](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

I'm good. All right over there?

I know what you mean about feeling better, lighter and such. Even though it's never a treat to get punished by the Lord Protector, my parents have been more than decent about it. I asked Mother about going to Kensington sometime after the opening CCF week, and she agreed readily, even though I know she likes the Manor better and likely wishes that I did, too, since I was born here and all. The weather in Wiltshire's been really lovely and the flying's fantastic, but I can't help but wonder what's going on in New London. So yes, sometime after next week we'll be at Kensington. Possibly I might be able to have a non-birthday party at that time, too.

And you and I will have our night on the town, of course. Mother hasn't been to any new restaurants lately, but all the ones on her list of favourites are nice. Rather ~~romant~~ posh, really. And I can't remember what day it's scheduled for, but Dirty Cauldron Jones is playing in Chelsea sometime in mid-July. He's that gent who gets on stage with just his guitar - sometimes drums, too - and his lyrics are really sharp and sort of off-colour? Kind of a "blues" style. I thought I remembered that you liked him.

Only I hope this security stuff won't be a hassle. The man who tried to assault Mother was captured and all, but Father says that you can't stamp out all the vermin at once. I wish that Prophet article hadn't brought it all up again, making a massive fuss about how the Lestrangle side of the family played such a big part in those arrests. Do you know Hydra's been sent to Buckingham this week? Part of me wonders if it's because her parents want to make sure nothing happens to her.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 03:15:04](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Excellent! I know how you mean about New London being so much more interesting. I wish mum weren't so stuck on being in Scotland. I might get her to come down to New London for a weekend's shopping, but that's it.

I'm really looking forward to CCF week, and going out to New London after that would be brilliant. I haven't got any albums of Dirty Cauldron, but I've heard him on the radio, and I think he'd be really ace to see live. That's an excellent idea.

Do you think we'll have to bring a body guard or something? That'd be a bit of a hassle. I mean, I'd understand if they thought it necessary, and I suppose it's better than getting hurt or worrying your parents. I'm sure your mum is relieved that they've caught that awful man.

And I hadn't heard about Hydra. There's no place safer than Buckingham, though, and I know she loves spending time with Harry. And I'm sure he could use the company. It's too bad she's in the year below us. I'll miss her on the CCF trip.



 **[alt_draco](#) at 2011-06-30 03:16:26**

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Apparently his live shows are even better than what's on the wireless, because he improvises and gets really raucous.

Oh, I don't think we'll need any kind of security detail... No one's mentioned anything to me about needing one, anyway. I suppose we could go out in disguise, if you wanted. That might be a bit of a laugh, yeah?

What I really wish is that these angry, restless traitor types would just back off and let my family be. Sometimes I wish it were thirty years from now and Harry was already over-seeing the Protectorate, you know? It's sure to be a lot calmer by then.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-06-30 03:23:51**

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Hah! You could turn your hair black, and I could go blonde. I don't think we have the colouring for it, though.

We could sport mustaches, or monocles, or both -- only you're a bit young to be sporting that sort of look, and I'd draw quite a bit of attention if I had facial hair, which sort of defeats the purpose. That, and I'm pretty sure it'd tickle.

I wonder what thirty years from now would look like. You'd be right around Lucius's age, wouldn't you?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-30 03:35:27](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Or we could both go green. Very pro-Slytherin.

Hey, I could grow a mustache if I wanted to. ~~Maybe~~. Blond mustaches look ridiculous, though, like you've got some kind of pale, fluffy biscuit balanced on your upper lip.

A few years older, but close. I suppose I'll probably look something like him, though. With no mustache, of course. Or, I don't know, sometimes I think I look more like my Mother, really. But I wouldn't hold your breath on me ending up on the cover of one of her ladies fashion magazines. I'll leave that to you.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 03:45:03](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

How magnanimous!

I agree about the blond mustaches, now that I think about it. I suppose that's why they aren't terribly common. Except it doesn't look as funny when it's white hair. I wonder why that's the case?

You really do look like both your parents combined.

Sometimes I'm sorry I look so very much like Rosa. I wish I had more of my father in me. Other than my eye colour, of course.



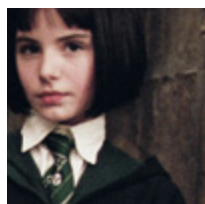
 [alt_draco](#) at [2011-06-30 04:06:46](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Because when you're so old you've gone to white you can do whatever you want to your face and it looks just fine?

My parents look rather alike, as far as colouring goes, so I suppose it does appear that way.

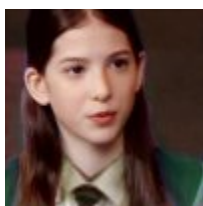
And just so you know...just because you look like your mother doesn't mean you don't have a lot of your father in you, too.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 13:15:16](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

That's very sweet of you to say, Draco.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 03:13:57](#)

Private message to Pansy

I am really looking forward to July. Are you doing anything special to prepare? Patil was going on about running and so on, and it sounds like a good idea but I just don't have time.

Although partly it's because I'm trying to learn Arithmancy over the summer. Professor Slughorn recommended against me dropping Dark Arts because it would leave me with one fewer OWL and I'll already be at a disadvantage. And he's right. So I talked to Professor Vector to see if MAYBE I could join the Arithmancy class and she said if I could learn enough over the summer I could.

And Jeremy got a NEWT in Arithmancy so he's tutoring me, which is decent of him. But. I don't have a lot of free time for physical training.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 03:17:27](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I think you'll do fine. You work so hard at the Stretton's, I'm sure you'll have plenty of energy for what they'll be asking us to do. It can't be as strenuous as running after Gemma all the time!

I think

I think I might be going on a date? Only I'm not sure it is one, but it might be? I don't know.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 03:21:23](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

a DATE?
who with?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 03:22:06](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Is that what you and Draco are having your private conversation about?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 03:24:46](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Sort of?

He was sad about missing out on a birthday, so I suggested a trip to London, and now it's dinner and seeing a show. Which is very date-like. From what little I know about that sort of thing. Which is nothing.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 03:26:22](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

That DOES sound date-like.

Not that I really know anything about it either.

What did Patil do on her outings with what's his name? Page?
Other than bring along half of Gryffindor House to chaperone?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 03:28:27](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

They just talked, mostly. He tried snogging her, but she didn't want him to, which is why they broke it off.

What if he wants to snog?

I have no idea what I'd do.

Except, you know, snog back.

I don't even know if this is a date!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 03:30:45](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I don't even know if I *want* to snog him. I mean, I might want to, I might not, I have *no* earthly idea. If he walked right up to me right now and said, "Pansy, let's snog," (which he would NEVER do), I *still* don't know whether I'd say yes or no.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 04:01:19](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I was going to ask if you wanted to snog him or not.

And no, if he walked up and said 'Pansy, let's snog' you'd know for sure it wasn't really Draco.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 13:14:33](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

It'd be a sure sign of polyjuice or Imperius, that's for certain!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 03:14:31](#)

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Aunt Narcissa, I've been meaning to ask you -- I want to feel at least a little bit useful this summer, and except for the CCF programme and my lessons, I want to do something. Do you know of any volunteer opportunities that you think would be appropriate? I'd be willing to do just about anything, and I know that you have many connections at St Mungo's, and with other charity groups, and I'd appreciate your advice on the matter.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2011-06-30 12:52:08](#)

Re: Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy


Pansy, I do apologise for not replying sooner; I hadn't seen this at all until Draco pointed out that you had written to me in your own journal.

I think it's marvellous that you are already showing an interest in upholding your obligations as a benefactress of the realm. There are dozens of places one could offer to help, of course. I was going to suggest accompanying your mother but then I recalled that she doesn't much participate in the WI or the DoP, does she? Makes it more difficult to simply tag along, I'm sure.

Well. St Mungo's always needs young people to read to the infirm and give them a little cheering up. But I think the real need for that sort of thing nowadays is in the Vale of Health. That's where St M's moved many of the most incurable victims of Black's Paralysis, dear. I'm sure they have a Floo connection so you could get yourself there and back. It's not the most *enjoyable* of tasks, but then, that's rather the point of volunteering: To do those things with which most people don't wish to bother.

If that's too difficult, I'm sure you could speak to your step-father about opportunities closer to home. I'm afraid I've no idea what exactly might be in the area but I would imagine smaller convalescence homes are everywhere and there are always historical societies and museums looking for docents and tea shops looking for attendants. That might be more to your liking.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 13:21:35](#)

Re: Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Aunt Narcissa;

Thank you for the excellent suggestions, it hadn't occurred to me to look for historical societies or museums. I'll ask Prospero if there's anything nearby, because that'd tie in nicely with the History Club at school, wouldn't it!

And I'll write a letter to the people at the Vale of Health too. I can certainly read aloud. Do you know a specific person I ought to write to?

I also wanted to thank you for giving permission for Draco and I to go on our outing. I really am looking forward to it very much.

2011-06-30 10:53:00

Grim Truth: 30 June, 1994



Greetings, British Journal-Readers.

The recent Vale of Glamorgan arrests have left us all saddened and chastened. What a loss. What a terrible waste. And as the news keeps coming in waves and waves, we wonder, was it worth it? Was it worth risking the lives of so many innocent and blameless children, not to mention their ignorant parents, who were coerced into a dangerous and unsustainable existence by the very people entrusted with caring for them? A black day indeed.

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As a people, we have suffered much, and experienced great losses. This is one great blow after an even larger one, the death of a true patriot and leader whose shadow still looms over us in memory. And as we work through our great grief upon the loss of one of our own, and sort out the best way to honour him, we must ask ourselves, what would Sirius Black say? What would he do? It is our honest belief that he, too, would hang his head in sorrow with the news of the arrests and harsh punishment of so many of Britain's Wizarding finest, and the unfortunate deaths of so many other innocent lives. He would ask, "What was it all for?" And, dear friends, we cannot answer him. Because, indeed, what was it all for?

No matter how soft your hearts may be to the plight of the Muggle and Mudblood workers, you must always remember that the danger is not just on your shoulders. Witches and Wizards of Britain, this is clearly not an effective way to create change. A system must be challenged from within for true growth to occur, and much as though it can feel as though you're sitting on a tin can, watching the world pass away before you, patience is key. Our day will come, and not through radical acts of terror like Dogstar, or through isolation and subversion like the Vale of Glamorgan.

We will not win with poisons and bombs, just as we cannot succeed by blatantly breaking the law in a way that can only ever meet with punishment rather than sparking discourse and actual change. Reasonable, measured action consists of challenging these laws through the Wizengamot and through the Ministry, rather than by taking the law into our own hands. That would be a major misstep, and we must walk carefully along the path of truth in order to ultimately succeed. Trust in that, dear Witches and Wizards of Britain.

Change takes time, and if we are to rise from the ashes and take action so that we can all be happy, we must do so in such a way that will prevent chaos, the sort of anarchy that would destroy the very country we are trying to save. Sometimes, an axe is needed to break the ice. The more prudent choice, however, would be to wait for Spring, when the sun can melt the ice painlessly and peacefully. And Spring, my dear friends, is an inevitability. Make no mistake about that.



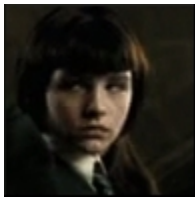
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 15:25:02](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I don't know.

Sirius Black has always sounded more like the 'stand up and scream in rage' type than the 'hang his head in sorrow' type.

It's nice to think that things will just get better, the way spring just comes, though.

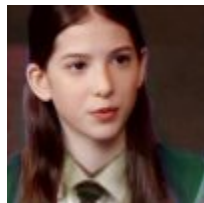


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 15:32:47](#)

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

Sally-Anne, does Ron still have Owl?

Ron, if you do have it, I need it. As soon as you can send it.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 15:36:26](#)

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

He was sending Pig to me next, I think. He was supposed to deliver during the day, but when I was alone, and try not to be seen. The idea was to see if he could stay hidden or if he'd attract Gemma's attention showing off.

Anyway I think he'll come today and I'll send him straight on to you.

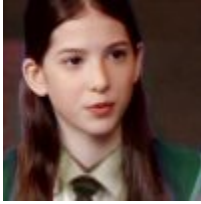


 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-30 16:31:44](#)

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

Yeah. We sent him off to you last night.

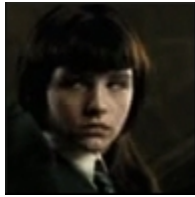
After bedtime, though, so Mum wouldn't ask who we're writing.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 15:37:21](#)

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

But you have to tell us what he says, okay?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 15:50:01](#)

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

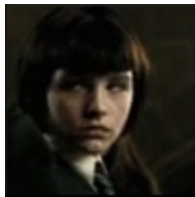
I'm just sort of...

You remember when I told you about how I wrote Sirius back before he was supposed to have died, and wrote some lyrics in my letter from Muggle music, and then in his next Grim Truth he wrote some back? Just little bits of things, from Major Tom by David Bowie, and Painted Black by the Doors.

Well, now this writer's gone and done it too. Bits of Major Tom.

Like that part where she says sitting on a tin can. She even says major.

And it's sort of freaking me out? Because it was a message to me when he wrote it? And now this other person who claims to have known Sirius Black is also writing bits from those songs, and I don't know what it's supposed to mean.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 15:53:43](#)

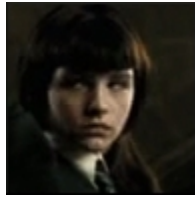
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


He probably won't say anything back. I mean, he's never actually sent me any direct replies. Only that little bit in the Grim Truth, and when he

sent that letter to Harry that mentioned me.

But it's still really weirding me out right now. A lot.

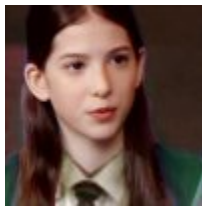
And I don't know what it means. What it's trying to say. And whether they're trying to say something to *me*, and *why* would they want to say anything to me in the first place?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 15:56:52](#)

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

I thought it was a secret. Something that only the two of us knew about. Something, I don't know, something special? And now someone else knows.

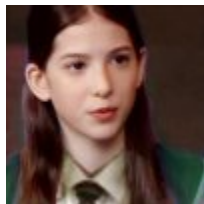


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 16:07:37](#)

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

It's not just Sirius who knows muggle songs, though.

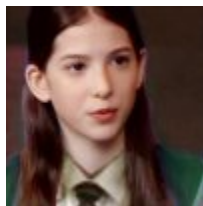
I never heard Major Tom but there are all sorts of other muggle songs I learnt when I was little, because of my mum. Nursery songs, mostly. A LOT of muggles know them, and so at least some wizards do.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 16:10:13](#)

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

And maybe he'll answer you now. I mean it's not as if you don't know he's alive. And he gave you Pig. And you and Harry went back in time to help him, so he owes you.

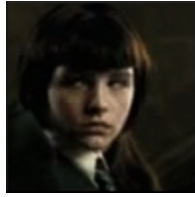



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 16:05:47](#)

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

That's dead strange.

But maybe she's just quoting the same song lyrics he did, in his memory? Not knowing they were a message to you the first time.

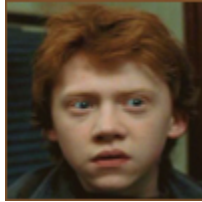


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 16:56:49](#)

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

That makes sense.

It still makes me feel all shuddery though. And wrong.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-30 16:27:09](#)

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

Okay. Yeah. That is odd.

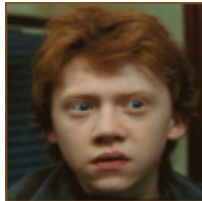
Er. I wouldn't've known they were words from a song, though, unless you'd told me.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-30 17:37:06](#)

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

I sorta think he didn't use the word 'mudblood' that way either, I don't think. Like he was using it, rather than protesting that others were using it. Know what I mean?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-30 17:54:48](#)

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

Oh. It does say that, doesn't it? Huh.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-30 19:04:11](#)


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

Another thing: the whole sort of boils down to 'wait for the spring.' In other words, don't do anything. Don't remember that Sirius Black ever wrote his stuff to tell people 'don't do anything.' What's the point of reading something like that?

Using an ax to break the ice rather than waiting for the spring to melt it may not be as 'prudent.'

But it's a bloody lot faster.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-30 19:38:48](#)

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

If they're looking for ways to break ice, what's wrong with a warming charm? Or, y'know, a fire? Whatever. This Doris person's naff, is what you're saying.

But, uh. What do you reckon Wood's parents were really up to out there in Wales?



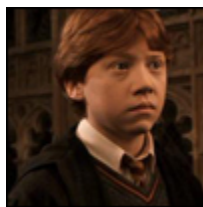
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 19:55:14](#)


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

Well Doris is talking about muggles as well as muggleborns. I knew they had some muggles working out there but I don't know anything about what they were up to.

I can't bear to think about Oliver's parents. Mr and Mrs Wood were really kind to me. Like that time they took me to see the sea at dawn, and we had that picnic. Mrs Wood was a little like your mum, the way she wanted to feed everyone and the way she'd nag Oliver not to keep me on a broom too long and

Have any of the articles said what was done with them?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-30 20:09:04](#)

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

I don't think so. Won't they put them on trial?

Or d'you mean, what are they doing to them now before they go on trial? I dunno. I suppose they've got them locked away in some dungeon somewhere, don't you?

I was just reading someone else saying Oliver must've turned on his family and told stuff about them to MLE in order to get Puddlemere to take him. And I can't believe that's true. Only

well

it does look bad, doesn't it?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 20:16:13](#)

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

Oliver knew everything that was going on. Everything. And he's of age.

I don't know. I can imagine a couple of possibilities.

One is that he grassed. But I just -- why NOW? And he and his parents got on really well. And the whole rest of the Vale -- I don't know, I suppose you never REALLY know.

The next is that MLE convinced him they already knew everything and if he testified against his family they'd let him off. He'd still be grassing but it wouldn't make a difference. His parents might even have told him to go ahead, save himself. They might have told him YEARS ago. If your family were doing that, taking muggleborns as 'servants' to protect them, surely your mum would say if the jig were up, you should tell MLE that you had nothing to do with it and your parents threatened you horribly to keep you in line. Because they'd figure they were going to Azkaban but you could still avoid it, and that's what they'd want you to do.

Third, he might have had the money to bribe his way out, because of the contract he just signed.

Fourth -- I don't know. Maybe MLE wants something from him, and they know he's guilty but they let him off in exchange for him agreeing to it.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-30 21:09:18](#)

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

He did like his family. Although he didn't talk about them much.

Knowing him as we do, we just don't think he'd have grassed. I mean, deliberately. Sought MLE out to tell them stuff.

Percy guesses maybe he did. And he sounds even a little approving about it.

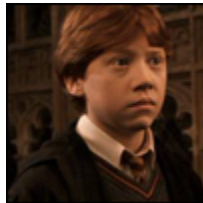
Which makes us just want to take him out and bury him under the muckpile in the chicken yard.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-30 21:09:52](#)

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

Percy, we mean. Not Wood.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-30 21:18:47](#)

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

Percy's a tit.

And, yeah, I think it must be like Sally Anne says, that Wood's family told him if they ever got arrested by MLE, then he should do whatever it took to make them think he didn't have any part of it.

But the thing is, it's really different for his parents to say that and, y'know, for Wood to really do it. I mean, if it were our parents? I wouldn't tell MLE anything. Not ever.

I mean, apart from the thing where they'd just pull out the Veritaserum, probably, and then there's not really anything you can do but tell, I guess.

It's just so messed up.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-07-01 00:11:02](#)

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

If I'm right about your mum being mixed up with the Wand Smugglers, I really hope Percy doesn't ever suspect.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 02:03:53](#)

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

Yeah.

Of course, if they are involved, well, they've been careful. So none of us see anything that could get them into trouble. Even if someone did pull out veritaserum. What're we going to tell them? That our mum sometimes watches the clock a lot?

Yeah, that'll get the aurors real excited.

2011-06-30 11:50:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



Well, so.

Apparently Pig thinks that 'don't let anyone see you' means 'until after your letter has been delivered.'

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Gemma thinks he's adorable and wants him to stick around so she can dress him up in doll's clothes. Pig clearly thinks this is a brilliant plan though if he actually got stuffed into a dress he might change his mind. If he has a mind. I think that's open to debate.

I didn't have a letter ready so Pansy you're getting a blank sheet of paper, it's not a code or anything clever. I just didn't want him to wait any longer than he had to (I did keep him in hand long enough to get him something to eat, he was also acting like he was STARVING. And then when I came back he was performing for Gemma. Nitwit.)

He's off to Pansy now. I told him to bring it to her when she was alone.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-30 17:44:46](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, that's not quite good enough.

It just may be too much to ask of an owl.

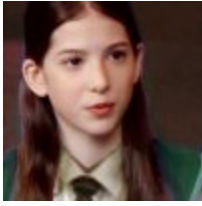
Bugger.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2011-06-30 17:47:26](#)
(no subject)

Well, we didn't tell him to keep out of the way after he'd delivered. At least not as much as we might've.

We'll keep working at it.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 19:50:35](#)
(no subject)

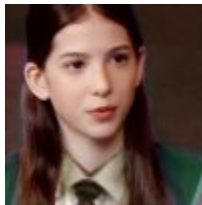
There's also the option of having him deliver at night, without waking anyone else in the room. Did he manage that, when he delivered to you two?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-30 20:43:05](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, he did.

Thing is, the Professor's told us that the git keeps crazy hours. Sometimes he's up all night drinking, but other nights he crashes at sunset. No predictability. He used to roust the poor kid out of bed at all hours to order him to do crazy things, too. Like the world will somehow end if the shelves in the Transfiguration storage don't get rearranged and dusted at 3:00 a.m.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-06-30 20:54:08](#)
(no subject)


...I have an idea.

What if we have the owl deliver a letter to Carrow?

And then after, say, 'alright, that git you just delivered to? NEVER LET HIM SEE YOU. He is the person you MUST avoid.'


Carrow surely gets mail occasionally. We could send him a clipping from the Prophet or something, it doesn't have to be real mail.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-06-30 20:58:29](#)
(no subject)

That could work.



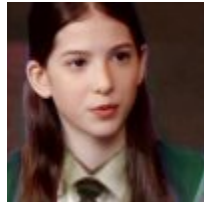
 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-06-30 20:58:52](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, it could.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-06-30 21:00:03](#)
(no subject)


Yeah. Unless we're afraid he suddenly takes an impulse to wring the little guy's neck. Because he has a whim that he wants roast owl for lunch or something.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-07-01 00:09:06](#)
(no subject)

Well -- did he ever do anything awful to one of the Hogwarts elves? Because attacking a post owl would be rather like that. He wouldn't know it was unregistered, it would just turn up with post like any other owl. Even if Carrow thought there was something odd about it, by the time he even knew to wonder the owl would be gone again.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-06-30 20:58:46](#)
(no subject)

Now that?

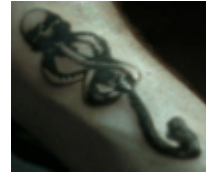
That's brilliant!

[2011-06-30 12:26:00](#)

(no subject)

Ah, new experimental subjects.

How lovely.



 [alt_amycus](#)




 [alt_gredforge](#) at **[2011-06-30 17:39:07](#)**

I solemnly Swear that I Am Up to No Good

Where's Terry, you bag of dragon dung? Where's Terry?



 [alt_arthur](#) at **[2011-06-30 19:41:31](#)**

Order Only

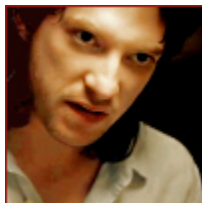
I expect the month end reports tomorrow, which should tell us where his lair is now.




 [alt_frank](#) at **[2011-06-30 21:50:04](#)**

Re: Order Only

good. soon as you do, Bill, could you sort out the paperwork to get me in there?



 [alt_bill](#) at **[2011-07-01 02:16:06](#)**

Re: Order Only

Will do, Frank.

2011-06-30 12:44:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

C'mon, Terry.

Just let us know you're still alive.



 [**alt_gredforge**](#)

2011-06-30 21:07:00

New Job


I am pleased to report that I have been offered a job at the Ministry, with the Department of International Magical Relations. I have accepted a position as a clerk with the International Magical Trading Standards Body (the office involved with imports and exports).



 [alt_percy](#)


The job starts Monday.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-07-01 02:16:04**
(no subject)

Congratulations, Perce.




 [alt_ron](#) at **2011-07-01 02:18:27**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

And now, please, please shut up about it!


I don't know that we'll be able to live with you all the way until Monday morning if you don't.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2011-07-01 02:46:03**
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

He can't possibly be crowing more over this than he did over being named Head Boy. Surely. Because I wouldn't have thought that would be physically possible.



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2011-07-01 02:17:26**
(no subject)

The Ministry - that's great, Perce!


Do you know what sorts of things you'll be doing?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-07-01 02:22:01](#)
(no subject)

Chiefly it has to do with dealing with the parchmentwork associated with the Ministry's efforts to maintain proper standards for weights and measures, on imports and exports, as I said.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-07-01 02:23:24](#)
Private message to Penelope Clearwater

It's rather a scut position, something to just get my foot in the door, I understand. But if everything works out, I should be able to step up to something more challenging and interesting in perhaps six

months or so.




 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-07-01 02:40:00](#)
Re: Private message to Penelope Clearwater

I was going to say.

I mean, it's great that you've got anything at all, of course! And this will get you out of the house, which I know is probably more important than anything.

Just do so well they have to promote you, you know? If I know you you'll have the whole place organised and completely efficient inside of a month.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-07-01 02:59:17](#)
Re: Private message to Penelope Clearwater

You know me. Organisation is my specialty.

It's just such a relief to have the whole thing settled.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-07-01 03:05:53](#)

Re: Private message to Penelope Clearwater

Yes, and it *is* a job at the Ministry, at least. Which is something.

Only it's a good thing we planned for you to continue living at home for a while, I reckon. I mean, clerk in an office inside one of the smaller departments, well ... starting wage probably isn't as much as you hoped, is it?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-07-01 03:15:59](#)

Re: Private message to Penelope Clearwater

No, I'm afraid not. I will have to pin my hopes on the promotion down the line once I've had a chance to prove myself.




 [alt_penelope](#) at [2011-07-01 03:18:28](#)

Re: Private message to Penelope Clearwater

It's all right. They won't know how lucky they are until you dazzle them. And you *will* prove yourself, Perce. I'm sure of that!



 [alt_luna](#) at [2011-07-01 02:54:39](#)

(no subject)

That's wonderful!

So you'll be the one responsible for making sure that the fairies don't play skittles with all the weights then? Because I understand they like to do that, and they can wreck absolute havoc!




 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-07-01 02:55:24](#)

(no subject)

Thank you.


Er, if it's part of my job, I'm sure they'll tell me to do it. The training is really quite thorough.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-07-01 02:19:39](#)**
(no subject)


Hey, that's great news, bro. Congratulations.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2011-07-01 02:24:01](#)**
(no subject)


This means lunches together. In the cafeteria, or better yet, one of the nearby pubs.



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-07-01 02:24:36](#)**
(no subject)


I'd be all for that.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2011-07-01 02:26:48](#)**
(no subject)


Congratulations, my boy! I know you've had your heart quite set on doing great things, and I feel a great deal of pride in knowing you have your foot now set on the ladder.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2011-07-01 02:40:28](#)**
(no subject)

Congratulations, Percy, that's excellent news!



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2011-07-01 02:51:30](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, Parkinson.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2011-07-01 02:45:05](#)
(no subject)

Good show, Percy!

Are you going to get your own flat in New London now, do you think?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2011-07-01 02:50:32](#)
(no subject)


That's the eventual plan, but I will have to save up a bit first.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 03:00:09](#)
(no subject)

Dibs on your room!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-07-01 02:49:57](#)
(no subject)

Well, I think it's very exciting!!!

[2011-06-30 22:19:00](#)
(no subject)



 [alt_terry](#)

boot is so happy to be back

with its

master



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 12:16:47](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

TERRY! OH, THANK MERLIN, YOU'RE ALIVE!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 12:18:04](#)

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

And you've got your journal, no less!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 12:21:19](#)

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

Tell us how you're doing, mate. Well, obviously, you're not doing good because you're with that git, but what's going on with you? Are you injured, or sick? What practical help do you need?

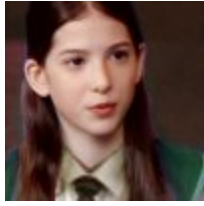
We have another string bracelet all charmed and ready, with several beads all set to hide things. We have an owl we can use...is there a way we can get it to you safely without that bastard seeing it?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 13:41:00](#)

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

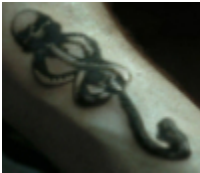
Perks, have you tried sending the owl to the git yet? With the newspaper clipping?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-07-01 14:02:56](#)

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

No, Pansy has the owl right now. She was sending him to Sirius. I don't think he's come back yet.




 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-07-01 13:37:02](#)

(no subject)

Of course you are, tidbit. And there you'll stay.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-07-01 13:37:54](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Hey Gred and Forge d'ye think you should say something to him publicly? Carrow may be watching for it.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 13:42:22](#)

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

Good thinking, Lee.

Professor? Just ignore the next thing we say to you,

all right?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 13:45:11](#)

(no subject)

Happy? You're happy to be back with that putrid slimeball?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 13:47:10](#)

(no subject)

We made you our pet! And you prefer him?

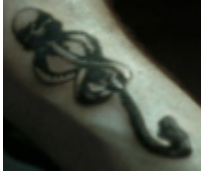
Maybe Percy was right. Guess you are just a crawling snake.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 13:50:07](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

(Sorry, Professor).




 [alt_amycus](#) at [2011-07-01 13:52:30](#)

(no subject)

Finally you catch on. And here I thought you were unteachable.

A crawling snake? Interesting idea.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2011-07-01 13:54:47](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

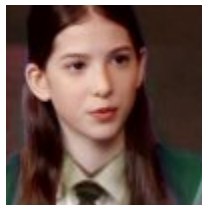
Gred and Forge, you numb nuts! What're you doing, going and putting ideas in his head? He was the Transfiguration Professor!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 13:56:46](#)

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

Oh, bugger.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-07-01 14:03:54](#)

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

I don't know if that was a good idea. What if Terry doesn't have any ink right now? What if he can't read the locked posts?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 14:10:58](#)

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

Well then, dammit we'll send him some ink.

It should be easy for him to make though...he just needs to add vinegar or lemon juice to regular ink, anything to make it acidic enough. And vinegar's generally

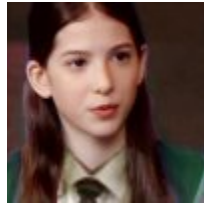
pretty readily available. If Carrow doesn't give it to him to clean with, he can snatch the juice from a pickle jar.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 14:14:29](#)

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

We did talk to him about ways to find the stuff needed to make the ink, in a pinch, way back when we first showed him the lock.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-07-01 14:16:07](#)

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

If he's only being allowed to read his journal with Carrow watching, he won't be able to use the ink.

I'm trying to think if there's something you could say, or any of us could say, that would be in public where he could definitely see it, that wouldn't mean much to Carrow, but would mean something to Terry.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 14:30:17](#)

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

Wait. We think we've got it.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-07-01 14:04:11](#)

Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley

Boys....I thought you were worried for the child.

I'm a bit surprised to see this coming from you.
Surely you're being unnecessarily cruel?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 14:08:12](#)

Re: Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley

He knows us, Dad. He'll know we don't mean it.

We just don't want that git to think we're still looking out for him. And we think Carrow'd be more likely to let him keep his journal if he thinks it'll rub it into his nose that he doesn't have any friends left.

Have you found out where he's being held, yet?



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-07-01 14:12:55](#)

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

I see. Well, I suppose you know him best. I hope you're right.

I'm expecting a report within the hour that will tell us where Carrow is stationed now. I'll let you know once I find out.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2011-07-01 15:08:43](#)

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

Boys, I have the report now.

Carrow's stationed at Lincoln Castle, in Lincolnshire. It's not inside a camp, but rather at the outskirts of one.

I'm afraid this means it might be rather difficult to get to the boy, but I will see if I can find out anything further.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 15:09:55](#)

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

Great, Dad. We owe you, big time.


Let us know whatever else you find out.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 14:31:17](#)
(no subject)

Guess if you prefer that vinegar-faced berk to us, you won't be hearing from us.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2011-07-01 14:56:05](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Oh, well done.


For Gryffindors, I mean.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2011-07-01 14:58:10](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


Thanks. We understand that's a compliment of the highest order, coming from a Slytherin.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2011-07-01 13:58:09](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good


I'm awful glad we've finally heard from you, Terry. Let us know, um, how you're going along.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-07-01 14:27:52](#)
Order Only

Oh, the poor boy.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-07-01 16:24:37](#)
Re: Order Only

he's still alive, molly.

thank merlin for that.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-07-01 19:07:40](#)

Re: Order Only

I know, but still...

The twins are quite upset, but still happy to have heard from him. When I asked them why they said such cruel things, they told me they don't want Carrow to think he can get at them by hurting Terry.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2011-07-01 19:07:58](#)

Re: Order Only

There was little love lost between Carrow and Fred and George, you know.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-07-01 19:10:35](#)

Re: Order Only

carrow's got no end of enemies right now, myself included.

and your boys are smart as whips. I'm sure they have it sorted out well enough. they know carrow more than we do, seeing as how they've had him as an instructor for so long, and they know terry better than any of us do either, excepting Hermione, of course.

when I go there, I'm going to check him for tracking charms, and give him a portkey to one of our safehouses in case he has a need. I am also going to let him know that he is not alone. he has some powerful friends, and it's high time he knew it.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2011-07-01 20:17:29](#)

Re: Order Only

At the risk of Poppy or the General hexing me for the danger of it, might be best if I were to come with you, Frank. He's met Padfoot. It'd go a long way to avoiding lengthy explanations there might not be time to give.



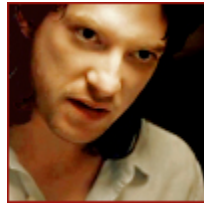
 [alt_frank](#) at [2011-07-01 20:19:36](#)


Re: Order Only

good point.

he'd be more likely to trust that I knew of you if he saw you too.

we've polyjuice to spare.



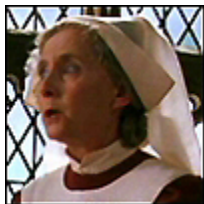
 [alt_bill](#) at [2011-07-01 20:32:17](#)

Re: Order Only

Take a look at what I wrote on Dad's journal entry, regarding getting you in.

A warning, though, especially if Sirius goes along: I've discovered there are anti-apparition wards up in that castle.

Guess Carrow's taking no chances on sneak attacks.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2011-07-01 21:13:38](#)

Re: Order Only

I'm as anxious as any of you to see the boy given a Portkey and to have someone verify what condition he is in.

That is not meant as approval for foolish risk-taking, but I trust you both realise what's at stake.

Speaking of the Carrows, we've still got Alecto to cope with here, and she is madder than ever to all appearances. Not that she's put in many appearances since the term ended: she's barricaded herself into her suite and is taking all her meals there. I have, however, spoken with her via the fire twice to address her complaints of sleeplessness and headache--and listen to her rants over the mistreatment of her beloved sibling.

Her demeanor on those occasions has been absolutely shocking, which is saying something for a woman who has

never been exactly precise in matters of dress or hygiene. She has entirely let herself go. And yet, her voice is strong and she does not appear gaunt. The elves report that she does eat what they deliver.

I believe she's had contact with Amycus. We've observed her owl coming and going on a number of occasions. But that's the extent of what I can report.




 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-07-01 15:16:13](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Terry, we've heard from Dad now. We understand you're in Lincoln Castle?

Let us know about where you're sleeping, any times you're alone and it'd be safe to receive an owl, or anything else that'd help.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2011-07-01 15:17:07](#)**

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

Lincoln Castle? Where's that?



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2011-07-01 15:18:20](#)**

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

Dad said it was in Lincolnshire.

We looked it up in the atlas. It's outside the city of Lincoln.

Gee, they don't have much imagination with names in Lincolnshire.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2011-07-01 15:21:51](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Terry.

The twins mentioned, we've made another bracelet with holding beads. We were thinking we'd send you

ink and a pen, and the twins even have a spare diary if you want a diary Carrow doesn't know about. (If he's given you back your own, that might be safer, though, because you don't have to worry about being caught with it.)

Is there anything else you'd like us to put in it, before we send it to you? We're working on a way. We have an owl, a really small owl, but he's a bit of a show-off so we're trying to make sure he will be discreet when he brings it to you. You might see him soon because we'll have him make a delivery to Carrow, so he knows who to avoid. Be watching, if you see a tiny owl bring something to Carrow, because he'll be coming to you, next.

If there's something that would help you, let us know and we'll try to get it to you.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2011-07-01 15:30:21**

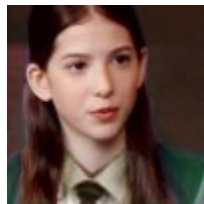
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

I should get Pigwidgeon back today.

What on earth should I send to Carrow?

And who should I say it's from?

I can use Prospero's typewriter.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2011-07-01 15:33:08**

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

Does your mum get the Prophet? Cut out some article about purity and send that. He'll think it's some anonymous person who thinks like he does.

Be sure to warn Pig that he should just give him his post and get out, that the person you're sending him to is a mean git. We don't want him to wind up as owl stew, after all.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-07-01 15:51:13](#)

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

Yeah. Tell Pig to be careful.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2011-07-01 15:55:43](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Hey, Terry.

Good to hear from you, mate. But, yeah. Sorry about everything that's happened.

We're trying really hard to think of ways to help you get away from him.

We want to help, but

yeah, we don't want to make anything worse.

Anywiz, it's really really good to see you can write in your journal at least a little bit. And, um, whatever you say, we'll know you mean the opposite, yeah?