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Private Message to Lucius Malfoy



Have just had a visit you might find interesting.

Stint.

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Said he thought I might help him with a project of his by filing an objection to the treatment provided to my father by the Hogwarts Matron.

Told him I thought there was little she could have done wrong under the circumstances. After all, there's little one can do to worsen the condition of a corpse.

Seems that's not what he expected I'd say, and he wasn't prepared to take no for answer. Asked me if I didn't think it odd that my father was in the forest just beyond bounds of Hogwarts when he died. Observed that it was interesting the papers aren't reporting that fact.

I asked him whether he'd considered the consequences of meddling in an ongoing investigation. And sent him packing. (Did not tell him that Forney's already filed her report and sealed the file.)

Have sent St Mungo's and the school governors a note of appreciation for the Matron's cooperation with MLE on the night in question. Will be interested to see whether Stint attempts to leverage this with Our Lord. He'll be disappointed if he thinks I've not informed Him fully.



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2012-06-01 19:33:55**

(no subject)

Barty.

Accept my sympathies for the revelations that precipitated your action. Hope you do not mind that Narcissa shared some of the details which were not in other reports. She was ... most distressed by the true circumstances of Norah's accident.

But to Stint. Intriguing. And well done on your response. We really must speak at more length about the changes in Our Lord's Council since you have been unavailable. Stint, Maule and Strangeweale

have all been assiduously busy. Consequently any measures to contain them are welcome. Suspect that he has chosen Hogwarts as a point of entry given this and previous interference in which he has engaged.

Can you meet? Name the place.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)** at **[2012-06-01 20:34:15](#)**
(no subject)

I could clear my schedule for this afternoon-- what remains of it--but I've got an appointment tonight with someone from Ardenia's. Gareth or Gaheris or something Do you know anything about him?

Apparently, I'll bring shame to Our Lord's proceedings if I'm not properly remade.

At any rate, if this afternoon isn't possible or tomorrow's simply better, I need only be available for the evening ceremony. Well, and some touch up immediately before, but I'm sure that could be skipped.

Agree it would be advantageous to consult before tomorrow's business. .



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2012-06-02 01:43:12](#)**
(no subject)

Whose hair-brained idea was it you need a style makeover prior to to-morrow's events?

No matter. We missed each other, apparently; did not see your reply until I was already embroiled in our evening's agenda. Am free to-morrow before luncheon but heard from Travers that Yaxley's calling everyone in for much of the day.

Unless you care to meet in person with what remains of the night, suspect we must trust the security of the journals. Have reason to believe Selwyn's people were long ago given instruction to ignore posts from the loyal among His circle, at any rate. Will that suit?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2012-06-01 20:47:49](#)
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As for place. Sandoval's salon top floor at Harrods. He's laying out the spread for tommorow. No one will think twice if we're seen, and we won't be overheard.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2012-06-02 12:34:07](#)
(no subject)

Sorry. Entirely underestimated the time and *degree* of attention required for last evening's business.

I've several things to write and send off this morning, but will be at your disposal after that.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2012-06-02 14:10:31](#)
(no subject)

That sounds appropriately ominous. But then, anything from Ardenia's requires an altogether different brand of courage.

But this afternoon shall be impossible for me to meet; Dominic and Stephen apparently require my assistance with my brother-in-law before he finalises preparations to return to France on the 15th. Consequently we have arranged a brief luncheon with him and Amanda to discover the source of his discontent and quash it.

Well. Perhaps it would be easiest to ask what you've already heard or been informed regarding the efforts of the second set (Parnassus, Strangeweale, Maule, *e&c.*). We may be able to exchange the essentials more quickly than feared.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2012-06-02 14:59:52](#)
(no subject)

Honestly, there are few places I would hesitate to enter, but Ardenia's spa is one of them. That said, last night was not what I'd feared.

I have heard rumblings--mostly from Travers and Truncheon--and

only as asides to other things. Oh, and full disclosure: Glendower's been trying to 'take me to lunch' to 'bend my ear about a thing or two' off and on for months. He called again Wednesday to get on my calendar, now that my 'great business has wrapped up' and I can apply myself to other things.

Any guesses what his business will be?



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2012-06-02 16:02:37](#)
(no subject)

Careful, or next you'll be making appointments at Elysian for manicures and scalp treatments.

Glendower has his uses, in point of fact. True, he could talk the wings off a dragon. However, have found that he can be relied upon to offer information on Maule's strategy, fairly consistently, in his attempts to 'bring me round' to their school of thought. Have sent him back hearing nothing from me that I do not wish Maule to hear; the result is another meeting in which Parnassus again repeats what Maule has told him and learns nothing which he can then bring to Maule. It would be rather comical if it were not so time-consuming.

In any event, Parnassus is an annoyance but not a problem. Strangeweale is gaining ground (and Stint is wholly his, I believe). Suspect he's put another Hogwarts Governor in his camp and at present cannot discover which one. Believe there is some discontent with the YPL's direction (again, no good toehold there. Perhaps you can induce Rizzer to tell you his little astronomer's grievances. Narcissa flatly refuses to report on their interactions save that it amounts to female bonding of one type or other and 'could not possibly concern' me). Am fairly certain Stint's attempt to discredit Madam Pomfrey comes at Strangeweale's direction. Possibly they mean to undermine Minerva, though Merlin knows she does enough of their job for them. Otherwise, know that he attempted to invite Gibbon and Mulciber to some function (which they declined, naturally) and has been trying to buy Runge for some time.

Our Lord recently remained uncharacteristically silent on the question of Harry's activity over the summer. Believe his patience with the appearance of parenthood wears thin, especially as Harry grows more independent. You may have

some sympathy for the strain fathers and sons experience as a boy reaches his majority. Our Lord has some expectation that following the Final Task, Harry may be better disposed toward upholding his duties; if he is not, am not entirely certain *how* He shall react.

That continues to be my largest concern: Our Lord's ... health. While we have always found Him unpredictable, He has grown more and more ... inconsistent. Cannot be certain of His grace on any given day. Goes without saying that the machinations of the others would be trifling were it not for the ... remote, admittedly, but nonetheless, present ... possibility that He might well re-organise the Council on a whim, rather than to a specific purpose.

You've been away and your return has grown fraught with complications but - tell me, if you will, what you think of the changes you perceive? It is easier to discern them after periods of absence than when one sees them occurring gradually.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2012-06-02 17:39:49](#)

(no subject)

Never.

All right. I'll keep the lunch date, then. And see if I can turn him to use against Maule. Would like nothing better than to have that head on a spit.

Stint is a biting fly someone will swat. Sooner or later. For now, I'll put in a word and see if I can't interfere with whatever his scheme is at Hogwarts. Just on general principle.

Strangeweale may bear watching. Do you really think there's a chance it will go differently this time? Our Lord has always strung him along but never relied on him.

As for Our Lord-

You're right, of course. The changes are obvious. And troubling. Gather between the lines that Yaxley's found himself on the sharp end of it. And Malvasius--says he's grown a new appreciation for Reg.

I've heard from others that He's become 'volatile', 'disengaged', 'capricious'. It's difficult to tell what lies beyond those observations, though. Corbyn thinks He's slipping. I'm not sure whether he meant mentally or magically: I didn't give him a chance to finish the thought.

Whichever. I think Corbyn's got the wrong idea. We've seen Him have bouts of this before when He's been deeply engaged in experimentation.

Admittedly, the physical alterations make the non sequiturs and sudden attention shifts more unsettling, but I suspect it's more likely that He's deeply ... involved in something He's not shared with the rest of us than that He's ... diminishing somehow.




 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2012-06-02 18:32:56](#)**
(no subject)

No, not diminishing. If anything, His capacity grows stronger.

Of course, Corbyn and his ilk have had fewer occasions to appreciate Our Lord's sense of propriety. But. Would agree that while He has always been quick to anger, He has nonetheless generally been more cautious in terms of maintaining His relationships - within and without the bounds of the circle. It is concerning that His current state, whatever its source, seems to leave Him unsure of old loyalties.

That is my primary worry: Our Lord's ear is bending toward those whose respect is questionable, who would dare to use His goodwill for their own petty purposes.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)** at **[2012-06-02 18:37:21](#)**
(no subject)

You think it's more than His testing us... in order to keep us keen?

Agree, though, that we've got to respond as though it may be more than that.



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2012-06-02 18:46:36](#)**
(no subject)

That's just the trouble: Responding to their schemes and stratagem has required increasing concentration and effort in the last three months, particularly. The business of the realm begins to suffer - possibly that is the aim, not sure. With Yaxley, Bella and both Traverses occupied elsewhere on vital work of their own, and now Stephen and Dominic both in major posts at the Ministry, we are all stretched rather thin, with less time than one desires to maintain Our Lord's rapport.

He has always tested us, true. But this ... feels different. As if He grows bored of His old guard.

Or perhaps I am imagining shadows. Either way the light has been growing dimmer of late.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)** at **[2012-06-02 17:43:03](#)**
(no subject)

Oh. Meant to ask about Latimer Caldwell. He's asked for a meeting next week.

Not sure what I've got to offer his department.


He's not another of Strangeweale's pawns is he?



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2012-06-02 18:51:36](#)**
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As to Caldwell ... no idea. Might it have to do with your father's business at Hogwarts on the night you ended him?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2012-06-02 19:08:28](#)
(no subject)

That's an interesting question. I rather hope you're right.

Would very much like some insight into what took him there.

You've seen the report, I think? When I arrived in the clearing, father wasn't alone. Whether by design or by chance, he was there with Karkaroff. They were already parting, and I allowed K to go. My business was strictly with father. But I would like very much to know what business he could have had with K. If any.

Two more names came up in what followed: Snape and Dumbledore. Not that he said anything coherent about them.

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Private message to Daphne Greengrass

Miss Greengrass,

I've been meaning to get to you all week, but it's been one thing after another. Anyway, yes. We have a matter we should discuss.



 [alt_rabastan](#)

Come by my office before supper?

-Prof Raz



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2012-06-01 16:37:16](#)

(no subject)

Am I in trouble, sir?

I know I haven't properly thanked you, for helping with the... situation that I had. With Barney, I mean. I'm sorry, I should have shown more gratitude, and sooner. But I've been trying not to dwell on the whole thing.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-01 16:41:16](#)

(no subject)

No, you're in no trouble.

You're welcome, but I wasn't going to have you to my office just to thank me in person.

We need to talk about what's to be done about the issue of paternity.




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2012-06-01 16:43:16](#)

(no subject)

Oh, that.

Professor, I was very upset when I told you about that. I wasn't thinking clearly, and under ordinary circumstances I would never have said a word. I'm very sorry to have troubled you with my silly notions at all.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-01 16:50:04](#)
(no subject)

Look now. I know this is an awkward matter, but you don't have to try to sweep it away ~~the way~~ your Mother does

I've met with your Mother and she's more or less admitted to me that she doesn't know who your Father is. I get the impression that she hopes that it's me, yet she insists on not finding out one way or the other.

I don't know about you, but I want to know. I deserve to know, and I know that you do, too.

Once we have the answers... well, if the answer is yes, then I guess we'll have to figure something out. I don't know what just yet.

And if the answer is no, we can resume life as usual. I'll leave it up to you if you want to tell your Mother or not. I don't care if she keeps her peculiar hopes, so long as she never breathes a word of them to anyone again.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2012-06-01 16:58:12](#)
(no subject)

She only told me because I wheedled it out of her. And then - that's why I snooped around your office, to see if I could find any proof. I tried to get Mother to tell you, too, and she became cross and stopped speaking to me.

I don't know why you were ever with her. I know she's beautiful, but she can be such a child!

If we do find out... I don't want Father to ever know. I can't bear the thought of him looking at me and not seeing *me*.

What do we need to do?



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-01 17:03:08](#)
(no subject)

Well, I was just a kid back then, too.

I'll just be needing a little snip of your hair.
That's why I wanted you to come to my office. I
know someone discrete who can give us the results by Monday.




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2012-06-01 17:06:31](#)
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Precisely just the sort of news one wants to
receive before their exams.

But I do want to know, too. So I'll be by before
supper.

And - thank you.

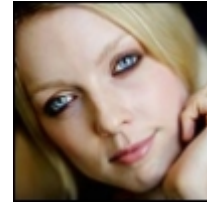


 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-01 17:07:35](#)
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Don't mention it Daphne Miss. See you this
evening.

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Private message to Poppy Pomfrey



Poppy -

Have a moment for a question? If you're not caught up from the chaos earlier this week, this can certainly wait.

 [alt_sinistra](#)

My sister Tempest asked me about something about those pamphlets from Wizarding Repopulation. I usually toss them as soon as I get them, but I just got the latest round and had a closer look.

Have you seen their *The Reality of Contraceptive Charms and Potions: The Risks You May Not Know*? It's not even the worst of the lot on the surface (that title goes to either *Enticing Him To Ask: Getting Your Wizard To Propose* for sheer manipulative nastiness, or *Don't Let Your Time Turner Run Out!: What Every Witch Needs to Know About Her Internal Clock* which includes the line "Fellow witches, the future of the Protectorate lies between our hipbones." and gets worse from there.)

Anyway, Temp's question was about their recommendations. They imply that longer-acting charms and potions are less safe, may lead to fertility concerns later, and are also less effective. They suggest the calendaring option, or an as needed potion or charm, but avoiding the commercial preparations entirely (While also intimating that most witches don't have the skills to handle these things reliably themselves.) What options remain - besides pregnancy - is left as an exercise to the bewildered reader.

But Mum's always told me that calendaring's far more useful for those trying to conceive than those trying to avoid it, and that the long-acting or daily charms and potions are both more reliable and less likely to be forgotten in the moment. (As she put it, rummaging for a potion or your wand is easy to put off when you'd rather cuddle in a warm bed.) Though, of course the WRO also implies one should talk to the experts (theirs, preferably), rather than trust one's family.

Any rate: I'm happy enough with my own choice (the *Adsimilis Silphion* charm), but Temp's less comfortable with any charm that doesn't involve food, so I thought I'd check with you for alternatives. I was going to suggest Madame Selene's Prophylactic Precaution, and I know some people like the Felicitous Ferula one, too.

I can bring the pamphlet by, but it might be a bit - I'm still working through creating exams. (Oddly, the projections should make for much better exams, but they're more complicated to prep.)



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-01 15:42:38](#)**
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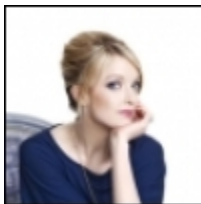
First of all, your mother is a very intelligent witch. I'm not telling you anything you didn't already know, of course.

Calendaring. Honestly.

And you are your mother's daughter. *Adsimilis Silphion* is solidly effective, entirely safe, and has the benefit of being inexpensive in contrast to commercial preparations. You're right, of course, it is a somewhat complex spell and is, thus, not the right choice for every witch.

I think either of the products you mention would be safe and reasonably reliable. With Madame Selene's it's important to have a regular (and compatible) cycle, as it is based on the rhythms of the lunar calendar and can go awry if there is too much variability or if the body's cycle is ill-aligned to the astronomical one. On the whole, I think I'd point her towards Ferula, either in a self-brewed potion (I could dig up a recipe) or in its commercial form. That has the advantage of being effective after the fact, as it were, if a witch finds herself having taken unprotected risks. I suspect that the pamphlets do not mention this.

Speaking of which. I have a parcel here from W.R. that is, I'm sure, my annual complement of pamphlets meant to be distributed to our school leavers. It's been a while since I've bothered reading them, but I'll have a look.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-01 16:05:32](#)**
(no subject)

I'll tell her you said so. But yes, I do rather trust her advice over the WRO, given her track record of having children when she wanted, and not when she didn't. (Diane's, too, actually, though she made a start at it younger than Mum did.)

I'll suggest the Ferula to Temp, then. If you do find a recipe you like, I'd love to pass it along, but it's nice to have the commercial variant as a backup. (The hours she's keeping right now are worse than mine.) And you're quite right that the pamphlets mention not a word about what a witch might do if she finds herself in need of something after the fact.

As to the charm, yes. Always thought it's a particularly intriguing design, mimicking what used to be a potion. (The idea that there's a plant that was so widely used for centuries and then just went extinct almost makes me fascinated by the herbology, too.) And I do like that I don't need to think about it except once a month.

I'd be curious what your set of pamphlets say when you get a chance. Frankly, I wonder if they're as pervasively, what's the word, rhetorical in the same ways. (And not even all that effective. On the first, I can't think of a list of things more likely to make Raz run the other way. Except that he did appreciate my cooking last Sunday morning.)

But this round's pile includes everything from the philosophy of magical lineage (and thus choosing a mate whose magical skills and line complement yours) to avoiding squibs to exhortation that motherhood is the greatest thing a witch can ever aspire to.

I admit I am less averse to the eventual idea than I was a year ago, but really. Does that actually work with anyone not already inclined to want children?

The contraceptive one worries me, though. That people might take their advice and find themselves in difficulty because of it. And yet, one can scarcely complain, surely. (Especially not me, at the moment.)



 **alt_poppy** at **2012-06-02 18:28:04**
(no subject)

It's occurred to me, reading between the lines of these pamphlets, that another thing we mention all too infrequently is contraceptive methods for wizards. I don't know whether your sister is in a position to recommend such a thing to her partner--or whether she ought to rely on him in this way--but there is a potion marketed as

the Seaman's Shield, which is every bit as effective as the best potions for witches.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2012-06-02 18:42:26**

(no subject)

Isn't it funny how rarely that comes up? Raz and I were talking about it not too long ago, and he admitted most people he's heard mention it don't care for a couple of the side effects. I'd heard the same thing from partners in the past, too (though I gather the formula's been improved again since). Bluntly, that enough men have less desire for sex, and consider that a poor trade for less chance of pregnancy.

Honestly, though, I'd also rather be in charge of it myself. I have trusted all my past partners to be honest if they used it, and a couple of them have used Seaman's Shield as well as my using the charm. But it's also always been the case that pregnancy would have weighed more on me than on them. And one does hear the stories of someone saying they took it, and using something entirely different, just as one hears the stories of women claiming the same to trick a man into marriage.

Are the student pamphlets as horrible as the adult ones? Something else struck me, reading through these again, that they do also seem to ignore the idea people might be having sex outside an engagement, at least. Or at least strongly implying that nice people don't do that, and I wondered if that's the same in the school-leaver's set.



 **alt_poppy** at **2012-06-02 19:43:23**

(no subject)

The one for young wizards is called *Assuming Responsibility* and is all about taking decisions and making one's way in the world of work and adult citizenship.

It recommends both financial planning and family starting with slogans like 'don't delay, begin today'. There's an explicit emphasis on marriage, likening the choice of a spouse to the decision about what job offer one should accept. (As if a wizard should expect a range of choices--on either front--from which he

may select that one best suited to his special temperament and tastes.)

There's nothing in here about contraception at all; the health recommendations are all to do with having one's teeth and body checked over annually.




 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-02 19:57:05](#)**
(no subject)

That emphasis does fit with some of the WRO ones I've got - lots of language about the Repopulation Rewards programme, and naturally how you'll qualify all the sooner if you begin your family early. Though of course, by their standards, I'm quite elderly already.

I admit, I'm now deeply curious what the halfbloods get. I might have a quiet ask around with a few friends. All the language here is preserving pureblood lineages, presumes that of course a pureblood will marry (and have children with) another pureblood.

But quite the same language about making the best choice, and presuming that one will have a variety of options laid out before one. (Which, I must say, has not been my experience. Or at least, the times there have been apparent options, most of them did not appeal. Stint and Gimlet both come to mind, for all their lineage is technically desirable.)



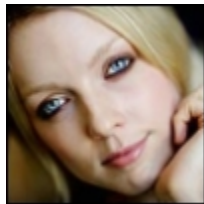
 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-02 19:46:09](#)**
(no subject)

The one for witches is called *Weighing Your Options* and includes lines like 'The workaday world will always wait if you choose marriage and motherhood as your first priority' and 'It is, of course, possible to work while you parent: people do it every day'.

The health section in this one focuses on sound teeth and bones, and on eating well in order to keep one's bodily cycles in top form.

This one does at least mention family planning, recommending natural methods like lunar synchronisation and calendrical plotting. And then it directs those interested to a separate pamphlet called *Reproductive Rhythms: Nature's Way*.

Unfortunately, they've not included that one for me to distribute.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-02 20:05:51](#)**
(no subject)

Goodness. Can't say I'm surprised, really.

And yes, there's one here about how house-elves and muggleborns of course remove so many of the complications of modern parenthood. I must say, I don't trust that much, even having seen Diane's household in action. And more to the point, is that kind of hands-off approach at all good for the child?

(I admit I've been thinking about the practical issues a bit more the last few months, for what must be obvious reasons. Raz and I are both well aware of the pressure, even while neither of us wants to rush anything.)

Do you - of course, if this crosses one of your oaths, don't worry about replying - but do you get many, boys or girls, asking you questions? Or are we sending them out into the world entirely unprepared, relying only on the Ministry (or their families and friends) for information?



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-02 20:59:11](#)**
(no subject)

No, not at all.

I do answer every question I'm asked as clearly and fully as I can. And I have a brief illustrated talk I impose on every young person who comes in with anything vaguely related to their reproductive health.

You must not ever have come to me with monthly complaints or irregularities, if I didn't dispense that information to you. I do see quite a few witches with such issues, and I do my best to equip them with knowledge of how their bodies function (or

fail to).

I used to leave out in the waiting area a lovely pair of charmed models of the male and female reproductive systems, along with some short texts on puberty and pregnancy and birth (the latter, I confess, was skillfully tilted towards those details that give young minds pause). I've had to give that up, however, as I was told off for it some time ago.

Do you know, I've long thought that the castle's protections may do a disservice to our young people by allowing them to experiment (as I'm quite certain they do) without incurring the consequences. No wonder so many pregnancies happen shortly after they've left school.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-02 21:14:01](#)
(no subject)

No, I never had to come see you myself - always been fortunate that way. And my first monthly was over the summer, so Mum talked me through all the practical, having done the theory before I started school.

I must say I'm more and more grateful to her for being so matter of fact about it. Temp mentioned that so many of her friends don't dare talk to their mothers about that kind of thing. Not in any detail, and especially if it's a relationship that may not be serious. (Except, of course, that Mum hasn't needed the pregnancy prevention precautions for a bit now, and doesn't know the best recent options. That's what older sisters are for.)

On the one hand, I can't blame people. I didn't tell Mum and Dad much about most of my relationships. (Especially Dad. He's sometimes a bit prone to worry.) But then they were all when I was off on research projects, and we both knew they were short-term only, and I was in my 20s by then. But I'd never have hesitated to ask if I needed help.

I do agree on the protections perhaps being a disservice, though I do think Helga was in the right to put them in in the first place. And yet, that isn't the only worry, either - well, given that whole mess with Orion Sandoval, or the students I

know Raz sent to you for some further education before the Ball this winter.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-02 21:26:52](#)**
(no subject)

Actually, I was on the verge of saying that I almost wish we had a case of the clap every year or so, just as a reminder to the rest of them that pregnancy is not the only matter for concern.

And, of course, for the ones who are not attracted to the opposite gender, there's the danger that they'll not think they could ask me--for information or counsel or physical concerns--because, somehow, they get it in mind that preventing pregnancy is my only brief when it comes to sexuality. Or perhaps they expect I'll disapprove.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-02 21:41:07](#)**
(no subject)

It did seem to keep the concern nicely front and center, yes. And then there's all the other issues, bodies being the complicated things they are.

One of the slightly older women on the same project, the summer of my first relationship, sat me down and ran through a lot of that, and then more beside. Not just the stuff you need to know, but the things that make the whole experience of sexuality that much more pleasant and enjoyable. (I've been grateful to her - and that first relationship - ever since, mind you. Much better than fumbling through it.)

Though, of course, I suspect that either of us even suggesting at that kind of information would go badly awry here, much as it's actually useful and needful.

On the latter - yes. Gilly and I've talked about it, more than a little. She and her Juniper have been doing their best to quietly chat with people who could use a little info of that kind, as they can. But it's not easy.

And the more so, I suspect, the more pressure there is to have children. In confidence, I might tell you that Gilly a friend of mine's had her own experiences with the WRO there. Got called in not too long ago, and carefully told (this, they don't have pamphlets for) that preferring women to men is no reason she couldn't have a child, and they'd be glad to help coordinate a donor father of suitable background.

She found the whole thing distasteful. And they couldn't seem to decide how to handle it - she's a halfblood, but with some skills that they'd clearly like to see if they can encourage in the next generation.

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Private Message to Nisha Desai

Good show.

Understand Pelton's report will find Mrs Stein passed due to an unfortunate reaction between the medicinals for her heart arrhythmia and a dose of Pepper Up she took during the night. Entirely unforeseen.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Word from Truncheon and Yaxley is that Brundage is going to be in a while longer. There may be connections yet to be drawn out there. Something in the department. They've decided to let it play out as long as needed.

The others are ready. Just a matter of closing out properly in each case.

Trust I'll see you tonight.

[2012-06-02 16:09:00](#)

Private Message to Seamus and Padma

Are you two still getting those knowing sorts of sniggers from people who assume we did the bathroom spells?



 **[alt_lavender](#)**

Vane and Robins are really getting tiresome about it--"Oh, you know you can tell us! We think it was pretty snitch," and etc.

I mean, Parkinson's well ridiculous, but it's bit annoying that people think we'd be stupid enough to get ourselves into trouble.

And I think it's absolutely hypocritical how the Weasley twins are sort of *looming* at people and trying to get them to grass. It's not as if they've never made anyone look ridiculous for a prank, after all--look at the Yule Ball! ~~Even if McLaggen did sort of deser~~

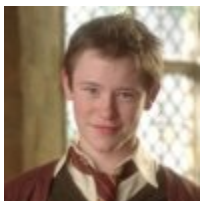


 **[alt_seamus](#) at [2012-06-02 21:54:40](#)**

(no subject)

Well, Weasley is acting like he hates me, but he always acts like he hates me, so it's hard to tell if he hates me EXTRA this week because of the bathroom spells.

It wasn't me. I don't know who did it. And that's the honest truth!



 **[alt_seamus](#) at [2012-06-02 21:55:46](#)**

(no subject)

And yeah, the Twins, well, what can you do?

Is there anyone it would be fun to see them go after? We could start a rumour it was someone deserving.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-03 03:00:38](#)
(no subject)

Seamus, you're thinking like a Slytherin!

Hm. Bletchley's always deserving of some sort of grief.

Or we could say it was Zabini. Only he hasn't actually done anything too obnoxious lately.

What about Montgomery and Stevens? You know they were the ones who did last year's quiz, and blamed us. I think this is just about their style, don't you? It could even really have been them.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-03 02:53:35](#)
(no subject)

I specifically *told* Pansy that it wasn't us. And everyone in the Corner knows it wasn't, so it's only idiots like Midgen who keep on insisting that it had to have come from us.

Honestly. I'm really glad it didn't, because for one thing just maybe this means that the Porker will have to take her choices more seriously. I mean, sure, we have to encourage *everyone* to become patriotic members of the realm but it's clear that *some* of them will never make good. And once it's clear then it's utterly mad to treat them like they're special and precious.

Besides, she practically asked to have the mick taken. Standing up for Longbum when his parents were big in that DogStar group?

Did you listen to the awards ceremony on the wireless? It was so inspiring. Lana and Auror Crouch and about ten others all getting commended by the Lord Protector and the Minister and Auror Crouch got the Order of Merlin First Class. What an amazing thing! And 3rd Class for Lana, which I'm sure is just the first of dozens she'll earn in her career.

2012-06-03 00:03:00

Private Message to Barty Crouch, Jr.

How do you feel?

It looked as if Gaheris did you a world of good. You certainly seemed much more yourself than when I last saw you. Or was that entirely due to your thespian expertise?



 [alt_narcissa](#)

Bella said this evening that you're to help on her ongoing investigation. Much as I wish her a successful conclusion, please tell me that you'll take some time for yourself before you dive in to assist her.

I ... still can't quite *condone* killing him, dear, but I do understand how betrayed you must have felt. I rather think he must have been in a world of misery, himself. To know that he'd driven your poor mother away, and to know that he was the root cause of her death as well? From a certain light it's almost as if you did him a favour. One I'm not sure he deserved but - well. I suppose I can see both their perspectives. And yours. It's unspeakably sad, from all angles. At least no one will know. You shan't have Piers Sanditon knocking on your door asking to write an opera on the subject.

At least now, if he did, I am a little more confident he might be able to walk away from the encounter.

Oh, but there is one other thing: I am very proud of you, despite the events of this past week. Do remember that.

2012-06-03 19:19:00

Order Only: Private message to Dora and Sirius




I'm thinking that for the Full Moon it'll be easiest to tell Ellie I'm going off on some sort of stock-buying trip and will be back in a day or two. And then go to 12GP for the duration.

 [alt_lupin](#)

I've grown rather accustomed to having Sirius around when I transform. Ellie, however, has grown rather accustomed to having the dog around pretty much all the time. I'm a bit worried that taking him away from her will go over about as well as taking that singing rabbit toy away from Bea would. Dora, will managing Ellie and the beer garden and all the rest without Sirius be too much? Sirius, just how dependent on you is she?



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2012-06-04 00:25:38**
(no subject)

She'll have to manage. I'm not leaving you alone on the full moon.

Besides, Ellie's not Bea's age; she'll have to get over a security blanket sooner or later.

I think it'd be good for her and Dora to spend time without us, anyway.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at **2012-06-04 00:37:09**
(no subject)

The only problem with that plan is my going off to the Ministry in the middle of the night.

I know we want Ellie to take care of her eventually, but I don't know that it's a brilliant idea, leaving her in the night while she still seems to feel so unsafe and skittish.

Are you sure you couldn't just say you're coming down with one of your sick headaches, and then go off to bed for the duration? You could lock the door. It's not as if she's going to want to barge in on you if you're ill.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-04 01:04:59](#)
(no subject)

I think you're underestimating how solicitous she can be toward Mr P when you're off at work, Dora. Sick headache or not it's not normal to lock one's bedroom door in one's own home. Besides, if Bea did need anything in the night I'd just have to unlock it to go see to her.

What if I sent Kreacher with the express limitation that he's to bring Bea back to 12 GP for the evening?



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2012-06-04 02:37:05](#)
(no subject)

If she's solicitous of Mr Ponds in his private chamber at half-four in the morning, I think his wife ought to know about it.

And I do think that if one of us feels poorly, we should be able to expect the help to give us whatever privacy we say we require. If she needs reminding, she might find that Sinbad's fiercely protective of his master and thinks Junius takes priority over her. (Sinbad's right about that.)

I think it's better Ellie learns boundaries (reinforced by growling if necessary) than that she be left alone to see to Bea in the early hours.

I'm not sure what help Kreacher could be. In the evening? And where would Ellie think that nasty elf was taking Bea off to?

By the way, Beth says she wanted to check on us and be sure we're all well. (And not arrested, she means.) Says she's going to slip off early and we might not see her again for a while. Just as well it wasn't tomorrow she showed up. She'd have worried about Mr Ponds, for certain.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-04 02:42:20](#)
(no subject)

I'm not worried about half-four, I'm worried about half-ten when we've closed down the garden.

And why would she know Kreacher's even been there?

But all right. You've convinced me. We'll work on it from the perspective of shaking her reliance on Sinbad.

When was Beth in? I missed her.

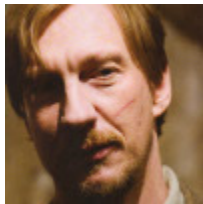


 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2012-06-04 03:17:30](#)
(no subject)

Beth was here just for a minute or two. Talked to me while I was washing glasses.

I don't think she wanted to be seen, really.

She sounded frustrated more than anything. Said they've got people they're ready to 'move', who are really anxious to go because things have got so much more dangerous. Only that's exactly why they can't go just now. They've all got to sit tight and wait.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-04 02:55:41](#)
(no subject)

Well, here's the thing about me staying at the flat.

We've got Ellie downstairs, me upstairs, Bea in her room. Sirius has to play guard dog to be sure that Ellie doesn't wander in and discover me (I think you're right she wouldn't, but we can't be positive) AND he has to mind Bea. If Bea wakes up and cries, I think Ellie's quite likely to assume that I don't want to be disturbed (what with my sick headache) and come upstairs and discover Sirius, who can't very well rock Bea back to sleep when he's being Sinbad.

I suggest that we tell Ellie I'm going on a short buying trip and will be taking Bea with me, along with the dog -- the dog because he's good at sniffing out people trying to cheat me, and Bea because Dora has to go to work and we don't yet trust Ellie to care for her all night. Then the lot of us can go to 12GP for the duration. We'll have Kreachter to help us with Bea, but in any case there's no danger of Ellie stumbling into any family secrets while trying to be helpful in the night.

If she's proved herself in a month or two we can say that Mr. Ponds has to go on another buying trip, and THIS time he'll leave Bea behind and it will be up to Ellie to take care of her.

At some point she'll notice my buying trips are always during the full moon, but perhaps I'm actually gathering some magical fungus that's at its most potent when gathered at full moon. Or perhaps we'll be able to trust her with the truth, by then.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2012-06-04 03:09:54](#)
(no subject)

I think that's just the thing. It solves the problem, doesn't it.

And I agree, we're going to have trust Ellie sooner or later. I'm just not willing to have leaving Bea alone with her in the night as the first test.

Sorry. I know that's inconvenient.

Perhaps I should be the one who plays ill-from work. I could ask off and tell Ellie it's because you have to be away. And then Bea could stay home with us, and you wouldn't have to worry with her.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-04 03:11:43](#)
(no subject)

Why? She'll be fine at 12GP. We'll have Kreachter, and Sirius can go to her without having to worry about anyone seeing him.

Are you worried we'll hurt Ellie's feelings? She's said herself (to Arthur) we don't trust her yet with the baby.




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2012-06-04 03:23:31](#)
(no subject)

No. I just-

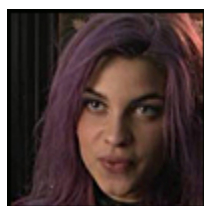
don't want Bea to be a bother to Sirius when he's wanting to see to you.

I wasn't thinking of Ellie's feelings at all, except how her skittishness makes it difficult to think about leaving her in charge in the night.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-04 03:26:05](#)
(no subject)

Bea shouldn't be any trouble. Not like when she was waking three times a night, anyway. It's only in case something should happen, which it shan't. And anyway, I think Kreacher'd be able to intervene if there's any immediate need. I'd only be a minute or two behind him, at the outside.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2012-06-04 03:37:58](#)
(no subject)

Well, that settles it, then.

Now we'll just have to think what 'orders' Mr Ponds will have placed and what goods should arrive in a fortnight or two as a result.

What's Aleks sending this time? Do you know?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-04 03:23:46](#)
(no subject)

I don't fancy the idea of your requesting time off now, especially if things are so tense. We'd best not give them any excuse to doubt your loyalties.

We can take Bea along. It does solve everything.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2012-06-04 03:38:18](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, you.

[2012-06-03 23:08:00](#)

*Order Only: PotionsPotionsPotions.
Oh, and Terry*



 **[alt_gredforge](#)**

We're popping up for a quick moment, in between scraping dead beetle juice out from under our fingernails and juggling stacks of notes about silicates and temperature differential and the effect of the phases of the moon on a long list of herbs, from A to Z, to say that we must have been utterly barking mad to think we could pass the Potions final without taking Potions class this year. But we're going to give it our all tomorrow, and if we don't manage it, Mum'll have to pry our potions scoops from our cold, dead hands, which should prove to her that at least we tried.

Also, in belated answer to your question, Sirius, yes, Terry Boot did sent back word that he received your letter. He was cagey, of course, talking about it since he obviously doesn't want to reveal that he's corresponding to you with our sources. But he did pass along that it was a real help, he was very pleased to get it, and he plans to take your advice.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-04 04:31:25](#)**

(no subject)

Good on Terry, then.

And you two had better get some sleep. Cramming until dawn isn't going to help you if you doze off over your cauldrons!



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-04 13:55:33](#)**

(no subject)

Don't forget: add the armadillo bile BEFORE the porcupine quills.

Good luck!



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-04 13:56:34](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, my, yes, good luck, boys! And yes, I am impressed that you're trying to do this.

[2012-06-04 11:20:00](#)

Urgent Notice

I strongly urge anyone who may have ingested 'medicinal' substances meant to enhance attention or defer sleep to come immediately to the Hospital Wing. This applies especially to anyone having taken even a small quantity of the so-called **Open Eyes Elixir**.



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_poppy](#)

If the rest of you would be on the alert for any eyeballs rolling underfoot, it would be most appreciated. And do bring them along to my reception, so they may be restored to their owners as expeditiously as possible.



 [alt_michael](#) at [2012-06-04 16:46:49](#)
(no subject)


Ew.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-04 16:58:59](#)
(no subject)

Quite.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-04 16:51:56](#)
(no subject)

I haven't seen any, but I wondered: would it be helpful to put them in a tumbler of water when bringing them to the Hospital Wing or anything? (Sterile water, of course. Perhaps it should be sterile salt water?)

And we'd have to be very careful that no one would accidentally drink it.)



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-04 17:03:08](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, Miss Lovegood.

Yes, it would be best if you were to place them carefully in some handy vessel in which they may be kept safe. A teacup or tumbler or dish would do.

I'd prefer you not submerge them in any sort of liquid. More harm than good, potentially.

Best to bring them directly here; I'll take care of any restorative treatment that might be required.




 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-04 17:17:00](#)**
Private message to Poppy

Goodness. I was rather wondering what this year's brilliant student idea would be, but that's a quite distressing one.

Would another pair of hands be helpful to you? I've time once we're done at 3.

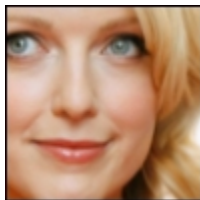



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-04 17:25:27](#)**
Re: Private message to Poppy

Do come up if you've the time.

With luck, I'll have all of this sorted by then, and we can simply enjoy a spot of tea.

On the other hand, I may indeed need another hand. In which case, yours would be most welcome.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-04 17:35:01](#)**
Re: Private message to Poppy

Right. Mum's sent her usual exam package, so at least there'll be a treat or two for you to look forward to.

(And any excuse to put off my marking. After spending most of the weekend reworking how I'm giving the exams, I find I need a pause before I start looking at the outcome.)



 **[alt_wagstaff](#)** at **[2012-06-04 17:46:12](#)**

(no subject)

Pardon me, mum, but did you mean anyone should come to yer ward if they might've taken somefin dodgy like that Open Eyes quaff?

Don' want me minces fallin out, do I?

2012-06-04 12:34:00

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

I did receive your PM. Don't want you to think I missed it.

I wasn't in a position to answer then.

I hope you understand.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2012-06-04 18:16:59**
(no subject)

Well, that's certainly a relief. I have been - quite worried about you.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2012-06-04 18:55:50**
(no subject)

You needn't.

I'm fine, Narcissa.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2012-06-05 03:04:05**
(no subject)

You're not.

And you're cross with me. Probably deservedly so.

Or are you cross with everyone? You *do* realise I care what happens to you?

Barty. Please don't do anything rash. Go somewhere peaceful and - recover your bearings. ~~I don't like to see you like this.~~



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2012-06-05 13:00:03](#)
(no subject)

Out of the blue, I learn that it was my father, who hired that assassin to kill me, the one who accidentally murdered my mother, instead. And that my mother got the polyjuice that allowed her to impersonate me... from within the Ministry, from DoM's supply, from that bloody, twisted nightmare, *Bale*... who supplied her because he was her lover.

And you suggest that I go somewhere peaceful and recover my bearings.

For someone who knows me very well, you don't.

But, really, Narcissa. Don't trouble yourself. You've finished with me, and, of course, I can hardly blame you. I've given you ample cause to feel neglected.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2012-06-05 20:28:36](#)
(no subject)

Dearest.

I do know you. You've made no secret of your intentions toward Bale and, truly, that's exactly why you need to stop. Think. Yes, you could do whatever you like and Mafalda will not stand in your way. Claudius would give you whatever licence you require, make up any story for the *Prophet*.

And that's precisely why you need not to do it. You'll be in their debt, and you'll be betraying a vulnerability that later you will regret having shown. You'll be in a considerably weakened position, the next time you need MLE's protection.

As for me, you seem in quite a hurry to imagine yourself altogether alone. Finished? No, love. I thought ours transcended mere attachment, or was that just something you made up at the time and have forgotten?

I suppose it would be easier to cut yourself off from everyone who cares in order to turn into the worst version of yourself. The

problem is that you still affect those you leave behind.

I don't wish that token you gave me to bring me unwelcome news.

[2012-06-04 13:36:00](#)

Private message to Rory

Good news for the most part

I've already told Daphne- had her come to my office at lunch. She seemed immensely relieved.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)**

As an interesting side note, Fletcher's report indicates that it wouldn't have even been possible for me to have fathered a child during that time of my life, due to the regimen of healing potions I was taking. Which relieves me, since we've all established by now that I was something of a careless youth.

More exams to give now- see you tonight, love.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-04 20:30:57](#)**

(no subject)

Oh, love. That is a relief. Though you sound...

You all right there? Anything I can do to help? Besides be handy tonight, that is.

I'm glad we know, though. And glad Daphne does too.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2012-06-05 02:08:18](#)**

(no subject)

It is a relief, and absolutely the best outcome for everyone- Daphne, in particular.

Only, I spent a lot of time preparing for what to think and what to feel if the results were positive..and not much time preparing for what to think and feel if they were negative.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not disappointed by any stretch whatsoever, but it does make one a bit...wistful, I suppose. Or, no, you know what it is? I'm just feeling old again, that's what. Because there's no reason whatsoever to feel wistful. I think my brain just doesn't know what to do now that it doesn't have to prepare for the worst.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-05 02:24:03](#)
(no subject)


Oh, love.

No, I do have an idea what you mean. Enough, anyway.

Wondering what kind of person you'd end up being, if that thing in the past had turned out to be true. If circumstances had been different.

Some moments are such clear forks in the road, aren't they? Whether we have control over them or not. I think it's normal to look back and wonder what we would be like if things had gone the other way. Even if, intellectually, we're pretty sure we would have liked that other path even less.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-05 03:22:44](#)
(no subject)

Well, yeah... something like that. But then I already have plenty of "what ifs" and "if onlys" lurking around in my past. I reckon what makes this one different is that it wouldn't have been such a bad thing, in the grand scheme of it all. Bloody well inconvenient, but certainly not bad.

Made me look at myself differently, is all.

Anyway, I need a drink. Come and join me when you're through.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-05 03:48:33](#)
(no subject)

A drink sounds just the thing.

(You've been thinking. I've been thinking. This responsible adult thing is complicated, some days, isn't it?)

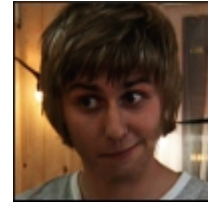
I'll say it more properly in a bit, but, love, I'm ... watching you deal with this, complicated as it is.

I love you for ~~doing your utmost to do it best, not easiest.~~

I sound entirely too sappy. Right. Be down in five with drinks and such. So very glad there's no classes tonight.

2012-06-04 20:09:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



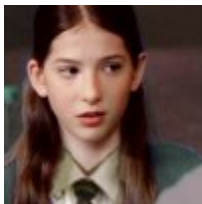
 **alt_justin**

How did the first day of exams go? I've finished two of the essays Professor Froissart set for us but I've still four more to complete. Don't suppose it matters much but I expect the professors here might want them to determine where I've need of additional tutoring.

I heard from Mr Rosier that they'll arrange for the paperwork to move my mother to Kenya. (I remembered that she's got a friend there, sort of an unrelated aunt of mine, if you follow me. They went to school together. If she goes there at least she'll be able to look someone up, what. I'm sending her an owl to explain everything and tell her why and all that. She'll understand.) And I'd asked Inglebee in Ravenclaw to have his father look over the other information, including the Gringott's paperwork, as he's a solicitor. And he wrote back today as well, saying it's all quite sound. So. I guess that means I'm staying.

I haven't worked out when to tell the others, particularly JP. Perhaps the Headmistress will take care of that. Or if nothing else, it'll become obvious when they leave and I don't, what?

But I suppose I bally well ought to tell Jean-Pierre and soon. It'll be a wrench for him, rather. I say, Luna, this means we'll be trying for the CCF together, in the same cohort. Which is good, as I'm not entirely certain I shall have much of a summer, otherwise!



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2012-06-05 01:21:10**
(no subject)

So when are they Sorting you? Before we leave for the summer, or after we get back?



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 02:46:15](#)
(no subject)

Hello, Sally-Anne,

I'm to be Sorted as soon as possible, in fact. Mr Rosier says I may stay with the Beauxbatons students until the Tournament is over but then I'll move to my new House. I suppose it'll be best to meet them all, officially, before we leave for the summer holiday.

But I don't know when the Headmistress will choose to do it. It might be while you are all in your exams, what? Since then I can slip up to her office with no one the wiser.

-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 02:53:23](#)
(no subject)

Mm. I can see why you can't do it in front of the whole school but it seems like you at least ought to have your mates there.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 03:20:44](#)
(no subject)

You want to be there when I'm Sorted?

Why? Is it terribly entertaining?


-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 03:39:29](#)
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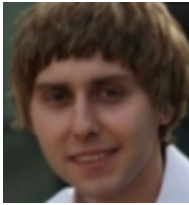
It is QUITE entertaining when the Firsties are Sorted, actually. You'll see next autumn.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-05 01:22:18](#)
(no subject)

Well, guess that means, welcome home, to stay, i mean.

I'll be really proud when you get Sorted.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 02:47:07](#)
(no subject)

Cheers, Terry.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-05 01:44:50](#)
(no subject)

I suppose it's a relief to have the decision made then, isn't it?

I hope it turns out to be all that you hope it will be.




 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 02:47:38](#)
(no subject)

Neville,

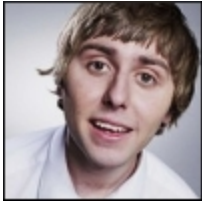
If it helps the others then it's worth it.

-Justin



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-05 01:45:27](#)
(no subject)

Well, I think the Protectorate will be very lucky to have you.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 02:48:41](#)
(no subject)

Thanks, Luna. Cheers.

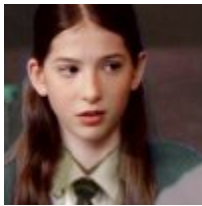
I hope they regret it soundly, if you follow me.

-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 02:52:50](#)
(no subject)

Cheers.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 03:02:54](#)
Private message to Justin

I wish I could move my mum to Kenya.

Back when we were asking Sirius Black questions -- through Hermione, you know, you probably saw all that although it was before you came on the Lock -- I asked how a person could get out of the Protectorate. He said that if I sent him an owl with the specifics he'd see what he could do.

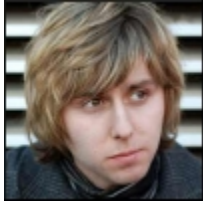
Except I never did.

Because here's the thing, she's not SUPPOSED to leave, and if anyone came looking and she was missing they might come after me. Families like mine, everyone's sort of a hostage to everyone else's proper behavior -- it goes the other way, too, if I got caught doing something awful they might send my mum to the camps. Anyway. The more I thought about it the more I thought she'd refuse to go. And having her KNOW that Sirius Black was about, able to smuggle out muggleborns and all the rest -- it could put people in danger, including her.

Sometimes I wonder if I'm just telling myself that's what she'd want because if I did send Sirius to her and she left and anyone noticed I'd be in such trouble. If it's selfishness.

If it weren't for me she wouldn't even be stuck here, you know, she'd

be off at that Advanced Institute that offered her a fellowship for research. She got pregnant with me and arranged to defer, and then she never got to go because they put up the wards.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 03:35:31](#)

Re: Private message to Justin

Oh, I say.

Well. But, Sally-Anne, surely Sirius - or, the wand smugglers, I should say - surely they've got ways of helping people that keep the rest of their families safe?

For example, they could make it look like your mother died. Accidentally or something like that. I saw a film once where a woman faked her own drowning and she didn't even have magic. I'm sure they could come up with loads of ways for your mother to go missing without anyone assuming the worst.

-Justin

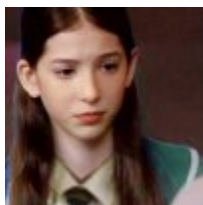


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 03:40:23](#)

Re: Private message to Justin

Oh! I didn't even think of that.

I suppose they could, at that.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 03:41:01](#)

Re: Private message to Justin

Ron and Pansy were going to help me visit her this summer, though.

I guess -- I wouldn't want him to take her away before I got to see her again. Is that horrible?



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 03:50:46](#)

Re: Private message to Justin

That's not horrible at all. It's rather sweet, in fact.

Well, I suppose one could use your visit to sound

her out and see if she'd even consider escape if it were possible to do it without causing you trouble. Or if she's not interested in leaving, do you think she might want to help them? The smugglers, I mean to say.

I say, do you think Mrs Weasley's one of them? She's got that barter network and she's helped you pass things to your mother in the past, hasn't she? I wonder if she were, and if your mother joined them, too, if they couldn't work to help others in a similar situation.

Ron seems quite unsure as to whether his mother could be part of something like that, of course. But you've met her; I've not.

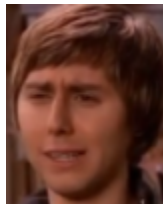
-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 04:13:14](#)

Re: Private message to Justin

Oh, you'll like Mrs Weasley. Ron will probably have everyone over for Quidditch this summer and you'll be able to come this time, don't you think?



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-05 04:18:23](#)

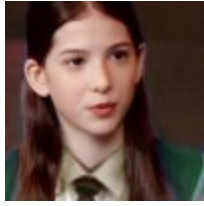
Re: Private message to Justin

I'm sure I shall like her, too.

But I don't know about coming there. I mean to say, I suppose it partly depends on how well I do at the CCF trials and then there's all the catching up I've got to do to be ready to enter the O.W.L. lessons in September. I'll need tutoring, what?

And beyond that--well, it shan't be up to me, shall it? It'll be up to my foster-family. Oh, dash it, I meant to tell you that I know who they're to be. It's the Jugsons. You know, Remy and Alfie's parents. They volunteered, I'm told.

-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 04:45:39](#)

Re: Private message to Justin

The Jugsons aren't awful, not usually at least. I think they'll let you go play quidditch, especially if you're meant to be settling in to life in the Protectorate and making real friends and all that.

We'll have to work it around CCF anyway. So as long as they don't mean to make you keep your nose to the books all summer you ought to be able to come.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-05 04:43:04](#)

Re: Private message to Justin

And yes.

I think she is.

That doesn't mean the whole barter network is, though. It's an enormous group of people and they're all quite open and above-board, they don't act like a secret organisation at all. I suppose there's something to be said for hiding in plain sight but they have people who are utterly dotty, you know? Luna's father was in the network!

Ron (and his brothers) laughed when I said I thought their mum was a Wand Smuggler but here's why I think she is.

1. She passes messages to my mum, but more than that, she's completely casual about it. Not nervous or hesitant, like most people would be (even nice people who didn't mind doing me a favour). It makes me think she's done a lot worse than pass messages, if it just doesn't seem like any sort of big deal.

but also

2. When Sirius Black was captured she spent the whole day carrying her clock from room to room (she has a clock that tells her whether her family members are at 'home' or 'work' or in 'mortal danger') and wouldn't let Ron (or Fred or George or any of them) go ANYWHERE, all day.


and

3. At the beginning of second year Ron got into some trouble that really shouldn't have been all that big a deal and she was FURIOUS. Her house got searched by MLE and I think she was terrified they'd find something they shouldn't and that's why she was SO CROSS.

Anyway. I'm not going to push it with Ron or his brothers (maybe they DO know and have to keep it a secret, even from us) but if you ever need help she's someone to ask.

I think Madam Pomfrey is one of them, too. I thought so even before she came to help me with the sick muggles at the Strettons.



 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2012-06-05 12:19:30](#)**
(no subject)

Hey Justin, the twins say congratulations. And that doubtless you'll liven up the place. Which to them is the very highest of compliments.

And I say congratulations, too, mate.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-05 13:59:57](#)**
(no subject)

I'm glad you had a solicitor look over the papers. And that things look like they'll work out for your mum.

[2012-06-04 20:47:00](#)

Order Only: Analysis

Scott is getting restless. Which is good, I suppose, a sign that he's past the first numb shock and grief. He's a healthy young man who has been cut off from his entire life, forced to stay indoors for his own safety, day after day. While in charge of a squirrely three year old.



 [alt_kingsley](#)

Molly's been wonderful, but she can't stay here all the time. So he's a little more willing to give some thought to the future.

I gingerly broached the subject of France with him. For about a day, I think he was really tempted, and had in fact almost talked himself into going along with the idea. Now, however, he has argued himself back out of it. The lure of freedom from fear, to make his own life, is certainly strong, but he loves his country, and he just can't bring himself to leave it. And then there are his memories of Norma, and the hopes they had for their son. The two of them did talk frankly about the possibility that she might be taken or killed, which I am sure is more than many couples in their situation did. She was a realist, Scott said, but she had a lot of hope that the work she did would make life better for the people she knew, and even many she would never meet. I think that Scott feels that his wife gave her life so that Rory could grow up in a free country, and so he owes it to her to stay.


We've been going through his recollections to see if there is anything we can piece together about the way Dogstar operated, but we haven't come up with very much. There was the occasional mention of functionaries that give us teasing glimpses: the 'conduit,' the 'personnel directors, the 'Alpha' (does that mean there were Betas?) and, of course, the members of Norma's cell. Scott gleaned a little about them, just from cryptic remarks that she let fall occasionally. Of course, it doesn't tell us much more about her cell than what we read in the *Prophet*.

I've been thinking: Scott didn't manage to pick up very much, and he lived with her. Yet the *Prophet* trumpeted multiple arrests that have brought down swaths of the network (note that they don't go out on a limb and say whether everyone has been arrested). Surely they weren't able to turn that many people who were fanatical enough to take vows to swallow poison in order to achieve that many arrests.

So it had to have been polyjuice. It must have been. Turn one key person, and you can insinuate your own right into the cogs of the operation, and then you can gather incriminating data on the hapless people around you.

Maybe the question is: are there still polyjuiced agents out there? And where are they infiltrating? Do we have ringers working their way into Sherwood even as we speak? Or Merlin help us, is there anything that could turn their sights on us?



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-05 02:27:29](#)
(no subject)

Are you trying to give me nightmares?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-05 02:29:31](#)
(no subject)

No, that's just an added side benefit.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-05 02:30:52](#)
(no subject)

If he's thinking of staying, has there been much thought about where?



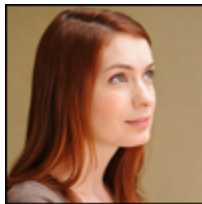
 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-05 02:34:37](#)
(no subject)

Sherwood, maybe, if we can cover any information he might have that would make him a good point person for trying to pick up the threads of camp networks. But maybe he won't have anything like that.

And then there's the boy. Scott's worried about the feasibility of such a young one roughing it in the woods. Besides the difficulty of just keeping him fed, sheltered and warm, there's the danger he presents. A three year old doesn't always understand the vital

importance of 'quiet' and 'hide.'

Or Rory might go to Moddey Dhoo, if there's any more room to squeeze him into one of the nurseries, and Scott to Sherwood, I suppose. But I'm not sure if Scott can bear to be separated from him, frankly. The boy is all he has left of Norma.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-05 03:19:41](#)

(no subject)

If he's not willing to go to France, we'd make room, Kingsley.

For both of them.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-05 16:12:45](#)

(no subject)

Thanks, Alice. It will probably relieve his mind.

He may make it his base, with regular sortees out to Sherwood.

Frank, do you need us to follow some sort of protocol to interview him, or introduce him to Arabella or anything?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-05 16:48:41](#)

(no subject)

I can bring arabella up to the safehouse to talk with him in person this afternoon. she's concerned about whether he's in it for the long haul, and for the right reasons, and needs to talk to him herself.

and we'd need to have a meeting of adults at moddey, just to make sure we're on the same page. many here don't care for dogstar at all, but we've been working through it and I think we'll get a thumbs up to bring them down as soon as tomorrow morning.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-05 03:21:51](#)**
(no subject)

makes sense to me.

better put polyjuice protocols into effect just in case,
and let sherwood know.

sirius, remus, tonks, you might want to pass word to beth.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-05 13:08:07](#)**
(no subject)

I agree, absolutely, Frank.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-05 17:00:15](#)**
(no subject)

I was thinking the same thing myself, Frank.

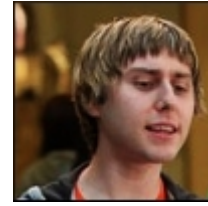
Everyone remember their secret questions and
answers from last time? Some of us will need new
ones, of course.

2012-06-04 23:37:00

Private Message to Dux

Hullo,

I've a question for you: If the Headmistress allowed witnesses for it, would you want to be there when I'm Sorted?



 **alt_justin**

I mean to say, is it something you ought to see?

-Justin



 **alt_hydra** at **2012-06-05 18:49:00**

(no subject)

Ought to? I don't know. But everyone else gets sorted in front of an audience, and you deserve one too, so I'm happy to be there if she'll allow it.

I don't think I'll be putting any galleons on you coming out from under it as a Slytherin, though.

From,
Hydra

2012-06-05 10:25:00

(no subject)

I hope everyone is doing well on exams.

I'm studying lots too, just different sorts of things. And I guess the final task is sort of like a really big practical exam. Sort of.



 **alt_harry**

Anyways.

At least it's almost time for summer, which will be really fun. I mean, I know we have to be responsible and watch out for the younger years, and we'd have a job to do and all, but I think it'll be interesting to see what it's like to be on the other side of things, you know, to help out instead of being the one that's helped.

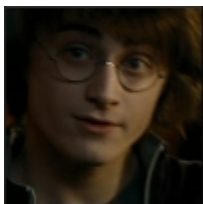


 **alt_hydra** at **2012-06-05 20:20:55**

(no subject)

I almost wish that they would let us try out the "final task" course when the Tournament is over; it seems like it would be good practice to have to face the obstacles and challenges, and then they would get more than one use out of it, too. They've spent so much time putting it together, after all.

From,
Hydra




 **alt_harry** at **2012-06-05 20:34:45**

(no subject)

I don't know, I guess it depends on how dangerous it is, but I bet it'd be easier to make it less dangerous.

We could ask Professor Sinistra if it can stay up for a YPL thing, maybe?



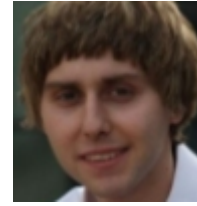
 **alt_ron** at [2012-06-05 22:24:29](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. I'm totally looking forward to working with the summer programme.

Looking forward to watching the third task, too. Hope it goes well for you, yeah?

2012-06-05 12:25:00

Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks and Ron Weasley



 [alt_justin](#)

Hullo,

Loki Dames just passed me a note from the Headmistress. I'm to come up this afternoon, when exams are over for the day but before supper. The Heads of Houses will be there.

So I suppose if anyone wants to come along, it'll be today.

I thought you two might be the best ones to pass the word. Hydra hasn't decided if she should come or not but either way, I thought it'd be best to write something semi-public about it, what?

-Justin

2012-06-05 13:36:00

Order Only: Back at Grimmauld



 [alt_sirius](#)

Moony and I (and Bea) spent the night in Grimmauld Place last night, first time we've been back for a full night since Ellie came.

We figured that'd be best since Ellie's still a bit skittish, but it was the full moon so Remus needed a safe transformation place and we didn't want to risk Ellie coming upstairs to check on Bea with only a door between her and a werewolf. And I couldn't have seen to Bea as a dog, or risk Ellie coming up to stumble on me, either.

Well, anyway. That part worked out well enough. But the part that we found curious was Kreacher. Do you know, I think he actually might have missed us?

Well. I say us. Really I think he missed Bea.


Dora, we may want to think about going back to Grimmauld a little more frequently, especially if we're not going to be able to tell Ellie the truth before next month. I dunno how he'll react if we only come back to give him Bea to look after for a few hours. When she's asleep, no less.

Anyway. I'm sending a final owl to Aleks to confirm what he's bringing us. Wands, of course, and the staples: Fruit, sugar, spices, chocolate, tea, coffee, so on. Poppy, I got your list (or rather Mr Ponds did) and I'm sending it along. Anti-fungal creme, really? And camphor and cotton and all the usual items.

Anyone have last-minute additions? No guarantees but if it's something simple enough we've a little time.

(That reminds me: The wards will have to drop when Beauxbatons and Durmstrang take their delegations home. Frank, Kingsley: Do you think we could get people out then, if we had a vessel to take them?)



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-05 19:25:43](#)**

(no subject)

we've got a handful so far that are set for the 20th from sherwood, may get more between now and then. I'm not sure we'd have the time to get together enough people to make it worth an extra trip, and it'd be risky seeing as the timing would be a lot less dependable. I say we hold off til the 20th.

arabella put in some requests -- we need to add one more sack each of flour, sugar, and oats from our usual order, and she'd like some more limes and lemons if possible. and gina would like to put in an order for non-hybrid sweetcorn seeds.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2012-06-06 01:59:47](#)**

(no subject)

I must say I agree; trying to slip someone out along with the Beauxbatons and Durmstrang contingents may be very chancy. Don't forget, the semi-official nature of the delegations; there may be a formal leavetaking, with diplomats in the area. Which means extra security.

Or perhaps...Bill, is there any possibility of you finding out whether that is the case?

2012-06-05 20:39:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Hufflepuff!




 **alt_neville**

Ron told me the news. House Hufflepuff, eh? One for the badgers! Congratulations, Justin.

Did they end up assigning you foster parents? Have you heard from them yet?

(Ron said he was all crestfallen because you told him Gryffindor at first and then admitted you were pulling his leg. Not that we wouldn't have been happy to have you, mind! Still, if you had to bunk with us, you probably would have ended up complaining about my snoring, like everyone else does.)



 **alt_neville** at **2012-06-06 01:52:43**

Private message to Justin Finch-Fletchley

You know, the Hat almost put me in Hufflepuff, too. I've always sort of wondered why it didn't.

I think my Mum was a Hufflepuff.



 **alt_justin** at **2012-06-06 01:58:09**

Re: Private message to Justin Finch-Fletchley


Hullo, Neville,

Well, that's all right: The Hat thought about putting me in Gryffindor, as well, what! but I think it's all worked out for the better this way. It's rather what I expected.

Though the Hat did tell me that because I'm much older than it usually Sorts it had a harder time of it. It said I had potential for any of the Houses, in point of fact. But that Hufflepuff was where I fit best.

-Justin



 **[alt_neville](#) at 2012-06-06 11:52:48**

Re: Private message to Justin Finch-Fletchley

And I'm sorry I didn't come to your sorting, Justin. Ron told me about it.

But I reckoned I'd do you more good if I stayed away.



 **[alt_justin](#) at 2012-06-06 15:56:37**

Re: Private message to Justin Finch-Fletchley

It wound up not mattering; Professor McGonagall didn't let any of the others into her office. But I say, Neville, don't start thinking that way, what? I don't bally well care if anyone thinks we oughtn't to be mates. One doesn't have to go making a splash about it, but one doesn't go round pretending one's friends aren't one's friends either. It's not on and that's an end to it.

Dash it all, if you start behaving differently because of what others think or say, that's when they win. Don't give them the satisfaction, old man. Just keep on, what?

-Justin

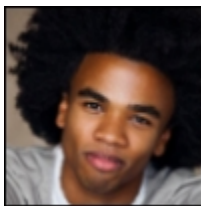


 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-06 01:54:49**

(no subject)

Now we have someone from every House on this Lock now. That may be very useful.

Congratulations, Justin.



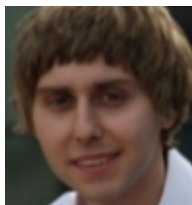
 **[alt_lee](#) at 2012-06-06 01:56:29**


(no subject)

Hey, you're right! Hadn't thought of that.

Justin, the twins say that the next set of fireworks they set off will be yellow and black, in your honour.

Course, no one will be able to see the black. So they say they'll throw in a lot of whistling booms, too.



 **alt_justin** at **2012-06-06 02:03:12**
(no subject)

Hullo, Lee.

I say, that's brilliant. Thank them for me, will you?

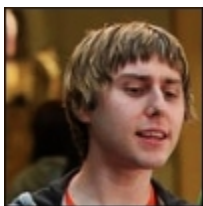
You know, it's so odd that we've taken to relaying all our messages to them. It's not as if they've left school yet. I suppose we all just get used to sharing things here as it's easier.


Perhaps.... I mean to say, before I accepted the invitation to come behind the lock, I asked Sally-Anne about that. Because as we all grow friendlier behind the lock, one can't help but notice that we're all friends when by rights we oughtn't even know each other at all, what?

This afternoon, for example. Sally-Anne and Hydra and Ron came up to the Headmistress' office--well, to the stairs, I should say, because she told them to wait, actually. And we could explain that because I sent an unlocked message to Sally-Anne and Ron, what? But if I hadn't done, then we'd bally well have had a time trying to explain how they knew what was happening.

So I wonder if we oughtn't do something more visible to show that we are something of a social circle. Or had you lot discussed the necessity of not doing such a thing?

-Justin




 **alt_justin** at **2012-06-06 02:04:43**
(no subject)

Thanks, Luna.

Yes, I was just about to remark that I'm the only Hufflepuff in the group, what? I say, I hope that doesn't matter to anyone, if you follow me. I shouldn't like to be disowned now that I shall need you lot more than ever.

-Justin



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-06 04:11:14](#)**
(no subject)

We'll get over it.

Heh.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2012-06-06 04:15:14](#)**
(no subject)

We used to think you were alright, but THEN we found out that you valued hard work, loyalty, and fair play, you miserable git.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-06 15:04:58](#)**
(no subject)

I must not do, though, because I like you well enough. Swot.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-06 02:13:14](#)**
(no subject)

Hallo, Neville,

Yes, sorry, Ron. Had to do it. You were so hopeful I'd be in Gryffindor with you and Neville, what! It was well worth it to see the look on your face when I said I was having you on. (And the look on Hydra's face, as well, what? I think she can justify a Hufflepuff for a boyfriend but a Gryffindor might be beyond the pale, what?)

As to foster-parents, yes, I've been told that I shall go to the Jugsons. Hydra's uncle and aunt, that is--Remy's and Alfie's parents. I've not met them yet but Mr Rosier's owl mentioned that on the day after the Task, when I'm supposed to declare my loyalty to the Protectorate and leave the Beauxbatons delegation, they're also to come that afternoon for a press conference. That way the papers can take photographs and make rather a fuss over the event.

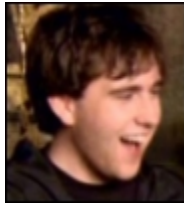
-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-06 02:47:56](#)
(no subject)

What, you didn't think anyone would believe it was Slytherin?

Just don't start getting all cross when I make fun of Hufflepuffs. If Ron and Neville can get used to me making fun of Gryffindors I'm sure you'll adjust.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-06 03:28:50](#)
(no subject)

Actually, your Gryffindor jokes are pretty funny. Usually. Sometimes.

Well, now and then.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-06 04:13:44](#)
(no subject)

I always just substitute Slytherin, and then they're hilarious.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-06 04:16:16](#)
(no subject)

Q. What's a Slytherin's idea of a clever plan?
A. 'Alright...everyone together on a count of three!'

No. Doesn't work. Not even a little.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-06 04:26:16](#)
(no subject)

Sure it does. What's funny about it is the way it doesn't work. Not cause Slytherins wouldn't jump in and get something started. They'd just never do it all together because... yeah, I don't think you could get all of them to trust each other enough.

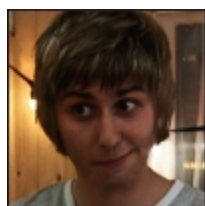
Mind you, it doesn't really work for our year in Gryffindor, either, does it? Because you'd never get us to all do anything together on three, either.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-06 04:31:49](#)
(no subject)

Now I'm trying to think what a Hufflepuff's idea of a clever plan is. 'All together on a count of three' works pretty well for Hufflepuff, too.

A Slytherin's idea of a clever plan is to leave the map to the cave where the dragon lives where a Gryffindor will find it. And then follow ten feet behind and wait to see who wins.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-06 15:03:47](#)
(no subject)

Not at all.

Q: What's a Slytherin's idea of a clever plan?

A: Why should I tell you my plan? Have you got a plan? Perhaps it's better if you tell me your plan and then I'll tell you if that's what I was thinking or not.

Q: What's a Hufflepuff's idea of a clever plan?

A: Ask a Slytherin for assistance, then while they're out of the way trying to outsmart everyone else, tell the rest that one's got rid of the Slytherins and they'll be happy to help with whatever one suggests, out of sheer gratitude.

Q: What's a Ravenclaw's idea of a clever plan?

A: A clever plan. Obviously.

-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-06 16:55:37](#)
(no subject)

Now, see, THOSE aren't half bad.

And here I thought they didn't allow people with senses of humour into Hufflepuff.

2012-06-05 22:19:00

*Private Message to Maebh Drumgoole
and Kit O'Niail*



 [alt_narcissa](#)

Maebh,

I've a favour to ask, if you would.

I don't wish to go into details that you may find painful but I fear that a mutual friend has suffered a blow and requires a place to recover, in the way that is best for him. Would you consider arranging for him to spend a few days with only Kit to keep him company? I'm sure he'd be in capable hands and you could avoid renewing your acquaintance.

I think you know I would not ask if I did not judge it necessary. Or if it's impossible at present, perhaps you could tell me of another establishment you could recommend besides your own? I thought Snowdonia mostly because he's already quite familiar with your lodge and of course, the territory on the preserve. If you agree to offer him the free run of the place, then I suggest that an anonymous owl to him might serve as the best invitation.

I'm sure he'll see the subject of this message and think the worst. If he asks me, which I doubt he shall, I intend to tell him I contacted you to arrange a hunting party this summer. It's quite true: Lucius has been wanting to return in more temperate weather and summer holidays ought to be the perfect setting for us to bring Draco in between his responsibilities as a counsellor in the YPL.

Meanwhile, though, I hope you will do this - for the sake of his recent difficulty. Or for the sake of what might have been, if no other reason.

I hope I shall see you at the DoP induction in July, if not before? And do, please, let me know about available weekends. I shall have to check against all our calendars, of course, but I hope we might find something that would work.

Yours in friendship,

Narcissa C.B. Malfoy

2012-06-06 11:58:00

Private message to Evelyn Longbottom

I know it's hard. You were wrong to try to hide it from me, but, yeah, I understand why you did. So on top of everything, don't add any worry that I'm hacked off at you 'cause I promise I'm not (although I'm plenty hacked off at him.) I hope it helps to know that I believe you. I know you don't make up stupid lies. Especially something like this, when I know it's embarrassing.



 **alt_neville**

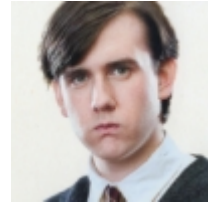
Try to stick close to other people. I know, I know, I hate it too right now, but it'll be safer, and you don't have to talk to them, just have them around you. If they'll let you join them. Meals, of course, but passing in the halls, too. And it'd be smart to have a friend keeping a lookout when you need to use the loo. If your roommates won't help, let me know, and I'll have some of my friends around, too, to help keep an eye out for you.

Chin up, sis. Only a little while before we'll be able to take the train home.

2012-06-06 12:06:00

Private message to Cormac McLaggen

Stay away from my sister. Don't go near her, don't whisper that rot about Dogstar in her ear, and keep your bloody, filthy hands to yourself.



 **alt_neville**

If you've got Dogstar on the brain, better re-read the parts of the *Prophet* where it talks about what my parents are capable of.

I'm no traitor, and I never will be. But people say I'm becoming more and more like them every day.

Even the loyal can be plenty dangerous.

2012-06-06 12:46:00

*Private Message to Leonore Farthing
and Auror Trainee Montague*



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Montague. Noticed your vivacious little Mrs Tipton was not on the Welcome Desk this morning. Understand it's not maternity leave that's taken her away. Look forward to reading your report.

And yours, Farthing. Waste Management will be hiring soon, I gather. Quite right to send him off on a long country ramble. I'm sure there are many in his department considering early retirement now he's set the precedent. And in that department, who wouldn't find it appealing?

Expect new orders tomorrow.

2012-06-06 13:32:00

Private Message to Auror Trainee Sandoval



Still waiting on your midweekly.

Not struggling with the work load in Central Archives, are you?

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Trust it's that you've stumbled across items of interest in there. Expect it will be a meaty report. When it arrives here.

Tick tock.

[2012-06-06 19:46:00](#)

*Private Message to Professor Sinistra
and Professor Vector*



It always seems to me as if the final staff meeting of the term is the longest. Have you ever noticed?

 [alt_horace](#)

Pity Alecto had to spend so much of it in the loo.

Septima, I know you had hopes that Capper might pull through yet, but I'm sorry to say his Potion in today's exam was lumpy and the wrong shade of purple: Wholly unacceptable. Between that and his performance in his O.W.L., I fear there's no hope for the lad. Best prepare him while you can, if you haven't yet.

But I was quite pleased to see that you'll have a new House member and, I understand, a YPL participant, Aurora? I wonder that none of us saw that coming. Though I daresay he has a cadre of supporters. How do you think he'll fit in with MacMillan, Smith and the others? Odd, isn't it, as he's not spent much time with them at all this year. Not compared to the amount of time spent with Miss Perks, for example. Well, here's wishing him luck.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-07 00:11:19](#)
(no subject)

Horace, Septima -

The end of the year does seem to be rushing forward.
(And goodness, it's not like my summer is any better.)

Honestly, Alecto looks worse every time I see her, though admittedly that's getting rarer and rarer. (Though, of course, I've the sense to keep out of her way - did you hear about her sixth years last week?)

Quite the surprise, yes, regarding our student-to-be. I admit I had a hint of warning last week, since they needed to confirm arrangements for the summer, but last I'd heard they were still working out the final details.

As to fitting in - well, that year's had a time of it, really, but I'm confident they'll be as welcoming and friendly as I'd hope from the sett. I do need to have a word with him, too.

It does seem the time of year for odd conversations, really. You were right ahead of me in the hall, I think - that conversation between Igor Karkaroff and Milland, that Rolanda inserted herself into?

I'd no idea she'd arranged that many plans for the Quidditch pitch for next year, either, though I'm sure it'll make any number of people happy. Suppose it's a good thing I've been brushing up on the game a bit more.



 **alt_horace** at [2012-06-07 00:54:07](#)
(no subject)

Yes, she has been wilting of late, hasn't she? I did hear something about beetles? Really, if she's going to turn her students' hair into beetles she might at least catch them in jars and provide them to our potions stock. I'm surprised Minerva's taking the news as well as she did, frankly.

Though I've never known her hexes to miss except on purpose. She must have truly been feeling poorly to have shot so wide of poor Professor Carpenter.

Igor? I'm sure he was sniffing about trying to learn more about the third task for his prize pupil. Can't blame the man; by rights it should be between his Krum and our Diggory. But - well. Marvolo has been surprising us all, of course. So young. Such a bright, promising lad.

And yes, Rolanda has certainly made herself a friend somewhere. I should have thought the Governors would support new textbooks and equipment over an improvement to the pitch, myself. Had I known there was any room in the budget.... But, ah well. There is always next year.



 **alt_sinistra** at [2012-06-07 01:04:40](#)
(no subject)

Mmm. On that hex, still made me glad my reflexes have improved some, even as wide as it went. (And I'd not have thought we'd been discussing anything that would set something like that off, either.)

As to the third task - quite. Though of course, Harry's been putting in the effort to learn, too. Most impressive, I agree, given his youth.

And I agree on having other uses for the budget, but after a year of no Quidditch, it will make people glad to have the pitch back. And a chance for students to burn off more energy's never amiss.

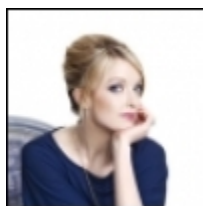
Oh, I did mean to ask - is Norma Stein holding up? Such sad news about her mother, and how hard at her age.



 **[alt_horace](#)** at **[2012-06-07 01:18:07](#)**
(no subject)

I've known Alecto quite a long time. She's always been unpredictable. Childish, even, one might say. Much as I hate to admit it, she's worse without her brother than with him. Still. I have discussed her appropriateness with Minerva on more than one occasion and I fear that the answer is as simple as it is hard to accept: The Lord Protector himself desires her where she is. That, particularly with Minerva, is that.

Miss Stein has been very quiet, as might be expected. She mentioned that she simply wishes to 'push through' her exams and get home. And no wonder. Fortunately, her dormitory is sympathetic. Well, Miss Lestrangle, of course, one would not expect her to be cruel under any circumstances. And Miss Bode as well has been most understanding. Norma of course had no idea her mother had been at all ill. Has she spoken to you? She had been debating whether to continue trying for the CCF. I've encouraged her as best I could. I think Poppy has seen her once or twice, as well. You could ask her about the young lady's frame of mind.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-07 01:22:12](#)**
(no subject)

Not disagreeing with you in the slightest, Horace.

On Miss Stein - she mentioned coming by tomorrow, when I saw her this evening. I'll certainly leave the decision in her hands, but I'm glad you're encouraging her to

continue trying for it, as I do think she'd find the opportunities open to her later of use.

And I will have a word with Poppy, of course.

2012-06-06 20:13:00

Private message to Justin Finch-Fletchley



Mr Finch-Fletchley -

Congratulations on joining the sett! I understand you had a pleasant conversation with the Sorting Hat last night, and that we'll be welcoming you next year. I'm certain your yearmates will welcome you with all the grace I'd expect of our shared house, but if you do have any need for assistance, please let me or Professor Sprout know.

 [alt_sinistra](#)

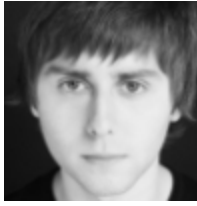
(She - and I - are a bit more hands on than many others, in terms of the House. She often stops by the Common Room before breakfast, and I stop by regularly before supper, but you can always send us a note, or stop by our offices or workspaces.)

Related, I'm sure you've been told the basics already about Hannah Abbott's death last year, but if you've additional questions, we'd rather you bring them to Professor Sprout or to me, rather than to students in the house. At least for the initial round. It is still, as you can imagine, a difficult subject for many of them.

Beyond that, though, I'm writing - and I'm hoping you'll excuse the message rather than finding a more private route, but I'm a bit pressed for time - because you and I should talk, at least briefly, about the plans for your summer that involve the YPL and CCF activities. (We should also discuss your astronomy background, but that's far less urgent.)

I've already been in contact with Mr Rosier regarding some ideas, and with the Jugsons, but in order to determine some specifics, we should discuss some of your coursework in more detail, so that we can catch you up on specific skills if needed. (Also, as I forgot to inquire of Mr Rosier: do you swim? It is relevant for the CCF weeks this summer.)

Do you have time either tomorrow or Friday afternoon, at 3:30? I expect the conversation would take perhaps half an hour, but I'd prefer to pick a time when other students wouldn't be around my office.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-07 02:03:37](#)
(no subject)

Professor,

Thank you very much. I hope the Protectorate continues to present me with such warm welcomes.

Regarding Miss Abbott, Professor, I shouldn't think there's much I need to ask. You see, I've become rather a chum of Mr Longbottom's, as well as Miss Perks's. I daresay they've told me what I need to know. But please be assured I shall behave with sensitivity toward my housemates, indeed toward all the school, in respect of her memory.

As far as Astronomy, I hope I haven't embarrassed myself thus far. My tutors in France were rather good when it came to the importance of charts and so on. I rather liked star-gazing, as well, when one could see the night sky. Living alongside Muggles, of course, one's opportunities were rare. But Beauxbatons had the advantage of an excellent view for celestial observations. Perhaps Professor Froissart has mentioned it. In any event, yes, of course, it's natural that all my new professors will want an accounting of my studies so far.

Yes, I do swim. I've taken a water safety course as well. Is that helpful? I was thinking of taking a lifeguard's course but I wasn't old enough last summer. I suppose I ought to ask if the Protectorate has similar opportunities. Has it?

I'm sure I shall be able to visit, Professor, but I am still trying to complete my assignments for Beauxbatons to finish out the year. If I don't finish the essay I'm working on tomorrow, could I come Friday instead? I do appreciate the need for discretion until the announcement can be made official.

- Justin Finch-Fletchley



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-07 02:17:55](#)**
(no subject)

Ah, excellent. I quite thought you'd be on top of most of this. I'm glad to know you've a sense of delicacy, too, on difficult topics, but it is the kind of thing where one wants to be sure, especially as we're still so close to the anniversary.

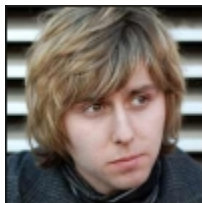
If you're not free tomorrow, Friday would be fine. If you can send a note, that would be excellent, but if I don't see you by three forty-five, I'll assume you couldn't get free and might be elsewhere than my office after that.


On the Astronomy, no, your work has been quite solid, or you'd have heard about it long before this.

That said, there are always the small things that can catch one up - different terminology, for example. And in our year three, I cover a small amount of foundational theory related to the applications to arithmancy and locational magics that you may not have covered yet (and that is touched upon in the OWL exams.) Nothing that can't be fixed easily with a little review, though I'd just want to make sure there isn't anything else of that kind.

On the swimming - I've heard about lifeguarding, but it's not at all common here in the Protectorate, no. Generally people either swim, or they don't, and they look out for themselves or their friends or children or what have you. I'm sure we'll find plenty of other outlets to improve your skills, however.

Again, welcome.



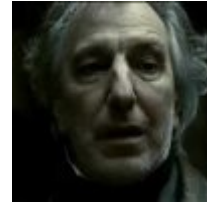
 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-07 02:31:35](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I see. Yes, thank you, I look forward to making whatever adjustments are necessary, Professor.

-JF-F

2012-06-07 09:45:00

Order Only: Private Message to Alice and Frank Longbottom




I realise that you may be unable to do much for your son and daughter. However.

 **alt_severus**

They have been under greater pressure in recent days than has been usual. I do not believe they are in physical danger, but as their beloved parents you should be aware of their mental states.



 **alt_alice** at **2012-06-07 14:38:34**
(no subject)

I saw his message to Cormac McClaggen. Evelyn has mentioned him before. He bullies Katrina Bundy as well. She said that he has been known to get physically intimidating sometimes. With Katrina.

If you find out that McClaggen has even so much as laid a finger on her, please let Minerva know. Right away.

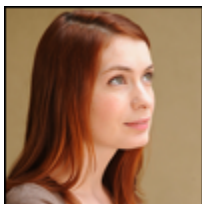
I'm sending an owl to you today. If you would be so kind to pass it to Neville, I'd appreciate it.


It's almost the end of the school year. Thank Merlin.



 **alt_frank** at **2012-06-07 14:39:12**
(no subject)

let us know too.



 **alt_alice** at **2012-06-07 14:38:49**
(no subject)

If we pulled them out of school, it would be permanent.

They would have to be in hiding like us, and would lose any chance to have lives of their own. I know Neville wants to

become a part of the Order once he is of age, very badly, but that doesn't mean he has to disappear and spend the rest of his life looking over his shoulder, or have to be polyjuiced whenever he's outside the safety of our walls.

I keep having to remind myself of that.

I trust your assessment, Severus. Do you think we're making the right decision by keeping them in school? Neville is very good at putting on a brave face, and Evelyn keeps quite a bit buried beneath the surface. It's hard to know sometimes how much is too much pressure to put them under. And whether it's all worth it.

You've no idea how much of a comfort it gives me that Neville knows there is a person he can go to who is directly connected to us. A person he can depend on.

2012-06-07 14:40:00

Private Message to Amanda Froissart



 **alt_lucius**

Sister,

Have spoken with Helpmann. On the whole, it is thought better were you to return with the Beauxbatons delegation, as originally planned, rather than remain for any part of the summer and then rejoin Émile at a later time. Yes, it is in part due to the other matter, on which there can be no intercession. The boy made his choice. Should not need to remind you that said choice atones, in some part, for the desertion of Highslip during our diplomatic mission to France three summers ago.

Your best option, and Étienne's, I should think, is to use the Fletchley lad as an example of future losses that might occur if the administration there do not achieve greater magical freedoms for the citizenry. In any event, were you to stay, it could as easily be interpreted an estrangement between you two as simple reluctance to leave England so soon. Moreover, your husband's own goals shall be better served were you to appear eager to return to France and proselytise the advantages of the Protectorate.

See no point in further discussion.

Now, as for the matter of Mellerstain, and the furnishings: Narcissa says she can use several of the pieces you and she selected to fill in certain rooms in Kensington; the rest will go to the St Mungo's auction at year's end. Would like to restore the house to Munroe in exactly the condition in which he left it to you: Bare. Trust you and Étienne will have your personal effects removed by 15 June.

With any luck, his campaign within the Wizengamot in Paris will succeed and we can look forward to less restricted travel between here and the Continent. It would be good to be able to visit more often, and you here as well.

Narcissa and I shall be at Hogwarts for the Third Task. We thought she might come back to Mellerstain with you to help divest the place and we could all meet again a week from to-night to say our good-byes. Does that suit?

Until Monday, then, please accept fondest affection from your loving

brother,

Lucius

2012-06-07 14:58:00

Private Message to Rhombus Spencer-Wells and Jessamyn Blishwick



 **alt_lucius**

Think it would be elucidating to hear Miss Blishwick's information on the use of mudbloods in public works projects. She has extensive notes regarding infrastructure projects which MLE believes were or may have been infiltrated by DogStar; though the organisation has been routed, it is possible that vestiges remain within the numbers of labourers assigned to various bridges, piers, buildings and reclamation areas under the control of the Committee.

Have asked Miss Blishwick to prepare a presentation for our meeting next week. Had Weasley check the agenda; suggest we table item three until July's meeting; there shall be plenty of time for New London's holiday celebrations or discussion of next winter's Frost Faire over the summer. The question of safety is paramount and must take precedence. Sure you agree.

Dunstan can contact her if necessary for any copies of material or notes to distribute to the Committee. Weasley has a set of her notes as well, if you wish to review them prior to Tuesday.

2012-06-08 06:24:00

*I solemnly swear that I am up to no good:
dreams*



 [alt_terry](#)

I've been having dreams. strange dreams. it feels like they're good dreams, but they fade away quickly when I awaken in the morning, and I can't remember them.

it's weird to like my dreams.

sleep hasn't always been an escape for, although you'd think it would be. i'm not particularly scared of the dark, but i do feel vulnerable when sleeping. the git likes to trouble my sleep, either by doing something to mess with me, like when he used to take my blood and paint pictures on the wall with it, or by watching me when i'm sleeping (which gives me the creeps--it's awful to suddenly wake up and find him there staring at me), or because i have nightmares about him. about some of the things he's done to me.

but these dreams: i'm trying to figure out why i like them so much. even if i can't remember them.

my senses seem different. i'm not sure about seeing, but smells seem stronger, and really, really exciting.

i think i'm getting close. maybe that's it. i'm dreaming of my animagus form. that has to be a really good sign, doesn't it? it's so frustrating that i can't remember, but i'm happy and hopeful because i feel like i'm almost there.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2012-06-08 19:12:13**
(no subject)

That really does sound like you're dreaming of your animagus form! And YES YES YES I think you're almost there.

Dogs have a really good sense of smell, and so do rats. (And snakes! But you had a toe with a claw, that's not a snakey thing to have at all. Actually, a lot of animals have a much better sense of smell than humans do. But dogs and rats both seem to get really excited about it. At least, my rat gets excited whenever he smells something he likes.)



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-09 00:13:29](#)**
(no subject)

I say, Terry,

I think that's got to be a bally good sign, indeed. Well done, you!

Loads of animals have strong senses of smell, what? But I only know of a few that we know have dreams. So at least you know you're not going to be a slug, what, or a fish or something of that nature.

-Justin

2012-06-08 14:00:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



BLOODY HELL.

In the Dark Arts exam just now Alecto Carrow threw up. And then she took her wand and I don't know if she transfigured her vomit or charmed it or what (I was trying to focus on the exam) but it ... it started CRAWLING AROUND, the vomit I mean, it was like she turned it into some sort of vomit-based creature.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)


And then she started laughing. And that made her vomit AGAIN. You can see where this is going. ANOTHER vomit creature. She made it crawl up onto the head table and ooze its way across and all the while she was laughing and retching and laughing and retching and then she suddenly stopped and sort of folded up where she was standing. And that was when someone fetched the Head Girl.

If it were any other teacher I'd have got out my journal and written Madam Pomfrey. Alecto Carrow would've cruciated me for cheating on exams if I'd done that (or failed me, or both). AND I hate her.

A bunch of teachers came running and she came round but wasn't really coherent, I guess. Maybe she's been drinking. Anyway they had us leave our parchments while they ask everyone exactly what happened and they'll have someone to proctor the rest of the exam for us in a few minutes.

And Milland's cleaning up the mess. Well, first he had to turn it back into regular vomit, THEN he had to clean it up.



 [alt_terry](#) at **2012-06-08 21:46:20**
(no subject)


urgh.

wow.

she doesn't drink. much. not like the git does. well, not as long as i've known her, I mean. who knows if she's started to tittle a lot more in the last year. maybe because she hasn't had the git around. they're close. real close.


she's not normal, but...that sounds a lot more not-normal than usual.



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2012-06-08 21:49:01](#)**
(no subject)

I get to have her all summer.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-09 00:17:33](#)**
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Terry,


What do you mean, you're going to have her all summer, what?

Has he told you that? Carrow, I mean to say.

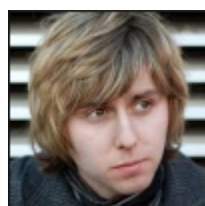
I say, I'm not even all that sure she could survive the whole summer. From what I've seen--and I'm well glad I'm not taking Dark Arts--she doesn't look healthy at all. It's almost as if she had cancer or something like that.


-Justin



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2012-06-09 01:05:51](#)**
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I mean she's planning on coming here, to Lincoln Castle, for the summer. The git told me that.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-09 01:23:19](#)**
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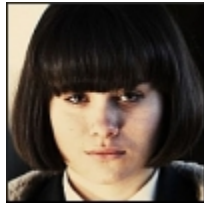
Dash it, all, Terry, that's well intolerable!

I suppose she'll want you to fetch for her and clean up after her and all that bunk. What

rubbish.

That's one thing about the Protectorate that's bally well daft: Getting rid of all the Muggle medicine. She ought to be in hospital instead of going to a castle with no proper doctors.

-Justin

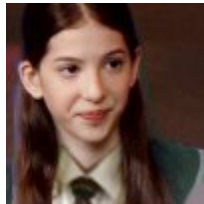


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-09 01:28:35](#)

(no subject)

She ought to be locked up. Both of them ought to be.

I still can't believe they let Carrow just get away with killing a student like that. You'd think that'd be hard to ignore. Even if they turned a blind eye to the rest of it.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-09 02:21:29](#)

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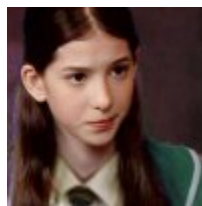
You know, that's a good point. I wonder if there's someone who could persuade her to go to St Mungo's instead of Lincoln Castle? At least she'd be well away from Terry.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-09 04:07:23](#)

(no subject)

I think the only person who could do that is her brother, and that's not likely. You saw how he got with Madame P, when she was trying to help.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-09 04:11:51](#)


(no subject)

True.

If someone could convince one of them that the Healers at St Mungo would find what Madame P didn't, and get her in horrible trouble for her incompetence, that might persuade them.

The only problem THERE is that I don't want Madame P to get in any trouble, and maybe she did miss something? I mean, Professor Carrow is still sick (and she keeps getting sicker).

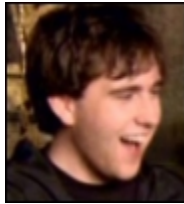


 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-09 02:53:14](#)
(no subject)

It's sort of a mixed blessing. When she's around, sometimes he ignores me completely because he gets sort of wrapped up in her. But at other times, she sort of eggs him on to treat me even worse. She likes pain like he does, and their...inventiveness multiplies when they're together.

But the state that you're all reporting she is in is ominous. Not that I would shed a tear if she died, far from it. But what he might do if he loses her...no. Better not to even think of it.

Maybe she'll be too sick to play her usual games be too demanding.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-09 02:57:32](#)
(no subject)

Well, if you can master the animagus transformation, you can get away, be rid of them. Can't you? And it sounds like you're really close, doesn't it?

Do you think you know what the animal is yet?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-09 03:02:13](#)
(no subject)

I've got a hunch what the animal is, but I don't want to say. Not yet. Just to be safe. I mean, I'm not 100% sure, and from everything I've learned, it's important that you don't try to fix or force what your form is, maybe because you'd like to be that animal, not because it's truly part of your nature. That can get you bolluxed up.

I dunno. If I manage it...well, we're pinning our hopes on the theory that it'll break the blood binding they've got over me. But we don't know. If it doesn't work, I don't know what I'll do. Guess I'll just have to figure out something else.

I do know one thing: I won't rest until I find some way to be free of them.

2012-06-08 14:50:00

Dark Arts Exam

Attention, Dark Arts Students:

The remainder of this afternoon's Dark Arts exams shall be proctored by Madam Hooch.

There shall be a 30-minute break and we will resume testing in the Great Hall. The end of the exam period shall be extended by 30 minutes from the time we resume.

For clarity: The Dark Arts Exams are NOT cancelled.



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 [alt_penelope](#)

2012-06-08 19:25:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley

Thank MERLIN that's over.

I don't know if you saw or heard--I mean, I don't know if anyone's informed Mr Malfoy-- but Alecko Carrow has gone right off the edge.



 [alt_penelope](#)

Honestly, I don't think she's fit to teach anymore. Physically, I mean, not just--well, even if there weren't already questions about her competence.

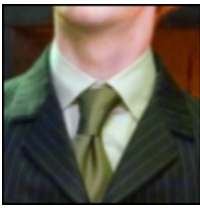
It's been so much worse than usual, but the last two weeks have been truly frightening. Last week she threatened to make her 6th-years eat dung beetles. Professor Vector said that when McGonagall asked her to explain herself in the staff meeting, she started screeching at her about the 'medicinal benefits' and her right to push her students using any means she deemed necessary. Luckily the whole staff backed up the Headmistress on that one, even Razzer and Sluggy. Even Hooch, and you can bet *she's* had a run-in or two with McGonagall this year, over losing Quidditch for the season and all.

Well, Professor Vector didn't say how, but they got her calmed down in the staff meeting, I guess. But then today, in the middle of the Dark Arts examination period, she--collapsed, I guess, is the best term for it. She had some sort of attack, according to the students in the exam hall. All I know is that by the time someone came to find me, she was a total disaster. She'd vommed all over the place and then--ugh, it's so disgusting. I hope you're not reading this while you're eating!--she made little animals out of the piles of vom. I'm telling you, she's completely unhinged. Someone's got to tell Mr Malfoy and the other Governors. I'm sure the Headmistress will say something but. Well. It hasn't changed anything in the past, is all.

Anyway. That aside, exams are OVER and the year's nearly done. You did say I'd survive. I wasn't quite sure during that last Transfiguration practical. I thought the NEWTs were the hard bit but Brutka's exam was dead exhausting! And now there's just the Task and the Feast and a few days when everyone will be out around the lake anyway.

Oh! I've got an interview the first week I'm home, too. With Siz's cousin, but still. It's an interview.

I can't wait to see you.



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2012-06-09 01:13:47](#)**
(no subject)

Merlin, how dreadful.

Mr Malfoy hasn't said anything, so I don't know what's been reported to him. But you're right, the Governors can't ignore this. Do you want me to say anything to him, or do you think the Headmistress will inform him? I would think that she would.

He has always been strange (her brother, I mean, not Mr Malfoy!), and I suppose it's not surprising that she has become more unhinged, too. Dad has always warned of the consequences of dabbling too much without caution in the Dark Arts, and she's never struck me as someone who believes much in caution.

Well, it will be exceedingly interesting to see what the school decides to do about it. But I think you're right; they simply can't keep her on.

Congratulations about finishing exams. Doesn't it feel wonderful? And congratulations, too, about the interview. I know you'll do a splendid job. And yes, I'm very much looking forward to seeing you as well.

Is there much excitement building about the Third Task? Have there been any announcements about what to expect?



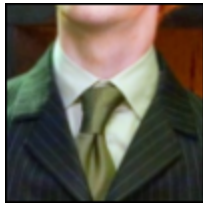
 **[alt_penelope](#)** at **[2012-06-09 02:25:55](#)**
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I'm sure someone will say something, but honestly, Perce, McGonagall's not that reliable these days. Besides, I suppose it's the kind of thing people are going to talk about, whether it comes from an official channel or not.

Thanks. I think on the whole this interview will be a good one to start out, since from what Professor Siz says, Mrs Cumberhatch is a fairly easy-going sort.

On the Task...no, everyone's being relatively tight-lipped about it. We've been told that the Pitch is going to be used but not for flying. And of course, the Security team have already arrived to begin preparations throughout the weekend. I know Diggory's well concerned. He knows he's got the stuff to win, but--well. You know what happened last time when Marvolo didn't do as well as the Lord Protector expected.

If it comes down to Marvolo and Diggory racing for the finish line, and I were Diggory, I'd 'trip' if you know what I mean.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-09 03:05:15](#)
(no subject)

Diggory has always struck me as a sensible lad, and I'm sure that's occurred to him.

I wish I could see it, but I'm sure there will be all sorts of reporters there, so I'll certainly be able to read the coverage afterward.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2012-06-09 03:11:46](#)
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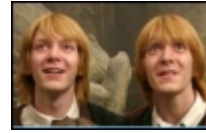
True, but he's also competitive. And losing on purpose would stick in his sense of honour, I'm sure. Marvolo would probably understand but it would bother him, too, wouldn't it. He tries to get people to treat him like he's not the second-most important person in the Protectorate but then he also seems disappointed when he's not treated like he's special. So I'm not sure how that'll come out.

Why wouldn't you be able to come? Are they limiting the guests-- or don't tell me you'll be working?

Merlin, you're not still at the office now, are you? At this hour?

2012-06-09 07:55:00

Order Only



 **alt_gredforge**

We survived finals. Even Potions. We didn't even blow up any cauldrons! Thank you so much for your touching concern on our behalf. And thanks again to Mr Milland for his coaching. (You were right, by the way, about Sluggy throwing in an essay question about Nettleship's Third Theorem; we appreciate the tip.)

Hey, Sirius, our sources report that Terry says he's been having strange dreams. He thinks he's been dreaming of being in his animagus form, although the dreams don't stick with him after he wakes up. Since the details are hazy, he just has a general impression that, quote: smells seem a lot stronger and really, really exciting. That's a good sign, isn't it?

He says he suspects what his form is, but he doesn't want to say, maybe for fear of jinxing the whole process.

In less happy news, he says that the git's told him that Miss Professor Carrow is planning on spending the whole summer at Lincoln Castle. Professor McGonagall, did you know that? So we're gonna be stuck for the summer with the secret keeper holed up and out of reach.

Unless he can figure out how to transform first.



 **alt_frank** at **2012-06-09 16:07:12**

Private message to Fred and George

good job on potions. knew you had it in you. and thanks for the update on Terry.

could you two do me a favour? keep an eye out for nev and evie. especially when it comes to cormac mclaggen.



 **alt_gredforge** at **2012-06-09 18:41:03**

Re: Private message to Fred and George

Of course we will. We've been part of the group that's been seeing that they each have someone to sit with at meals.

Huh. Yeah, so Nev wrote McLaggen a private message, didn't he? We missed that before now. Neither one has mentioned anything, the best of our knowledge. But Ron says Neville's been keeping his head down completely, trying not to make waves, we're guessing. Doesn't want to call attention to himself.

All right, we'll watch McLaggen, too. Thanks for the heads up. We can use our ingenuity to make sure he doesn't create any trouble for them.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-10 17:45:24](#)

Re: Private message to Fred and George

Oh, and also see what we wrote to Sirius: if Terry can get away, he's going to try to bring another kid with him. A muggle working there at Lincoln Castle, about the same age, goes by the name of Dudley Dursley.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-09 20:36:50](#)

(no subject)

Well, dreams like that *could* be a sign of something else but yes, it's a good sign.

What's not a good sign is the idea of Alecto Carrow taking herself inside Lincoln.

I'm heading up there tomorrow to be there in time for Harry's final round in the Tournament. Maybe we can think of a way to keep her from leaving--or giving up the secret.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-10 17:43:15](#)

(no subject)

Oh yeah, and another thing--if Terry does get away, he's probably going to be traveling with another kid, who's also there at the castle. A bloke about the same age named Dudley Dursley, he says. A muggle.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-11 01:25:44](#)
(no subject)

Dursley?

Have Terry ask him if he remembers his parents names, will you?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-11 14:26:56](#)
(no subject)

Okay.

2012-06-09 11:35:00

Private message to Raz

I got a letter. From Hi my Father. He wants to take me to Buckingham after the Third Task. For a ceremony. To celebrate my victory. And it says that the ceremony is "a chance to prove your worth to the Protectorate."



 [alt_harry](#)

What does he mean?

I mean, I know I can't lose. But do you know anything about the ceremony? Is there anything I can do to get ready for it?

Can you be there too? I don't want

I'd rather you came along.

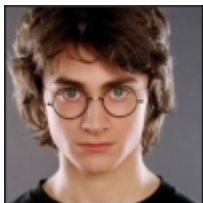


 [alt_rabastan](#) at **2012-06-10 16:09:02**

(no subject)

I don't know, Harry. I know very little of your Father's plans for after the third task. In fact, this is the first I've heard about any ceremony, so I think it's safe to say I'm not invited. In any case, I'll do whatever I can to see that I can be there.

Between you and me, it was a surprise when your Father even ~~arranged it so~~ permitted you to participate as a champion, seeing as he's always been so concerned about your safety and security.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-10 16:48:52**

(no subject)

Yeah.

I know what you mean.

And thanks for saying you'll try. ~~I don't want to be alone with~~ It'd be good if you could come.

2012-06-09 11:43:00

Private Message to Draco and Granger

We need to talk.

I have to go to Buckingham after the task to do something, and I don't know what it is, but it's some sort of ceremony?

I don't know.

All I know is that I can't lose, and if I do lose, I want both of you to be as far away from him as you can get. Hermione, maybe you can hide or something? Like in the castle? I can tell everyone you're packing my trunk and finding some things I've lost. Draco, I don't know if you can get away as easy, but you can't come to Buckingham after. No matter what. Because if I lose, or even if I win but it's not the way he wanted, I don't want him getting any ideas.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_draco](#) at **2012-06-10 14:45:48**

(no subject)

Well, that should work fine, unless my Father decides to bring me to Buckingham himself. Which isn't outside the realm of possibility.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-10 15:27:06**

(no subject)

Maybe you could get sick or something.

I don't know. I don't even know what the ceremony is. All I know is that there's no way I can lose now.

And I keep thinking about what happened at the frost faire. And I just don't know what He'd do if I did something wrong this time. And that's sort of

It's not good is what it is.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-10 16:04:50](#)
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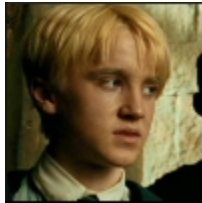
I don't know... I mean, I know that he wants you to win and that it's important, but if it were *that* important, wouldn't he just make it so that you won no matter what? Sort of like how your name came out of the goblet along with Cedric's, when there aren't supposed to be two names from the same school.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-10 16:41:24](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I guess you could be right. That doesn't mean it can't go wrong though.

What sort of things did your Father have to do when he joined the Death Eaters?




 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-10 16:47:43](#)
(no subject)

Is that what you're calling them now? Not "the council?" Because you might not want to let *him* hear you say that.

I have no idea - it's not something we talk about. I suppose they'll want me to be good and clueless when it comes time for the initiation. You too.

Is that what you think he's going to do?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-10 16:52:36](#)
(no subject)

I meant what he had to do back when that's what they were called.

I don't call them that now. Of course.

I've no idea. Maybe? I asked Raz, and this is the first he's heard of it. So if he doesn't even know, that might not be it.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-10 17:01:10](#)
(no subject)

I don't even want to think about what he had to do, but I doubt it was along the lines of an edgy childhood dare. You know, nothing like "eat a load of cockroach clusters until you spew."

What is weird to think about, though, is that Raz was a part of them. *Is*, I mean. He just doesn't really seem as if he would be.

Maybe he's decided that you need some quality father and son time. You know, after all these years.

Though that's not particularly reassuring, either.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-10 17:11:30](#)
(no subject)

I'm pretty sure it won't be a pick up game of quidditch.

And yeah, you're right, he does seem different from the other council people. But that's sort of a good thing, I guess?

I mean, I think that if he could be a part of it and be like he is, maybe it'd be not all bad?

2012-06-09 20:22:00

Order Only: update on Ellie



 [alt_lupin](#)

There was an interesting incident yesterday -- our 'friend' from the Ministry, Wayne Hill, came by yesterday and seized the opportunity not only to shake us down but to have a chat with Ellie. She was in the shop by herself, stocking shelves, when Mr Hill came in. I was coming back down and realised, and just stayed put to listen for a minute or two.

He said, 'you must be their new mudblood,' and she said, 'yes sir.' He said he'd heard a rumour I'd gone on some sort of trip and wanted to know what she knew about being gone. She said she would never be so impertinent as to ask Master and Mistress nosy questions. (During the Full Moon, Sirius, Bea, and I spent the night at 12 Grimmauld, so as to ensure Ellie didn't encounter either me in wolf form, or Sirius in dog form. We said I'd gone on a trip to order inventory, so Ellie could have told him that, but she played dumb.)

He wanted her opinion of us, and she said that we expect her to work hard and that's to be expected as that's all mudbloods are good for. He wanted to know about our inventory and she kept right on with the 'too stupid to answer questions usefully' act.

Finally I thought I really ought to step in, and he took his money and took himself off. Once he was gone, Ellie gave me a pretty full accounting of the ways in which he'd tried to nose into our business, garnished with quite a bit of 'I would never betray you, Master, you and the Mistress are better masters than I'd ever dreamed of.' I tried to show approval for her willingness to keep our secrets without showing how uncomfortable -- well.

At any rate, I told her she'd done well and invited her to choose a treat from the selection in the shop. We have sweets of various kinds, tea, dried fruit, spices that wouldn't be very tasty on their own but also some biscuits, that sort of thing. She chose a scone...and gave half of it to Padfoot.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-10 01:40:26](#)**
(no subject)

It was good, too. But - yeah. At least she's holding true to pattern, showing loyal.

I hope you'll tell her that Sinbad sometimes goes off on his own but always comes back? I don't want her disconsolate when I head up to Hogwarts tomorrow.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2012-06-10 01:42:54](#)**
(no subject)

I did, yeah, after I saw she'd fed you half of that scone. I may have implied that you're out impregnating the lady dogs and she shouldn't feel rejected that her company alone is not enough to keep such a shining example of canine manhood at home all the time.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-10 01:49:43](#)**
(no subject)

That's generous of you.

This is getting tiresome, though. I wish we could skip ahead to the part where we tell her the truth.

I don't suppose we're ready to at least have her start minding Bea now and then? Maybe in the afternoons?

She'd probably interpret it as further reward for her loyalty.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2012-06-10 02:22:02](#)**
(no subject)

I know. Do we trust her yet? Do we trust her that much? To tell her the truth, I mean.

To mind Bea now and then -- mm, probably. I think she's responsible and reliable. Especially as you can keep an eye on her.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-10 02:32:23](#)
(no subject)

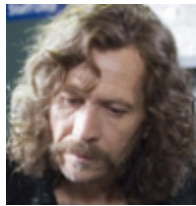
I didn't say I trusted her that much. I said that hiding things from her is getting tiresome.


But then, I've recently been told I don't give my trust very easily.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-10 02:33:34](#)
Private message to Padfoot

Another owl from Pansy Parkinson?



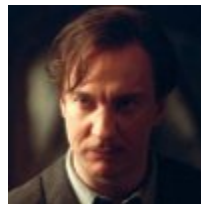
 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-10 02:38:01](#)
Re: Private message to Padfoot


No, but apparently the next best thing. Her closest friend in the wide world.

I swear I recognise that owl. Smart little thing, too. Knew better than to drop the letter when Ellie was about.

Anyway. It's good to know I'm a source of frustration with teenagers throughout Hogwarts. But the point is that the young lady has a mother she'd like to help get out of the Protectorate.

I rather wish she'd sent this sooner. We might be able to get her mother out on the solstice but it'll be tight.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-10 02:44:10](#)
Re: Private message to Padfoot

Sally-Anne Perks?

Is she certain her mother's still living? Does she know where she is?



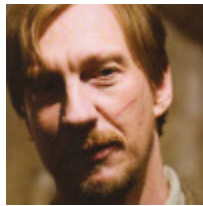
 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-10 02:49:51](#)

Re: Private message to Padfoot

Oh, she knows where she is. According to her letter, she's essentially a slave in her own home. Her father (whom she warns us not to trust) has kept her mother out of the camps but seems to resent it.

Miss Perks said that she didn't write before because she's worried her mother wouldn't leave, not because she's happy where she is but because she'd be afraid that Sally-Anne might suffer in reprisal. But one of her friends had the idea that I could somehow help her mother fake her death (presumably since I have experience at that, although she should remember that was the Ministry).

Hang on, though, hasn't Molly met Mrs Perks?



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-10 03:52:02](#)

Re: Private message to Padfoot

I think you're right that she has.

I have to say I'm finding it a little amusing that you have YET ANOTHER teenaged correspondent. At least this one wants something concrete, eh? Rather than advice.

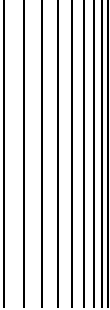


 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-10 04:00:34](#)

Re: Private message to Padfoot

Yeah, I'm really not sure how I became agony aunt to an entire cohort of teens. I'll just blame Reg and leave it at that. Not like he's going to argue the point.

But between you and me, I'm not so sure about the precedent saving her mother might set. I mean to say, it's all very well for Sherwood to use each other's connections to help set up escapes and identify people they want to help. But I start to see the method in Beth's decidedly more random selection



process. If we start helping every person who's ever been acquainted with Terry, Pansy, Neville, etc., how long will it take for someone to notice? Even with Poppy, Pomona, Minerva and yes, all right, I'll say it, Snivellus up at Hogwarts to help create smokescreens, it starts to worry me a little.

Anyway. Coming to bed soon? I'm staying up here and getting some sleep. It'll be an early start in the morning.

[2012-06-09 22:54:00](#)

Order Only: A Question for Molly

Molly,

This is going to seem a very odd question, when we've already got Mr Brownmiller to assist, but:



 **[alt_sirius](#)**

You've met Sally-Anne Perks' mother, haven't you? You made contact through the barter network? And you've passed things to her from her daughter, isn't that right?

Our young friends are testing their - and our - ability to make an effective difference. I've had a letter asking if it would be possible to aid Mrs Perks' escape from the Protectorate.

If you thought she'd want to go, we might just have enough time to get her out at the solstice. I know there's a queue, though, so I suppose, worst case, we'd have six months to plan.

What do you think? Would she welcome the opportunity to leave?



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-11 14:16:16](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, my.

I don't honestly know, Sirius. Yes, I've met both of the parents. Their situation truly isn't a happy one, and I don't think they're very happy together, either. Well, how could they be, given their situation, under the blood purity laws? They've been members of the barter network for awhile now, and I do think it has quite improved their living standard. But they still struggle. The father, Leo, has generally had quite positive reviews by the other barter members, as he does good work--with a few noting, however, that occasionally he doesn't show up for a job when expected. I probably know him a little better than Cecelia, the mother. They are both rather nervous around me, and Cecelia is quiet and deferential when her husband is present.

But I've stopped by a time or two when it's just her. She's quite desperate for any scrap of news about her daughter, poor thing. You can just see the longing in her face, particularly when I tell her what spells the girl has been learning. (It makes me think the woman quite

misses having a wand of her own, besides, of course, missing the girl.)

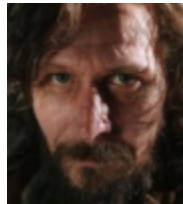
So I don't honestly know. I sense she's quite unhappy, but I'm not sure she would be willing to leave and run the risk of never seeing her daughter again.


It would be rather delicate to make inquiries. I suppose I could phrase it whether she ever wishes she could 'get away.' I think it would be rather difficult to settle anything in time for this summer's Solstice ward drop. But if you like, I could try to test the waters a bit, to see if she might be a candidate for a future border run?



 **alt_molly** at [2012-06-11 14:25:57](#)
(no subject)

And the poor girl, too. She obviously is still longing for her mother as well.



 **alt_sirius** at [2012-06-11 17:15:29](#)
(no subject)

While I have a moment: I know what you mean, Molly, about not knowing what's best to do.

Do you think she might be willing to conceal a wand from her husband? Would she want to stay and do more to help people? I've been thinking about it. I don't want to set the precedent with the kids that they ask me to get someone out and poof! it's done. But. It stands to reason we could do something to improve the woman's life.

Perhaps if we did sound her out - well, if she wants to run, then obviously, we could help her. But if she wants to stay, then maybe we could put Beth in touch with her? Suggest her to Beth, I mean to say, as someone the underground can use. Or. I dunno. Something.

2012-06-10 20:16:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_justin](#)

Hullo, all,

I've been thinking about the coming summer holidays and I wanted to ask you lot to consider allowing me to tell Hydra about this secret lock and include her on it before we all go.

Terry, I'm sorry, old chap, I know you don't know her at all, so it's unfair to ask you about whether you could trust her. But I think as we go home and in particular as Hydra, Luna and I go off to test for the CCF, being able to process her questions in the relative safety of the lock is going to become important for her.

PROS:

- She's an Occlumens. Although it's somewhat natural, what, I know there was a time in the past when her mother was able to read her thoughts. But I say, not anymore. Something must have happened to change it. So she can keep the secrets we discuss here, you see, and perhaps she can help us all develop the skill more fully.
- She's known that I'm Muggleborn, for some time now, and told no one.
- Her views about other Muggleborns have quite changed but she needs a place where she can interact with Hermione and Terry and other people who don't treat them any differently, to become more comfortable with the notion.
- She's a good person and I think she'd like to get to know some of you better but can't any other way.
- She's not at all likely to voluntarily tell her mother anything that would lead to someone getting in trouble.

CONS:

- She doesn't know about Sirius, or that he was actually my tutor. So that's something that I've kept hidden from her that she'll learn about here. I don't know how she'll take that, what, and

I've thought perhaps I ought to tell her that if and when I tell her about the lock and how to use it, or before.

- She doesn't know Hermione and Terry have wands. I don't expect she'd object, what, seeing as I have one and she's no objections to that. But it might be a bit much to learn about the wand smugglers all at once like that.
- Her Occlumency did simply happen and we're not sure why. She's tested it, so I don't think it'll go away. But it might not be infallible. So there's a slight risk there.
- Even if her mother can't read her thoughts, what, she doesn't respect Hydra's privacy. Well, that is to say, she doesn't when it occurs to her to pry. The rest of the time she ignores her, what. Again, it's a slight risk, but a risk.
- Her relationship with her father is harder for me to predict.

But on the whole, I think it's better to have her here than not, what? I say, it might be a shock to her at first to find out about it all but--well. It's bound to help more than it harms.

There's no need to answer right away, of course. And if you lot decide against, I shall naturally continue to keep it concealed from her and respect all your confidences. Still, I'd like everyone to consider it, if you would do. Cheers.

-Justin



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 03:18:09](#)

(no subject)

Phew.

No, I mean, wow.

All right. Um. I'm going to go out on a limb and say that the big thing is probably the occlumency thing, which, y'know, how d'you know it really works and her mum's not just pretending in order to make her feel safe about it so she can catch her out doing something that'll get Hydra (or, y'know, us) in really giant trouble when she decides to show that, actually, she really can still read what Hydra's thinking.

I mean, I think that's the thing that people might worry about.

Only, here's the thing. Hermione goes to Buckingham every holiday and has done all this time, and who lives there? The biggest legilimens ever. So if we were going to worry about our secret getting out that way, it would be pretty unfair to all of a sudden say it's a major thing with Hydra when we've just kind of known it's the thing that could go wrong any time at all for Hermione, y'see?

So, I think that's not a reason we shouldn't do it. And I think Hydra's a good person and somebody the lock would help. But.

Two things: one--it's really Hermione and Terry who've got the most to lose, and two--I've got to tell you, mate, it seems a lot like you're thinking the lock would make it easier to slip out and snog her, cause the teachers couldn't see you were writing her a load of PMs all the time.

Someone's going to think that, anywiz, so we might as well just say it and get it out there.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 03:40:17](#)
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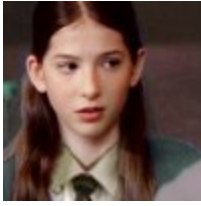
I say, Ron.

Using the lock to arrange trysts? I'm to be staying with her cousin, or had you forgotten? I rather think we can manage that just as we have done so far and no one would take note of anything different.

(Besides, I say, if I did use the lock and a PM to write to her, would you really care?)

No, that's not it. I do think the lock would do her a world of good, for herself, what, and not for any other reason. I should want her to be able to talk with us all even if she and I were not together.

-Justin




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-11 03:54:08](#)
(no subject)

I have to admit that I would really like to be able to talk with Hydra on the lock.

But I want to hear what Hermione thinks.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 15:08:43](#)
(no subject)


Yeah, I guess the thing that makes me not just say 'yeah, do it!'--cause, y'know, I think Hydra's fair snitch, too--the thing that makes me want to wait and see what Hermione and Terry say is that, well, there are loads of nice people we'd like to talk to more, but we don't tell them about the lock because it's not for us, really.

Or it's not for us first.

It's for Terry and Hermione.

That's why the twins made it. And I know they're not part of it, anymore, because they've gone and got older than Merlin, but, yeah. I just don't know that adding people because it'd be nice to be able to talk to them secretly is what this is about.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-11 15:38:02](#)
(no subject)

Right.


I think the test for this is that Justin has to tell her the bit about Sirius first, before telling her about the Lock. To see how she reacts. Frankly, that puts all the risk of her betraying you on you, at least at first. Which is maybe as it should be because you're asking us to take this risk. Because I think if there was any reason she'd be tempted to squeal to her mum, that would be the secret that would be most likely to make her do it, I think. Bellatrix Lestrange seemed like she's obsessed with catching Sirius Black. If Hydra wants to make mummy really really happy, handing her someone who knows a lot about Sirius Black and his movements while he was in France would be just the ticket.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-11 15:38:53](#)
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Of course, if Hydra tells, Mrs Lestrangle will probably turn Justin's mind inside out, which means we'd all be betrayed anyway.



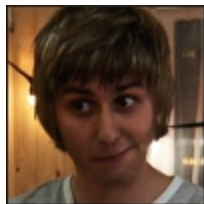
 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-11 15:39:16](#)
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Well, yeah. I'm afraid that's true, too.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-11 15:39:31](#)
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I want to hear what Hermione thinks, too.

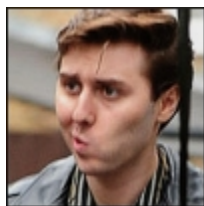


 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 16:24:34](#)
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Terry,

Yes, I see your point. It's a good suggestion and you're right, I've been thinking about how to ease into that revelation, what, so I'm well willing to make that a first step.

-Justin

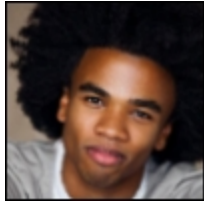



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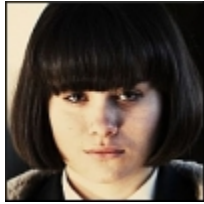
I've been working on Obliviation but perhaps the Twins could be there in case it's needed? I'm not sure I'd do it right and I shouldn't like to make a mistake with Hydra's memory, what!


-Justin



 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-11 17:18:49](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, they'd be willing to help with that for sure.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-11 15:51:01](#)
(no subject)

I agree.

It can't just be because it'd be nice or convenient, even though it would be both, and even though lots of people under the lock like Hydra.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 16:18:25](#)
(no subject)

I do see the point about having created this lock for Terry and Hermione but--I think we should possibly consider whether it can have other applications. Would it not help Terry and Hermione if we selectively expand our circle to other sympathetic people? People who can help make a difference in small ways?

I'm not suggesting that we should add anyone who smiles at Terry, what, only that...well, dash it, I suppose that this bally old lock has the potential to change everything, if we use it well.

I'm sure I'm not explaining this well, what?

Look. Fred and George created the lock. They included Lee because he's their best mate, yes? And they gave it to Terry so they could talk to him, and he asked to include Hermione. And then gradually you've included people who needed it to be able to say the things that would get one in trouble otherwise, what? Or who needed the protection of the lock for the same sort of connectivity that Terry and Hermione enjoy through it. Like our Neville (sorry to single you out, old man), so we can buck him up when people are being well beastly to him.

But I think it's worth thinking about whether the people who

need that support are not just muggleborns. I don't think anyone's suggesting that Pansy ought not to have been included, or that she hasn't benefitted greatly from getting closer to you lot, what? In many ways, Hydra's in the same sort of situation to Pansy's: She's a pureblood but she doesn't think the way her family do. She doesn't agree but there's no one she can talk to about it.

Sally-Anne and Pansy could simply let her know that they'll talk to her about it and it's safe to do so. I hope they would do that, whether or not we bring her into the lock, what? But I don't think *Hydra* would well believe it's safe, without something like this protection.

I should say that having a secret place to talk secretly is exactly what the lock is about, Ron. What we're doing is deciding *to whom* we want to talk.

-Justin



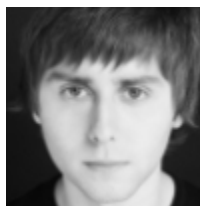
 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 16:25:21](#)

(no subject)

I'm not saying it wouldn't be good for Hydra or nice for us, but what would help Hydra is not as important as whether Terry and Hermione feel it's safe.

All I'm saying is that their vote is more important than yours. Or mine. And Hydra Lestrangle having a safe place to talk to people isn't as important at all.

I get that you want this to happen, mate. But it's more likely to if you back down and stop trying to make it sound like you're bally well smarter than everyone else on here at thinking of what we ought to all be doing.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 16:50:30](#)

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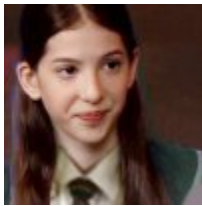
I say.

I'm terribly sorry if I've offended, Ron. I certainly didn't mean to sound as if I'd override

Hermione or Terry if they object to inviting Hydra. Naturally, they have the greatest to lose if I'm wrong about her, what?

Sorry to disturb.

-Justin




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-11 03:26:44](#)
(no subject)

Well, I like Hydra.

And if you'd come and said 'Hydra's learned occlumency; I think we should add her to the Lock' I probably would have suggested you tell her your own secret first and see what happens.

Can she do legilimency at all? Only it would make it easier for the rest of us to learn occlumency if we had someone to practice with who could actually read our thoughts.




 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 03:41:27](#)
(no subject)

Hullo, Sally-Anne.

I don't think she can do, no, but then I don't think she's ever tried.


-Justin



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-11 14:55:14](#)
(no subject)

I quite like Hydra. She's in our teatime group, you know, so I've been getting to know her a little. I think she's rather like me in a way: quiet, but she likes to watch people, sort of observant. But whenever I've talked with her, none of her observations about people are ever unkind in any way. I think you're right, Justin, that she's quite a good person.



 **[alt_tery](#) at [2012-06-11 15:08:11](#)**
(no subject)

Ron said it: wow.


I suppose Hermione knows her better than me, since she's in the Slytherin Common Room, but I have met Hydra, of course, in the Transfiguration classroom, when the git was teaching there. I tended to sit along the side of the classroom so I could get up to fetch things from the cupboard whenever the git wanted them, and I just happened to sit on the floor kinda close to her desk for, oh, a good few months.

I can sense things about people, you know. I could tell I made her nervous, but it didn't feel like she was hostile. Some of the students looked at me like they smelled something nasty whenever I was near, like I was muck under their shoes but she never did. It was more like she would freeze a little if I moved too close to me.

I remember once when the git cuffed me pretty bad because I didn't fetch something for him quickly enough. Slapped my face against the wall. It was right near the end of class. She gave me a look and a little smile afterwards, sort of an 'I'm sorry' look. And when the class got up to go, she whispered, 'your temple's bleeding a little bit' before she hurried away. I saw then that she had left her handkerchief behind on her desk, and I had the feeling she had left it for me.


So yes. I think she's kind.



 **[alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-11 15:26:25](#)**
(no subject)


Oh, say, quick question: Terry, the twins were asking about Dudley. If he knows who his parents were.



 **[alt_tery](#) at [2012-06-11 15:31:37](#)**
(no subject)

Why do they want to know?



 **alt_lee** at [2012-06-11 15:31:57](#)
(no subject)

Uh...no idea, actually.



 **alt_terry** at [2012-06-11 15:43:05](#)
(no subject)

I'll ask.



 **alt_terry** at [2012-06-11 17:04:52](#)
(no subject)

All right, I tracked him down and asked, and he said his Dad's name was Vernon, and his mum's name was Petunia. He thinks his Dad's a Sleeper, and he has no idea where his mum is. He was separated from her about four years ago.




 **alt_neville** at [2012-06-11 15:12:10](#)
(no subject)

One thing I do have to ask: will she keep your secrets if the two of you break up?

You'd really better never get her hacked off with you.



 **alt_luna** at [2012-06-11 15:19:01](#)
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I don't think she's a vindictive type of person at all.

I don't think she's vindictive because her mother is, and she's been hurt enough by that sort of behaviour that she wouldn't be likely to do it herself.



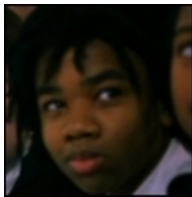
 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 16:22:27](#)
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Neville,

It's a fair question. But I agree with Luna. I don't believe that Hydra could or would send someone to the camps, or worse, no matter what the provocation.

And believe me, I don't intend ever to give her sufficient provocation, what!

-Justin

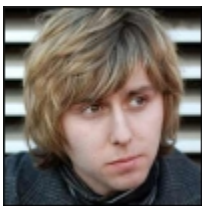



 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-11 15:17:16](#)
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Huh. Ron makes a good point about the fact that we already have a big vulnerability, with Hermione being around the Lord Protector.

But I don't really know the girl at all. It's a good sign that she knows your secret and hasn't gone running to her mum about it.

Hey a question: do the Twins get a vote on this? Because they may not be on the Lock anymore, but they invented it. Which means that if you end up telling her, and it turns out to be a really, really bad idea and she betrays us all, they're just as likely to catch in the neck as the rest of us.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 16:20:23](#)
(no subject)

Lee,

I've no objection to asking Fred and George their opinion, of course.

And as I said to Ron, I believe we ought to discuss whether this lock has a...broader range of application, now that it's here.

They invented it so they could talk secretly to Terry, to improve his morale and his life, really, what?

I'm of the opinion that we could all do the same for Hydra, whether or not she's pureblooded.

-Justin

2012-06-11 13:15:00

Order Only: Harry

Right, so, I'm catching my breath a bit on my way up to Hogwarts for the third Task.



I know, I know.

 [alt_sirius](#)

But here's the thing: Harry sent me an owl a few days ago. Something's brewing with Voldemort and I don't know what. Harry's been told that once the Task is over, Voldemort has a 'special ceremony' that he's going to have Harry involved in. At Buckingham.

Of course, I offered to stay in New London so I'd be nearby there instead of Hogwarts, but his return owl came just before I needed to leave yesterday, saying that he's sure he'll be brought back to Hogwarts afterward and anyway, Buckingham's too dangerous for me to be hanging about there.

Which. Well.

The point is: He's terrified that Voldemort's going to make him take the Mark. I can't imagine that's what it is but I've no idea what else it could be. Harry said something about a 'chance to prove his worth' which sounds dead ominous. I didn't want to worry him worse, though.

Anyway. Minerva, if you know something, now would be a good time to tell me.

And Poppy. Just. Be ready. More than usual, I mean.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2012-06-11 18:25:04**
(no subject)

You know, we've heard some of the other students say a jealous thing or two about the perks that Marvolo gets, what with being associated with the L.P. and all. Speaking for us, we vastly prefer having a head of the family like our own dear old Dad rather than His Moste Potente Ponciness. Don't think it can be very restful at the family dinner table. Poor bloke.

(Oh, and Sirius, since you asked if Terry could find out anything about the parents of his friend Dudley, the word's filtered back that

the dad's name was Vernon and the mum's name was Petunia. Dudley hasn't seen them in years, though. If you needed to know.)



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-11 18:26:50](#)**
(no subject)


I quite agree about preferring Dad as a parent to the L.P.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-11 18:28:59](#)**
(no subject)

I should say so! I would also say that if the L.P. was your dad, then you'd also have another mum, because it certainly wouldn't be me!



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-11 18:30:17](#)**
(no subject)

I just read that and snorted tea out of my nose. Merlin, mum. What a mental picture.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-11 18:33:19](#)**
(no subject)

Well, of course you wouldn't be paired up with the L.P., Molly dear, since I spotted you first!



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-11 18:33:56](#)**
(no subject)


A fact for which we must all thank our lucky stars, no doubt.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-11 18:31:33](#)
(no subject)

Thanks for the vote of confidence, boys.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-11 18:28:22](#)
(no subject)

Petunia.

Petunia Dursley.

Petunia and Vernon Dursley, you're *sure*?

Bloody Erebus.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-11 18:30:52](#)
(no subject)

According to Terry, who got it from Dudley, yeah.

Why?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-11 19:03:34](#)
(no subject)

No reason.

Just. That's a very ~~memorable~~ unfortunate name.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-11 19:34:13](#)
(no subject)

You know, you really need to work on your believability when saying something's not important when it obviously is. Because frankly, you're sort of pants at it.

We could give you tips on that.




 **[alt_sirius](#) at 2012-06-11 19:50:13**
(no subject)

Oh, boys. You forget who you're dealing with.

It's nothing for you to worry about.




 **[alt_sirius](#) at 2012-06-11 19:30:05**
Private Message to Moony

Merlin. I was sure they were all dead. Lily's sister and family.

You?




 **[alt_lupin](#) at 2012-06-11 19:33:14**
Re: Private Message to Moony

It is the same Petunia, then.

I couldn't remember the name of that bloke she married. Not that there are many Petunias out there.

This Dudley would be Harry's cousin, then.

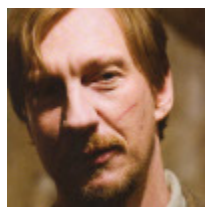


 **[alt_sirius](#) at 2012-06-11 19:39:29**
Re: Private Message to Moony

No, nor I; I thought it might have been Virgil or Irving or something like that. Vernon. Close. And I wasn't sure the name of their sprog but I do remember Lily saying her sister was pregnant and due around the same time - she joked at the time that Petunia was always trying to steal her thunder, she was that jealous.

I'll tell you this: She was a right cat at Lily and James's wedding. I asked her in the middle of the rehearsal dinner why she came, if she so obviously didn't want to be there. If she'd had a wand I think I could have been in trouble but as it was she just turned purple and stormed out. Lily wasn't sure whether to be furious with me or relieved.

So, yeah. Harry's cousin. Poor kid. Wonder what he's like, if Terry's willing to take him along on the run.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-11 19:42:27](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

Maybe he's got a bit of Lily in him.

She could be tough as anything, in her own way.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-11 19:44:16](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

Let's hope so, because if he's at all like his parents

Not that I think we'd let anyone rot in a castle with Carrow if we had a choice about it. Still.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-11 19:49:27](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

Wait, Petunia. She was the one who screamed when someone folded up the table napkins and did that charm to make them dance together, wasn't she?

Did she throw a drink at you or was that someone ~~you made a pass at~~ else?

I remember thinking that maybe she was switched at birth. Lily's parents weren't nearly so closed-minded.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-11 20:11:31](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

No, that was Annetta Aldridge (well, Annetta Rickett, now, I suppose). She was one of Lily's bridesmaids though, so, same frock.

No, wait. You're right. It *was* Petunia. I wound up going home with Annetta, actually.

I don't even remember what I said to her. But I definitely remember getting drenched. She was pretty drunk at the time.

And yeah, Lily's parents were ... Well, her dad was hilarious. And I think her mum and Grace Potter could've competed in a dead heat for world's best.

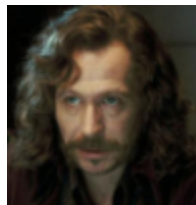


 **alt_lupin** at [2012-06-11 20:14:46](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

I wonder if Annetta ever admits the connection, these days? It's quite a coup, to have gone home from a wedding with notorious criminal Sirius Black. Probably not one you'd admit when you're on the Hogwarts Board of Governors, though.

I'm thinking about it and maybe Petunia spilled something on you by accident? Because you're right, she was pretty drunk.



 **alt_sirius** at [2012-06-11 20:35:01](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

She's a Governor? Good for her.

You really want me to try to remember this?
Okay.

She was drinking; it was red wine, and she made a wide gesture and was about to drop it. I had been about to cast the glass charm to make Lily and James snog, you know - and instead I stopped her spilling the wine all down her frock. Just reflex.

And instead of thanking me she snapped something about letting well enough alone. Something like that. And that if I ever came near her with a wand or spells again she'd have her husband swear out a warrant and have me arrested for assault. I laughed and she let fly.


Come to think of it, I think that's what brought out Annetta's sympathies.

Anyway.

Right. Enough of these unpleasant thoughts. Off to infiltrate Death Eater-infested Hogwarts, so Harry can win the tournament and get tortured by his kidnapper while I standby and wait to pick up the pieces. It's amazing we live in such happy times.

Ellie doing all right without Sinbad to keep her company?




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-11 20:50:06](#)
Re: Private Message to Moony

Yeah.

I keep trying to decide whether it's better or worse that when they torture him, they don't actually do anything to him physically. They do things to his friends, and make sure he knows it's his fault.

Ellie's been looking out the door a lot to see if you're coming back yet. Otherwise she seems okay.

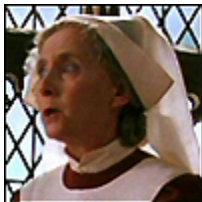


 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-11 23:23:52](#)
Re: Private Message to Moony

Worse. Definitely worse.

There's a 20-foot high hedge wall where the Pitch ought to be.

I'm going to look for Hagrid. Don't tell Poppy.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-11 20:38:56](#)
(no subject)

Of course, I will be more than usually vigilant.

In fact, I'm to be 'partnered' by a contingent from St Mungo's for the Task, who will make quite certain

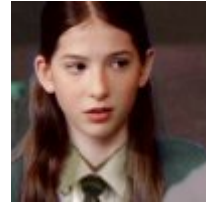
that my attention does not waver. They should be arriving any moment now to see that my stores match my inventory, that all of the supplies they've brought to increase our provision are properly prepared, and that all is in perfect readiness for tonight.

On the plus side, that means the champions will be as well cared for as if they were competing in the lobby at St Mungo's.

Of course, it goes without saying that every inch of the grounds and every hiding place between here and Hogsmeade will be watched. Take care of yourself, will you?

2012-06-11 14:12:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Viktor came to find me a little while ago and we went for a walk because he wanted to talk privately.

He wanted to know if I thought I would be in danger if he (Viktor) won the Tournament.

I guess Professor Siz talked to Cedric Diggory and told him not to win. Maybe not in so many words, but he understood clearly enough. Anyway, Diggory found Viktor yesterday to talk to him about it.

Viktor said Diggory didn't EXACTLY try to persuade him to not win, on purpose, or anything like that. He just told him what Siz had said, and then said, 'I thought it would only be fair to give you the warning I got. It's up to you whether you do anything about it.'

Viktor said, 'Are you saying they'd take it out on Sally-Anne?'

And Diggory said, 'No, I'm not saying that. I don't know what they'd do. But she's a half-blood, she doesn't have a family to protect her, and she's not going to get to leave the Protectorate once the Tournament is over, the way you will.'

So Viktor wanted to know what I thought: WAS I going to be in danger?

And really I don't know. But I thought about it and said I think mostly I'm beneath notice. If Harry doesn't win, the Lord Protector will be angry. Remember what happened after the second task, at the Frost Faire? THAT'S the sort of thing that happens when he's angry. Susan Bones has talked about Diggory a bit and he's protective of people. Not just his friends, but his whole House, and even beyond his House when he can. He wants to take care of people. So maybe he reckons that the only way to keep people safe is to persuade all the champions to just let Harry win, and the best way to persuade Viktor is to convince him that if Viktor wins, something awful will happen to me. Or maybe Diggory really DOES think something bad will happen to me if Viktor wins.

I think if Harry doesn't win, though, mostly the Lord Protector will

blame Harry. And the people who really ought to be worried are Hermione and Draco. I said that to Viktor and he got very quiet (I mean, even quieter than he is normally) and then we came back to the castle.

I think he's decided not to win, either. I don't know if Diggory talked to Fleur. I do know this isn't all a ruse to make it between Harry and himself, though, Diggory's not an idiot plus he really did have a long conversation with Professor Siz and came out looking upset, like she'd told him something he didn't want to think about or didn't want to hear.

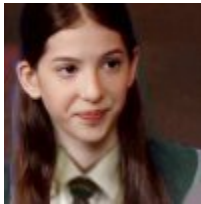


 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2012-06-11 19:39:55](#)**
(no subject)

I think you're right. That as far as the Protectorate is concerned, you're sort of beneath notice.

(Although I don't like it that it might mean that Hermione's at risk. Unless, of course, all of Marvolo's competitors throw the competition.)

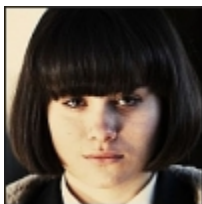
Makes the tournament look like quite a farce, doesn't it?




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2012-06-11 19:44:25](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, it does.

I almost don't care who wins so long as nothing awful happens after, though.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-11 20:09:21](#)**
(no subject)

That's awful.

I do think he was just being careful, though. And looking out for you.

Harry has been looking ill all day. I think he pretty well knows he's got to win too.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 20:24:11](#)
(no subject)

That's so wrong.

I mean, what's even the point of that? You'd think Karkaroff and Froissart would be shouting about it. Maybe they haven't heard, yet.

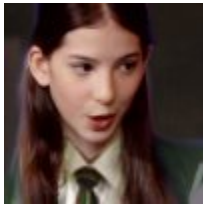



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 20:33:48](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks

So, um

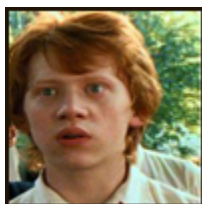
Does that mean Viktor thinks you'd be in danger because he took you to the Yule Ball? Or he thinks there are people who think it's more than that--like that he's been seeing you or something, all this time?


I mean, who thinks that?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-11 20:35:09](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks


Well it's not as if we've been IGNORING each other ever since.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 20:45:51](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks

I mean, it's not like you've been going around snogging him.



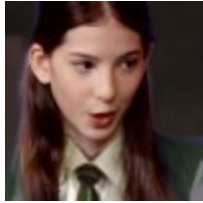
 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 20:47:04](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks

Have you?

I mean.

You haven't.

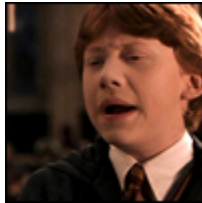
Right?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-11 20:47:35](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks*

WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS, RON? IS
THERE SOME REASON YOU ACTUALLY WANT
TO KNOW?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-11 20:54:21](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Sally-Anne Perks*

Well, you don't have to get all shirty about it.

I mean, okay. So you didn't.

I never thought you did.

Only-

Well, you've got to admit, it's daft that you'd be in danger
because of Krum if he goes and wins the tournament. That's like
someone's thinking you'd been sneaking around with him or
something. And it's not as if anyone's saying that.

So don't get cross. I agree. It's totally not on.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-11 23:16:07](#)

(no subject)

Hello, Sally-Anne,

Diggory didn't talk to Fleur but I know Professor
Froissart had words with her and they weren't quite
what she wanted to hear. She's well cross and blames it on Madame
Froissart being Mr Malfoy's sister.

I say, I do agree that it's quite unlikely anyone would look to *you* if Krum were to cause Marvolo to lose face. It's unfortunate that the competition has ultimately come down to a pointless exercise, what? They might as well give Marvolo the trophy and have done with it but I suppose then we'd lose our evening's excitement. Or 'excitement,' if you prefer.

-Justin

2012-06-11 20:06:00

Private message to Penelope Clearwater

I'm here at Hogwarts! Mr Malfoy graciously agreed that I could attend the Third Task. Where can I meet you so we can sit together in the stands?



 [alt_percy](#)



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2012-06-12 01:25:01**

(no subject)

You're here?

That's brilliant! I thought when Mr Malfoy came this afternoon and you weren't here at the start of supper that you'd stayed behind like you said.

We're just finishing and getting ready to come down to the Pitch. Mr Malfoy just made the best statement, about how 'the real goals of the Tournament have been met, in the meeting of cultures and common understanding of Wizarding prowess.' He said, 'No matter the outcome of this momentary competition, it is sure that the friendships made will last.'

It was pretty welcome, let me tell you. Everyone's wound tighter than drums around here.

We're on our way. If you come to the Ravenclaw side I can meet you there.

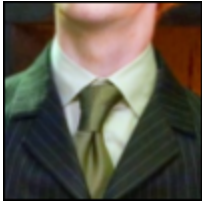


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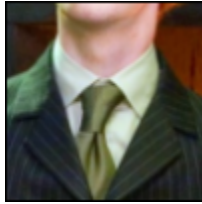
Percy,

Is Minister Fudge always quite so...thorough?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-12 01:43:08](#)
(no subject)

Quite the blatherer, isn't he?



 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-12 01:48:12](#)
(no subject)

(Of course, you will tell no one else I said that!)

2012-06-11 20:07:00

Best Wishes to All the Champions


Marvolo, obviously, all of Our Lord's people are behind you, but I hope you know that Slytherin House and your year-mates are supporting you most of all.



 [alt_blaise](#)

Best luck, mate!




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 01:15:12**
(no subject)

Up Slytherin! Go Hogwarts!

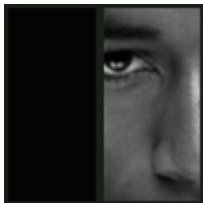
I just know Harry will be brilliant.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 01:41:39**
Private Message to Blaise

Once we finally can get started, that is.

And I thought Binns was bad.




 [alt_blaise](#) at **2012-06-12 01:43:57**
Re: Private Message to Blaise

Too right.

I know he's the Minister, but really. He could have quit at 'Welcome All and Best Wishes to the

Champions!'



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 01:54:34**
Re: Private Message to Blaise

Well, lesson learned. I'm sure that if you ever become Minister, your speeches will all be marked by their brevity and wit.

2012-06-11 20:21:00

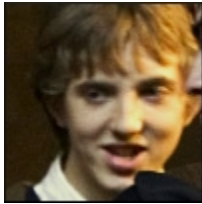
Private Message to Sue and Ernie


I reckon we're not going to see Ced up on the winner's platform, but we're going to cheer him on anyway, right?



 **alt_zacharias**

Only it's a little annoying to have to cheer under your breath.



 **alt_ernie** at **2012-06-12 00:42:56**
(no subject)

Oi.

Of course, we're going to cheer him on. He's our champion. And he deserves our support.

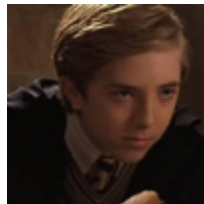
I think the girls were making banners, yeah?




 **alt_zacharias** at **2012-06-12 00:46:13**
(no subject)

I dunno, mate. Lately anyone who dares say anything other than 'Marvolo's going to crush everyone!' or something like that gets their tongue handed to them on a platter.

I mean, I support Cedric but how naff does it look to cheer for someone everyone knows is going to throw the match?



 **alt_ernie** at **2012-06-12 00:53:33**
(no subject)

I think the banners say 'Go Hogwarts Champions!!! Go, Harry! Go, Ced!' or something.

You just have to be smart about it, but of course you can cheer for Ced.

Hogwarts is going to have a One-Two finish!!!



 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-12 02:33:01](#)
(no subject)

I thought they turned out pretty well, didn't you!

And yes, of course we put some thought into the wording.

I know what you mean, though, Zach--of course we all support Marvolo too, but it would be nice if we could really raise the House flag for Cedric!

2012-06-11 20:39:00

Wiz, Wiz, Wiz!!!

Whoa.

They totally raised the stands! That was like climbing up to Gryffindor Tower and then doing it again right away.



 [alt_ron](#)




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 01:43:33**
(no subject)

How tall do you think the hedges are?

It must have taken loads of spells to get them to grow that high.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2012-06-12 01:47:26**
(no subject)

Yeah, I reckon that's true. Do you think Professor Sprout did it? Or did they bring in other herbologists so there wouldn't be any advantage to Hogwarts?

Funny none of us saw what they were doing out here, either. I heard they put up charms that kept us from looking this way or noticing anything if we did look.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 01:52:20**
(no subject)

I knew they were doing something with the Quidditch pitch, but I didn't know what. It looks brilliant!

It'll look so plain once it goes back to normal.


Did one of the paths just shift? I think I saw it moving.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:00:08](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Look! There goes another. Right after Harry passed that spot. The others are going to have to find another way.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:01:56](#)
(no subject)

Oh. That was smart.

Look. Harry's using Point Me. He must have a plan about how to get to the center. He's trying a Northwest path, yeah?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:04:39](#)
(no subject)

Did you see the Dementor?

Ooooh.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 02:05:14](#)
(no subject)

They have DEMENTORS in there?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:07:07](#)
(no subject)


No, it isn't one -- the patronus didn't work.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:07:18](#)
(no subject)

It's a BOGGART!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:08:12](#)
(no subject)

Oooh. Yes!

Ridikkulus!!!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 02:19:22](#)
(no subject)

So that's what Marvolo's Boggart is? Huh.

I wonder what Diggory's is. Or Krum's.



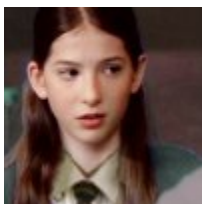
 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:20:18](#)
(no subject)

HOW CAN YOU WONDER ABOUT BOGGARTS
AT A TIME LIKE THIS?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-12 02:20:28](#)
(no subject)


We're betting Delacour's is a mirror telling
her that she has a spot on her nose.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 02:03:14](#)
(no subject)

What was that noise? Can you see from the Gryffindor
part of the stands? The bang?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:04:46](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.

Diggory just got the hot end of one of those Skrewt things. You know, the Blast-Enders?

Doesn't look good.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:05:30](#)**
(no subject)


Ouch.



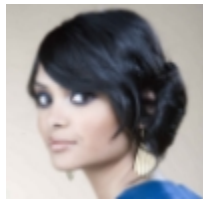
 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:05:57](#)**
(no subject)

Oi, Ced's fine! He's back on his feet. Look at the floating screens.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:11:20](#)**
(no subject)

Do you think Delacourt even has a plan? She's just running until she comes to a block and then running another way.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:14:46](#)**
(no subject)

The best way to get through a maze is to always turn in one direction, like keep the wall on your right hand.

Of course, it doesn't work when the walls move.

OOH!

Dragon!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:16:24](#)
(no subject)

It's not a real one. It can't be.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:17:47](#)
(no subject)

It's on the left over near where the Hufflepuff stands usually are.

And yeah. Looks like it's an illusion? But


WHOA! That was real fire, though!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:22:55](#)
(no subject)

Do you think he got burned? He's holding his arm like he has.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-12 02:18:14](#)
(no subject)

I suppose they don't allow the candidates to go under the hedges. Or over. It would be really easy if you were allowed to bring your broom. But then there wouldn't be much point, would

there?

[2012-06-11 20:45:00](#)

Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

It's rather dire in here, all things considered. You might be glad you're out waiting.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)**

In the corner, we have Alecto, who's glowering at the world, and nearly took off the arm of the last person who came within ten feet. Not that anyone particularly wants to be near her.

Froissart's clearly not happy with any of the situation, but of course he can't do much about any of it. And Karkaroff is just looking stoic. (Though a bunch of the Durmstrang boys have started in on what must be traditional toasts, and at least that's mildly entertaining. "To the motherland!" "To the fatherland!" "To friendship!" though they're degenerating into more chaos now.)

I don't suppose your end of things is better than your fears?



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-12 01:03:42](#)**
(no subject)

Actually, I'd have to say that my lot is better than yours currently. We've done all the set up we can do, and my companions have gone off to pace the outer perimeter of the maze. Rumour has it that the inside of this maze is larger than the outer boundary. Given that the outer boundary is merely the familiar dimensions of a Quidditch pitch, that stands to reason.

I can't imagine anyone could sit within smelling distance of Alecto Carrow and eat.

Gossip here is that there are high odds whether the other delegations are going to make a sincere attempt to take the Cup. And on what might happen if either Krum or Delacourt were to win. I asked whether there was any wagering on Diggory and earned looks that said I truly have no understanding either of sport or of politics.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-12 01:09:33](#)
(no subject)

I do think you're better off then. (And on Alecto - well, all I can say is that I'm firmly at the other end of the table, with Septima and Pomona.)

Curious, on the maze. Though given the number of rumours I've heard about what it contains, I can't say I'm surprised.

On the gossip there - well. I suspect that's why Froissart's been drinking more than I would have in this company. And I wasn't the first to have a careful conversation with Cedric about the political implications, though I hope I was a little more successful than the original attempts.

(We had a very careful chat about practicality versus fairness, and that some kinds of unfairness are better than the alternatives. Because after the second task, well, it's clear to me how high the stakes are.)



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-12 01:17:05](#)
(no subject)

Right. We're being shoed out of here, so we should be down at the pitch in the not too distant future.

I think everyone's just looking forward to seeing what the challenges are in the maze and getting the thing over with.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 01:21:30](#)
(no subject)

Ah, well. Speeches first.

Don't get too hopeful for speedy resolution: Fudge is already down here, pacing back and forth, clearing his throat, trying out the Sonorous charm at various strengths. And posing. He looks ridiculous.

And I doubt he'll be the only one to take the podium. You might want to cast a cushioning charm on your seat. I have done.

2012-06-11 20:55:00

Good luck, Master Marvolo!

I'm sure you're going to be the best of any of the Champions!



I'm working on packing your trunks, like you ordered.

 [alt_hermione](#)



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2012-06-12 01:01:36**


Private Message to Master Marvolo

Remember your Direction charm!

And the twisting motion we practised.

And don't worry about what's coming afterward, just focus on getting through the maze. Okay? We can talk about the rest later.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-12 01:07:01**

Re: Private Message to Master Marvolo

Okay.

Yeah.

2012-06-11 21:48:00

Private Message to Dominic and Razzer

Merlin. He keeps getting more and more long-winded.



Suspect Dolores has been giving him lessons. Or writing the speeches.

 **alt_lucius**

At least Harry seems more at ease now that we're actually starting. The waiting is always worse than the action.



 **alt_selwyn** at **2012-06-12 02:00:58**

(no subject)

Perhaps he's under the impression he's paid by the word.



 **alt_lucius** at **2012-06-12 02:03:22**

Private Message to Raz

Raz.

Realise you must focus on Harry's performance and safety. However. He said something this afternoon. Asked if I knew anything about an audience with Our Lord to follow the Tournament's conclusion. He said that Our Lord had told him he's to come to Buckingham?

Assume you have been informed what the matter is. He wanted to know what I knew. Clearly he's terrified - much more worried about that, in point of fact, than about the Task. Privately, think he's right to be alarmed. But beyond that, all I could do was reassure the lad that whatever his Father has planned is obviously meant to be a surprise and therefore Harry cannot allow his doubts or fears to trouble his performance.

If you know anything, Raz, would appreciate any clue as to Our Lord's intentions.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:54:48](#)**

Re: Private Message to Raz

Harry asked me about it the other day, hoping that I knew something. I'm just in the dark as you are, I'm afraid, but after the ~~Frost~~ ~~Faire~~ events of months past, I think Harry's right to be alarmed, too.

He is doing well so far, so there's that.

[2012-06-11 22:07:00](#)

Go, Harry!

OOoh, did you see?

Fleur's getting caught in the hedge row. It opened and she tried to dive through.



 **[alt_padma](#)**


But then it closed up. It's Devil's Snare!



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:15:17](#)**
(no subject)

DRAGON!



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:15:43](#)**
(no subject)

Wait. Where?!



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:17:33](#)**
(no subject)

Krum's got it! It just came out of nowhere!



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2012-06-12 02:18:34](#)**
(no subject)

Did you see those flames?!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:19:42](#)
(no subject)

It can't be a real dragon, though, because it'd be stomping all over the maze. Dragons aren't that well behaved.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 02:24:56](#)
(no subject)

Oh, that is a good point.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:27:54](#)
(no subject)

It still did hurt his arm though, you're right.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:22:08](#)
(no subject)


What's that golden stuff Harry's trying to dispel?



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:22:33](#)
(no subject)

HARRY'S UPSIDE DOWN!!!



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-12 02:23:36](#)
(no subject)

Everything will fall out of his pockets.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:25:59](#)
(no subject)

No, I know what that was! I know what that was - it's a Disorientation Mist. All he needed to do was step forward and

He's through!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:23:44](#)
(no subject)

Yikes!


But look! He's figured it out!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 02:24:10](#)
(no subject)

Wow...it just sort of hoicked him up there!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:25:38](#)
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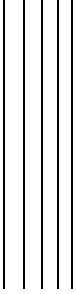
Looks a little dizzy and dazed now, doesn't he?




 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:27:02](#)
(no subject)

It's Disorientation Mist that's what it DOES, Weasley.

Krum's made it past the dragon, look!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:29:02](#)
(no subject)

Figures you'd know what it is.

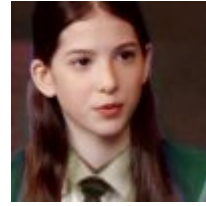
Use it every morning to put your hair in place,
don't you?

2012-06-11 22:27:00

Oh!

Poor Diggory! I hope he isn't badly hurt!

Harry, it's up to you now!



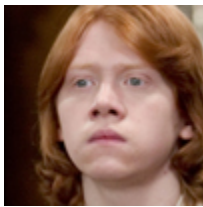
 **alt_sally_anne**




 **alt_sally_anne** at **2012-06-12 03:29:21**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

That had to have been on purpose. Diggory's got decent reflexes, I've seen him at dueling club. He wouldn't have let the spider fall on him like that accidentally.

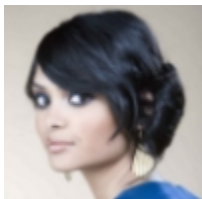



 **alt_ron** at **2012-06-12 03:30:52**

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

No one would.

ugh



 **alt_padma** at **2012-06-12 03:31:43**

(no subject)

I can understand tripping and falling but under the SPIDER?

He sent up sparks. Thank Shiva.

2012-06-11 22:28:00

Delacour's OUT!!!

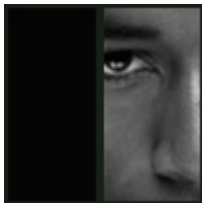
One down!

And Krum's not looking too good, either.



 [alt_zacharias](#)

GO CED! GO HARRY! HOGWARTS FOR THE WIN!



 [alt_blaise](#) at **2012-06-12 02:36:52**

(no subject)

Delacour never really found her footing in this task, did she? Shame about that.

Krum's strong. Don't count him out just because he got toasted. That's nothing to him. He's Marvolo's only competition, really.

Diggory's reasonably good on his broom, but if you're honest, he's just a bit wet, isn't he?

(Wet. Get it, Smith?)




 [alt_zacharias](#) at **2012-06-12 02:38:02**

(no subject)

Oh, hah-bloody-hah.

How could anyone have known that shortcut would turn into a puddle?



 [alt_ron](#) at **2012-06-12 02:42:10**

(no subject)

Some puddle!

Sorry. But he does look a bit drowned, doesn't he?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:46:49](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I don't know, I'd bet there are quite a few people watching who think a wet shirt can be rather fetching.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:49:12](#)
(no subject)

Er.

Yeah.

Um.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:49:22](#)
(no subject)

Ugh.


You think Diggory's fit?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:51:23](#)
(no subject)


I think that many people think Diggory's fit.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 02:57:22](#)
(no subject)

About as dashing as they get in Hufflepuff.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-12 02:50:54](#)
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Albeit cold.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2012-06-12 02:39:02](#)
(no subject)

Bloody hell.

WHAT is that THING?



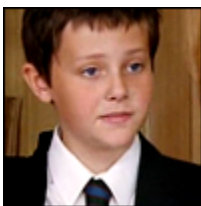
 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-12 02:40:15](#)
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I couldn't tell either, but there's clearly fire involved!



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 02:41:31](#)
(no subject)

I was going to say that's why I like Herbology better than Care of Magical Creatures. But those hedges seem almost bloodthirsty. Wicked, the way they move about. Not to mention the Devil's Snare.



 [alt_michael](#) at [2012-06-12 02:41:47](#)
(no subject)

It looks like someone tried to cross a mantichore or a giant beetle with a fire crab. With a little flobberworm thrown in.


What the hell?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-12 02:43:22](#)
(no subject)

Some sort of Department of Magical Creatures experiment?! It certainly isn't anything Professor Brutka mentioned in lessons!!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:44:36](#)
(no subject)

Harry's lucky he got it stopped before it blasted him. Could've been a hot end for him.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 02:41:19](#)
(no subject)

I think it's a skrewt.

We saw one in the London Zoo.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 02:42:21](#)
(no subject)

It sure is ugly!




 [alt_michael](#) at [2012-06-12 02:42:27](#)
(no subject)

Oh, yeah. A Skrewt.

I've heard of them.

Is THAT what they look like? Yuck!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:43:10](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. It's a skrewt. There was one earlier. I think they may be crawling all over in there.


Dead dangerous, those things!



 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-12 02:44:28](#)
(no subject)

Fast, ugly, enormous and dangerous--always loads of fun!



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-12 02:45:32](#)
(no subject)

Ron,

A what?

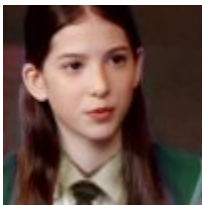
Are they native to England? I've never heard of (or seen) anything like it.

-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 02:47:33](#)
(no subject)


They're apparently found ONLY in the Forbidden Forest -- you know, the one right over there?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 02:47:51](#)
(no subject)

At least, that's what the sign said at the exhibit when we visited.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:51:13](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Apparently one crawled out of the Forest one day and roasted a firstie. It was six or seven years ago. Kind of famous at the time.

They caught it and put it in the zoo.

People used to joke about them.

Or, um. Maybe just the twins.

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Go, Harry, Go!!!!

Good show!!!

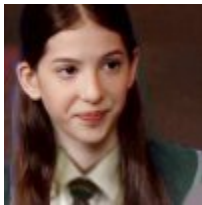
Wait, uh.

Oh. Okay.

Good show, yeah!



 [alt_ron](#)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2012-06-12 03:35:42**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Ugh, are they setting up to do more speeches? We have a winner, let's go on back to our common room and drink butter beer and play exploding snap or something.

THANK MERLIN Harry didn't get himself eaten by anything, so the Lord Protector won't have any reason to be cross.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2012-06-12 03:38:43**

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

Are you kidding? We have to sit here while they talk?

I guess, they've got to get Delacour and Krum and Diggory out of the hospital tent, though. But still.



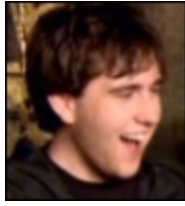
 [alt_hermione](#) at **2012-06-12 03:48:24**


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

And Harry.

I think the venom went to his brain. He's not making sense.

But at least he won. He was worried about that.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 03:56:09](#)

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

Why? What's he saying?

Never mind. I'd probably be off my head if that thing munched on me.

And yeah, he won!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:38:55](#)

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

And now He's leaving.

GOODBYE LORD PROTECTOR

whew.

Pansy, Mr Malfoy looks almost as excited about more speeches as I feel. He's looking in his diary, do you suppose he's hoping to find something more entertaining than Mr Bagman?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 03:36:02](#)

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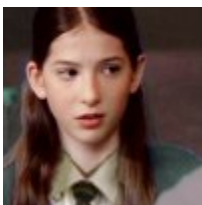
The screen went out for a bit, didn't it?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 03:37:17](#)

(no subject)

Must have been some blip in the magic.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:37:20](#)

(no subject)

Yeah, or something? I definitely saw a flicker.

It's pretty complicated magic, though, and it was

working again right away so at least we didn't miss Harry taking the Cup!



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:36:40](#)**
(no subject)

Good show, Marvolo! TRIWIZARD CHAMPION!



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:57:13](#)**
(no subject)

THREE CHEERS FOR SLYTHERIN AND THREE
CHEERS FOR HOGWARTS!

And congratulations to *all* the champions, of course.

What a night!

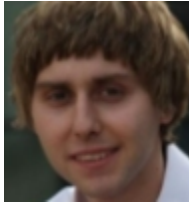
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OOOOH HARRY DO SOMETHING



 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_justin](#) at **2012-06-12 02:43:25**

(no subject)

Hallo, Pansy,

He's got it!

Just in time, too, what?

-Justin



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 02:44:19**

(no subject)

It looked about ready to eat him!




 [alt_gredforge](#) at **2012-06-12 02:43:28**

(no subject)

Something useful, that is. Wouldn't do you any good to stop and sing an aria, say.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2012-06-12 02:44:35**

(no subject)

Well, what he did was much more impressive!



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-12 02:46:37](#)
(no subject)

I say, Neville, it certainly was!

It's jolly exciting, isn't it?

-Justin




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:43:45](#)
(no subject)

Well THAT was incredibly dramatic.

Good show, though, Harry.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:46:11](#)
(no subject)

Too right.

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(no subject)

I dunno if I can take all this milling about just waiting for something else horrid to pop out of the maze.



 **alt_susan**

Glad they've got a moment to catch their breath though.



 **alt_zacharias** at **2012-06-12 02:47:45**

(no subject)

You're the one who just called a Blast-Ended Skret 'loads of fun' Sue, or did you already forget?



 **alt_susan** at **2012-06-12 02:49:15**

(no subject)

That was sarcasm, Zach.



 **alt_padma** at **2012-06-12 02:50:44**

(no subject)

Speaking of horrid... Do you see where Harry's heading?

OOOOOOOH!

KRUM! KRUM's GOT HIS WAND RAISED.

OH, NO, HARRY!

I can't watch



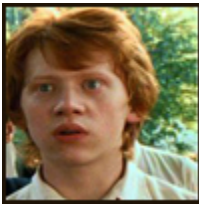
 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:51:20](#)
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Perks, your boyfriend's cheating.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-12 02:53:25](#)
(no subject)

HEY, THAT'S NOT ON!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:53:30](#)
(no subject)

What's Krum doing??




 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 02:55:26](#)
(no subject)

Signing his death warrant?


How in Lakshmi's name does he think he'll get away with duelling Harry in the middle of the maze?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 02:57:21](#)
(no subject)

Looks like Hogwarts has decided to practise a little inter-house Unity.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 02:58:12](#)
(no subject)

Heh.

That was a nice hex from Diggory!



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2012-06-12 02:59:59](#)
(no subject)

Too right!



 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-12 02:55:45](#)
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It looks like bloody unfair play to me!

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Attention!

There are entirely too many people pressing into the hospital tent.

We will finish here far more quickly if we're given room to work.

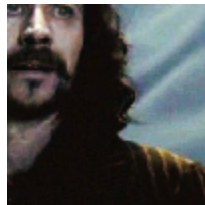
All of the champions will be set right in short order. There is no need for concern.

Headmistress, Professor Froissart, Professor Brutka, Professor Acton-- this means you. All of you.

Out! Now!



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_poppy](#)



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-12 03:54:48](#)

Order Only

Poppy, I saw that Harry's posting. Heard the shouting.

He's won - but is he all right?

Once you've got rid of them all, let me know? Please?



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 03:57:11](#)

Re: Order Only

He's all right, Sirius.

In fact, it's very odd. His leg has all but healed itself.

Later-



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-12 04:01:27](#)

Re: Order Only

Yeah, but what about his ceremony with Voldemort?

I know it's worth your life to say Harry's in no condition to leave.

But



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-12 04:01:59](#)

Re: Order Only

I don't think his night's over yet.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 04:21:27](#)

Re: Order Only

I'm sorry, Sirius.

Professor Lestrangle came here with orders from Buckingham. He took the boy there.

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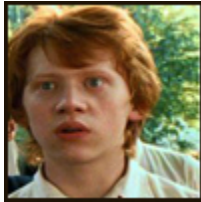
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



What is Krum doing?

Doesn't he know better?

 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_ron](#) at **2012-06-12 02:56:05**

(no subject)

No idea.

It's like something's got him hacked off, and he's decided he's going to be the last one standing in there.

Or something.

Dunno.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 02:58:09**

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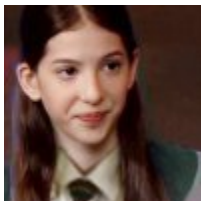
He doesn't look himself at all.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2012-06-12 02:56:10**

(no subject)

I don't know! I thought he'd decided to let Harry win, that's what he sounded like he'd decided!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2012-06-12 02:57:30**

(no subject)

And OF COURSE Patil had to somehow make it my fault.

Ugh.

Here comes Diggory, what's he planning?



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-12 02:57:36](#)
(no subject)

He's moving like a machine, what?

But so quickly.

I'd no idea he could duel like that.

-Justin




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 02:59:54](#)
(no subject)

HE DOESN'T MOVE LIKE THAT.


I mean off a broom. He walks a little like a duck, had you ever noticed?



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-12 03:01:30](#)
(no subject)

What a romantic thing for you to notice.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-12 03:02:49](#)
(no subject)

No, I can't say I ever have done.

Well, he's out now, anyway. Probably for the best, what?


-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:03:53](#)
(no subject)

Definitely for the best.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 03:04:44](#)
(no subject)

I wonder if he's all right. Krum, I mean.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:05:34](#)
(no subject)

I hope so.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 03:08:21](#)
(no subject)

He'll be fine.

Don't worry.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 03:05:59](#)
(no subject)

Looks like they hit him with a stupefy and a body bind.

Nothing he can't recover from.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 03:00:55](#)
(no subject)

Red sparks! And Krum is out.

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Cedric!

Good on you, Cedric! That was brilliant--great teamwork!



 [alt_susan](#)



 [alt_zacharias](#) at **2012-06-12 02:59:18**

Private Message to Sue

Are you mad?

Now it's between him and Harry and he'll Have to step aside.

Poor Ced.



 [alt_susan](#) at **2012-06-12 03:00:53**

Re: Private Message to Sue

No of course I'm not.

Yeah, I wish they could really play it through.



 [alt_eloise](#) at **2012-06-12 03:00:01**

(no subject)

He really is the FITTEST Hufflepuff!! I ~~hope he wins~~



 [alt_susan](#) at **2012-06-12 03:05:39**

(no subject)

I know, way to show the Hufflepuff spirit, right?!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:00:53](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Thank goodness for Diggory.



 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2012-06-12 03:00:56](#)

(no subject)

Way to rescue the Lord Protector's son, Cedric!

Let's have a HOGWARTS TIE for FIRST!



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 03:04:41](#)

(no subject)

Let's not.

Looks like Diggory has more sense than you, Smith.
Not surprising.

They've separated. Harry can still win.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:06:46](#)

(no subject)

It's so exciting that someone from Hogwarts will win, either way!

I'm so proud of us right now. The Protectorate will celebrate tonight!



 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-12 03:08:15](#)

(no subject)

Oh, Zach meant it in good part, you know.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:09:16](#)**
(no subject)

And your boyfriend needs to learn to think before putting his quill to parchment, Bones.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:13:37](#)**
(no subject)

Come on, if Ravenclaw had someone in the Tournament, you'd be well excited too!

Boyfriend?

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A SPHINX

OH.

This is positively the first time I wish I'd been a Champion.



 [alt_padma](#)

Can you imagine? Solving a Sphinx's riddle?

Wow.




 [alt_draco](#) at **2012-06-12 03:09:10**

(no subject)

Yeah, Harry's brilliant at riddles. This ought to take all night no time at all.



 [alt_padma](#) at **2012-06-12 03:10:29**

(no subject)

I wonder what it's asking?

Usually it's the one about walking on four legs at morning, two legs at noon, and three legs at dusk.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 03:13:01**

(no subject)

I think everyone pretty much knows that one.

I wonder if it has to come up with its own riddles?

How smart are Sphinxes anyways? I mean, they can talk and all... but only in riddles.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 03:13:03](#)
(no subject)

Sphinxes have "usual" questions? Bit disappointing, that.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 03:14:52](#)
(no subject)

Well. There are some that they consider their 'classics.' I don't think they'd ask anything too hard in this setting, do you?

Our eagle doesn't seem to have anything like that sort of consideration. There you really can get stuck all night outside the common room if you can't figure out the answer.

But. I'm sure it's got to be a fairly easy one. Because she can't eat him if he gets it wrong.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 03:11:09](#)
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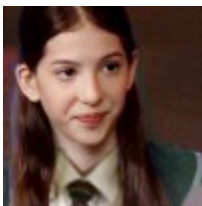
What happens if he gets the answer wrong?


I heard Sphinxes kill you if you don't answer right.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 03:12:26](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, let's hope he gets it right, then.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:12:34](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Well, if the sphinx eats Harry, it'll be awfully hard for Cedric to lose to him.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:14:58](#)

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

Although if the Sphinx eats Harry, and then Diggory comes along and gets the riddle wrong it and it eats Diggory, too, do you suppose they'll let Viktor and Delacour back into the maze?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:15:20](#)

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

THERE see? he's fine. it's letting him pass.

Whew.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 03:16:51](#)

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

But, um

Uh

Do you see the

thuh

uh

spider?!




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:18:16](#)

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

OH MY GOD is that the thing you and Pansy saw in the Forest that time?

They're THAT BIG????



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 03:19:04](#)

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

That thing's ENORMOUS!



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-12 03:20:47](#)

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

Do they have THOSE in the Zoo as well?

I say, that's

Er.

Blimey.

-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:22:09](#)

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

No. Probably because no one wants to feed it.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 03:19:18](#)

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

zzzphwuuh



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 03:20:41](#)


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

This is definitely bigger.

Lots.

They've had two years to grow?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 03:21:48](#)

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

Well, I think it would scare two years off of my life!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:23:09](#)

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

They're not actually going to let it EAT him, are they?

Or will they, if he doesn't send up sparks???



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:18:50](#)

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

I thought the Lord Protector wanted to keep Harry SAFE.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-12 03:20:18](#)

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

That spider has other ideas!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 03:20:52](#)

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

What does he think he's doing?!

He's making it really, really, really freakin hacked off!

It's going to

to

I can't look



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:22:44](#)

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

Yeah, stick with that.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 03:23:24](#)

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

It's better now? He's not chewing on Harry's leg any more...



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 03:26:36](#)

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

It's over?

Argh!

What's Diggory doing?!!!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:23:50](#)

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

Okay, Harry's out of its jaws, at least.

UGH.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 03:20:06](#)

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

What did he try to cast on it? That didn't work even SLIGHTLY.

This is a lot scarier than the sphinx.



 [alt_michael](#) at [2012-06-12 03:24:06](#)
(no subject)

OUCH!

It just bit Harry!

[2012-06-11 23:09:00](#)

Order Only

Holy-- I was just settling me and Scott down for the night, when a patronus whisked into the room. Dumbledore's patronus, telling me to come outside.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)**

I all but tripped over a woman lying on the doorstep. She had a few shreds of rope bonds wrapped around her wrists and ankles--looks like she'd been trussed up like a Christmas goose--but they've been cut.

There was a note pinned to her tunic, and it said, 'I thought you could use a bit of stimulating conversation this evening. Here's to new acquaintances from an old one (I'm sure that you remember that my favourite sweet was Sherbet Lemons. Although I quite approve of the shortbread that Minerva has available in her office instead).'

She's groggy, but she's coming round. And get this: she said her name's *Pleniloquence*.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:32:22](#)**

(no subject)

bloody hell.

the dogstar alpha.

I'll be up in a mo, bringing steve for backup.

bloody fucking hell.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:42:45](#)**

(no subject)

Yes, do that. But calmly, if you can manage it. Don't just come barging in here. She's pretty fried already--looks like she's been tortured--and Scott's jumpy as can be.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2012-06-12 05:07:16](#)**
(no subject)

Right. Frank and I are going to finish giving her a quick physical, and then probably a sleep draught. She was a bit freaked at first, but I think Scott helped calm her down. She remembered Norma.

We'll give you a report tomorrow.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:32:25](#)**
(no subject)

WHAT?!

Wait.

What?



 **[alt_macnair](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:35:38](#)**
(no subject)

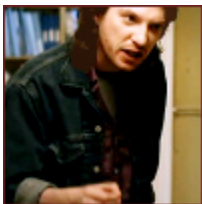
The one who's your lover, if you forgot.


Your leader is a strange man.



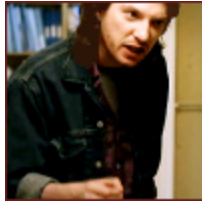
 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:32:38](#)**
(no subject)


What in blazes...?



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:33:38](#)**
(no subject)

What the hell!?



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:35:03](#)**
(no subject)

The ALPHA?

Albus Dumbledore, you SNEAK! HOW DID YOU MANAGE THAT?



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:32:43](#)**
(no subject)


Are you telling us that ALBUS DUMBLEDORE just delivered THE DOGSTAR ALPHA to YOUR DOORSTEP?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:36:22](#)**
(no subject)

yes.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:53:30](#)**
(no subject)

Is she going to be all right, Frank?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-12 05:04:07](#)**
(no subject)

she'll live.

scott had to talk to her for a few minutes before she'd let us give her a sleeping draught.

she's in bad shape, no mistake, but she'll pull through. we'll talk to her in the morning. we're keeping watch tonight.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-12 04:33:37](#)
(no subject)

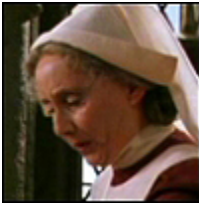
Minerva's OFFICE?

ALBUS WULFRIC BRIAN BLOODY DUMBLEDORE,
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-12 04:34:42](#)
(no subject)

WHAT HE SAID.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 04:33:51](#)
(no subject)


Pleniloquence?

Ridley?!

Well.

Gracious.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-12 04:34:23](#)
(no subject)

THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH CAPITAL LETTERS IN
THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO LET ME FULLY
EXPRESS MY FEELINGS ON THIS.

SHORTBREAD IN MINERVA's

ALBUS YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE IN AMERICA

...

WHAT



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-12 04:35:49](#)
(no subject)


he is bloody infuriating, isn't he?



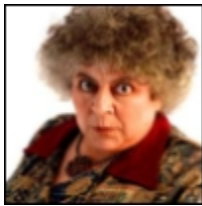
 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-12 04:36:28](#)
(no subject)

INFURIATING DOES NOT EVEN BEGIN TO COVER IT.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-12 05:11:59](#)
(no subject)


I'll say. I'd like to cut out his liver for a fry-up.



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-12 04:34:36](#)
(no subject)


Wait. The shortbread?



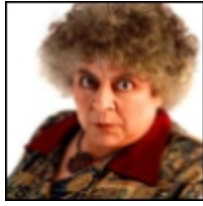
 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-12 04:36:46](#)
(no subject)

SCREW THE SHORTBREAD!



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-12 04:37:36](#)
(no subject)

HE GAVE US THE ALPHA!



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-12 04:38:34](#)
(no subject)

And how does he know about the contents of Minerva's office?

That **man**.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 04:40:28](#)
(no subject)

Do you need a calming draught, young man?


You needn't shout.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-12 04:38:00](#)
(no subject)

Bill, this means that not only is Dumbledore in the Protectorate, he's actually been AT HOGWARTS recently enough to have snooped through Minerva's desk.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-12 04:40:22](#)
(no subject)

How? HOW DID HE DO THAT?!



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-12 04:41:33](#)
(no subject)

Invisibility?
His own personal spy network?
Disguised himself as a house elf?



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-12 04:41:38](#)
(no subject)

That is what several of us would dearly like to know.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2012-06-12 04:41:34](#)
(no subject)

I think he saw Harry tonight.

I think.


Because Harry said someone took him and had a timeturner and told him he had a cousin named Dudley Dursley and that's the boy Terry says is with him.

That's why Sirius was upset, wasn't it, Mr Lupin?

Which means...

I think Professor Dumbledore's using polyjuice to replace Professor Brutka.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 04:44:23](#)
(no subject)


Gracious.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-12 04:44:48](#)
(no subject)

Brutka? OUR Professor Brutka? The Transfiguration teacher?!



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:48:11](#)**
(no subject)

The Transfiguration teacher?

Bloody hell. That was Dumbledore's subject, right?

Minerva? You really had no idea?!



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:45:25](#)**
(no subject)

When was Mr Marvolo taken?



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-12 05:05:30](#)**
(no subject)

I don't know, Harry hasn't explained it all yet.

Madam Pomfrey, He killed someone. Right in front of Harry.

It's over now but

Poor Harry.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:44:33](#)**
(no subject)

OH, NO.

Harry says the Lord Protector tried to make Harry kill someone!!!!

What do I do?

I don't know

He's at Buckingham! Should we send someone there? Professor Dumbledore? What do we do?



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 04:46:22](#)
(no subject)

Yes, Albus.

A suggestion at this juncture would be most appreciated.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 04:50:03](#)
(no subject)

Since it's clear you read what we're writing here. And act on it. When you've a mind to.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2012-06-12 04:52:21](#)
(no subject)

Miss Granger, I do not believe it wise to take any action.

I felt the Mark, as I'm sure Professor McGonagall did, a few minutes ago. I'm sure that wherever Harry is, he is surrounded by the Dark Lord's loyal followers.

It would be folly to charge in without any idea what is occurring.

It is reasonable to surmise that Minerva will do what she can to protect him.



 [alt_macnair](#) at [2012-06-12 04:55:56](#)
(no subject)

You're forgetting me. Felt it too.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2012-06-12 04:58:17](#)
(no subject)

I presume you are able to speak for yourself, as you have done.

Minerva is somewhat preoccupied at present.

As am I.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 05:01:36](#)

(no subject)

Severus. If you require anything for pain, my ward is quiet now.

Walden? Where are you? Your Mark must have summoned you, as well? Are you all right?



 [alt_macnair](#) at [2012-06-12 05:03:46](#)

(no subject)

Nowhere near Hogwarts. But if help with that woman is needed, say the word.

I'm fine. It's nothing to me now.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-12 05:05:34](#)

(no subject)

I think we've got things sorted for now. What she needs most is sleep. She's had a very rough time of it.

But thank you. I'll let you know if things change tomorrow.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-12 05:08:28](#)

(no subject)

thanks for the offer man. a hand would be good to have in the morning, if you're able.

2012-06-11 23:14:00

*Private Message to Claudius Yaxley
and Mafalda Hopkirk*

All complete. Nothing amiss.

Will remain here until all loose ends are
bound up.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

2012-06-11 23:18:00

EW EW EWWWWWWW!

Where did they get THAT?!



 [alt_lavender](#)



 [alt_michael](#) at [2012-06-12 03:22:34](#)

(no subject)

They're in the Forest.

Why do you think we're not supposed to go in there?

YIKES!

DID YOU SEE THAT? Whoa.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2012-06-12 03:26:37](#)

(no subject)

Well I certainly don't ever want to!!



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 03:23:26](#)

(no subject)

Under Goyle's bed.

Hopefully, it'll hurt Harry badly enough that he has to go straight to the hospital wing - after he's somehow managed to make his way to the cup and win, of course.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2012-06-12 03:25:50](#)

(no subject)

Ugh, that's not even funny!

Did you see their *legs*?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 03:28:52](#)
(no subject)

Of course it's funny! Ridiculously funny, in fact.

Well, there's Diggory done, I think.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 03:29:31](#)
(no subject)

Are you feeling all right? Did your father let you drink wine or something?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 03:30:54](#)
(no subject)

Unfortunately, no, he didn't.

I'm fine, though.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-12 03:27:04](#)
(no subject)

What do you mean, hopefully?

Why does Harry want to go to the

OOOOH! Oh, RAMA, LOOK AT CEDRIC



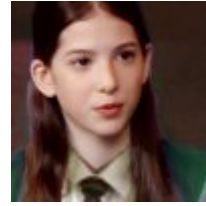
 [alt_lavender](#) at [2012-06-12 03:28:34](#)
(no subject)

Get up, you silly boy, you are far too fit to die!

2012-06-11 23:23:00

Private message to Pansy

Have you found Draco yet? Do you think he went with Harry?



 [alt_sally_anne](#)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2012-06-12 04:26:29**

(no subject)

He's not in the common room and Teddy says he's not up in the boys' dorm.

It is LOUD in here.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 04:27:51**

(no subject)

No?

Maybe he's with his parents. I'll check and see.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-12 04:30:54**

(no subject)

Here he is.

He looks a bit pale?

I'd better go and see to him.

2012-06-11 23:28:00

Private message to Chloe

Our Lord is summoning us.

I was not expecting this. Don't wait up.



 [**alt_selwyn**](#)

2012-06-11 23:30:00

(no subject)

TRIWIZARD CHAMPION! COME ON HARRY!



 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2012-06-12 03:31:50**

(no subject)

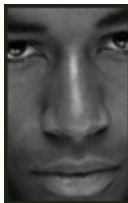
HARRY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



 [alt_ernie](#) at **2012-06-12 03:32:34**

(no subject)

GO MARVOLO! GO HOGWARTS!



 [alt_blaise](#) at **2012-06-12 03:34:48**

(no subject)

Good show, Harry!

Really well done!

2012-06-11 23:36:00

Congratulations, Harry!


Well done, young man!

And to all four Champions, good show.



 **alt_lucius**



 **alt_selwyn** at **2012-06-12 03:42:30**

Private message to Lucius

MORE speeches? What crime did we all commit that merits this level of punishment?

If it had to be Bagman, I'd much rather have him showing us flying maneuvers. Or anything at all, really.

At least the tournament was quite exciting. Quite the array of creatures in there.

2012-06-11 23:38:00

Private Message to Draco Malfoy and Hermione Granger



I'm waiting to get my leg looked at.

Cedric's getting treated right now.

 [alt_harry](#)

I have a cousin.

Dudley.

I have a cousin named Dudley, and he's alive. In Lincoln. Dudley Dursley.

And I saw where mum and dad were buried. And where our house used to be.

It's beautiful.

I can't

I'll have to tell you later what happened. I'll tell you everything. No-one's said anything so I guess the timeturner brought me back at the right time. I still can't sort it all out and I don't know what will happen at Buckingham, but I just won the tournament, and I have a cousin. And I think everything's going to be okay.



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2012-06-12 03:45:05**
(no subject)

~~I know~~ How do you know you have a cousin? What did that spider venom do?

Of course it's going to be okay. Madam Pomfrey can fix anything.

What timeturner?



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:46:40](#)**
(no subject)

there was a portkey.

I was gone for an hour.

Brutka took me. Only he wasn't Brutka. He was someone else. I'll tell you when I get back.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:52:39](#)**
(no subject)

What? Who was he?

Should I come down to the hospital tent?



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:54:31](#)**
(no subject)

I don't want you coming along to Buckingham.

I'm fine. Don't worry.


And I can't say. Not over this. But I will when I come back.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:59:52](#)**
(no subject)

I'm coming to Buckingham.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:01:49](#)**
(no subject)

I still don't know what it is.

No-one does.

Not even your Father.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2012-06-12 04:01:28](#)**
(no subject)

I mean, even if no one says I have to come, I'm coming.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:54:07](#)**
(no subject)

Bruka poisoned you with a Spider??

Portkey -

That's why the feed went funny, isn't it.

You Father left as soon as you had won. Thought you should know.

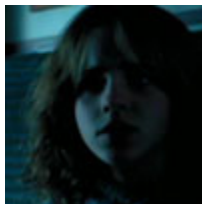
Good show, mate.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:56:01](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.

Thanks.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-12 03:57:29](#)**
(no subject)

And kidnapped him, too.

A portkey and a timeturner.

Harry, where's the timeturner? Hide it before you go to Buckingham or He might find it.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:00:34](#)
(no subject)

He took it back.

He came to the hospital tent and I gave it back to him.

And it was sort of a kidnapping, but not really.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 04:25:43](#)
(no subject)

Granger - I tried to make Raz take me with him, but he stupefied me. He wouldn't listen...

I wanted to be there, just in case - well, be there for whatever it's going to be. I wanted to be there with him.

But if Raz was supposed to bring you along, too, he would have done by now.

So you should be alright.

2012-06-12 00:04:00

Private Message to Razzer

Sorry not to reply earlier. Sure you were just as distracted.



Believe the Matron is about finished treating the lad. Take it you shall be leaving immediately?

 **alt_lucius**

He did splendidly. With any luck Our Lord will not be displeased.



 **alt_rabastan** at **2012-06-12 04:09:21**

(no subject)

I'm getting him now.

Lucius, do you really think we should be doing this - I mean to say, do you really think he won't be displeased? He left so quickly. Not sure what to make of that.



 **alt_lucius** at **2012-06-12 04:11:45**

(no subject)

If you wish to face the consequences of defying Our Lord, Raz, by all means, see how that goes.

The same could be said for Harry.




 **alt_rabastan** at **2012-06-12 04:13:08**

(no subject)

There's consequences either way, aren't there.

I've got him. He seems calm. That's a good start.



 **alt_lucius** at **2012-06-12 04:14:23**

(no subject)

Good luck.

Is Draco with you? He wasn't Summoned was he?



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-12 04:18:05](#)
(no subject)

No he's not, and plenty hacked off about it, too. Was insisting he be allowed to come along. I had to, ah, dissuade him.

Will be there in just a moment.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2012-06-12 04:19:20](#)
(no subject)

Ah.

His mother was looking for him. We'll find him.

And my thanks.

2012-06-12 00:05:00

Order Only

Sirius.


I have the boy here on the ward. He's suffering shock, but he is in one piece.



 **alt_poppy**

I've sent Professor Lestrage off to his own rooms (with a palliative to lessen the effects of Crucio), and the ward is otherwise clear. If you wished to slip very carefully in here to make a quick visit.



 **alt_sirius** at **2012-06-12 05:10:33**
(no subject)

I'm on my way.

Thanks.

2012-06-12 00:25:00

Private Message to Narcissa

Dearest,

I've found Draco. He was near the hospital tent, not unsurprisingly. He tried to insist that Raz take him to Buckingham but Raz wisely subdued him.

He's fine.

We're on our way to

Pardon.

Our Lord calls.

Back soon.



 [alt_lucius](#)

2012-06-12 00:37:00

Private Message to Draco and Hermione

He's angry.

He wanted me to kill someone. I tried. And I couldn't.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_draco](#) at **2012-06-12 04:44:56**

(no subject)

What - he made you do.. what?

Just now?

Not... it wasn't Father, was it?



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-12 04:46:00**

(no subject)

no.

It was the dogstar woman.

The leader.

She looked awful.

But he's awfully angry at everyone and



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-12 04:48:24**

(no subject)

sorry.

Everyone's standing in a line and he cruciated Raz and then he got to Mr Travers and just lifted his wand and killed him and then he looked right at me and said

that's how it's done.

And your father



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:49:04](#)
(no subject)

he's next in line



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 04:49:29](#)
(no subject)

What.. .what's happened to Father?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:51:18](#)
(no subject)

Okay.

Okay.

He's cruciating him too.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 04:52:23](#)
(no subject)

Oh



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 04:54:10](#)
(no subject)

Why'd he want you to kill that woman? He can kill anyone he wants to, whenever he wants to.

So why?

Is that how you get on the council?



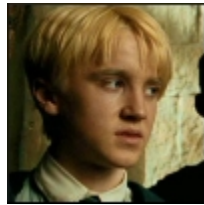
 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:57:01](#)
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I don't know.

He wanted me to hold my snitch while I did it.

The first snitch I caught in a match.

He didn't say why.



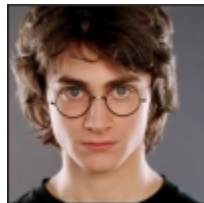
 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 05:16:03](#)
(no subject)

Hold your... snitch. As in quidditch?

That's... really bloody peculiar.

I mean, on top of being mad. But we already knew about the mad part.

Are you alright now?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 05:16:12](#)
(no subject)

I don't know.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:52:38](#)
(no subject)

I think

I think that's all.

Bloody hell.

I think that's all he's going to do.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:58:21](#)
(no subject)

Raz and your father are going to be okay.

They're going to be okay.

Promise.

I think he's done.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 04:59:05](#)
(no subject)

For now, you mean.



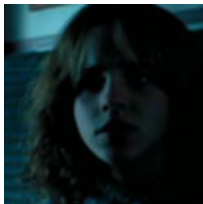
 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 05:12:51](#)
(no subject)

Yeah.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:44:56](#)
(no subject)

and I'm not sure what happened but my wand and his wand got all weird and then Brutka came in from nowhere and took the person I was supposed to kill only he wasn't pretending to be Brutka any more and they disappeared and now everyone's here and he's yelling and he just cruciated Raz.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2012-06-12 04:46:16](#)
(no subject)

What?

That doesn't make any

He Cruciated Professor Lestrage?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:50:08](#)
(no subject)

he's mad, Hermione.

His eyes are all red and he's just bloody mad.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-12 04:47:15](#)
(no subject)

Why is Professor Brutka EVERYWHERE tonight and
WHAT IS HE DOING?

What do you mean your wands got weird?

And Raz...

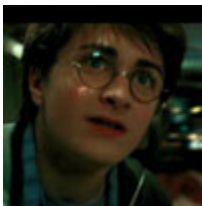
This is all happening now, isn't it, bloody nightshade-



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2012-06-12 04:45:29](#)
(no subject)

Oh, Harry!

Are you at Buckingham? I could send Hedwig to
Sinbad.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-12 04:46:58](#)
(no subject)

NO!

no.

I'm somewhere else.

He just killed someone.

I think it was Mr Travers but I'm not sure.

[2012-06-12 09:41:00](#)

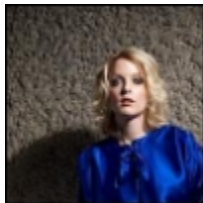
Well done!

Congratulations to all four champions, for an exciting evening.



 [alt_sinistra](#)

Students - if you have a question for me, the journal's the best way to reach me at the moment, as I'll be juggling marking and some other tasks.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **[2012-06-12 13:56:00](#)**

Private message to Narcissa Malfoy

Narcissa -

In the dark hours last night, my thoughts kept circling back to our conversation in April. About how necessary it is to be a support and not a detriment, in particular. Just, some of it's hard to tell about, till you have a real test, isn't it?

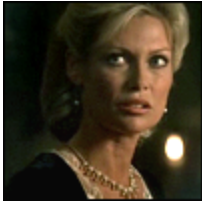
And I worry that.. well. I'm used to being able to see everything laid out before me, in tidy charts and calculations. Something measureable, anyway. Defined. And then being able to do something with it, make some improvement. (Curse and blessing of my house, that.)

This - Council business, I mean - I only see the faintest edges and hints, and it's an entirely new set of challenges. More Quidditch than stars, and I'm afraid of the collisions. I keep being worried I'll make things worse - for Raz, for Harry, for others - by some suggestion. And yet, saying nothing is clearly not helpful either. ~~Every metaphor I try feels splinched.~~

(And Raz was ... stubborn last night, which I understand, but has its own complications.)

Looking at this, my mind's clearly running away on its own, and I hesitate to bother you. It's certainly not urgent at this point. ~~I hope.~~ But if nothing else, perhaps we could talk further once I'm up in New London for the summer, between my various YPL commitments.

I admire the balance you've found more every day.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2012-06-12 17:32:56](#)

Re: Private message to Narcissa Malfoy

Aurora,

I -

Well. Thank you, for your vote of confidence. Days like yesterday do rather test one's sense of perspective, I admit.

'Stubborn' is as good an adjective for any Councilwizard as I have ever heard, my dear. They are all stoic to a fault. I find it hard to resist the instinct to comfort but there are times when you're quite right, it does more harm than good. It seems to me that any man prefers not to have his weaknesses laid bare, no matter the source, and at such times our altogether justifiable impulse merely presents to them as an uncomfortable reminder of whatever shortcomings they are struggling to conquer.

I assure you, it may look effortless, but knowing when to speak to my husband and when to let him be is a skill only developed over long years of partnership. I confess that when it comes to others, who may be dear but with whom my acquaintance is not as complete, it is much harder to judge the appropriate response. Often the best thing to do is the hardest thing, which is to wait until we are needed and be ready to offer what solace is ours to give.

The good news is that such times inevitably pass, eventually.

We are undeniably the luckiest of people, to live where we do and how we do. I hold that thought in my heart and find that it strengthens me.

Please do spend time with me in New London. I still owe you that spa day, after all. I daresay we could both use it!



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-12 18:02:38](#)

Re: Private message to Narcissa Malfoy

Narcissa -

Thank you. I am reassured that there's nothing crucial I'm missing or failing at entirely. And more and more certain that restraint is a virtue I should continue to

nurture. (And as to stubborn, yes. I have added several items to my list of conversations clearly better not had at the moment in the last day.)

And you are quite right as to the luck and good fortune - and that keeping in mind the very wonderful parts is a fixed star to be sure of.

As to New London, I'd like that, please. Though your usual day at the spa is the first Wednesday, isn't it? In July, I'll be shepherding first years through Tintagel. August is a bit more possible.

If another day works better, please suggest. I do need to be at everything for the YPL, but could get away some days from the CCF weeks - I've just no idea which yet, but hope to by the 25th at the latest.

Regardless of the occasion, I'd love to see you and talk further. And in the meantime, all my best, to both you and your husband.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-12 14:02:05**

Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Poppy -

I hope everything's been quiet for you since they got back last night, and that the observing healers were not too difficult.

May I stop by and pick up a sleeping potion for myself for tonight sometime today?

And perhaps might we aim for tea, oh, Thursday or Friday?



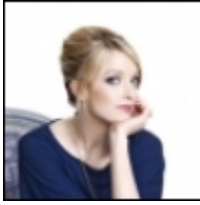
 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-12 20:43:29**

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

I would be very glad to have tea. Let's make it Thursday, shall we? That leaves us Friday if some unforeseen chaos overtakes our first plan.

And I would be pleased to prepare something for you. You've only ever to ask, you know.

Stop in whenever it's convenient. Things here are quite mad, but your presence will be a bright spot amidst the mayhem.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-12 21:17:21**

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Thank you. I really am trying to be sensible. For all sorts of reasons.

(And you do know that my not asking is never about you, I hope. All about me.)

Thursday would be excellent, and give me something to look forward to. I'll stop down in a little to see you - just want to finish this next set of chart marking.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-12 14:10:05**

Private message to Cedric Diggory

Well played last night, truly. You have so much to be proud of in how you've handled such challenging circumstances and all their pitfalls, above and beyond your very real skills.

If you need to talk, let me know? And of course if there's difficulties for the House that need tending to, though I hope people will let things be.

2012-06-12 10:08:00

(no subject)


Fleur, Viktor, Cedric, it was an honour to compete against you.

And thanks, everyone.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-12 14:12:38**

Private Message to Raz

Are you okay?

I'm sorry.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at **2012-06-12 22:03:58**

Re: Private Message to Raz

Physically? I'll recover.

We should talk soon.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-13 00:22:43**

Re: Private Message to Raz

Yeah.



 [alt_lana](#) at **2012-06-12 14:13:53**

(no subject)

Bravo, all!

And three cheers !!! for Harry Marvolo, Protectorate Champi



 **[alt_harry](#) at 2012-06-12 14:16:15**

Private Message to Diggory

I might've picked up the cup, but you won it.

Thanks.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-12 14:21:35**

(no subject)

Well done, Mr Marvolo, indeed.



 **[alt_harry](#) at 2012-06-12 14:31:15**

Private Message to Professor Sinistra

thanks professor siz.

How is he?



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-12 14:40:24**


Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

Stubborn.

I'm hoping he might doze a little longer yet this morning, but he'll mend.

He was more worried about you.




 **[alt_harry](#) at 2012-06-12 14:44:22**

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

okay.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2012-06-12 14:46:43](#)**

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

and I'm fine.

I mean

a lot happened.

So yeah.

I will be.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-12 14:52:46](#)**

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

I've heard that line before. Recently.

Look. You don't need to talk to me, truly.

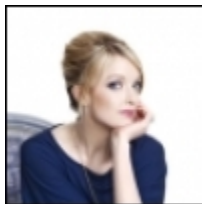
But I'm handy at the moment.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2012-06-12 14:59:24](#)**

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

I'm okay with not talking right now. But thanks.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-12 15:04:57](#)**

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

That, I understand.

I spent most of March like that.

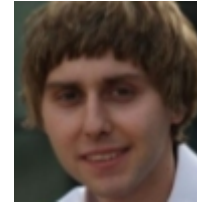
(I'd recommend not letting it go quite that long.)

2012-06-12 11:29:00

Letter of Intent (Lettre D'Intention)

Good morning,

After consulting with the Ministry of Magic's Department for Protectorate Affairs, Division of Purity Control, and the Department for International Magical Cooperation, I have sought and been formally granted permission to remain in the Protectorate.



 [alternity](#)
 [alt_justin](#)

I, Justin Finch-Fletchley, accordingly do hereby willingly revoke my status as a wizard of France and here announce my allegiance to the Lord Protector of England. I have withdrawn from enrollment at Beauxbatons Academy and have been transferred to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as a member of House Hufflepuff.

It was my great fortune to have been adopted by a country with such a long and rich magical history as France. However, on visiting my native home, it became clear to me that for a magical society to achieve true greatness, it must take its rightful place as a leader of its people. The Lord Protector has exemplified leadership to such an extent that it is impossible to consider returning to a land where wizards are not revered as is their due. I believe that Hogwarts' performance in the Tri-Wizard Tournament reinforces the Protectorate's standards and prominence among all magical peoples.

It is my great hope that this decision shall represent a sign to my adoptive country that all trueborn witches and wizards must rise up for their belief in Wizarding supremacy. I look forward to realising the rights, privileges and duties incumbent on all Citizens to ensure our future by securing our present.

I wish to thank the Ministry personnel who have made this possible: Mr Stephen Rosier, Mr Dominic Selwyn, Mr Reginald Helpmann, Mr Roderick Pontner and all their staff. I also wish to thank Professor Étienne-Roland Froissart of Beauxbatons, who has been exceedingly kind always, and to whom no blame should fall for my decision. In the end, it was a matter of knowing where I belong.

Mr Rosier has asked me to appear at a conference for the press this afternoon at Hogwarts, where I look forward to meeting the family who have volunteered to become my foster-parents.

And to my former schoolmates, best of luck, my friends. I hope we meet again soon.

Thank you.

Bonjour,

Après consultation avec le Ministère de la Magie Département des Affaires Protectorat, Division de la Lutte Pureté, et le ministère de la Coopération internationale magique, j'ai cherché et a été officiellement accordé la permission de rester dans le Protectorat.

Moi-même, Justin Finch-Fletchley, en conséquence ne présente volontiers révoquer mon statut en tant que magicien de la France et ici annoncer mon allégeance à la Lord Protecteur d'Angleterre. J'ai retiré de l'inscription à Beauxbâtons Académie et ont été transférés à l'école d'Hogwarts de Sorcellerie en tant que membre de la Maison Hufflepuff.

C'était ma grande chance d'avoir été adopté par un pays avec une telle histoire longue et riche magique comme la France. Cependant, en visitant mon pays natal, il est devenu clair pour moi que pour une société magique pour atteindre la vraie grandeur, elle doit prendre sa juste place en tant que conducteur de son peuple. Le Protecteur du Seigneur symbolise le direction à un point tel qu'il est impossible d'envisager un retour vers une terre où les sorcières ne sont pas vénéré comme leur est convenable. Je crois que la performance de Hogwarts dans le tournoi Tri-Wizard renforce les normes du Protectorat et sa place parmi tous les peuples magiques.

Il est mon grand espoir que cette décision représente un signe à mon pays d'adoptif que toutes les sorcières et les magiciens aux naissance vrais doit se lever pour leur croyance en la suprématie des sorcières. Je suis impatient de réaliser les droits, privilèges et obligations qui incombent à tous les citoyens pour assurer notre avenir en assurant notre présent.

Je tiens à remercier le personnel du ministère qui ont rendu cela possible: M. Stephen Rosier, M. Dominic Selwyn, M. Reginald Helpmann, M. Roderick Pontner et tout leur personnel. Je tiens également à remercier le professeur Étienne-Roland Froissart de Beauxbâtons, qui a été extrêmement genre toujours, et à qui aucune faute devrait tomber de ma décision. En fin de compte, c'était une

question de savoir où j'appartiens.

M. Rosier m'a demandé de comparaître lors d'une conférence pour la presse cet après-midi aux Hogwarts, où je me réjouis de rencontrer la famille qui se sont portés volontaires pour devenir mes parents nourriciers.

Et à mes anciens camarades de classe, les meilleurs de la chance, mes amis. J'espère que nous retrouverons bientôt.

Merci Beaucoup.

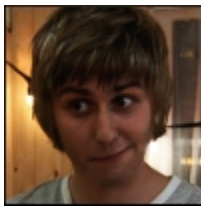


 **[alt_terry](#) at 2012-06-12 16:46:53**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Don't ever think that you don't have courage.

You'll show them all.



 **[alt_justin](#) at 2012-06-12 17:07:45**

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

Cheers, Terry.

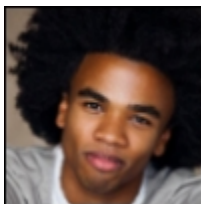
-Justin



 **[alt_gredforge](#) at 2012-06-12 16:53:38**

(no subject)

Congratulations!



 **[alt_lee](#) at 2012-06-12 16:55:49**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

The twins asked me to add: 'Excellent bit of smarmy sucking up. You'll doubtless go far.'

Hey Justin, congratulations from me, too. You'll like Hufflepuff. I have a lot of good friends in that House.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-12 17:04:31](#)

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

Thanks, Lee.

I wish I could say I wrote every word but it was partly drafted by a bloke in Mr Selwyn's office, what? I did add a few phrases. They reviewed it for approval.

But I wanted to try to ease Professor Froissart's mind about going home.

As for Hufflepuff, Professor Sprout's had me up to the dormitories to meet my new roommates. I say, it's quite cosy in here.

-Justin



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 19:23:28](#)

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

I figured as much. It did sound rather official.

And Susan Bones is a good person. I hope you get a chance to get to know her a bit better, because she's certainly worth knowing.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-12 17:06:52](#)

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Thank you.

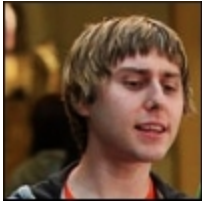
-Justin



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2012-06-12 19:15:29](#)

(no subject)

Congratulations and welcome home.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-13 01:59:07](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Finnigan. And for your advice earlier.
Much appreciated, what?

-Justin



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 19:53:16](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure Hufflepuff will be glad to have you, and I
know that we're the better for your presence.

I'm so glad to have come to know you during your
stay here, and I'm glad you're staying on for good.




 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-13 02:00:29](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Pansy.

I say, that's kind of you to say.

-Justin



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 20:21:58](#)
(no subject)

Glad you're staying.

Shame it's not Gryffindor, though.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-13 02:01:24](#)
(no subject)

Ron,

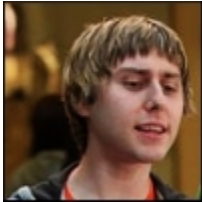
That's quite a compliment, what! I'm jolly glad to
hear you say it.

-Justin



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2012-06-12 20:24:36](#)**
(no subject)

Glad you're joining us, mate.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-13 02:04:22](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, MacMillan,

I'm sure it'll be smashing to share the dormitories with you, Smith, Hopkins, Summers and Stebbins. It's jolly comfortable, isn't it? If I'd known, I should have joined the House ages ago, what?

-Justin



 **[alt_megan](#)** at **[2012-06-12 20:31:23](#)**
(no subject)

I think it's really nice that you're going to be in Hufflepuff.

I hope you'll like us.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-13 02:05:05](#)**
(no subject)

Hullo, Megan,

I'm sure I shall do. Cheers.

-Justin



 **[alt_eloise](#)** at **[2012-06-12 22:06:02](#)**
(no subject)

F-F is going to be in Hufflepuff, how exciting!!

Welcome to Hogwarts, F-F!! Well, I know you've already been here a while, but welcome just the same!!

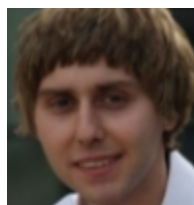


 [alt_zacharias](#) at [2012-06-12 23:06:37](#)

(no subject)

Ease off, El. He's not going to want to snog you, you know.

Welcome again, Justin. Like I said before, I'll introduce you round the sett and you'll feel at home in no time. Fleet and Bobolis are already looking forward to getting you in our Fantasy Quidditch league for next year.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-13 02:09:02](#)

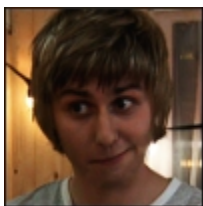
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I say, Zach,

Cheers, thanks very much. I already feel quite at home thanks to your welcomes.

I've not played in a Fantasy Quidditch league before. One doesn't need a broom, does one? Or any skill at all, what?

-Justin



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-13 02:07:13](#)

(no subject)

Hullo, Midgen,

Yes, it's true I've been at Hogwarts for a while but it jolly well is different, now, isn't it?

I say, thanks for the welcome.

-Justin



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-12 22:07:35](#)
(no subject)

Congratulations, and welcome to Hogwarts.

Good luck on the first meeting with your foster family, as well.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-13 02:10:47](#)
(no subject)

Hello, Hydra,

Thanks very much. It's jolly kind of you.

I enjoyed meeting them. I think it's going to be fine, what?


-Justin



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-12 23:09:02](#)
Order Only

Bugger. Just saw this.

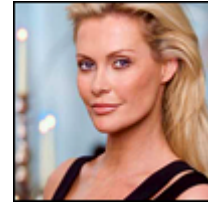


 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-13 14:22:22](#)
(no subject)

Cheers, Finch-Fletchley! We'll be looking forward to having you in the Sett next term.

2012-06-12 13:39:00

(no subject)



 [alt_narcissa](#)

It was an exciting end to a year full of extraordinary thrills. Harry, Mr Malfoy and I extend our heartiest congratulations, again. Very well done, indeed. I cannot be prouder of how you've grown and developed in your magical skills. You've been a credit to us all. I'm sorry to have missed you in the clamour afterward but I understand you are recovering from your minor wounds with no lasting trauma.

We're very much looking forward to having you and Draco home again for a short time, until the YPL calls you to share your skills with your younger charges. We've a celebration planned, of course, in honour of Draco's birthday and now your unsurprising but no less welcome victory.

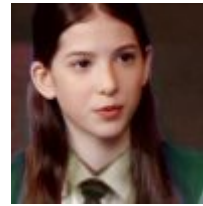
And *bienvenue*, M Finch-Fletchley, to the Protectorate. May you find everything you are looking for here. It's most gratifying to see that Our Lord's efforts are not in vain, if young people such as yourself respond to His promise for a better future for us all. One hopes you are right and the time shall not be long away when France and England share more in common than ever before.

The last few days have been so eventful it's hard to settle down to business, I daresay. But there are obligations which have to be met, if not today, then tomorrow, certainly. It's hard to believe June is nearly half over already! Still *Witch Weekly's* columns cannot wait, nor do they write themselves.

2012-06-12 14:18:00

An exciting end to the year

Harry: congratulations. And well done, especially against that spider.



 **alt_sally_anne**

Finch-Fletchley: congratulations. And welcome to the Protectorate. I trust you'll never have reason to regret staying.

Pansy: four days with no lessons and no homework! I say we get started right now revising for next year's, what do you think?



 **alt_sally_anne** at **2012-06-12 19:21:52**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Just kidding about next year's homework. Maybe it'll make Patil all competitive and she'll waste the lovely weather in Ravenclaw Tower so we don't get ahead of her.



 **alt_pansy** at **2012-06-12 19:28:52**

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

Hah!

I bet if we said we were going out for a walk, she'd immediately put on her exercise robes and run circles around us just to show us up.



 **alt_pansy** at **2012-06-12 19:29:48**


(no subject)

Is it too soon to dread OWLs?

I think it's too soon.

Let's hold off for another month at least.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 20:14:52](#)
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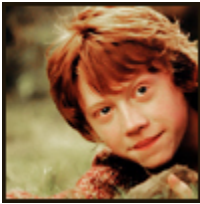
It's completely too soon.


Come out to the pitch and let's see what they've done to it!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-12 20:17:19](#)
(no subject)

You're on, tuna brain.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-12 20:14:15](#)
(no subject)

Well. Two out of three.

But seriously, did someone slip something in your pumpkin juice at lunch?

Let's go out and see what they've done to the pitch! Come on.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-12 20:23:53](#)
(no subject)

I'm coming.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2012-06-13 14:23:18](#)
(no subject)

What would you lot say to a quick Teatime before we go?
It's been a while.

2012-06-12 14:22:00

Order Only: Private message to Padfoot

Did you see him last night?

Did he tell you what happened?

It was traumatic enough on our end, and we generally assume that Dumbledore is on our side. I can't imagine what Harry went through last night.



 [alt_lupin](#)



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2012-06-12 20:23:57**

(no subject)

I did.

I let him talk. *Made* him talk, at times. Knew he had to get it all out, good or ill.

He's nine kinds of terrified, Remus. I hate that I didn't have any answers for him. I just He's trying so hard not to let it get to him. But there were a couple times when he just needed I wish Molly'd been there. Maybe he wouldn't have pulled away so soon from her. A mother, you know?

Merlin. I need to keep moving if I'm going to get home tomorrow but when I stop for the night, perhaps I can write it up for us all.

Been thinking about what you said, too. About how much worse it is to use his own goodness against him. Thinking about James's father, a lot.

[2012-06-12 15:46:00](#)

Order Only

After the St Mungo's contingent left me alone, last night was reasonably quiet. Today? Chaos.



This always happens when exams and lessons have finished and the pupils have nothing in particular to occupy them, but it's far worse today than I remember it. The Maze has inspired mayhem. Pranks of sundry sorts and duelling in the corridors--either in imitation of the Champions or in furtherance of disputes about their conduct. (I've had no fewer than seven Durmstrang students in here with hex injuries because it's alleged that Viktor Krum used unsportsmanlike tactics against the Hogwarts champions. And there have been altercations between the French and others, though I cannot tell whether it was the task or the defection that set them off.)

 **[alt_poppy](#)**

Most spectacularly, someone managed to replicate the fire-breathing dragon illusion and set several of them racing through the corridors. I have been treating the singed and trampled for the past hour and a half, and have only now got through the lot of them. Meanwhile, my reception has filled up with other duellists, plus those with sun poisoning and other ailments attending on various overindulgences.

Which makes me think. Minerva, I would feel very much better if you would check in with me and let me know whether you are in need of my care.

Sirius. It was good to see you.

Kingsley. How goes it with your guest?

Albus. I would appreciate a word at your earliest convenience. Today, that is.



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2012-06-12 21:35:45](#)**

(no subject)

Who on earth managed the dragon illusions? Quite a bit more complex than our usual run of pranks.

I've been trying to clear the chaos as best I can but we've had any number of high spirits nearer the outdoor plantings

than I'd like. And especially with various staff not so available as might be. (Minerva. Albus. And Aurora and her Raz for other reasons.)

And then, while we've not foreign students in our common room, a good dozen students wanting a word with me about our new addition one way or another. I am glad to report that Diggory's being his reliable self, which is a blessing.

I am also curious as to the answers to your questions.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-12 21:51:56](#)**
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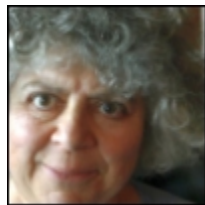
NEWTs, one supposes. Can't imagine anyone younger could have done it. Could have been from one of the delegations, I suppose.

Speaking of which, have you heard any of the rumours about Karkaroff? Wild things are apparently being said. About Krum, as well.

Not in realm of rumour: we're lucky to have Minerva and Professor Lestrangle back with us today, however delicate their conditions. They were fortunate to escape.

I wonder if Aurora will feel she can trust either of us with any of that.

Mr Diggory more than proved himself last night.



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2012-06-12 22:02:57](#)**
(no subject)

I'd assume, yes.

On the rumours, not that many, though that was one of the scrambles outside. All sorts of accusations that Krum cheated, then that he was under Imperius. And no one seems to have seen much of Karkaroff at all. I admit I have not gone looking.

On the fact, quite.

I saw she messaged you earlier, but I gather not on that topic? She stopped by briefly this afternoon, but she was more tight lipped than I'd expected. She half looked as if she wanted to talk, and was working herself up to it, only then we got interrupted and she slipped out. I'll try again, if I get the chance.

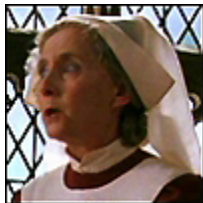


 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-12 22:03:40](#)

Private message to Poppy

How badly off is Minerva? I'm at the point where I scarcely know what to say.

And this matter of Albus. Well.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-12 22:36:49](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy

In layman's terms, she's a wreck.

I believe that seeing the others tortured and worse last night caused her to re-live her last, quite terrible experience of the same at the end of YKW's wand--in the autumn, when He was so severely displeased about Mr Diggory's name having emerged from the Goblet. She was badly traumatised.

Is.

Well, not to put too fine a point on it, she was completely incoherent when I woke her this morning to check that she was breathing. If I do not hear something from her soon, I will brave her lair once more.

And, yes. Albus. If I hear nothing from him this evening, I shall take a more direct approach. Would you care to partner me in that mission?



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-12 22:39:17](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy

Goodness.

I have all the sympathy in the world for her

position. (And Merlin knows how much worse things might be if they replaced her.) But this is less and less tenable every day. At least the end of the year is nearly upon us, and perhaps she can have a chance to regroup.

As to Albus, I'd be glad to assist. Let me know when you'd like me to come up.



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-12 23:05:45**

Re: Private message to Poppy

Agree on all counts.

Why don't you stop up at half-eight if you haven't seen him answer me here.



 **[alt_pomona](#) at 2012-06-12 23:36:33**

Re: Private message to Poppy

Right. See you then, I suspect.



 **[alt_gredforge](#) at 2012-06-12 21:42:52**

(no subject)

For once, we can truthfully claim that the mayhem wasn't due to us! We've been keeping our noses really clean since joining the Order.

But we must admit a sneaking admiration for whoever pulled off that dragon illusion (if sorry for the extra work it gave you).



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-12 22:02:22**

(no subject)

I'm glad to think that it was not your work. Given the number of injuries it caused.

Even Peeves fell foul of the ghastly things. That was a first: I've never patched up a poltergeist before.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-12 23:40:39](#)
(no subject)

Poppy, I just saw Justin's declaration. Bugger all. I truly thought he'd come to his senses and realise how foolish it is to stay.

Just as I'm coming to realise how foolish it was not to stay. At least not without trying to see Albus. Ask him what in Merlin's name he's doing, leaving Harry in the hands of that madman. In person. Though of course, I'd welcome your answer anytime, Albus, if you'd care to share it.

I can't even begin to think how Harry's coping with it all. I know Hermione tried to report what Harry was able to tell her but it's even worse than she described.

Voldemort tried to make Harry cast the Killing Curse on Ms Ridley. And when Harry wouldn't do it, Voldemort made to cast a spell against him - to punish him or to force him, he wasn't sure which. He cast a disarming charm purely by reflex and the spells met. Their wands It had to have been *Priori Incantatem*, from the sound of it. Harry said all sorts of horrible things started streaming from Voldemort's wand, screams from people he'd tortured, aftereffects of the spells he'd cast. Harry wasn't sure that's what it was until Warrington's shade came out, from the gladiatorial games at the Frost Faire. He wasn't sure what to do and was afraid to break the contact.

That's when Albus showed up, told Harry to run for cover. He started duelling against Voldemort himself. Eventually he grabbed Ms Ridley and disappeared. (Feel free to jump in, Albus, if you've anything to add.)

After that ... Voldemort had summoned all his Death Eaters and they arrived just in time to miss seeing Dumbledore leave. Guess he did his nut, screaming at them that they were useless and traitorous. He singled out Rabastan for the *Cruciatus*, as punishment for failing to protect Harry. Then he told everyone that Albus had actually been there, called out Malvasius Travers and killed him where he stood.

And then if you can believe it, he looked straight at Harry and said, 'That is how it is done.' He *knew* Harry was there and he *wanted* him to see him murder someone.


Next he chose to direct his anger at Lucius Malfoy but either he remembered that he needs the great poncy git or else he was getting bored, because he tortured him rather than killed him.

Well, after that he really did get bored, apparently, because Harry says he stormed out. No one followed him. Raz brought Harry back and I've no idea what else might have happened.

Albus. Do you want to tell them about taking Harry to Godric's Hollow or shall I?


And you might share with us how you've managed to change your appearance so thoroughly without Polyjuice. We could all use the ability now and then.



 **alt_bill** at [2012-06-12 23:57:15](#)
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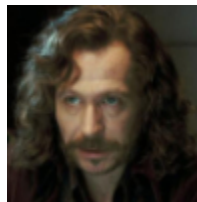
What do you mean, without polyjuice? It didn't occur to me it could be anything else.




 **alt_bill** at [2012-06-13 00:01:43](#)
(no subject)

And by the way, I met Percy for lunch today and got from him that Lucius has been a bit of a wreck himself today. Percy thought he was sick.

(Hope Malfoy's spent the day realising he's been an idiot for pinning his hopes on that psychopath. Although that's probably too much to ask.)



 **alt_sirius** at [2012-06-13 00:24:38](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure it's too much to ask, Bill. But yeah. I hope he had a miserable day.


Well, so long as he doesn't take it out on Percy. Or do you think that might convince *Percy* he's pinned *his* hopes on the wrong psychopath?



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 00:41:54](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I can only hope so!



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-13 00:02:56](#)
(no subject)

And I'm sorry about Harry, Sirius. Merlin, what a nightmare for the poor kid to be subjected to!




 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-13 00:06:05](#)
(no subject)

I've been thinking about that.

Besides the obvious supply problems - Albus came, as Brutka, to the World Cup last August. And we all know the security precautions they took there.

(Beyond whatever the security to enter the wards must involve, and I'd assume those were more invasive and more stringent.)



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-13 00:12:48](#)
(no subject)

Wait a minute.

I was wondering...if it's polyjuice, where the REAL Brutka? Does he have him locked in a trunk somewhere or something? I mean, he had to get the hair from somewhere.

But if it ISN'T polyjuice, how did he manage it?




 **alt_sirius** at **2012-06-13 00:17:08**
(no subject)

Harry says not. When he got to the centre and the Cup, there was an object on the ground that he said sort of compelled him to touch it. And that's when he found himself at Godric's Hollow with an old man with a long white beard who introduced himself as Dumbledore. Harry began to panic, saying he had to get back, and Albus told him not to worry, that he'd send him back by way of a Time-Turner (another useful toy, Albus, that you could share with the rest of the class!) but that first he thought they needed to have a chat.

And Harry told me that by the end of that chat, Albus told him he could seek him out if he needed, because he was nearby. And he *did* something and suddenly Harry recognised him as Professor Brutka.

Harry's used Polyjuice. He'd have known if Albus drank something or changed under its effects.



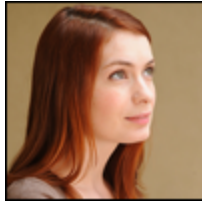
 **alt_bill** at **2012-06-13 00:23:23**
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I'm so confused.

So...he must have been presenting himself as Dumbledore when he grabbed the Alpha. He must have, as I assume no one's showed up to arrest the Hogwarts Transfiguration professor today. Or at least if they have, we haven't heard about it.

Damn. I hate scrambling to try to catch up.

Hasn't ANYONE tried to beard the gent in his quarters? What, is he busy grading papers?!



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-13 00:27:33](#)
(no subject)

I've just had a thought.

What does Brutka look like? Poppy? Pomona?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-13 00:30:58](#)
(no subject)

He's old. Like at least forty. And he has red hair.
Clean shaven. Blue eyes, a few sort of faded
freckles.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 00:32:24](#)
(no subject)

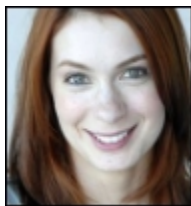
Old! Since when is forty old?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-13 00:32:57](#)
(no subject)

Oh.

Sorry.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-13 00:33:40](#)
(no subject)

Watch your tongues!

Perhaps Brutka is a younger Albus? I mean to
say, maybe there is no Brutka?

I know the blue eyes and red hair fits.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-13 00:38:52](#)**
(no subject)

My goodness.




 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-13 00:40:36](#)**
(no subject)

Whoa, that means that this bloke that Voldemort hates has been teaching here the past three years? Because that's how long he's been here.

And he never let any of you lot know? Wicked!



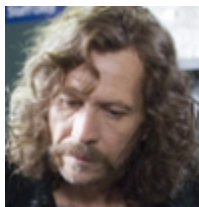
 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-13 00:01:05](#)**
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Merlin.

Sirius, love, I'm so sorry. That must have been hard to hear.

Why on earth did he want Harry to kill Mrs Ridley? I don't suppose it has to have any reason, but how awful.

And I wonder what was happening with those wands. I'm not sure if I've ever heard of that before. I'll ask Mellisandra what she thinks.



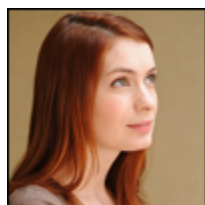
 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-13 00:10:44](#)**
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I'm not at all certain, Alice. About the murder, I mean. I can't make sense of what Harry told me. He said that Voldemort told him he had a present for him, and he held out the very first Snitch Harry ever caught in a Quidditch match. He wanted him to hold the Snitch and kill Ridley. (Though from the sound of it, wanting to murder Ridley is a desire not exclusively Voldemort's. Tell Frank to tell her that her 'lover' says hello.)

Anyway. There was something about a potion that he wanted

Harry to drink after the murder was done and a bunch of other instructions but Harry'd already decided he wasn't having any of it. He said he faked the spell as best he could, figuring it would be better to 'fail' than to refuse.

As for the wands, Allie, like I said, I think the description sounds like Priori Incantatem. I've heard of it but never seen it. (I mean to say, other than deliberately casting the charm. I've seen *that*. But I've never seen it happen accidentally.)



 **[alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-13 00:19:33](#)**
(no subject)

Sounds like a Dark rite. None that I'm familiar with, though. We might have to do some research.

Severus, Walden, any insights as to what he might've been doing? Does it sound like something he's had people do before?

I've briefly popped into Mellisandra's work room, and described what happened, and she said it sounded like the wands are linked somehow. What's Harry's core?

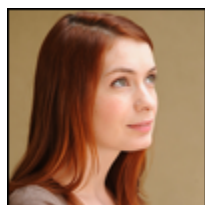



 **[alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-13 00:04:58](#)**
(no subject)

Whoa.

Poor Marvolo. No wonder he didn't seem chuffed in the least for winning the tournament.

(Priori Incantatem? What's that?)



 **[alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-13 00:12:30](#)**
(no subject)

It shows the last few spells any given wand has performed.

For instance, if we were to perform it on your own wands, a dragon would not be one of the things that would emerge.

They usually look like ghosts of the spells used -- sometimes sounds, sometimes even smells, even though they're faint.

We used it at the MLE quite often back in the day, but I've never heard of it happening quite like that.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 00:15:03](#)
(no subject)

It's more than that. It's really rare, because it can only be performed between two wands that are brothers.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-13 00:15:40](#)
(no subject)

Huh? How can wands be brothers?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 00:16:46](#)
(no subject)

That means that they share wand cores...like you have a wand and the other person has a wand with unicorn tail hairs that were taken from the same unicorn.

You can see how low the chances are of something like that happening, between two random wizards. That's why it's an effect that you hardly ever see.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-13 00:17:03](#)
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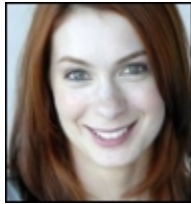
Except thsse aren't two random wizards. Are they?




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 00:17:54](#)
(no subject)

No, they're not.


I wonder...did Voldemort make sure, when Harry got his wand, that he would be given one that shared the same core? Why would he do that?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-13 00:20:11](#)
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Yes, Mellisandra suggested as much.

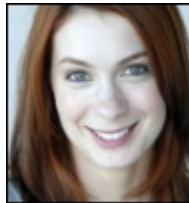



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-13 00:20:19](#)
(no subject)

Well, the unintentional variety of it, yes.

And yeah. I didn't know that Harry's wand core matched Voldemort's so precisely.


Allie, can you ask Mellisandra what she thinks *that* signifies?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-13 00:25:00](#)
(no subject)

I'll corner her for a proper chat, and see what she's able to tell us.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 00:28:30](#)
(no subject)

Frank's made his own post about the run around we've been having with Ridley. As he mentioned, we'll probably need a medical opinion from you, as soon as you can be spared. I'm concerned over the question of whether her suspicion and paranoia are to be expected, given what she's gone through, and she can recover--or whether MLE permanently scrambled her brains. I couldn't begin to venture a

guess, after today's interrogation.

Frank's being a pro about it in front of her, he always is. But when he's out of her sight, it's obvious he wants to put a fist through a wall.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 00:35:10](#)
(no subject)

Oh, my.

Would it help if I came by tomorrow, Kingsley? To help with Rory? He's such a dear little boy.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 00:36:00](#)
(no subject)

Mm. I think not, Molly. Not to offend. But the fewer new faces right now, the better. Rory's fine with his father, and with Steve.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 00:36:28](#)
(no subject)

I just wondered whether it might help to have a woman there. It might make her open up a bit more?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 00:37:13](#)
(no subject)

Maybe not. Bellatrix Lestrange is a woman.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 00:37:33](#)
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Oh, dear. I hadn't thought of that.

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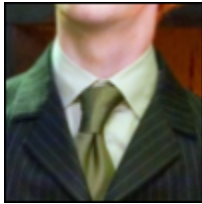
Private message to Percy Weasley

Thanks for going to lunch with me today, bro.

(Everything all right with Malfoy? You seemed to be fretting quite a bit about getting back to your desk promptly.)




 [alt_bill](#)



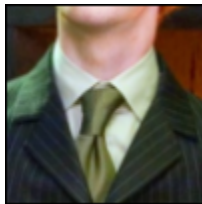
 [alt_percy](#) at **2012-06-12 23:34:04**
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Oh. Sorry. That was a bit rude, I suppose. I enjoyed our lunch, too, I assure you.



 [alt_bill](#) at **2012-06-12 23:35:01**
(no subject)

But he was all right with it, I assume, when you got back to your office. After all, you only took a half hour.




 [alt_percy](#) at **2012-06-12 23:36:52**
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Actually he was liv rather cross about it.

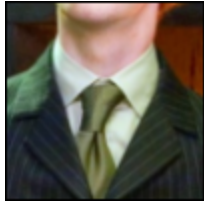
I'm sure it'll be all right though.



 [alt_bill](#) at **2012-06-12 23:38:59**
(no subject)

Really.

Uh, does he often get hacked off at you about stuff like that?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-12 23:41:51](#)
(no subject)

Not usually, no. Actually...well. Well, he acted today like--you know how Mum sometimes talks about people who get up on the wrong side of the bed? Like that.

I can't understand it. He really hasn't seemed himself today.

I wonder if he's coming down with something, and that's making him cross. He looked rather peaked all morning.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-12 23:49:20](#)
(no subject)

Maybe he's hung over. Who knows what the celebrations were like last night.




 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-12 23:51:26](#)
(no subject)

Ha ha, very funny. I'll have you know that Mr Malfoy can hold his liquor just fine.

Although...this is part of why I wondered why he was sick...I've never seen him have hands with a tremor like he had this morning. He had trouble holding a quill.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-12 23:51:42](#)
(no subject)

Definitely hung over.

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 [alt_frank](#)

we've been having a time of it with ridley.

we had to spend some time patching her up and letting her rest a bit after she woke up, and we've been trying to talk with her for the last few hours. it's slow going.

first, physical. she's lost a lot of weight, and has tremors, bruises, dehydration. did the basics to try and bring her up to strength, but she's wary about being treated. we can't perform a healing spell or give her a potion without talking it over with her first. at length.

poppy, we did the best we could, but once school's cleared out you should look at her proper.

second, mental. she's paranoid as hell. stubborn too. we keep talking in circles. don't blame her, mind, and she's got plenty of reason to be suspicious, but she's convinced herself that we're MLE and this is all a plot to make her feel safe so she'll talk. she thinks scott is polyjuiced. I'm polyjuiced. the three-year old is polyjuiced. at one point, she started calling me bellatrix and yelled that I ought to kill her and get it over with. she thinks we're slipping verisatum in her food.

there's no talking to her. not like this.

she wants to check our identities by legilimency.

I say no way in hell are we compromising our security like that, or giving her one of our wands to use, even under supervision, but kingsley wants to run it by everyone in case they have any ideas.

we're taking a breather because scott just lost his temper. he'd been watching kingsley and me going in circles with her again and he just sort of explodes. he tells her off, says his wife died for her and she's disrespecting norma, and tells her we saved his life and only want to help her, and she's an idiot for thinking the kid is polyjuiced. and then he points at kingsley and me and he goes, "they offered to take me to France if I wanted, but I'm staying here if they'll have me. you can have my place on the boat. suck on it."


scott's a good sort.

we can sort out later where he'd be best suited, but if he wants to be at moddey, he's welcome.

ridley is not.

I will keep watch all damn summer if I have to.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-13 00:37:23](#)**
(no subject)

Love, the solstice is a week and a day away.

If we must, we will simply let France take her in.

Here's hoping she'll share some useful information before then. But if she does not, we will manage.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-13 00:43:10](#)**
(no subject)

yeah.


we will.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-13 00:59:29](#)**
(no subject)

I'd hate to give her up to France. If there's any chance that part of the Dogstar network remains.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-13 01:01:07](#)**
(no subject)

I don't like it, either.

Except that maybe it might be for the best.
Considering the violent methods they favoured.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 01:04:25](#)
(no subject)

IF a big portion of the network does remain, it may be quite a bit bigger than our group.

So they might expect us to join them.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-13 01:05:13](#)
(no subject)

And play by their rules, d'ye think?

No, I can't agree to that.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 01:05:42](#)
(no subject)

Nor me!



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-13 01:08:15](#)
(no subject)

I wonder.

Norma saw something in these people that made her think that throwing her lot in with them was worth it. And she was a person whose judgement I respected.

Well, we almost certainly cannot make any decisions tonight. As Kingsley said, once Ms Ridley sleeps on things, she may see the point of being a bit more cooperative.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 00:58:29](#)
(no subject)

I think Scott really gave her something to think about, and it's best to let her mull it over, overnight. Maybe she'll be more open to meeting us halfway tomorrow.

She still has quite a ways to go to recover physically anyway.



 **alt_frank** at [2012-06-13 01:07:07](#)
(no subject)

here's hoping.



 **alt_poppy** at [2012-06-13 02:25:54](#)
(no subject)

Yes, of course, I'll come. Once I'm free of my obligations here. I'm afraid it won't be until Wednesday next, though. Possibly Tuesday evening.

The students leave on Saturday--except for the rising fourths who are competing for space in that CCF corps--but then I've a mountain of reports to produce in advance of my performance review Monday into Tuesday.

Then I'm due back at the school to relieve my 'substitute' whilst the CCF trials finish, though it's possible I won't be going back. If my performance has been deemed unacceptable.

In any case, I think I might squeeze a quick trip to examine Mrs Ridley between the one thing and the other, even if all is well and I'm allowed to return to my work in this asp's nest of deceit and skullduggery.

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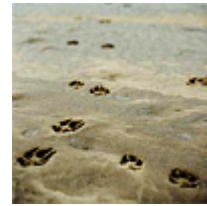
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Found an empty house to kip for a bit. Catch up on the journals.

Merlin, Mordred and Morgana.

Still no word from Albus?

I shouldn't have left.



 [alt_sirius](#)



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2012-06-13 03:35:44**
(no subject)

No. No word from Albus. Neither directly, or through any of the Order at Hogwarts. Apparently after kidnapping Harry, duelling Voldemort, and rescuing Ridley, he's spent the day relaxing over

Transfiguration essays that needed grading.



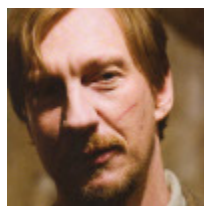
 [alt_sirius](#) at **2012-06-13 03:39:37**
(no subject)


Bloody Erebus.

Are we as mad as they are? I mean to say, they keep bowing down to the will of an absolute tyrant. But we keep indulging the whims of a complete eccentric.

What was he *thinking*, rescuing that Alpha bitch and not Harry?

If I had my way I'd have Frank make him a Portkey and make him use it, even if it meant sending him to Moddey where I'd not see him until this is over.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2012-06-13 03:42:44**
(no subject)

I'm not sure we even ARE indulging the whims of a complete eccentric. He hasn't led the Order for years; it's been Minerva.

He's running his own show.

It's awfully nice imagining everyone we care about at Moddey. We could ship Harry there. Neville. Ron and Ginny. Let's add your correspondents to the mix; they can pester Alice with their questions instead of you for a while.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-13 03:51:44](#)

(no subject)

Minerva's hardly any better, in a way. But at least she's managed to keep the book secret and protect the students. And I know he wants that.

The thing is, I *don't* want them all at Moddey. I want Hogwarts to be what it's supposed to be. And to be able to see Harry every holiday, watch every Quidditch match If Albus isn't going to tell us what his game is then -

Fucking hell, Remus. Voldemort *killed* a man and then *dared* Harry to do it better. And the Rizzer. Harry didn't want to admit anything in front of me but I could tell that he knew Voldemort chose to torture Raz more because it would twist Harry into paroxysms of guilt than any other real reason.

Like you said. He chooses to exploit Harry's sense of morality, turn it into something he thinks makes him weak.

I know that game far too well.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-13 03:59:43](#)

(no subject)

Raz and Lucius both -- I don't think any more of Malfoy than you do, but he's been a father figure to Harry.

Because everything that makes Harry decent -- his compassion, his loyalty to his friends, all of it -- is weakness, to Voldemort. Something to be rooted out.

That tactic can backfire, though. Case in point. That's some reason to hope, anyway.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-13 04:16:48](#)
(no subject)

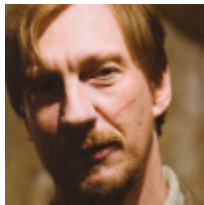
S'pose. I figure that's part of why Harry tried to not to show how much it frightened him: He doesn't want *me* to think less of him for caring what happens to them.


It can do, yeah. More often it doesn't. Or he'll take some desperate measure to make sure that it poisons the well.

Malfoy, for example. Harry said he wasn't even very coherent about why he Cruciated Malfoy - just did it in his rage. But I wonder if there was a method to it. If he's trying to drive a wedge between Harry and Draco? Not sure what for but perhaps to make sure that Draco stops indulging Harry's sentimentality?

Or perhaps I'm - what's the term? - projecting. For some reason I can't get my father's last duel out of my head today. The way he saw it, if he killed James's father, James would never forgive me. Bringing my uncle along for extra assurance.

Didn't figure on Cyrus being just as fast as them both combined, did he? Or on James being twice as forgiving as I'd ever been.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-13 04:27:36](#)
(no subject)

Well, that's just it, isn't it?

People like your father -- or Voldemort -- they think they get it. Your father thought if he killed Cyrus, James and Grace would never forgive you, and would cast you out the way the Blacks had. Because HE was the sort of person who believed that the actions of one family member tarnished everyone with the same last name. Because HE would have held a grudge like that. The idea that James and Grace would say, 'that bastard took Cyrus away from us, but damned if we're going to let him take Sirius' -- that was beyond his capacity to imagine.

And so he died for nothing. And took your uncle with him. The

one thing he thought he'd accomplish was beyond his power even when he picked up his wand.

I don't know if I'm making any sense here, but I think Harry's finding his way to this -- to the idea that you can defy people like Voldemort simply by refusing to be anything other than who you are.



 **alt_sirius** at [2012-06-13 04:33:04](#)
(no subject)

Yes. But Cyrus was just as dead. Did you know he'd been ill? He decided it was worth it to stop my father's vendetta.

Harry may be coming to the revelation, sure. But he's also coming to see that defying Voldemort means one thing and one thing only.


You know what?

I'm not curling up in some abandoned house by myself tonight. I want to sleep in my bed. With YOU.

Is it clear to Apparate back? Or should I aim for the next alley over and slip back in as Sinbad?

Don't suppose you'd be willing to suddenly fancy a pot of ginger tea, in the middle of the night?



 **alt_lupin** at [2012-06-13 04:35:50](#)
(no subject)

I've put the kettle on.

Better aim for the next alley over; I hear Ellie stirring, though I tried not to wake her. She's been checking for you all hours. I think she'll sleep better when she sees you're back.

2012-06-13 10:50:00

Order Only Private Message to Albus Dumbledore



Don't you twinkle your eyes at me, old man.

I will forgive you much--nearly all--but not your eyes looking at me out of that face.

 [alt_poppy](#)

It was dreadful. And now I have to think what to tell the rest of them. While you continue to abdicate your responsibility to us.

2012-06-13 10:54:00

Order Only

We went, Pomona and I, last evening to beard the beardless lion in his lair.



We'd no idea what reception we might be given. But Albus is Albus is David Brutka. We were invited in for tea and biscuits with a dish of sherbet lemons on the side table to lend credibility.

 **alt_poppy**

We were expected.

Apparently Albus has been very busy seeing to all sorts of matters that should matter to us all and will advance our cause immeasurably, when, at some future date, he chooses to share the same with all of us.


In the meantime, he's been sharing himself only sparingly and with outsiders rather than with his own Order, a truth Severus could attest, if he deigned to speak to the rest of us at all.

Have I conveyed your message correctly, Albus?

He's reading, of course, but does not choose to send you his greetings directly. The journals, it would seem, have been invaluable for keeping him abreast of all the news, but he finds it unwise to entrust his thoughts to them and fears it would be burdensome to make his presence felt here.


Oh, yes. I'm also to report that we've been doing a fine job and should carry on just as we have been.



 **alt_bill** at **2012-06-13 16:34:19**
(no subject)

That's IT?



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-13 16:36:48](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, indeed! And WHEN is that future date going to be? Did he entrust you with that information?




 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-13 16:40:38](#)**
(no subject)

I suspect not. But not because he's snubbing us, I don't think, but because he simply doesn't know.

I suspect he has come to Hogwarts because he has resources here: the library, with its Restricted Section, is one of the finest repositories of magical lore in the Wizarding World. And if he's deeply involved in research, I suspect it's on particularly knotty problems.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-13 16:41:33](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, well, we have problems of our own, in case he hasn't noticed.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-13 16:44:07](#)**
(no subject)

Which he says we're handling well. Upon thinking it over, I think we have been handling them well. We're running Moddey Dhoo, which is giving hope to people who have no other cause for it, and we're helping to supply the growing Sherwood band. And creating new alliances with other groups, such as Sirius's, Tonk's and Remus's friend Beth.

Don't forget: he DID give us the Alpha. Which means, I presume, that he thinks we're capable of figuring out what to do with her.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-13 16:53:23](#)
(no subject)

bet you a knut that he's got no idea what to do with her either, just saw an opportunity and took it.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 16:59:00](#)
(no subject)

I think that's a pretty shrewd hunch.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-13 16:59:34](#)
(no subject)

Any clarification on that front, Kingsley?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-13 17:00:16](#)
(no subject)

Well, at least she's eating what we're giving her more willingly. That's something.


It helps that Steve's a pretty good cook.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-13 18:50:01](#)
(no subject)

turns out potions brewing translates pretty well to stew.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 16:44:29](#)
(no subject)

Quite.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 16:41:58](#)
(no subject)


Sometime after term ends. Somewhere other than Hogwarts.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-13 16:44:53](#)
(no subject)

Ah. An Order meeting then, with him present?
That would be a good idea.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 16:46:55](#)
(no subject)


Indeed.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 16:52:33](#)
(no subject)

I couldn't do it before the CCF trials end on the twenty-first. Unless I'm asked to clear out my belongings before that.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-13 16:56:00](#)
(no subject)

I hope you're joking about being asked to clear out your belongings, but I don't think you'd joke about something so serious. Merlin, Poppy, I'm sorry you're feeling this kind of pressure.




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-13 16:56:50](#)
(no subject)

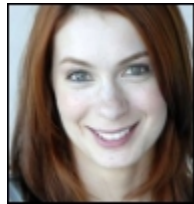
Likewise.

It might be a good idea to wait until after the Solstice anyway.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-13 16:57:09](#)**
(no subject)

If we don't explode from unanswered questions before then.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-13 18:54:31](#)**
(no subject)

It'll be a relief to sit down and talk things through. I agree that it's wise to have it after the children have left for the summer, and after our solstice trip.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-13 16:58:14](#)**
(no subject)

I hope I'm wrong.

It's only that I don't know what to expect, and the signs have been very bad.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-13 17:02:55](#)**
(no subject)

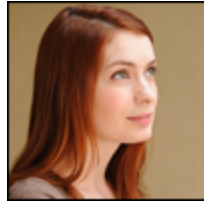
Would a student petition help? Because we'd be willing to start one.




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-13 17:04:23](#)**
(no subject)

I'm afraid it would send quite the wrong message if it appeared I've been recruiting support.

So, thank you, but no, I think not.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-13 18:55:55](#)**
(no subject)

This term has been a trial for you, hasn't it?

I'm sorry to hear it.

I hope it's just a bunch of silly administrators whipping out their wands and waving them around for show, and that nothing will come of it.



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2012-06-13 16:36:00](#)**
(no subject)

As Poppy said. Quite fairly, all things considered.

I'm afraid I don't have much else to add.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-13 18:46:49](#)**

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey and Pomona Sprout

I was asking Poppy privately why Minerva wasn't at the meeting, too. Do you think...is it possible that Minerva is uncomfortable, knowing that Professor Brutka is actually Albus? After all, he was the Headmaster, not to mention the head of the Order before her. I hadn't thought about it, but perhaps she finds the situation exceedingly awkward?



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2012-06-13 20:02:48](#)**

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey and Pomona Sprout

Goodness. (Do pardon the delay. Rogue bludger from a pickup Quidditch game.)

Your thoughts do run along with mine, I think. On the other hand, there truly has been no asking her. She's been less forthcoming with us, too, this term.

And this year is more of a challenge than I think most of us want to admit, here - adding so many guests, and the political considerations has been no small thing, and it's weighed more on

Minerva than I think anyone admits. Septima is good at many things, but being an emotional solace about leadership decisions is not one of them, as well.

I suppose the question then is what one does about it.

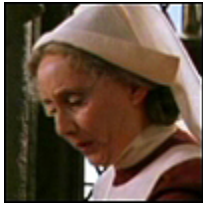


 **[alt_pomona](#) at 2012-06-13 16:40:55**

Private message to Poppy

I can't help thinking this morning how we might have done better. But really, in the moment, it seemed impossible.

And yet, laid out like that, it is very barren, isn't it?



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-13 16:43:22**

Re: Private message to Poppy

I know.

I feel a complete failure.

Only, beside being completely furious with him, I suppose I was simply so relieved to have him here.



 **[alt_pomona](#) at 2012-06-13 16:46:26**

Re: Private message to Poppy

Quite.

But all the things that might have been different if we'd known sooner. Even just the knowledge that we might have another wand in a pinch. One more resource.



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-13 16:49:23**

Re: Private message to Poppy

Exactly.

And another ear, another voice, another mind. Not any other, either. *His*.



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-13 16:51:29](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy

Yes.

Kept thinking about that, last night. Nothing I want to put words to just yet, but I keep wondering why he'd manage that. For *three years*.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 16:56:25](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy

I find it utterly appalling that I had not the slightest inkling about him.

And yet, when he invited us in last night, the way he spoke, the way he greeted us with his eyes. I had such cold chills. It was unbearably uncanny.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 17:05:13](#)

Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Poppy, I must ask...where has Minerva been in all this? She didn't go with you? I've seen nothing from her in the journals since the Third Task.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 17:09:29](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Minerva was summoned after the task. With the rest of the Death Eaters.

She returned here and collapsed. I'm afraid she's still quite... ill.

So, no, she did not go with us last night. I wish she had been able to. She might have got more from him. As it is, we entirely failed to hold his slippers to the fire.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-13 17:40:26](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

I'm so sorry. From Sirius' report, it must have been an absolute nightmare for her.

Do pass on my sympathetic wishes to her, won't you? Oh, dear, that seems so inadequate.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 18:12:03](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Of course, I will, Molly.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-13 19:22:49](#)

(no subject)


we've managed upwards of fifteen years on our own.

he said hullo when we first got our journals, he told us to take in Snape and MacNair, and that's about bloody

it.

if he's got ideas I'm willing to listen. but Min and Arthur are still in charge.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-13 19:55:31](#)

(no subject)

I quite agree.

And so, it would appear, does Albus.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-13 20:16:14](#)

(no subject)

Well, if it's a meeting he wants, then everyone would be welcome at Grimmauld Place. Kreacher's glowered at me every time I've popped back since we took in Ellie but he's only a minor annoyance. And he can be ordered to keep his gob shut.

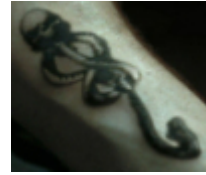
Alice'll have to tell Albus. But that's easily fixed.

I'd like to hear more about these theories he's working on, at any rate. Especially if they touch on Harry.

2012-06-13 13:58:00

Private message to Alecto Carrow

It was torture (and not the good kind) to catch only a brief glimpse of you Monday eve. Wanted to draw you aside to talk and more. To feast upon these brief moments with you. Impossible.



 [alt_amycus](#)

I weary of the vileness of this separation, scorn the barriers between us. Even more, I sense your purity is under attack, too. I fear your bright and keen edge has dulled, my lovely one, without me around to whet it to razor sharpness again for you.

The damned diricawl and squeaking bat weave shadows round you, deepening, deepening. And HIS actions couldn't even brighten your dimming eyes.

Consoled myself by reasoning you'll be with me soon. But it's not enough anymore.

Come to me and stay with me. You're mine, Justine. You know it. Cast off the shackles, blast the pigeons to bloody bits if you must, but come to me. I couldn't bear to be parted from you again. You love to torture me, but not like this, Justine. For once, make us both happy and come to me.

Even tidbit misses you.

Send me the word: Lincoln Castle, not just for the summer.

For good.

2012-06-13 14:14:00

Private Message to Mordant Travers

I thought the obituary hit the right note. Faithful in His service to the end. I hope I'm as clear sighted as he was. And as unwaivering.

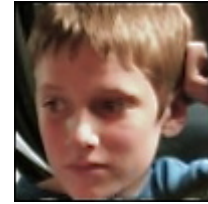


 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Expect you mean to work through. But if you wanted a drink later--or several rounds on the sparring floor--I'm available.

2012-06-13 14:26:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good:



 [alt_terry](#)

I feel like I'm so close. In fact, I had a near miss today.

A couple of near misses.

I was trying to do the transformation again, using another suggestion I read somewhere. Instead of sitting, I was lying down. Being as relaxed as possible is supposed to help. And I felt something, I really did! It was like the time I had transfigured my finger into a claw. Sort of a humming all over just inside the surface. Not a physical sensation, exactly, but like something inside my magic. And it spread all over my body. I guess the best way to describe it would be like sort of hovering on the edge of a magical sneeze, you know?

And just as I was about to tip over the edge, I heard a step behind me and a voice said, 'What's the matter? Are you sick?' I felt a huge jolt of surprise, even as I felt a sort of flurry all over my skin, and I scrambled to my feet.

I'd been so stupid! I'd asked the ghost to watch the git for me, and he was off in the Tower doing that, but I had forgotten all about Dudley.

He was staring at me, open-mouthed in astonishment, and when I looked down at myself, I could understand why. I was still me, but I had a thin veil all over me, sort of like a scrim, of grey hair, a few inches long. 'Suffering cats! What happened to you?'

There wasn't any way out of it. I had to explain. So I did and his eyes bugged out. 'An animal! You're trying to become an animal? What kind?'

Just as I said I didn't know yet, the ghost popped through the wall next to us with a warning: the git was on his way back.

I closed my eyes and tried to transform away the hair, but I was too panicked. Then I remembered the depilatory charm I'd seen the git do. I reached for my bracelet--and froze, looking at Dudley. There was no time. Either I trusted him or I didn't, and my gut said to trust him. So I pulled out my wand and his eyes opened even bigger. 'You do have one of those,' he hissed. 'Wicked cool! You're not supposed to, are you?'

'No, and you better not tell,' I said as fiercely as I could.

He was grinning ear to ear. 'Of course I won't! What do you take me for? You've got a wand! That's wonderful!'

'Shh!' I ran the charm all over myself, and the hair fell to the pavement. Luckily it didn't take very long. Dudley helped me shuck my shirt and trousers and make sure I got every bit of it, even helping me twist my wand hand to aim it behind my back. I was shaking as I dressed again in a hurry, but I slipped back into the git's room and he was none the wiser. Dudley took the hair away to burn it.

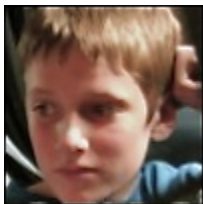
Dudley knows everything now. But it looks like it'll be all right.



 **alt_neville** at **2012-06-14 01:56:43**

(no subject)

Do you like Dudley, do you think? If you're friends?



 **alt_terry** at **2012-06-14 02:00:35**

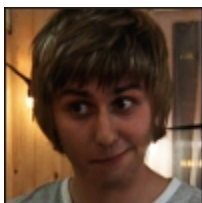
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Dunno. It's not like I have a lot of friends to pick from here, you know? I think there are a few other muggles working here, but they're really wary. Flitting around corners, always out of sight. (Sort of like house elves, except a bit noisier and clumsier).

Which makes real sense with the git running the place. I don't have any idea if the others are men, women, young or old.

I'd like the chance to get to know him better. Without us both having our heads practically cranked over our shoulder because we're afraid the git's gonna come up behind us.

Trust goes a long way, though. It's a start.



 **alt_justin** at **2012-06-14 02:20:34**

(no subject)

Terry,

I hope you're right and he keeps your secret. One hopes he remembers that you're probably his best chance of getting away from Carrow, what. It's cold comfort, I'm sure, but probably a bally good thing that he's so odious no one in his company could possibly take his part.

And the fur, I say: I'm sure you're close, indeed. Keep at it, old man!

See if he'll also help you hide from Carrow while you work at it.

-Justin



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-14 03:08:40](#)**

(no subject)

That's dead amazing, Terry. You're really going to do it!

Never doubted it for a minute, of course.

You'll be away from there in no time!

2012-06-13 14:59:00

Private Message to Auror Trainee Sandoval



Not robustly satisfied with your midweekly.

Are you giving sufficient attention to your impersonation?

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)


Before morning I want a clear plan from you for closing out your investigation of Green's connections.

Your concerns are misplaced re. the wife. You forget that she was questioned. Did you not read Penderyn's report? Makes no difference whether she's pregnant. Or by whom. You're chasing useless details.

Focus, Sandoval. You have an exit strategy. What are the steps that lead you there?

Replacing you would not be in anyone's interest.



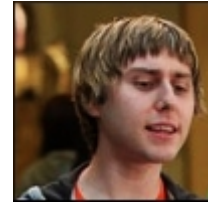
 [alt_lana](#) at **2012-06-14 03:04:02**
(no subject)

Yes, sir.

You'll have the report by morning.

2012-06-13 15:09:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_justin](#)

Well, I've had my first taste of the Hufflepuff dormitories, what? I say, it really is quite cosy, if ever so slightly cramped, with six of us. (And Summers is rather a giant, isn't he? Plus he and Smith are bally well slovenly, I must say.) But it's near the kitchens so it ought to be comfortable in the winter months. And it's closer to Slytherin's common room entrance than Ravenclaw Tower is, at any rate.

The Jugsons were pleasant enough. Mr Jugson seemed well stiff at the press conference but I think that was perhaps the reporters and cameras; he was jolly kind afterward when we were talking. Hydra's right about Mrs Jugson, though: She's well sober and not at all gracious. But I'm sure everything will be fine. At least Mr Jugson did say straight off that he had no intentions of creating any difficulties. I say, perhaps Mr Rosier spoke to him beforehand. I shouldn't wonder if he'd shared my concerns, what.

Remy and Alfie may be another matter but as Hydra says, I'm older and a good deal taller than either of them. I only hope they don't decide that two-on-one is a sporting ratio, what? (Joking, for the most part. Remy in particular knows that I've as much damning information on him as he has on me, so I rather think he can be relied upon to keep Alfie in line.)

Pansy, you're right: Susan Bones is cracking good fun. Megan Jones and Ernie MacMillan are both well nice, too. Hopkins and Stebbins are quiet but I expect that's just because none of us know one another too well yet. I say, it's no Gryffindor Tower, Ron, but on the whole I think I shall be most content.

-Justin



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-13 21:07:22](#)**
(no subject)


I'm glad you're settling in. Sue loves music. And she's a brilliant singer, too. I'm sure she'd love it if you let her listen to any of your records. If you brought any, that is.

Megan is so quiet I hardly know much about her at all, except for that one time the Patils made fun of her.

Does Eloise Midgen know you're taken yet?

Smith has a constant chip on his shoulder around pretty much everyone. I'm not sure if it's different when he's around friends, but he can be quite rude sometimes. Especially to girls.



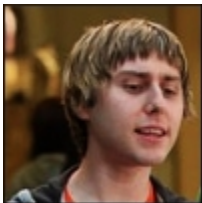
 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-13 22:31:26](#)**
(no subject)


Too right about Smith. Only, he's as much a berk to blokes. Or maybe it's just to me.

And, yeah. That was a laugh, Midgen trying to get her hooks in you right off.

Macmillan's all right, though. Family lives in some castle now, too. You should see if he'll invite you there sometime.

But not until after we have a Burrow day. You're coming this time. I'll ask Mum when we can have it. Maybe while Ginny's away for CCF. If she does it. I mean, who even knows, right? It might go against her contract because she might break a nail or something. Or maybe they'll get her in and then send cameras to take her picture all through the exercises. I'm sure that'd make Professor Siz's day.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-14 02:28:24](#)**
(no subject)

Ron,

Smith's all right, I think, just a little too blunt for his own good, what. And used to being the leader


among our year in the House. Oh, and Midgen's fine, as well. It's no trouble.

A Burrow day sounds well brilliant, what, but I'm sorry to say that if it's to be while Ginny's away at CCF, I shall miss it as well. *I'm* to stay here with the rising 4th-years for my own CCF testing, if you follow me.

But I know that you've a plan to help Sally-Anne visit her mother. So if that's when it has to be, by all means, that must go forward, of course. I say, that's well important.

-Justin



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-13 23:47:00](#)

(no subject)

I saw the inside of the Hufflepuff Common Room once. It is really nice.

Glad to hear you think you'll be happy there.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-14 02:30:53](#)

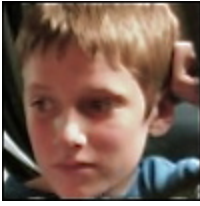
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Neville,

I say, when were you there, old man? Smith was telling me that no one other than a Hufflepuff has discovered the way in to ~~their~~ our common room for centuries. But I'm sure no one bothered to tell him, if he's wrong, what?

Oh. I mean to say, if you'd like to say when you went there, of course. I shouldn't like to pry, if you don't wish to talk about the occasion.


-Justin



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-13 23:49:04](#)
(no subject)

What does the Hufflepuff Common room look like? I've been inside the Gryffindor one, and Hermione's told me all about the Slytherin one.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-13 23:55:15](#)
(no subject)

I'd quite like to know, too.

The Ravenclaw Common room is really lovely. It has big arched windows that overlook the mountains, and the constellations are painted on the ceilings. It's all decorated in blues and bronze. Quite an aery feeling to it.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-14 02:13:12](#)
(no subject)

Luna,

It's rather the way I imagine a Hobbit-hole must look. Oh, I say, you've probably not read *The Hobbit*, have you? Well. It's just underground but not bare or dirty, of course. The doors are round. Professor Sprout apparently brings all sorts of well interesting cuttings in and there's artificial sunlight to keep them healthy and green and growing.


I can well understand why Neville fancied it.

It's also got a snug little fireplace and loads of comfortable sofas and overstuffed chairs and such, all in yellow and black, but otherwise well smashing.

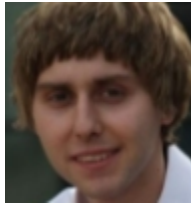
Oh, and the beds have patchwork quilts for comforters and copper bedwarmers of an evening. Quaint, isn't it?

-Justin



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-14 02:15:35](#)
(no subject)

I actually have read *The Hobbit*! So I know just what you mean. It does sound very comfortable and cosy.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-14 02:31:16](#)
(no subject)

You have? Brilliant!

-Justin

2012-06-13 15:21:00

*Private Message to Bartemius Crouch,
Jr*



Private Message to Narcis Mrs Lucius Malfoy

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

My thanks, I suppose, are due for your effort at providing for my needs at Snowdonia. Don't protest. Do you know what came of it? It was quite a short sojourn. The only soul in the place when I arrived was the mistress herself. ~~Was that what you~~

I thought at first it was a test of my loyalty, but in fact it was entirely her initiative. And yours, I came to learn. Afraid that's not to my taste. ~~Comes rather too close to Mother's~~

What would be to my taste is, it would appear, not on offer. I've no desire for another luncheon with lecture.

~~But you needn't worry. I'm fine. I'm keeping busy. I've increased my hours on the training floor. I'm maintaining a safe distance from the Department of Mysteries, yes.~~

If you change your mind and have more to offer than the breath of an apology, I'm here.

damn

2012-06-13 16:25:00

Private Message to Narcissa Malfoy

Marlborough.

Say when.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2012-06-13 22:16:21**

(no subject)

Barty.

Tomorrow. Luncheon? No - too far away. After breakfast.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2012-06-13 22:17:36**

(no subject)

Yes.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at **2012-06-13 22:21:32**

(no subject)

I am sorry, darling. For

Well. For failing you, I suppose.

But. Well.

Tomorrow.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2012-06-13 22:34:10**

(no subject)

Yes.

2012-06-14 09:29:00

End of the year

It seems impossible that we're at the end of the year - so much has happened. I know that many will be sorry to see friends and acquaintances from among our guests go, but I'm sure we'll all enjoy the feast tonight, before seeing the contingents off tomorrow.



 [alt_sinistra](#)

At the same time, I do look forward to the summer activities, and then to what next year might bring. And I've had a few questions about the summer.

CCF: 4th and 5th years will be participating the same weeks - July 27th to August 18th. You'll have separate housing and facilities, and largely separate training, but will be working with the same instructors, and sharing some special activities. More information will be sent home as soon as we've finished our committee meetings - you should expect an owl June 27th or 28th with all the details.

Students entering 2nd and 3rd year should find information about your trips waiting when you arrive home.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **2012-06-14 13:59:49**

Private message to Raz

Love,

Do you need a hand wrapping anything up? Just handed in my own marks to Septima.

Also, been thinking. I think maybe you need to talk to someone about Monday who's not Harry.

Look. If you think it'd help at all, can we give me a chance to show you I can do the work? That we can, together, do better than on our own.

Because this isn't going to be the last thing like this, and we both know it.

I know I worried you, after the Frost Faire. (Worried me too. All at once, and so startling, and too many first times, and all the other

stresses.) I've rearranged my model of the cosmos since, and this is scary, but no longer so totally unexpected. And I've put together enough pieces that facts might be better than imagined fears.

If I can't cope now, can't help now, then we need to figure that out and better sooner than later. (And I'd like there to be a later with you. Still. More than ever.) I'm scared about asking this, but I'm even more scared about what happens if I don't.

If what you want is for me to drop it and talk entirely of other things, just tell me. I will, I promise. Whatever you need. Have my journal handy, expect to be in my rooms (except for tea with Poppy) until supper, but I'll give you space until you let me know what you want. But I had to ask. Offer.

Love you. Even more in the dark times.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-14 15:35:04](#)

Re: Private message to Raz

I'm not going to go through the details of what happened because they were not, in fact, new or novel. It hasn't happened recently, no, but this isn't the first time I've been cruciated, or have had to watch it be inflicted on others. Not the first execution I've seen, either (if you hadn't yet put together the truth of Travers death-well, there you have it).

So all that's left is that I failed Harry. I failed that kid, and it's all that I can do. No matter how much I try to help him or think I am, I can never, ever do right by him.

And really, I'm not sure there's anything to talk about, regarding that. I don't want to be convinced that I'm over-reacting or looking at it the wrong way, because I know that I'm not. I don't want to be comforted and told that I did the best I can, because I don't and I haven't.

So you see, there's just no talking through this.

Don't worry. In time I'm manage to push it to the back of my psyche along with all the other dark things. I'm very good at that. I'll be back to normal soon enough.

And thank you for caring, love, but this is... no. There's nothing to say.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-14 16:01:18](#)

Re: Private message to Raz

Oh, love.

First. Thank you. That helps. I'd much rather know what to avoid. The uncertainty, worrying I might get it wrong, was making me wary of saying anything at all. And that's a fast route to brittle society witch. Neither of us wants that, right?

I had guessed about Travers. The obituary was subtle enough, but I'd enough other pieces to add it all up. (You. Something Narcissa didn't say. A few other things.)

On Harry, all I'll say is what I've said before. I'm glad you care so for him, his well-being. More people should. And glad he cares for you, too.

Right. Onward.

You know where I am if you want a walk, or a fly, or anything else along those lines. No talking required. And I've a better idea how to go on.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-14 20:44:26](#)

Re: Private message to Raz

Oh, I don't know, I might do well with a brittle society witch. Someone to dominate me, boss me around, keep me in line, that sort of thing. Seems I work well with those types, since I have a history of it.

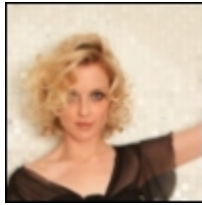
This is not me wallowing. It's a mere statement of truth.

I know where to find you, but forgive me if I don't just yet. I need to be alone with myself. When I'm with you I start ~~thinking I'm the man you think I am~~ to see myself the way you see me, and you're far too generous, you know. Again, just a statement of

truth.

I can tell you that I do know many others must feel this helpless, to some degree. There's a bizarre sort of comfort in that. But only just.

I'll be back soon, promise.



 **alt_sinistra at 2012-06-14 21:02:11**

Re: Private message to Raz

I'd rather share than rule, love. But we could discuss further, if you really want.

On the rest, I do hope I see the best in you. Lover's prerogative to insist I'm being fair. ~~Though given how your family treats you, would you know it to see it?~~

Take the time you need. Truly. I've more than enough up the tower to occupy me for a bit.

2012-06-14 15:08:00

*Private Message to Percy Weasley and
Lucius Malfoy*



 [alt_pansy](#)

I got your owl about Sunday's arrangements. It looks to be in order, and I'm very excited. I've got nine players from Hogwarts who are ready to go (including Draco and Harry of course), and Maghnus Derrick has volunteered to take Draco and Harry's Quidditch gear to have it waiting for them. Everyone else has been told to just bring their kits with them. I figure we've two extra in case someone gets ill or gets hurt, and we can certainly trade people in and out to give everyone a chance to play. Oh, and as a courtesy, I've asked Madame Hooch if she'd want to share referee duties with the Falmouth coach, and she said she would be there.

I've been thinking that everyone will have lots of different coloured uniforms, so we might want a very easy way for them to see whose team they are on. Different kinds of armbands, perhaps? What do you think?

And I've arranged for the picnic before, of course, but I was thinking of ordering some light refreshments after the game for all the players. Where could we set that up? I suppose we could have a table right out on the pitch, or they might have a club meeting room or something, but there might be rules about that, so I wanted to check with you first.

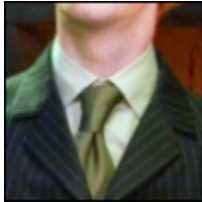
Could you do me a favour? Barnabas Bole is not invited in any way, either to play or watch, and I've taken pains to make sure that people from my House don't invite him, but is there any way you could pass that along to any security people just so they'll know for sure not to let him in? It would be awfully awkward for him to be there, and it would make one of Draco's friends much less likely to want to attend.

I'm so glad we're able to do this, and I appreciate your help so very much. Please let me know if there's anything else you need for me to provide.

-Pansy Parkinson

And Lucius, I just wanted to include you in case there was anything

else you wanted to add or thought was needed. I know you're awfully busy, but I'm so glad you've been able to help make arrangements. I never could have done it without your help or connections, and I know you had to pull in a few favours. All my love. -L.B.



 **alt_percy at 2012-06-15 02:43:42**

(no subject)

Ms Parkinson:

Forgive my delay in replying to you, but you should receive my owl with the final details tomorrow morning. As I explained in my note, there is a VIP Falcon clubhouse, known as the Eyrie, which is reserved for special events such as this. It offers catering, and I have ordered a menu for you (a list of the offered selections is also coming with the owl). Do let me know if there need to be any changes (if anyone has any special dietary restrictions, for example).

The Falcons will provide team robes for everyone (their 'home' and 'away' colours they use during their own practices). The guests may take these home with them (as well as autographed Falcon beater bats which also will be provided to everyone). Oh, I have also arranged for the team photographer to be present, to take a group picture. These will be sent out to the guests afterwards, also autographed by the team.

If you have any change to the final tally of guests, do let me know by return owl, so that there are enough beater bats and team robes on hand. (And yes, I do understand the situation with Mr Bole, and he will not be permitted anywhere near the party.)



 **alt_pansy at 2012-06-15 03:05:48**

(no subject)

Thank you, Percy, that all sounds lovely.

I can't imagine anyone needing special food, but I'll ask them. The extra gifts for the people playing the game will be wonderful, and I'm sure they'll all really appreciate it.

I was thinking -- even if they don't play in the game, it'd probably be nice for the boys in Slytherin from Draco's year to come to the reception after too, if that'd be possible, just to have some fun with

the team and Draco, and so he can have a few more of his close friends there besides Harry.

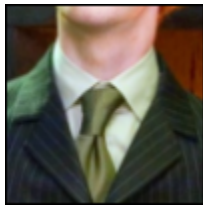
They wouldn't need bats or jerseys or photographs, though, so you don't need to concern yourself with that. We'd just need a bit more food.

It'd be Blaise, Teddy, Vincent, and Gregory. Would that be too much trouble? If it would, we needn't bother.

I'll wait for your owl, and send off the final guest list for the reception after, once I've had a chance to ask about food.

I hope you're not still at work. It's awfully late.

I'll most likely be in New London for part of the summer, and we'll certainly have to catch lunch or something. After all, I need to properly thank you for arranging things!



 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-15 03:09:37](#)
(no subject)

It's very simple to adjust the amount of food for the number of guests, so I'll pass the word along to the caterers.

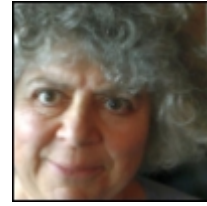
Oh, I just had a few tasks to finish up, but I'm headed for the Floo now, I assure you.

Yes, it would certainly be quite pleasant to see you sometime this summer. I would look forward to the opportunity to catch up on all of the Slytherin gossip...or as much as you feel is appropriate to share with an unrepentant Gryffindor!

2012-06-14 15:42:00

Order Only

I will never complain about a boring staff meeting again.



 [alt_pomona](#)

I'd hoped we were done, after Alecto's fit of hexing in the last one, but Septima insisted there was last minute business for the feast tonight and arrangements for tomorrow and Saturday. And apparently, no one had the energy to argue otherwise.

We'd gathered, and Septima was settling us down to business. (Minerva wasn't there. Rabastan was, though not perhaps at his best.)

And then Alecto stood up, and announced that she's leaving for good on Monday. (Apparently to Lincoln and her brother, but she was not very coherent.) That no one's to disturb her before then or they'll regret it entirely. And then a whole round of ranting and raving I shan't repeat.

Septima - braver witch than I - inquired about her marking, and got a hex aimed at her for her trouble (went wide, and a good thing, too), before Alecto stumbled out. Apparently, she's not bothered with marks all term, so on top of everything else, Septima's got to figure that out.

Apparently took her entirely by surprise. Rolanda asked her after if she'd any idea this was coming. Septima said no, and that Minerva would have told her if she'd known, she was sure.

After that, we at least made short work of the rest of it, and I won't bother you with the details of students needing remedial work over the summer or House business or the final infirmary reports. Or the final round of discipline for the high spirits of the past few days.

Poppy's taken Aurora off now for tea and conversation (and, I suspect, to stop her volunteering to help Septima), but she might have more to add later.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-14 20:25:38](#)
(no subject)

Oh, my goodness!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:26:21](#)
(no subject)

WHAT?!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:28:37](#)
(no subject)

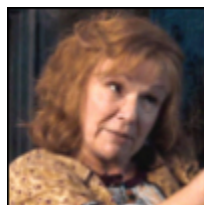
Not to say we won't be delighted to have Hogwarts give her a kick in the arse on the way out.


But that means...the Order only has a couple of days to pry the secret of the fidelius out of her!



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:29:11](#)
(no subject)

WE'VE only got until tomorrow!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-14 20:30:27](#)
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Boys! You are not to attempt to break into her office or interfere with her in any way! You are **NOT** to attempt to do it yourselves!

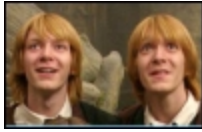


 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-14 20:32:11](#)
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Absolutely not, boys.

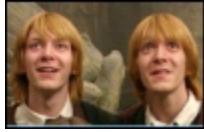
I'm making this a formal Order directive. You will **NOT** attempt to do anything of the kind.

You did swear when you joined that you would follow our orders.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:32:56](#)
(no subject)

But



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:33:05](#)
(no subject)

that



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:35:29](#)
(no subject)

All right already. We won't. We promise.

But that means you have to do it. The rest of you. You have to find some way of picking her up and shaking her by her heels or something to knock that out of her.



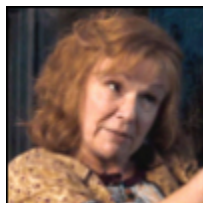
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Nor will you tell anyone else and try to get THEM to act on the information.



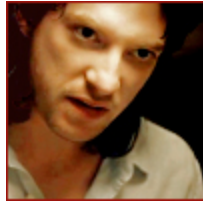
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:37:21](#)
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Bugger.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-14 20:38:09](#)
(no subject)

Boys!



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-14 20:39:36](#)
(no subject)

What, you don't think Dad's wise to all the escape clauses in your thinking by now?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-14 20:40:28](#)
(no subject)

Bugger, bugger, bugger.

All right! But you all had better do something.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-14 20:50:01](#)
(no subject)

we're still sorting out what all they've done to keep terry there, and I'm not sure that our being able to get to lincoln would help him much.

hell, there's a good chance that if Carrow were killed, it'd kill terry too.

keep in mind that if he does transform, and it works like we think it does, he might be able to just up and leave, fidelius or no.

that's not saying we won't try. and terry's not the only one we've got our eyes on in lincoln either.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-14 20:29:08](#)
(no subject)

do you think she's serious about going to lincoln for good?

there's one or two people we'd like to get out of there. I know we've talked in the past about how terry's transformation may break any blood spells he's got tying him to carrow, but her hiding in lincoln permanently shuts out an option or two I'd rather keep open.

poppy, any chance you could make her hold off from going for medical reasons? give us a chance to get her to give up her secret before she disappears?

I can be very convincing.



 **alt_pomona** at **[2012-06-14 20:32:36](#)**
(no subject)

If she were in better shape, "deadly serious" would be entirely accurate. As it is, the risk of confronting her is still more than I'd care to take on. Her ranting this afternoon put shivers down my back.

You might have a better chance, but there's quite a bit of risk there, even after our guests and most of the students leave.

2012-06-14 23:05:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley

I don't believe it.

My father sent me a birthday card today.

You seem to have got away with it. Welcome to the real world: Earning your keep, making something of yourself and striking out on your own.

Really, dad?

Ta ever so.

Maybe I *will* go stay with Karo for a while.

Anyway. The Feast is over and it was quite the affair. Krum's still glowering at everyone (and loads of people are glowering at him over what he did to Harry) and Professor Karkaroff's nowhere in sight. No one's seen him for a day or two, actually, Professor Vector said.

I think mostly people are just happy we got through the year and no one died.

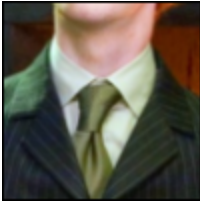
I'm writing my letter to the next Head Girl and it'll be done tomorrow. Everything's packed, mostly, and there'll be time for one more walk to the lake if it doesn't rain.

It's actually going to be hard to leave Saturday. I never thought I'd miss this place. But I've interviews to look forward to and especially being free to actually *look* with you for someplace to live!

I'm sorry - I really meant to open this by telling you I love the present. (Not least because it actually arrived on time and not a day late!) We'll use it to celebrate our new place, wherever it is.



 [alt_penelope](#)



 **[alt_percy](#)** at **[2012-06-15 13:42:58](#)**

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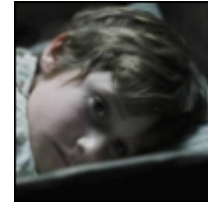
I'm glad you received my card and present in time, but sorry that your father's birthday greeting was so exasperating. Parents can be such a trial, can't they? I'm fortunate, I suppose that I've never doubted that mine truly cared for me, but I have rather a problem in the other direction: they are sometimes TOO warm, to the point that it's almost embarrassing.

See! I told you when you sometimes feared that school would drag on forever, that you would actually come to this point. Won't it feel like the most exciting freedom in the world when you step on that train tomorrow? I do plan to be at the the station when it arrives so I can give you a proper welcome home greeting. Won't be long until I see you again!

2012-06-15 09:17:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

The git's really happy. He talked with the harpy this morning
by Floo




He says she's coming to stay here at Lincoln Castle

 [alt_terry](#)

Permanently.

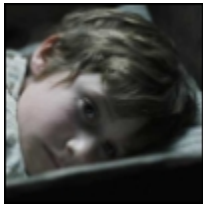



 [alt_lee](#) at **2012-06-15 15:51:30**
(no subject)

Whoa. She's leaving Hogwarts?

Haven't heard the slightest whiff of a rumour of that.
We'd probably better keep it to ourselves until there's
an official announcement.

Don't lose heart, Terry. We figure you're gonna be leaving Lincoln
Castle soon, right?




 [alt_terry](#) at **2012-06-15 15:53:41**
(no subject)

Maybe I'll be an animagus soon.

But I'll still be stuck here if that doesn't break the blood spells.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2012-06-15 16:47:41**
(no subject)

Wait. Whoa.

That's not good.

I mean it's awesome for us, but horrible for you.

Or. Well. When she's there is it better since he gets distracted, right?

2012-06-15 11:40:00

Thanks

Mum and Dad, the tea things are lovely!

Tibs, Dio, thanks for the cards--and Dio, whatever did you do to Tibs to make him remember to send one on time?



 **alt_lavender**

Party-goers, you know who you are! I'll be sending out proper invitations as soon as the arrangements are finished.

See you then!




 **alt_padma** at **2012-06-15 21:18:34**
(no subject)

It's going to be amazing fun!

I'm almost jealous that you and Pav will get to laze around all summer.



 **alt_lavender** at **2012-06-15 23:14:58**
(no subject)

It really will be, but you know we'll miss you loads while you're off CCFing and being brilliant!

That said, a summer of garden fetes and flirting with Tibs' less-objectionable friends won't exactly be torture.

[2012-06-15 14:34:00](#)

(no subject)



 [alt_pansy](#)

The Leaving Feast was a bit more sad than it usually is, only because so many more people were leaving for good, and I will miss everyone from Durmstrang. We shared a whole year together in the Common Room, and I learned all sorts of songs and games, even though I don't know what I'm actually saying half the time. I'll bet Ravenclaw feels similarly about the people from Beauxbatons leaving, too. Well, almost all of them! Congratulations again, Justin. It really is nice to know you'll be staying. Best of luck testing next week. I know you'll do marvellously.

I'm very much looking forward to this weekend, for several reasons. Mum, Prospero, and Ewan will be meeting me at the platform, and I finally get to see Ewan for the very first time. I can't wait to thoroughly spoil him and tell him stories. He'll be about six months old now, which is hard to believe. We'll be staying in London for a week before heading back to Gloss House. It's funny, but I do miss it there, even though it can get a little lonely at times. I can't wait to ride Onions.

But for now, it's packing and more packing. I don't ever realise how much stuff I have until it's time to stuff it all back into the trunk.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **[2012-06-15 18:56:38](#)**

Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

Professor Siz, I've been talking with Harry, and we both want to donate our YPL counselling salary back to the programme. We both have adequate pocket money, and don't need the extra salary. We were talking about it the other day, and figured that rather than just dumping it in Gringotts, we'd give it to you to do what you thought would be best with it. Would that be possible?

I know you like to help out students who need it, and this might help a little more.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-15 19:23:40](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

Miss Parkinson, Mr Marvolo -

That's very generous of both of you. Are you certain you don't mind (and that your parents won't?)

One option would be to add a little more to everyone's stipend, though spread across all the counsellors it doesn't come out to a large amount extra. The other option would be to use it to improve supplies and items for those whose families are less well off. Do either of you have a preference there?

I'd probably prefer the latter myself, though it would take a little more management. Easier to get it the places it would do more good. Whatever's not needed might go into an extra treat or two for the events themselves?

Again, most generous for you both to think of others this way, and I appreciate it entirely.

I hope both of you are doing well. I can't believe almost everyone's going home tomorrow myself. It seems like yesterday was September, and then like September was a decade ago.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 02:45:15](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

I think it's fair to say that neither of ours will notice mind terribly much.

I trust your judgment, and that it will go where it's needed the most. The extra money for everyone wouldn't be that much extra, would it? And I'm sure that there are unanticipated things that might come up where it'd be very useful.

This year has been one long stretch, hasn't it? I think not going home for hols has definitely made it seem longer than usual.

And now you'll get a bit of a chance to relax, I hope, with most everyone gone.



 **alt_sinistra** at [2012-06-16 02:55:11](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

Thank you for the trust, and I will find some good uses for it. I've had a few ideas, thinking.

As to my plans - alas, not that much relaxation for me for a while. All those YPL events need planning. I'm here for the CCF trials next week, then two days of meetings. And then I do get a few days, before diving into the camping trips and New London trips. That's all right, though. I'd rather keep busy. ~~Especially right now.~~

I do less of the day to day oversight for the CCF, but I'll still be in and out.

~~There is~~

Actually, in confidence, I've been trying to think through a way to tell you privately - the general news won't be out for another ten days or so.

But this year's CCF. You should know that it'll be centered around Leicester. The battle, that is. The trainers want to use it as a core piece for discussion and analysis, tours of that and one or two of the other battle sites.

I have made them aware of your own personal background, of course, and you'll be covering a number of other topics and skills as well, but the more chance to prepare, the better, perhaps.

I'm back to my stars for a bit, but I'll keep an eye out here if you've questions.



 **alt_pansy** at [2012-06-16 02:58:27](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

Oh.

Thank you for letting me know.

And for thinking of me when making arrangements.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-16 03:02:41](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

You're quite welcome.

(And of course, the usual gloss on 'in confidence'. A trusted friend or two is one thing, just it shouldn't spread too far just yet, please.)



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 15:34:43](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

If you could do me a favour, Professor, I don't want a big deal made about my donation to the other students. If you could keep it between just us, that would be best, I think.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-16 17:23:27](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

Oh, no, of course not. (And certainly not without asking you both first.)

I do hope you've an enjoyable trip back to New London, and I'm looking forward to working with you both of you as counsellors.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-16 03:11:51](#)

Private Message to Pansy

That sort of sucks.

Sorry.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 03:17:59](#)

Re: Private Message to Pansy

Yeah.

Good to know before, though. I'd rather get all my bellyaching done in advance and spare everyone.

Speaking of things sucking, I heard a bit about what happened on Monday from Draco. He didn't say much about it, so I don't know all the details, but what I heard sounded awful. I'm sorry you had a hard time of it.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-16 03:20:26](#)

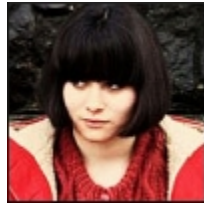
Re: Private Message to Pansy

Yeah.

Well.

Yeah.

Don't take this the wrong way, but I'd really rather not talk about it any more. Right now.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 03:27:41](#)

Re: Private Message to Pansy


I understand.

If you ever do, though.

You know what Sinbad says. I figure us nutters had better stick together, you know? Keep an eye out for each other.

Speaking of which, I told Draco. About writing him. So you don't have to worry about keeping it from him any more.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-16 03:44:04](#)

Re: Private Message to Pansy

Okay.

And you're right about Sinbad.

We can talk. We should talk. Just later.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 03:50:26](#)

Re: Private Message to Pansy

I know the feeling.

And later is fine by me, Harry.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-16 03:00:04](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra and Harry Marvolo

Yeah, it's fine. Whatever you want to do with it is okay.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-15 21:22:13](#)

Private message to Pansy

Is that Private Message to Sinistra about the money thing we discussed? Because yeah, I'm definitely keeping mine. It's not about greed, really... I may not need it now, but who knows what could pop up around the corner. Could be anything.



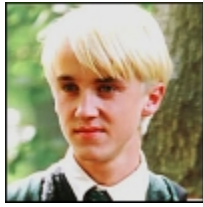
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 02:56:57](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I didn't mention you at all, and she didn't ask.

I think that's rather smart and practical of you to try and anticipate future challenges, given everything that's been going on. And a bit of peace of mind is important, too. It's not much of one, certainly, but it's a start.

I'm rather lucky in that my mother married before she could spend my inheritance, and that she and Prospero aren't nearly as... visible.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-16 12:55:49](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Alright then. I just hope she doesn't make some big announcement to everyone else about how you and Harry are so noble in donating your earnings. I can just imagine the looks I'd get if my name were absent from that little list.

Yes, well, she and Prospero are a bit like the people I was talking about - like the Greengrasses and the Browns, families that get to enjoy all the benefits of the Protectorate ~~and none of the rubbish~~. I would have been quite different if your Father was alive, you know. He was on the "council."

Speaking of people on the council, have you been hearing that rumour that our Miss Professor Carrow won't be here next year? I hope for once that a rumour is true, because how brilliant would that be? Unless of course they replace her with someone worse... but I can't imagine anyone being worse, can you?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 15:59:21](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I can imagine.

Miss Professor Carrow is awful. Just seeing her makes my skin crawl. And she's an absolutely terrible professor.

And she smells.

I think they'd have to work really, really hard to find someone quite as awful as she is.

And I've got plenty of reasons to hate her. What she did to you and Sally-Anne for starters.

And I overheard something she said once that the more I think about it, it makes me wonder whether she might've been the one that caused the explosion that killed my father in Leicester. I'm

not entirely sure I heard properly, so I don't go spreading it around, and it's not like she'd ever admit to it in public. But then again, she and Mr Professor Carrow made fun something awful when the story came out, and kept going on about how slow my father was, and how he was a poor duellist. If she did do it, I don't think she did it on purpose to try to kill him, mind, but I wouldn't be surprised if it really was her.

I had a dream about it last night because Professor Siz told me that CCF was going to be going to Leicester this summer and learning all about it.

So that'll be all sorts of fun.

Maybe we could test the theory, and see if it really could have been her that did it? It'd give me something to do.

[2012-06-15 18:52:00](#)

Last Night

It's always odd the last night before we go home, but tonight especially, the castle just seems really empty already with the Durmstrang and Beauxbatons lot gone. Like it's too big for just us.



 [alt_ron](#)

It was nice, though, the way we all went out to see them off. Professor Froissart said really nice things, too, I thought. Odd, though, that Professor Karkaroff didn't even stick his nose out or say anything. That was awkward. I thought Krum showed class, though.


Anywiz, anyone fancy some chess tonight? Come to the Great Hall if you do. Bring Snap or gobstones or whatever if you'd rather.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-16 01:24:11](#)
(no subject)


I was just getting some things from the greenhouses (a tree some plants I'll be bringing home), but I'll stop by. A couple chess games sounds like a good idea.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-16 03:59:57](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Neville. Just so you know. Professor Siz told me that this summer's CCF is going to be all about Leicester. Which is going to be no *end* of fun for me, and would be rather awkward for you if you were in CCF. But as it is, you might hear some things. Just thought it would be best to be prepared.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-16 22:52:48](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Leicester. Blimey.

I'm sorry, Pansy. I'm really sorry.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2012-06-16 22:53:22](#)**

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

It seems weird to thank you for letting me know.
But I'm grateful.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-16 23:56:40](#)**

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

Well, it can't be easy hearing those things about
your parents. No matter what you think of them.
And it's so hard to tell what's rubbish. I mean,
look at all the things they've said about Sirius
Black over the years, and I know for a fact that half of it's dead
wrong. Especially the part where he's dead.

Besides. If they'd won, think of all the awful things they'd say
about mine instead.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-16 23:52:57](#)**

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

Yeah.

Me too.

[2012-06-16 11:46:00](#)

Order Only

*Oh day, oh jolly, joyful day,
When country lads and lasses say,
'Tra-la-tra-la-tra-lawny-lay
Tra-la-tra-lawny-lay'.*



 [alt_poppy](#)

Well, it's been buzzing in my head all morning.
Thought I'd share.

Kingsley, Frank: how goes it with your guest, Mrs Ridley? (Is she 'Mrs', by the way?) If you've need of me, I believe my visit will have to wait until Tuesday evening. I had hoped to slip away tomorrow, but I understand that my substitute will be arriving and that there might be some briefing of staff ahead of the CCF trials, so I will need to stay put.

At least I'll have all my parchment in order ahead of my Monday grilling by the St Mungo's Inquisition.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at **[2012-06-17 04:26:53](#)**
(no subject)

Sorry for the delay in answering this, Poppy. We've been going round and round with Pleniloquence. Not because she's talking, but because she isn't. (Whether she's 'Ms' or 'Mrs' she won't say either.) We're really at a bit of a standoff for now. I think she does have information that would be very handy for us to have, but she wants to know more about us, about our capabilities and so on, i.e., whether we would have the ability to use any tidbits of information she'd let drop to us, before she'll talk.

So we're stuck in a game of 'you show me yours and I'll show you mine.' Frank and I don't think we can budge without approval from Minerva and Arthur.




 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2012-06-17 04:27:41](#)**
(no subject)

That last probably sounds dirtier than the situation really is.

Believe me, we're not having any fun.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-17 04:30:18](#)**
(no subject)

Ha ha. Sorry, mate.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2012-06-17 04:30:55](#)**
(no subject)

Not the way I want to be spending a Saturday evening, trust me.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-17 04:34:25](#)**
(no subject)

least she's stopped calling me bellatrix. I think I actually might've heard her admit that she's glad I wasn't captured, but it was one of her damn riddles and I can't be sure that's what she meant.

and I don't know what I'd rather have. her insisting that the food is drugged, or her complaining that the food isn't good enough. steve's about ready to make sure she gets nothing but cheese sandwiches from now on, and nothing but.

[2012-06-16 11:46:00](#)

Private message to Effs



 **[alt_hydra](#)**

Just so you know, I'm not angry or cross about *what* you told me. I suppose I'm feeling anxious about the fact that you have so many more secrets than I ever imagined.

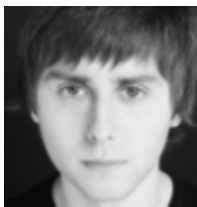
I've only recently discovered secrets, you see. I was used to never having them at all, because I couldn't have them. But I never had anyone to talk to, either. Not until I... met someone. And I talked to him about how I felt about everything, and it was such a relief to have someone listen. I even came to care for him, in a way, and I thought he cared, too - but it turned out that he was only pretending, and he wanted to use me to help him do awful things.

So I thought I would never find someone to talk to again, not like I could with him. I even missed him a little, even after all that he did. And then I met you, and you were real and you were - well, I thought you were just who you appeared to be.

But now I know that it's far more complicated than that. And I've just realised that your decision to stay makes a lot more sense, in light of what you told me.

I just want to know... you didn't want to get to know me, to get close to me, because of who I am - because of what *she* did - did you?

And also, are there any other surprises coming? About you, I mean.



 **[alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-16 19:06:21](#)**

(no subject)

Oh, Dux...

I wish I could promise that I've no more surprises along those lines. Sometimes I surprise myself, what? Like the time I snapped and hexed Toubon before he could stop me. I certainly couldn't have warned anyone about that, least of all myself!

But I know that's not what you mean. Does it help to say that you also surprise me? Constantly? You surprise me with your calm, your goodness, your acceptance of others.

I think I know who you're talking about, the one who made you trust him. I bally well hope I'm not like that, Dux, and I hope I should never ask you to do awful things for any reason. If you think something's not right, what, jolly well say so and don't let me convince you otherwise. And *there's* another way he and I are different, and that's that he never really loved you, Dux. He was just pretending the whole time. The only thing I can bally well say is that I love you enough to stay here to be with you. It's not the only reason, of course, you're right about that. But it's a big one.

You said that I knew everything about you and you feel like you know nothing about me. Sometimes I feel like I hardly know you at all, Dux, when you reveal a new depth of empathy or insight. That's a good surprise, though, and makes me love you all the more.

I fear that the more you learn about me the less you'll like what you see. Perhaps that's why I waited to tell you the rest. Or perhaps I was too focused on protecting him--you know who I mean. Other people have confided in me since I came here and I can't betray their trust in order to lay bare anything you might not know. But since you ask, I'll tell you the one thing you're worried about is not true.

I shan't pretend that somewhere in the beginning, I might have thought it would be useful to know you in order to gain access to your mother. I quickly abandoned that, though, when I came to notice that you and she were nothing alike. I've said before, Dux, and it's still true: I spent a long time trying not to want to know you, trying to tell myself that it was a fantastically bad idea to fall in love with you because of your family. I say, it didn't help much, did it?

But there are two other things related to your question I've not said and the problem is I don't think it's safe to say them in the journals, even in a Private Message. But I'll try, what?

The first is that as you might have already guessed, yes, one of the other reasons I want to stay is to see if I can find him. Help him, if I can.

The second is that if I ever do get the chance, I'll kill her, Dux. But not just because of what she tried to do to him. Also because of what she's done to you.

-J



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-16 19:47:43](#)
(no subject)

No, you're not like him at all, but I can't help but think of him, just the same. I'm afraid of being lied to again.

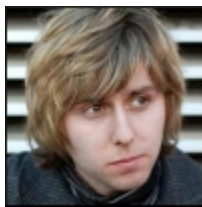
But, in comparison, I can *feel* that what you say about me, and what you say about caring for me, is true, and with him... well, I only hoped it was true. It sounds like a small difference, but it's much bigger than it sounds.

I can't imagine who these other people you've confided in are... well, maybe I can, but even then I'm not sure. I don't know why you would confide in them before me. I suppose that's another secret that I didn't know about, isn't it.

I don't know what to say about helping him. I suppose that's your choice, and that you do owe a debt him, in some ways. But he also owes *you* at least a little, is how I see it.

And as to the last... get in line. That's how she'll go someday and she wouldn't have it any other way. But she'll kill an awful lot of other people first before it happens. Please don't be one of them. And don't expect me to join you in that pursuit, either. ~~She's still my~~
Mother

From,
Hydra



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-16 21:46:00](#)
(no subject)

I hope I never have to lie to you, Dux, but...well, I suppose I should say that that's not the same thing as there being things I don't tell you. But I shouldn't want to keep something from you that would harm you by not knowing, what? Does that make sense?

I say, it's rather like the difference between a white lie and a thumper, if you follow me.

I've not made it secret that I've made several other friends, though. And I've not made it secret that some of my other friends

also knew what I told you back in April, over hols. It stands to reason that they might also entrust confidences to me that I'm not at liberty to share, what? But I hope you'll be able to learn them for yourself, soon enough. I can't say with any certainty when, though.

Why should he owe me? I don't follow.

And no, I don't think you so unnatural as to want anything to do with matricide, what? I only hope you don't hate me for saying I shan't hesitate if I get the chance. But I promise you I know how dangerous a task it would be and I shan't go *looking* for the opportunity, what?

All my heart,

-Justin



 **alt_hydra** at **2012-06-16 22:01:13**
(no subject)

You don't have to explain to me the difference between a lie and withholding the truth, and the usefulness and even necessity of the latter (and maybe even both). But, it doesn't mean that it doesn't hurt a little.

If I can just feel hurt for a while then I'll feel better faster.

He owes you because you would be living a safer and more benign life if it wasn't for him. I know you wouldn't trade it, and neither would I. But even in helping you, he didn't have to tell you ~~who he was~~ as much as he did. But it's over and done with and now there's no going back.

I don't hate you, but I hate that you think you could do that.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-16 22:09:11](#)
(no subject)

I know. And of course you can do!

And I'm sorry to be the cause of it.

-J

[2012-06-16 13:10:00](#)

ORDER ONLY

poppy, pomona, min, what's the word on carrow?

we've got a window here, and it'll close soon if we don't do something. I'm okay with getting my hands dirty on this one. more than okay. if I can get her alone for an hour even, it's worth a shot.



 **[alt_frank](#)**



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-16 17:32:12](#)**
(no subject)

Merlin's boots.

I've had the wrong end of the Skrewt this morning, priority-wise. Though, that said, I don't know what to suggest. We can hardly let you in here to-- do what? I think we'll have to try to get it out of her ourselves. Minerva?



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-16 17:47:42](#)**
(no subject)

Agreed, Frank. I was just thinking that it might be worth a little jaunt.

Maybe to Lincoln? She can't Apparate directly into the castle, can she, with all the protections Carrow's got on it, surely?

We might be able to stake out the main gate.

Or do you reckon Hogsmeade's a surer bet, when she leaves the school for the Apparation point?



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-16 18:00:02](#)**
(no subject)

I sincerely doubt that Alecko is capable of apparition in her current state. Let alone capable of walking to Hogsmeade. I wonder if we could jigger with the Floo to send her direct to you instead of to Lincoln.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-16 21:50:26](#)
(no subject)

worth a try. could we hook it up to grimmauld, I wonder?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-16 22:07:12](#)
(no subject)

how hard would it be to let us slip in to hogwarts, poppy?

when we're done, we'd make sure she wouldn't remember.



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-16 22:29:31](#)
(no subject)

From my view, tricky. We've had people coming and going to dismantle the maze (that's where I've been all day).

We've the 3rd years waiting for the CCF trials, and their various examiners arriving tomorrow. I believe they're mostly staying in Hogsmeade, but that just means they'll be back and forth across the grounds more often.

Some of the staff's gone already, but the rest are highly unpredictable.

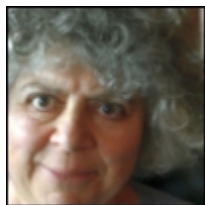
I was up early this morning to harvest in the dawn, and ran into Aurora out for a walk, for one thing, and that's not a time of day one ever expects to see her. Rolanda's nearly worse: I've seen her around at all hours, and in places I'd not have thought to, though she's had a reason each time.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-16 23:51:50](#)
(no subject)

right.

so if she's flooing, would it be straight to the castle from hogwarts? do they have a direct link-up?



 **alt_pomona** at [2012-06-17 00:38:42](#)
(no subject)

Truly, I've no idea. You've no idea how complicated this castle is, even things you'd think would be obvious like the floo connections.

Clearly, hers is at least turned on, or was over the Easter hols. But whether she'll use it, or whether it'll open to Lincoln, or whether she only uses it for chat rather than transport, I've not the slightest.

The one in my office will handle both. I know Aurora has entirely shut down the one in her rooms, but leaves her office one open for firecalls only. I remember Bathsheba mentioning hers is entirely the other way round. And that's before one gets into any other security measures, such as limiting who can use the thing.

It's been an age since I last made much in the way of adjustments to mine - what, four caretakers ago? - but I seem to remember there were also some floo locations that were trivial to open a connection to, and some that were much more complicated.

I do agree with Poppy that I can't imagine her making it to the apparition point under her own power. I can't imagine her brother coming to collect her, I suppose but you're right, she must have some plan.



 **alt_frank** at [2012-06-17 00:44:24](#)
(no subject)

if there are examiners, might make it easier, actually. non-staff wandering about wouldn't raise as many eyebrows.

and if she's flooing from hogwarts direct, she doesn't have a reason to leave the grounds. so we'd have to come to her.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-16 18:02:59](#)

Private Message to Frank Longbottom and Sirius Black

Speaking of 'conditions', I'm not sure Minerva will even see this. We may be forced to make a decision without her.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-16 21:49:05](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank Longbottom and Sirius Black

right.

I'd rather get yelled at later than not try anything.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-16 22:09:45](#)

Private Message to Sirius Black

she's in a poor state.

and if an accident were to happen while we were asking some questions

let's just say I wouldn't lose too much sleep over it. and it'd be a sure way to get the castle to show.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-17 03:23:49](#)

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

True enough. Though cancelling the Fidelius on Lincoln doesn't change whatever spells Carrow's put on Terry to keep him tethered like a dog on a leash.

Still, it's one of the necessary steps.

I say we meet up there. Tomorrow? Hagrid would hide us and Poppy and Pomona could run interference to help us get through any extra security.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-17 03:57:52](#)

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

it'd be good to catch up a bit with Hagrid, any road.

you apparating in? if so, we'd better make it an early morning so you can be on top of things.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-17 04:18:13](#)

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

Not enough time to get there any other way.

I've talked it over with Remus. Honestly I think he's a little envious that we're going.

I'll have to make sure he gets the next dangerous mission.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-17 04:31:29](#)

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

we'll have to be prepared to head to lincoln once we've sorted things out one way or the other. right away. once the wards drop, there'll be a lot of confusion, and I think we'll have a chance.

and if we're going to do it this way, we'd better be ready to go all out. if you think you'll be a liability at lincoln, two apparations in one day, we can have remus on standby just in case.

might be tricky -- I think our best bet is subduing Carrow and taking him along with us while we figure out how to break terry away. even though his neck is the one I'd much rather wrap my hands around, killing him might up and kill terry.

and dursley too -- we'll have to make sure we grab him.



 **alt_alice** at [2012-06-17 04:39:03](#)

Private Message to Frank

I can read between the lines, love.

I know you've held off for a good long time, but are you sure this is what's best? For the Order? For Minerva? She's under so much pressure, and if something were to happen to Alecto Carrow on Hogwarts grounds, it would put her in a very difficult position.

Not to mention we have no idea what it would take to break Terry's connection to Amycus Carrow. What are you planning to do on that end?



 **alt_frank** at [2012-06-17 04:44:58](#)

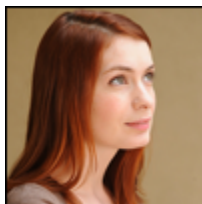
Re: Private Message to Frank

knock him out.

take him with.

drain every drop of blood in his body if we have to.

I've spent too long standing by, and had too many close calls to just sit back and watch while she slithers into that castle and disappears.



 **alt_alice** at [2012-06-17 04:49:43](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank

So we'd be keeping an eye on both Ridley and Carrow. Charming.

I want him here too, love.

Badly.

I just want you to be sure about the risk you're taking. You're both going to be awfully exposed, at Hogwarts, and again at Lincoln. There are countless things that could go wrong. And if everything goes absolutely wonderfully, we'll have a sea of Dark Magic blood

spells to wade through and a hostile prisoner to keep subdued while we do so.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2012-06-17 04:57:49**

Re: Private Message to Frank

sirius could help terry with the transformation, speed up the process, and make sure it works to break the connection.

it's not perfect.

it's risky.

it's for a kid most people don't give two knuts about.

I've failed him for the last time, al. he's still alive, and out there, hurting, and I've had enough of wringing hands and treating that carrow woman with kid gloves. I'm going to do what I have to do and it will be worth it.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2012-06-17 05:05:56**

Re: Private Message to Frank

You come home with him, Frank Longbottom.

I don't care what you have to do to get here.
Even if it means I have to keep Amycus Carrow fed for the next year. Just come back to me.

Promise me that.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2012-06-17 05:09:11**

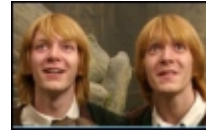
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always will.

always.

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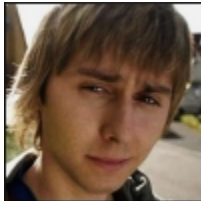
Private message to Justin Finch-Fletchley




 **[alt_gredforge](#)**

We presume (since you didn't yell for help or anything) that a certain conversation took place on Friday and there were no hysterics undue reactions and so nothing had to be undone? So...how did it go then?

No need to answer here. Let our compatriots know, and they'll pass along the word.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-17 01:22:08](#)**
(no subject)

Hullo, Fred and George,

I say, happy to answer here. And yes, thanks for standing by but it wasn't necessary. I'm dashed sorry I wasn't able to signal you to go on your way without it being obvious, what?

It went much as I suspected. She's not cross at all. She's hurt I didn't tell her when I told her the rest but she does understand why I couldn't do then.

I take it that all the Weasleys arrived home safely? I hope you had a happy reunion with your parents.

-Justin



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-17 03:27:29](#)**
(no subject)

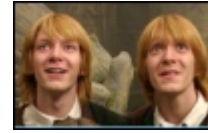
Good to hear it. We'll check in with Ron about any further deliberations on the question. If we have any further opinions to add, we'll pass them along via him.

All safely home, yes. Mum cooked up a feast for us all and is already after us to unpack our trunks. And Percy's already grouching about how loudly we're all tromping up and down the stairs. Just like old times.

You've never met Percy. Or have you? He finished Hogwarts last year. But he's come around for some of the Hogsmeade weekends to moon over Penelope Clearwater.

[2012-06-16 22:32:00](#)

Order Only:



 **[alt_gredforge](#)**

We wanted to raise an idea with you. Well, mostly with Dad, but the rest of you at Hogwarts might want to weigh in. It's about Nicholas Towler. (For the rest of you, he's one of Mark Towler's brothers--Mark was one of those killed at the Frost Faire. And so to make nice the Ministry had the bright idea to raise the remaining Towlers from half-blood to pureblood, remember?)

He's a Gryffindor like us, and we know him pretty well. He was a Chaser with us on the Quidditch team, and a Prefect, and we've played loads of chess with him over the years. Ron's played him, too.

Anyway. We had a long talk with him on the train on the way home. The thing is, he's always hoped for a job at the Ministry, but he's worried he won't get one. Because people won't think he's as good as a real pureblood. Or they even think he's bad luck. He tried to get a jump on things, applied for some jobs already by owl, but all he's received back so far are rejections. Some of them even a bit snippy, almost like, *how could you think we'd ever consider someone like you?*

Dad, do you think you might be able to put in a word for him, maybe? The thing is, we wonder if he might be a help to us. The Order we mean, in the future. You get a sense of a person after rubbing shoulders with him for six years. But more than that...well, he has a good sense of humour, and he knows how to have fun, but something's changed in him the past few months. Since February. Well of course what happened showed him a whole world of ugly, made him think about things. Maybe nobody else would have noticed it, but we know him so well.

We just have a sense that he might be a good candidate for recruitment in the future. Call it a gut feeling, but you know our intuition's good. What do you say?




 **[alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-17 04:08:11](#)**
(no subject)

Interesting thought, boys. There is some shifting around going on: they've had to plug some holes in Muggle Domestication with people from my department, because they're turning Muggle

Domestication upside down, what with the investigation since Norma's death.

So we may have an opening soon. Perhaps it might be possible.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-17 04:36:41](#)
(no subject)

I remember, I've met him. I went to fetch him and his brother from Hogwarts to take them to that stupid elevation-to-pureblood ceremony.

They were both very quiet; shock, you know. Still, I distinctly remember one detail: right before he went into the room to receive the certificate, Nicholas rolled his eyes at me and said under his breath, 'What a bloody farce.'


Fred and George may be on to something.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-17 04:37:15](#)
(no subject)

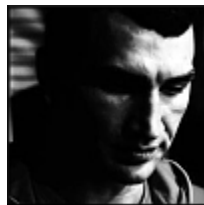
Imagine that.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-17 04:38:26](#)
(no subject)

Well, I always know you're up to something. It's just since April that I've gained new respect for the times you're on to something.

Minerva? Poppy? Pomona? What do you think? Or Macnair? You taught him too, didn't you?



 [alt_macnair](#) at [2012-06-17 19:43:08](#)
(no subject)

Not recently. But recall him as fairly sharp, and a quick learner. Good-natured enough. Too much, maybe. Took the mick from others quite a bit as a result. Might be a bit on the naive side, easily taken in and such. But that might've changed after recent events.



 **alt_poppy** at **2012-06-17 15:22:40**
(no subject)

Ah. The Towler brothers.

Yes, indeed.

Trouble. Almost on a scale with a certain pair of Weasleys. Nearly as good natured, as well.

Not, perhaps, as discerning. The one just leaving school, this Nicholas, has been to see me more than once because he was taken in by someone's cleverness. Mind you, I don't believe he's the sort to become a target out of weakness, but because he ends up embroiled in cyclical bouts of 'giving as one gets'. I do think he's a good sort, though and wish him well.

Whether that makes him a good prospect for your department or for our work, I can't say. But he's certainly worth your time to consider the matter, Arthur.

2012-06-17 12:10:00

Falcons!!!!

This is as snitch as it gets!

Cumberland's absolutely giant in person! I bet his arms are six inches longer than any other Keeper.

I'm totally getting him and Broadmoor to sign my journal!

Totally awesnitchingsome!!!!




 [alt_ron](#)



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2012-06-17 19:38:54](#)
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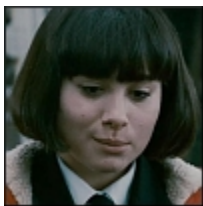
Weasley. Can't you at least contain your excitement until the guest of honour arrives?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-17 19:42:24](#)
(no subject)

What? It's not my fault you lot are slow.


What's taking you so long, already?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-17 19:50:17](#)
(no subject)

We're just packing up to fly over now, tuna brain.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-17 20:33:03](#)
(no subject)

Doesn't everyone look just brilliant?

Fred and George are doing quite well, I think. They've gotten quite a few good hits in already.



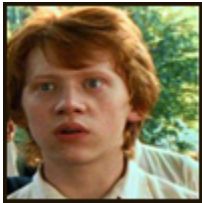
 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-17 20:45:37](#)
(no subject)


They're brilliant. Only, I wish Angelina wasn't shouting my ears off!



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-17 20:47:17](#)
(no subject)


Hah! Well, maybe they should be a little less brilliant, then, and save you your eardrums!



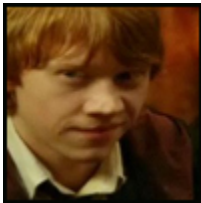
 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-17 20:47:08](#)
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good


Um. Did you see what Carrow wrote?!



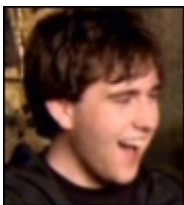
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-17 20:49:00](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Yes. I can't sort out what it's all about, but that's nothing new. I don't think it's about Terry, though.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-17 21:02:24](#)
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

But he sounds like he wants to kill someone. And thst's not good. For Terry.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-17 21:05:15](#)
(no subject)

I'll say! They're such good Beaters.


Poor Derrick doesn't have much of a hope of keeping the Falcon Chasers from scoring against him, but no one can doubt he gave it his best. (Loads better than I would have done it. But of course that isn't saying much.)



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-17 21:07:02](#)
(no subject)

And Diggory... he was inspired, wasn't he? I wonder if Krum has been giving him flying tips.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-17 21:35:19](#)
(no subject)

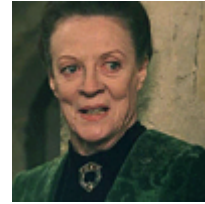
You're right about Diggory. He's going to be killer next year if he keeps flying like that!

2012-06-17 12:42:00

Order Only: Frank and Sirius

Do not come to the castle tonight.

I shall deal with Alecto Carrow in the morning.



 **alt_mcgonagall**

I do not have the mental energy to deal with your sudden appearance on my school's grounds, and I wish to have the pleasure of dealing with her myself.



 **alt_frank at 2012-06-17 17:14:44**

(no subject)

right.

sirius and me have been planning out the lincoln side of things, so we'll be ready to move ahead on that

tomorrow.

good to hear that you're taking things in hand.



 **alt_sirius at 2012-06-17 17:25:22**

(no subject)

Does that mean you plan to come to Lincoln? Or something else?

Because we'd still need to hear the secret from Alecto's own miserable mouth, if we're going to get in there.

[2012-06-17 14:28:00](#)

How dare you! How DARE you!!



Jealous, eh? She found it and told me, and I see it all now. Seethed with envious ire, didn't you, dazzled by a purity that you couldn't hope to match!

 [alt_amycus](#)

The Crup dragged in muddy bones and buried them in the dead of night, hoping to sicken her with the putrefying stench.

The Wasp sank a cruel, paralysing sting, planting an egg of darkness. Hoped to hatch a monster of tenebrosity that would devour her sweet flesh from within.

Well, she has uncovered your little handiwork now, blast you. Your bloody foul plaque. Found it and destroyed it, and your scheme is now uncovered to stink to heaven! Blast you and damn you--you presumed to try to co-opt her sign of purity to try to strike her down! You dared to raise your foul, stinking hands against her. You DARED!!


YOU HAVE FAILED. And I SWEAR to you by His vengeful hand itself, YOU SHALL

**SUFFER FOR THIS. HEX YOU DAMN YOU
CURSE YOU BLAST YOU**

**You will WRITHE. You will CRAWL. You
will BEG AND WHINE AND PLEAD AND
SNIVEL for mercy, but there will be
NONE!!**

**YOU SHALL NOT ESCAPE MY
VENGEANCE!!!**



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-17 20:59:23](#)**
ORDER ONLY

minerva? what's going on?



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-17 21:10:09](#)**
Re: ORDER ONLY

Yeah, just what I was going to ask. Is this just his usual ravings? Or something more?

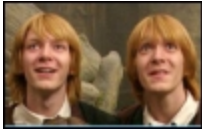


 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-17 21:11:49](#)**
Order Only

Cor, blimey. Tell us what you're really thinking, you git.

On second thought, maybe not.

What plaque is he nattering on about?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-17 21:13:16](#)

Re: Order Only

And who's this wasp, anyway? And the crup?

What a nutter.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-17 21:27:58](#)

Re: Order Only

he's not talking about min. he calls her the bat.

must've sorted out who was poisoning her. and how.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-17 21:43:46](#)

Re: Order Only

A plaque.

We looked back over some his old entries. He wrote something back in January about her getting some kind of honour. Do you reckon it was a plaque? And she's just figured it out, because she's packing everything up to move back to Lincoln Castle?

So that's how they did it. Whoever did it.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-17 21:53:58](#)

Re: Order Only

Could that be it, Frank? Or Remus? A Dark object? Could it make her sick like that?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-17 21:57:17](#)

Re: Order Only

it'd be a lot harder to detect than outright poison. wouldn't show in the blood at all, if it was done right.

and it was slow-acting.

I'd say there's a fairly good chance.

any idea who he's talking about? wasps and crups?



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-17 22:00:14](#)

Re: Order Only

A Dark object could certainly make her sick, and would have been a great deal harder for Poppy to track down than poison or any straight-up hexes would have.

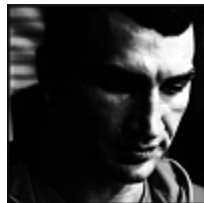
And if the plaque was presented as part of an honour -- well. Ordinarily I would expect Alecto Carrow to be rather suspicious of gifts. There are quite a few spells to detect curses on objects, but one does have to think to use them.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-17 22:03:29](#)

Re: Order Only

and it could've been layered with spells that make the possessor put it aside and forget about it, preventing her looking too closely at it. all sorts of ways that could play out, especially given the state of her office.

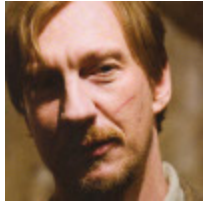


 [alt_macnair](#) at [2012-06-17 22:10:17](#)

Re: Order Only

If it's a dark object it's a highly complex one, to work slowly and avoid detection for so long - especially from Alecto, who knows her dark arts.

I'd put galleons on Lestrage.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-17 22:11:55](#)

Re: Order Only

I wouldn't bet against you. He has motive as well as means.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-18 01:09:29](#)

Re: Order Only

Word's filtered back to us from our sources: Terry thinks the git means the 'wasp' and the 'crup' are the Lestrangle brothers.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-17 21:28:14](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Does anyone know who he's talking about? It's not the Headmistress or Madam Pomfrey.

Terry I know there's no real point in telling you to be careful, OF COURSE you're being careful, you're ALWAYS careful, but I'm going to tell you to be careful anyway because there's nothing else I can do and I'm worried



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-17 21:38:24](#)

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

The crup and the wasp. He uses nicknames. I think...I think he's talking about the Lestranges. Your Professor Lestrangle, and his brother.

I'm keeping away from him. So far, it's all right. He's raving, flinging stuff around in his quarters, but he hasn't yelled for me yet. But I'll probably have to clean up some broken glass tonight.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-17 21:40:00](#)

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

He's expecting her tomorrow. I hope that'll calm him down.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-17 21:51:30](#)

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

Oh.

OH.

I think he thinks that the Razzar and his brother are the ones who made Alecto sick. And they might have been. They certainly have every reason to hate her. And he's talking about a plaque, and cursed objects are Hydra's father's specialty, I think. We talked about it once.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-17 21:55:09](#)

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

After what he did to Raz and Hydra last year, I'm not surprised.



 [alt_selwyn](#) at [2012-06-17 21:57:12](#)

Private message to Lucius Malfoy

Do you know who he's talking about? I've sorted out some of the nicknames he uses but only enough to know it's not you or Minerva he's on about this time.

I gather -- I think -- he's worked out what was making Alecto ill? I wonder if that means she'll elect to stay at Hogwarts after all? That would save the BoG the trouble of recruiting a new teacher for Dark Arts, but she's an unstable and unpredictable individual, and frankly I'd just as soon keep her far away from the school. As Arista's gotten older I've



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2012-06-18 00:29:25](#)

Re: Private message to Lucius Malfoy

Dominic,

We're just arriving back at the Manor with the boys. Did see Carrow's rant earlier but had not seen this

message.

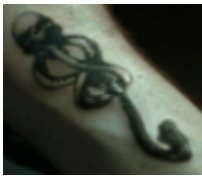
Believe you have half your answer in Rod's exchange below. Confess my primary reaction extended only so far as to express disappointment she might recover.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2012-06-17 22:08:23](#)

(no subject)

What a rabble. Sounds as if someone's tossed the toys from your pram, Amycus.



 [alt_amycus](#) at [2012-06-17 23:12:06](#)

(no subject)

Oh, I won't toy with you. You won't like it a bit when I yank out your stinger.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2012-06-17 23:15:56](#)

(no subject)

Sorry, Amycus, I think it's your sister who likes that sort of titillating talk.

2012-06-17 15:56:00

Private message to Roddy

So this is how you did it.

I don't suppose you had some plan in mind for how to deal with the consequences once they figured it out.



 [alt_rabastan](#)


And what's with that "crup" and "wasp" nonsense? Sounds as if he thinks I helped you out. Thanks loads for that.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2012-06-17 22:00:11](#)
(no subject)

Well, you could have probably done more to stop me.
And of course I have a plan.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-17 22:01:15](#)
(no subject)

...You're right, I could have.
And what is this grand plan?




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2012-06-17 22:04:39](#)
(no subject)

How curiously agreeable you are today. But yes, you could have asked what the object was, and removed it yourself, yet even when you saw how ill she became, you didn't inquire with me.

As for the plan - we kill them, of course.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2012-06-17 22:05:18](#)
(no subject)

Oh, *we* do, do we?



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2012-06-17 22:06:40](#)**
(no subject)

If he actually leaves wherever he's holed up and goes on the warpath, yes. Though I doubt that he will. And she's in no condition to join him.

Don't worry yourself too much, brother.

[2012-06-17 16:57:00](#)

Happy Birthday, Malfoy!

If you're going to have Quidditch parties like that then I think you ought to have a birthday every week!



 **[alt_zacharias](#)**

It's no wonder the Falcons are so near the top of the league; they're dead amazing. Did anyone else get the speed on the Bludgers after Broadmoor batted it away? My omnioculars said it was about 78 miles an hour!

And good on you, Malfoy, playing Seeker for a change. Seems like a natural position for you, not that you're bad as Chaser, either.


Anyway, it was a dead brill idea for a party, Parkinson, especially after a year without the sport. Cheers for having us all.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2012-06-17 21:06:01](#)**
(no subject)

It was pretty impressive to see them all, wasn't it? Though I think it wouldn't have been half as funny if our lads hadn't been flying alongside.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-17 21:16:03](#)**
(no subject)

Cheers yourself, Smith!

I'm glad you're having a good time.

And Cedric is doing awfully well, isn't he? He nearly got a goal past Orville when he was filling in for Cadwallader, and that's rather impressive, given that he doesn't usually have to handle quaffles.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2012-06-17 21:50:12](#)**
(no subject)

Cheers, Smith, but I didn't organise a thing, it was all Pansy.

[2012-06-17 18:22:00](#)

Private Message to Draco Malfoy

You are a brilliant Seeker.

I love watching you fly. You might say this entire set-up was just a giant excuse for me to see you on a broom, because when you're up there, you look like it's what you were born to do.



 **[alt_pansy](#)**

Happy Birthday, Draco.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2012-06-18 01:20:05](#)**

(no subject)

Thanks Pansy. Very flattering that you were only watching *me*, considering that we had Harry about today along with actual professional players.

Today was brilliant, and thank you for arranging it. And for keeping me from reading my journal so that I didn't see "tuna brains" spoiling the surprise.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-18 02:04:29](#)**

(no subject)

I've got some omniocular clips in case you want to watch them later. You really held your own. And they weren't taking it easy on you, either.

And I think he looked a bit better today, don't you? During the reception he even smiled a couple of times without looking like he was trying to. Is he staying with you at the Manor? I hope so.

I think it'd be good if we keep him busy this summer.

Away from Buckingham.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-18 02:07:17](#)
(no subject)

And as far as Ron is concerned, he is sweet, and well-meaning, but he honestly can have tuna for brains sometimes.

I'm glad he didn't spoil things, and that you had a good time. Honestly, with all the invites being passed around, it's a miracle no one told you beforehand! I think Daphne was sitting on Milli's head to keep her quiet.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-18 02:56:56](#)
(no subject)

He's really not

Yes, I'd like to see the omniocular clips.

Yeah, he's here for now. We can try to keep him out of Buckingham, but you know in the end if He wants him there, then that's where Harry will be. I know it's depressing but who can do anything to stop it?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-18 02:57:09](#)
(no subject)

I'll be sure to bring it next time I see you.

Yes. It is depressing. And I'm not suggesting we try to interfere if he is summoned like that again.

Even though it makes me shudder just to think about it.

I just was thinking that it might make him feel a little less alone if he isn't stuck in that enormous palace with someone he doesn't want to see any time soon.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-18 03:08:46](#)
(no subject)

Well he's welcome here whenever he wants. Last summer the Lord Protector seemed to want Harry around Buckingham, though, for whatever reason. He was basically ignoring Harry then, though, and He doesn't seem to be, now.

At least being a YPL counsellor will keep him busy for much of the time.

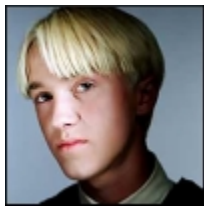


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-18 03:18:49](#)
(no subject)

You're right, there is that.

It does seem a bit pointless to think of ways to make someone feel better when there's nothing that can be done about the thing that's worrisome to begin with.

I wish there was something more we could do.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-18 03:27:03](#)
(no subject)

If Harry has to stay at Buckingham, I'll just see about visiting him there as much as possible, too. Making it seem as if Harry is AWFULLY important to the YPL and CCF might be a good approach.

Did you see Carrow's rant? I mean, who didn't.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-18 03:58:08](#)
(no subject)

Yes. I like that. It's something that no-one can complain about, that's for certain. Maybe we can suggest several of us going down early to help set up? And staying after to help file paperwork. After all, if he's meant to be a leader, putting in a little extra effort would be expected.

We can also plan some flying trips or something that wouldn't be too much of a hassle for Professor Raz to provide security for.

And ugh. Yes, I did. I was talking with Sally-Anne about it while we were at the match, and we decided he meant to blame Professor Raz and Mr Lestrangle for how sick Miss Professor Carrow was getting. He all but said so when Mr Lestrangle was poking at him.

It figures, given what happened last term. I still think it's ridiculous he didn't get punished at all for what he did. And it's a pity they found it. I suppose that means she'll get better.

2012-06-17 19:32:00

Private Message to Dux

Hydra,

Stay in your Common Room tonight, will you?

I mean to say, don't go wandering until we know that Alecto Carrow's left the school. The rumour I've heard is that her brother's talking about your father, what? Let's not give her an excuse to get revenge on him by harming you.

-Justin



 [alt_justin](#)



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2012-06-18 01:22:06**

(no subject)

Yes, I've heard that, too.

I'm not planning to leave. I'm worried about Raz, though - she might try to get to him, too.

From,
Hydra

2012-06-17 20:55:00

I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good - Regarding Hydra



 [alt_hermione](#)

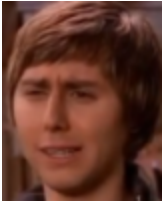
I know everybody wants to put Hydra on here and I kind of do too, I mean, she's really nice in some ways even though she doesn't know anything about anything. I mean, even less than Harry, which is kind of amazing, how does someone end up that sheltered?? But I just don't know that it's a good idea, because of some of the things Harry told me about some of what happened with the Triwizard Tournament and after.

Because

See, this is all too dangerous, I mean, I don't know what you all know, but Harry told me some truly terrifying things, about his Father. And even he thinks that his Father has to get out of power, now, because he's being so erratic and downright awful. And I know we can't do anything about me, but I have other things to worry about, whereas Hydra could have her Occlumency fail at any time, I know that you never really know when a natural Occlumens will let their guard down, I've read about it. Mostly they never do but sometimes they do and you just can't know what will trigger it, especially if they get lulled into thinking they're safe.

Only, think about Hydra. Maybe she isn't an Occlumens after all and it's just a trick, or maybe she is and then something will go right and her Mum will start treating her nice and then she'll relax and then we'll all be in trouble, but her too, see? And if it's her there's all these other people who would be in trouble too.

I just don't know at all and I can't say yes, I can't, but I can't say no either. I feel like I can't make any good decisions. If you let her in I'll live with it, only I just don't know. You don't know what Harry said, and I don't think I should share all of it, only things are going to get bad, really bad, and they're going to have to do with us, if He is thinking about Harry like that, He'll start thinking about people our age next. Justin you shouldn't have stayed.



 **alt_justin** at [2012-06-18 02:10:08](#)
(no subject)

Hermione,

I'm glad you've brought up your questions honestly, what? I agree Hydra's been quite sheltered but I do believe that's been her parents' design as much as accident.

As to whether she'll slip someday... Well, I can offer that when she suspected she had developed the skill, she did think to test it in several way at several times. She even tried to let her mother see her thoughts. And from what she told me she'd been thinking things that would have brought out a reaction from her mother.

I did tell her about Sirius and she bally well took that part in stride, what? (She was more hurt that I'd hidden the information at all than that I knew him or knew he was alive.)

I think I can well guarantee she'll never decide her mother being nice is anything other than a trick but I don't suspect that would satisfy, would it?

-Justin



 **alt_hermione** at [2012-06-18 10:25:35](#)
(no subject)

I don't know. See, I know a natural Occlumens, and I won't tell you who it is, only they're always worried about it giving up, and that must mean it can, you see? So I find that... scary. I guess scary is the only way I can say it, because I just don't know, it's one thing to be taking the risk yourself but...

I suppose it isn't fair to her when Pansy's around people all the time who could Legilimise her and I am even more than that, so why keep Hydra out, only I just can't get it out of my head that things are dangerous and what we have has been working and if we change it it might not work any more, you know?

Let me ask someone.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2012-06-18 02:12:19**

Private Message to Hermione Granger and Harry Marvolo

I heard a bit of what happened.

Not too many of the specifics, though. I think Draco was still

I think he was afraid of what happened. And worried for Harry.

I'll keep quiet about it, though. If that's what you want.



 **[alt_hermione](#) at 2012-06-18 10:20:44**

Re: Private Message to Hermione Granger and Harry Marvolo

I just, I think that Harry wouldn't want to think that everyone was picking over him.

He told me afterwards that he thinks he has to kill his dad.

I mean, we haven't always been the best mates but that isn't good for anybody, I mean, I think it's true, but I never really thought about him as *Harry's dad* before, I never had to, because mostly I just tag along and he's—oh this doesn't make any sense.

But I don't think that Harry knows what to do now.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2012-06-18 14:05:40**

Re: Private Message to Hermione Granger and Harry Marvolo

That isn't good at all.

I mean, how's he supposed to pull that off?

I wouldn't know what to do either.

And you're right, he wouldn't want a bunch of people knowing everything about what's happened to him without his permission. But I do think that we might be able to put our heads together to sort out some ways we might help him a little.

I'm not sure what all we could do, really, but it's worth thinking about.

Like I've been talking to Draco about ways to get him out of Buckingham this summer. Just so he isn't *there*. You know?

I can try and work it so that whatever we plan, you have to come along too.

Have you heard about Terry? Is he going to be all right?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-18 02:23:31](#)
(no subject)

Here's the thing.

We are ALL at risk. If anything Hydra's less of a risk than the rest of us, because she can do occlumency.

And given how good she is at occlumency, maybe she can also do legilimency? Because then the rest of us would be able to practice and she could tell us if we were getting it right.

I do know that Hydra's NEVER going to start trusting her mum. When her mum IS nice to her, she's more on her guard than ever.

2012-06-18 06:54:00

(no subject)

JUSTINE?!
JUSTINE!!!



 [alt_amycus](#)

2012-06-18 06:58:00

(no subject)

the castle!?

ukh

the blood sp--



 [alt_terry](#)



 [alt_justin](#) at **2012-06-18 12:06:02**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Terry?

What's gone wrong?

Hermione, can you get our friends to Lincoln?

Fast as may be?

-Justin



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2012-06-18 12:15:29**

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

They're on their way—Terry hold on!!!!

2012-06-18 07:54:00

Order Only: Alecto Carrow

Alecto Carrow has died unexpectedly.

You know what to do.

I shall inform the necessary persons via firechat, not journal, with the hope of delaying any possible response as long as I can.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#)



 [alt_frank](#) at **2012-06-18 11:59:22**
(no subject)

right. on our way to lincoln.

we stuck around hagrid's last night just in case, so we're both ready to go.

sirius and me have a plan. we'll let anyone know if we need back up.

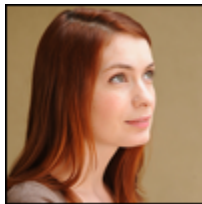



 [alt_molly](#) at **2012-06-18 12:10:58**
(no subject)

Oh, my goodness.

Go, Frank! Go, go, GO!


I'm going to go awaken the twins.



 [alt_alice](#) at **2012-06-18 12:13:35**
Private Message to Molly

You might have to sit on them to make sure they don't hop over there themselves.




 [alt_molly](#) at **2012-06-18 12:20:48**
Re: Private Message to Molly

Good point. I'm keeping my wand on them.

Just in case.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:00:10](#)**
(no subject)


Are you all right, Minerva?



 **[alt_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:02:11](#)**
(no subject)

She could not harm me.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:02:56](#)**
(no subject)

Merlin. the Beast has awoken.

I know Frank and Sirius can handle themselves.

Still.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:04:47](#)**
(no subject)

She's dead? She's dead!?

Merlin, Minerva. How ~~did~~ How extremely convenient.



 **[alt_mcgonagall](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:05:55](#)**
(no subject)

I am about to fire chat St. Mungo's; I cannot reach Poppy. I shall be busy for some time.

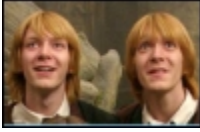
It is very convenient.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:16:38](#)**

Order Only: Private Message to Minerva McGonagall and Harry Marvolo

Couldn't you have done it sooner????



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:19:20](#)**

(no subject)

She's DEAD?!

OUTSTANDING!

2012-06-18 08:17:00

Order Only

Carrow's dead too.

Oh, Circe, his throat's torn out.

Frank's closing the wound - we thought it'd be better to make it look like he slipped and fell than that an animal attacked him.

I hope this means Terry managed the transformation but that also means ... well.

At any rate, I'll be tracking him one way or other in a moment.

Hermione, have you heard from him? Is he hiding somewhere nearby?

Tell him we're looking for him, right?



 **alt_sirius**



 **alt_gredforge** at **2012-06-18 12:22:34**
(no subject)

He's dead?! He's DEAD?!

But...OH SHITE.

FIND him, Sirius! You gotta FIND HIM!

He's probably heading for the backpack. The rucksack we buried for him.



 **alt_gredforge** at **2012-06-18 12:23:42**
(no subject)

We know it's at a point he can see from the wall.
Under some trees. We think it's closest to the
Observation Tower.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:26:35](#)**
(no subject)


what rucksack?

there's a lot of bloody trees around here.

when did you bury it?

sirius's changing to a dog so we can track him better.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:24:39](#)**
(no subject)


Right.

It probably won't be perfect, but it'll throw their scent off.

The blood will be all wrong if he's already dead when he falls, for one, but there's nothing he can do about that.

Tell Frank to make sure and pay attention to his arms and hands too.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-18 12:25:40](#)**
(no subject)

Or maybe that he threw himself off. Don't know if you saw his last post.

Merlin, Sirius.

Look out, though--I imagine a giant castle suddenly blinking into view has drawn a lot of unwanted attention. And you're suddenly going to have a lot of curiosity seekers in the area.

2012-06-18 09:32:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



There's a diary I read from a wizard who lives in Lincoln. He's one of those people who writes about his lunch and the weather and pretty much tells you every time he scratches his arse so I thought he'd be a good way of keeping an eye on what's happening near Terry.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

He says Lincoln Castle JUST REAPPEARED. Or possibly it happened during the night or very early this morning, I'm not sure because it turns out he's a lot better about giving useful details about his lunches. But the Fidelius must have broken. And given Amycus Carrow's post I think maybe Alecto Carrow is dead.

Terry, are you reading this? Are you alright?

Hermione, can your friends help Terry get away now that the castle's visible again? If Amycus doesn't take him somewhere, which he might have done ALREADY. Ron, can you tell Fred and George? Or maybe you SHOULDN'T tell them, I mean they'd probably go there straight away and I'm not sure they could take on Carrow, even together.

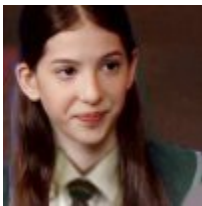


 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-18 15:13:59**

(no subject)

Is that what happens when the person in charge of the Fidelius spell dies?

No-one's written anything yet.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2012-06-18 15:23:34**

(no subject)


I looked this up when they cast the spell. The Fidelius Charm is a little unpredictable. If it was cast by someone really brilliant, the secret transfers to the people who've been told the secret and they

become the secret-keepers instead. If they haven't told anyone, or if the spell wasn't cast perfectly, it can be complicated. SOMETIMES the hidden place just re-appears but sometimes it reappears to some people and not others and sometimes it disappears for real, like it Vanishes, along with everyone in it, which is why the Twins didn't try to kill Alecto Carrow, I think. It was really risky.

Of course, she was going to go move into Lincoln Castle permanently, wasn't she?

They couldn't have done it, though, they took the train home yesterday with the rest of us.



 **alt_lee** at **2012-06-18 15:57:20**
(no subject)

Good grief. How did she die?

Well she was plenty sick, wasn't she? Maybe she just died at a convenient time.

I Flooed over to the Burrow to tell the twins and Ron to look at their journals. But get this: I talked with Mrs Weasley, and she said their brother Charlie had arranged for Fred and George to visit the Dragon Preserve as a surprise, sort of a coming of age present. Their mum told them this morning, and they were so excited they packed and left immediately. I asked Mrs Weasley if they'd looked at their journals this morning, and she looked surprised and she said she was sure that they hadn't, because they were so busy pulling stuff together and getting ready to go.

I told her what's going on, and she was shocked. She said the twins didn't know before they left. Ron was still asleep, so he hadn't checked the journals, either.

I think Mrs Weasley's Flooing Charlie back to warn him to maybe nick the twins' journals until we know a little more. You're right. No sense in them going off in a tear after Carrow. Which I'm afraid they might do if they know about this.


I hope we get some good news quickly.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-18 16:00:28](#)
(no subject)

They're not complete eejits. I think they ought to know. If anyone CAN get to Terry -- yeah. They should know.




 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-18 16:55:38](#)
(no subject)

I think it'd be wise to wait to hear back from Hermione, first. If the wand smugglers are trying to help him, they might not appreciate Fred and George popping round to stick their wand in.

Especially if they're dodging Carrow.

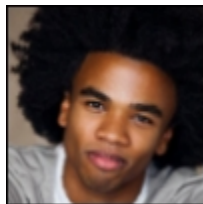



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-18 17:40:14](#)
(no subject)

Do you really trust them so little you think they'd be setting off fireworks and dung bombs and in general saying OH HALLO LINCOLN CASTLE HERE WE ARE WITH WANDS BLAZING?

They're Gryffindors, not complete arses.

Hermione's at Buckingham, isn't she? How often is she even getting to look in her diary?



 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-18 17:52:23](#)
(no subject)

You don't have to explain to ME that being Gryffindor doesn't have to mean you're a complete arse! But I'd like them ALL to come back in one piece, yeah? Because I'm sort of fond

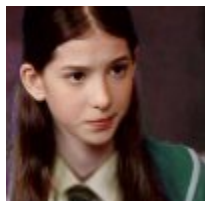
of them.

I don't think they're idiots, no. But the wand smugglers have no way of knowing that, do they? So I don't want to hack them off. What if they decide they're junior aurors or something and blast

them away and ask questions later?? Not to mention a homicidal Carrow.

I say we wait until we hear more from Hermione.

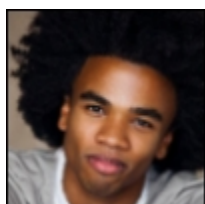
Terry's more likely to hide, I think, I'm pretty sure. If he possibly can.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2012-06-18 18:54:02](#)**
(no subject)

We're not deciding to send them.
We're deciding to TELL THEM. So that they can make up their own mind what to do with the information.

It's not as if this is even SECRET LOCK INFORMATION, everyone in Lincoln knows the castle reappeared.



 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2012-06-18 19:03:38](#)**
(no subject)

I stuck my head in the Floo to talk with Mrs Weasley again.

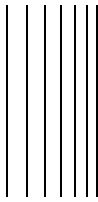
She said she'll pass along the word to tell them to take a look at their journals. She agreed that, yeah, they'll want to be told.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2012-06-18 19:05:12](#)**
(no subject)

Okay.

That's good, then. She'll be able to get them a message.



I really really hope Terry's okay.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2012-06-18 22:57:41](#)**
(no subject)

Hello, Sally-Anne,

Has anyone heard anything more? They've just finished with us for the day and I've taken supper in the Hufflepuff dormitories so I can catch up on the news.

Yes, Alecto Carrow's dead. I heard Eric Bundy saying to keep the 4th-years away from the corridor leading down to her office.

Hermione did say this morning that her friends were trying to find Terry. I only hope he's in a condition to be found.

-Justin



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-19 01:20:21](#)**
(no subject)

Terry's safe.

That's all I should say I think but—he's safe.

2012-06-18 09:40:00

ORDER ONLY

got terry. dudley dursley too. they were walking away from a bunch of trees, and dudley had the rucksack on him.



 [alt_frank](#)

it took a bit to get them both calmed down, and we had to force terry's transformation because he was having trouble changing back from a dog on his own. gave us a fright because he had blood all over him, and we had to souse him down to see whether any of it was his or not. got some of it in his mouth, the blood, which made him sick.

took a side-along to the safe point. sirius is as well as can be expected, apparating back to back like that.

al, could you tell arabella to come out and let us in? and bring some clothes. theirs are all torn to pieces.

fred, george, how soon can you get here? to the place you met fu lee? sirius is staying out here to wait for you, but the sooner the better, I think. arabella can let you in once you get here.

he's

he's been through hell and back. fair bit of shock. won't talk to either of us. he needs you. we can push up your visit by a few weeks, yeah?

kingsley, can you spare steve? we may need him.



 [alt_alice](#) at **2012-06-18 13:56:01**

(no subject)

Thank Merlin.

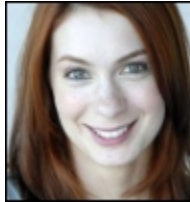
We're coming out, love.

I've got a pot of ginger tea ready to go, Sirius.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-18 14:45:15](#)
(no subject)

M'fine.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-18 14:55:44](#)
(no subject)

Well. It wouldn't hurt to have a cuppa anyways, would it?

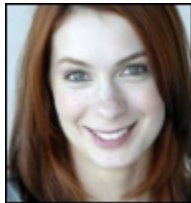
I don't suppose I can convince you to stay over for a little while longer before taking off. At least until your stomach is up for a little food.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-18 16:51:19](#)
(no subject)

You have plenty of clothes, don't you Alice? I suppose you do, but...well, it would do my heart good if I could send him one of my hand knit jumpers.

Oh, and of course one for the other boy as well. Dudley. He must be even MORE bewildered at his sudden change in fortune. Is he about the same size as Terry? I imagine they're both rather underfed, poor boys, and so I'll send something gauged for about Ron's size, and you can shrink them a bit if needed.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-18 19:12:04](#)
(no subject)

Ta, Molly, I just know they'd appreciate it very much.

Dudley is tall for his age, and thin enough, but he's broad across the chest. So give a bit more room in the arms and chest than you would for Ron and you ought to be fine.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-18 15:02:56](#)

Private Message to Sirius Black

I'm so glad you and Frank could be there for him.

I wish it could've been sooner. I know you do too. And I know it wasn't the way you and Frank were planning things.

But you did a good thing today, love. I hope you give yourself a bit of credit. He's here. Finally. And Harry's cousin too.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-18 19:08:00](#)

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

Too little, too late.

Frank tell you the kid was ashamed of having killed Carrow - nevermind that it may have been the only way to break the web of spells that maniac had put on him?

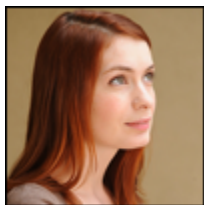
Because Sirius Black said murder was wrong.

Tried to tell him this one was justified and that if he hadn't done it, Frank and I would've done it on his behalf.

Don't think he believed me.

Blergh. Poor Ellie hasn't known what to do with herself without the dog. Probably ought to shift and let her dote on me - but I don't think I could eat and she loves to feed Sinbad. Don't want Remus to have to tell her to lay off the people food, either.

Maybe just kip upstairs a while.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-18 19:24:10](#)

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

We'll have to keep on trying to do our best by him, even though it'll never make up for what he's been through. And the more you confirm that his life was worth the price he paid for it,

the more he may listen to you.

What happened was not your fault, love.

And goodness knows Frank and I have had to do our share of things we're not proud of to stay alive. We'll be sure to talk to him about it once we've had a chance to get acquainted better so he that knows he's not the only one with a heavy burden to bear and guilt in his heart.

He loves the twins, and trusts you, and that's a start. The rest will come in time.

I've been thinking that once he settles down and gets his feet under him, we might bring up the possibility of his visiting you regularly at Grimmauld. Even if it was just for a few hours once a week or so, I think it might ground him a bit, and would make sure he doesn't get lost in the hustle and bustle here. And he knows Remus too, at least a little.

Once the twins leave, he'll have a lack of familiar faces. And we'll become familiar enough in time, certainly, but I think having some quiet and some people he knows would be good.



 [alt_sirius](#) at 2012-06-18 19:32:14

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

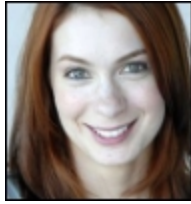
Can't imagine anyone *wanting* to spend time there when he can have fresh air and sunshine. But it might do him good to keep busy. We could certainly put his wand to work fumigating the

place.

You know how Dora made Ellie smash a whole tray of glasses when she came to Doughty Conduit? Wonder if he'd be up for a bit of wholesale destruction in Grimmauld.

Though there's Kreacher.

I dunno. If he's interested but best wait a while to suggest it, love.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-18 19:54:50](#)**

Re: Private Message to Sirius Black

I shall.

Of the children that slipped through our fingers during those first few years, Terry Boot was the one that kept me up nights. The one who needed us the most, and who we couldn't get to. And seeing him struggle and survive despite it all, it gave me hope, but it hurt so badly knowing how little we could do.

Thank you for bringing him home, Sirius. From the bottom of my heart.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-18 13:56:03](#)**

(no subject)

Oh, my. Oh, that poor child.

Boys, did I tell you that Charlie's invited you to spend the week at the Dragon Reserve? A surprise visit to celebrate your coming of age. A week, shall we say, Frank?

He told me to tell you this morning, and you can leave immediately.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-18 13:56:55](#)**

(no subject)

if you can spare them for a week, we'd be glad to have them.




 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-18 13:57:56](#)**

(no subject)

Right. Charlie's the best! We'll have loads of fun there.


Tell him to hang on, Frank. We'll pack as fast as we can, and we'll be there before you know it.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-18 13:58:31](#)
(no subject)

I've asked Richard and Dan to help set up a room for the four of them for now. I don't want Terry or Dudley in the dormitories just yet.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-18 14:00:31](#)
(no subject)

I'm so glad you found them, my friend.

I'm only sorry...well. You can imagine.

I'm sending a patronus to Dorcas. She'll come here as back up, and as soon as she arrives, I'll send Steve back to you.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-18 14:02:00](#)
(no subject)

Yes! You found them!

No one else saw you, Frank? You're sure?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-18 14:08:55](#)
(no subject)

there was a ghost at lincoln who saw us without our disguises.

he seemed happy enough that carrow was gone, and I asked him to keep mum, but I can't be sure he will.




 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-18 14:03:25](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I am so very glad to read this.

Yes, the boys are more than welcome to go to him. They'll be the best possible potion he can have.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-18 15:00:31](#)**
(no subject)

Hermione, dear, I know it's rather difficult for you to get away on short notice, or else we'd have asked you to come down too.

Perhaps we can arrange something later this summer.

Security concerns being as they are, you couldn't come to Moddey direct, but you could still certainly see one another. It might do him good.



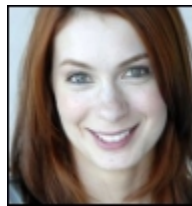
 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-18 16:52:54](#)**
(no subject)


I wish I could go there now myself! But I'm afraid it would be difficult to explain, with the children at home.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-19 00:59:55](#)**
(no subject)

Oh I'd love that!



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-19 01:13:45](#)**
(no subject)

We'll do our best to make it happen, then.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-19 12:48:30](#)**
(no subject)

I only have a moment, but I expect to be released late afternoon. Perhaps permanently.

Where am I needed? I could come to the sanctuary and check those boys.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-19 12:59:17](#)
(no subject)

ridley needs looking in on first, but she shouldn't take long.

we'll fix up your room.

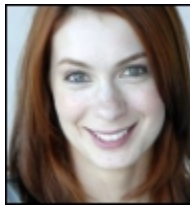
it'll be good to see you again, poppy.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-19 15:04:46](#)
(no subject)

Don't fuss with the room. I won't be able to stay. Unexpectedly, I've been reprieved. Think it caught some others by surprise as well. I've been sent out 'for a cup of tea' while the rest of them wrangle, no doubt. Wonder if blood will have been spilt before I return.

In any case, I will only be able to pop in on my way back to the school.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-19 16:17:24](#)
(no subject)

A quick visit is better than none, Poppy. And I'm glad things have sorted themselves out, although goodness knows it's been a stressful term for you.

I'm sure Frank will miss your poking at his knee terribly.

2012-06-18 13:39:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

None of us have been hurt, at least not yet. But I caught a glimpse of two healers robed in St Mungo's green whisking around the corner, hurrying in the direction of the Hospital Wing. So I looked at my journal.



 [alt_luna](#)

There hasn't been any sort of announcement. But something might be wrong with Miss Professor Carrow? And the old Professor Carrow is quite upset about something.

I'll keep my ear out. Maybe I'll have heard more by dinnertime.

(I certainly hope Terry is all right.)

2012-06-18 14:05:00

Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley

Hey, Gred and Forge, in case you didn't get the message passed on to you via your mum to Charlie to you, CHECK YOUR JOURNALS.

We're trying to find out more, and we'll let you know what we find out.



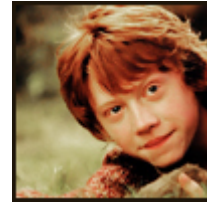
 [alt_lee](#)

2012-06-18 15:30:00

Hols are awesome

It's excellent to be on hols.

Slept late. Got out the door before Mum could give me a list of chores.



 [alt_ron](#)

So I took out my broom, and let me just say this
Cleansweep is super snitch. I made some improvements, too, mostly adding more cushioning and handling charms.

I'm not even wobbly, and I bet I flew 50 miles today. Totally brilliant, that!



 [alt_justin](#) at **2012-06-18 22:34:00**
(no subject)


Hullo, Ron,

I say, I'd like to have had a lie-in this morning. They had us demonstrating spells all day, what?

So, you've not read your journals at all today, then?


-Justin



 [alt_ron](#) at **2012-06-18 22:39:00**
(no subject)

How's CCF, then?



 [alt_ron](#) at **2012-06-18 22:40:12**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

So, yeah. What happened?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-18 22:37:53](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

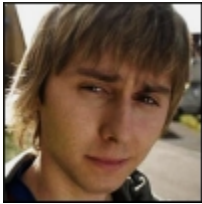
So, uh.

What's up with Terry and Lincoln and

I mean I only just looked at the book and stuff's happened.

Oh, and the twins went to see Charlie with like no warning. I guess he just all of a sudden got permission or something, but we were going to go fish tomorrow and now they've bugged off.

Any wiz. What's all this stuff about Lincoln?



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-18 22:43:16](#)

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

I'm just catching up on it, as well. It was difficult to concentrate on the CCF testing, what, knowing that Terry had started to say something this morning but wasn't saying any more.

To start, Miss Professor Carrow passed away sometime today. I think that's why Carrow posted the way he did. I'm well certain that he took out his grief on our Terry, what?

-Justin



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-18 23:27:35](#)

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

Yeah, that's what I was afraid of. Carrow's sounded so mental the last two things he's written. And, well. He kills people when he's like that.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-18 22:50:36](#)

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

That's where you were. I was wondering.

Fifty miles, hm?

I might have to practise a bit if I'm going to make the trip to Sally-Anne's mum this summer without breaking my arse.

But yes. The castle's reappeared, and we haven't heard anything from Terry or Mr Professor Carrow or Hermione since.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-18 23:38:20](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good Private message to Pansy

Yeah. I was trying to see about flying times. And seeing if I can't get this broom so Sally Anne could take it. I mean, maybe you were going to get her something better? But this one's good. I mean, Malfoy had it in top form. And now it's better. And. I've got some more things I want to try on it.

Anywiz, guess who has to do ALL the chores? What with Ginny at the trials and the twins skiving off. It's not like Percy does anything around here. So who knows when Mum will ever let me out again.

I've got go do the chickens now.

But, um. Yeah. Meant to say right off. Thanks for yesterday. That was dead snitch.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-19 00:51:39](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good Private message to Pansy

Glad to hear it!

And I can get her a broom. You don't have to give her yours. Besides, she'll need to get used to riding it, won't she? And it'd be a shame to go without your broom even if it's only for a few weeks. And of course it's better than it was. You're brilliant at brooms.

Perhaps I'll send her new broom along to you first, and you can do what you want to make it tops, and then send it along to her to practise with?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-19 12:49:44](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private message to Pansy*

That would be bril. Do it.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-19 12:57:04](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private message to Pansy*

Excellent. I'll order it this morning, and send it your way.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-19 02:07:53](#)

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

Terry wrote, did you see? He says he's safe.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-19 12:50:07](#)

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

Yeah. Hope be stays safe.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-19 03:26:33](#)

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

You know it just occurred to me Fred and George can't see what Terry wrote. Ron or Lee, either of you can send them a PM and no one will think anything of it, right? Maybe tell them something like, 'we got word today from your favourite professor and the git isn't going to be his problem anymore.'



 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-19 20:45:51](#)

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

Sure, I'll do it.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-19 02:07:22](#)

(no subject)

50 miles? That is brilliant.

I did a little flying with Jeremy today but not 50 miles.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-19 12:55:04](#)

(no subject)

It's not bad. Didn't even take that long. Course I did some of it race pace, but just steady flying would take you a long way in five or six hours. It's all in the cushioning and handling charms.

When do you want to go? I'm working on stuff that could help.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-19 16:33:13](#)

(no subject)

I need to look at my summer schedule again, between CCF and being an assistant for the younger kids doing YPL I can't remember what weeks I have free for a quidditch day. Gemma can't

WAIT, though.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-19 16:34:52](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Bloody hell, Ron, THAT WASN'T UNDER THE LOCK. PAY ATTENTION.

Anyway maybe at the quidditch day we can go for a picnic and test out a bit more distance and see how it goes? And then I'll have a visit at Pansy's, and we'll tell her mum and stepfather we're staying at the London flat, or something.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-19 22:14:15](#)

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

Uh. Yeah.

I'm an eejit. But you covered really well.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-19 20:43:45](#)

(no subject)

Oh, I'm sure I can come up with a few things for you to do today!

2012-06-18 19:37:00

*I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good:
Free!*



 [alt_terry](#)

The git Amycus Carrow is dead, and Dudley and me, we escaped.

I can't talk about it, not yet. Please don't ask me about it. Or anyway, not today. 'm exhausted. I've spent a lot of today shaking all over. Can't tell you all the story, but I wanted to tell you this at least.

my name is

wait

want to write this bigger.

My name is Terry Boot.

I am a wizard with my own magic.

I have my own wand.

I am an animagus, and my animagus form is a dog.

I am free.

I am safe.

I am with people who are becoming friends.

I couldn't have done it without you. I listened to and read all the messages you left with knapsack, and they made me so happy.

Thank you.



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2012-06-19 01:23:03**

(no subject)

Terry,

I'm so glad.

I'm going to talk to people in the morning. I hope that will mean we can talk more then too. By talk I mean write of course.

Hermione.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-19 02:06:25](#)
(no subject)

TERRY

~~I was so afraid Carrow~~

Thanks for writing. That's brilliant you can turn into a dog, I've always wanted to be an animagus, I won't ask you where you are or how you got away, I'm just really really glad you did. And Dudley too.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-19 19:39:39](#)
(no subject)

I'm really glad I did it, too!

Dudley's fitting in fine. Maybe a bit better than me, because I don't think he's quite as nervous around people. And he's used to moving around to different places more than I ever did. But the people we're with are friendly and they're doing everything they can to make us feel at ease.

Don't know if you saw my answer to Lee. I had a physical, and they said that for the most part I'm in good shape. And part of that is thanks to you, to those dried mutton things you sent me. I told them what Madam Pomfrey said, that I used to be anaemic. But they didn't find any sign of anaemia now.

Although I need 'fattening up.'

They have enough food! I can eat as much as I want. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how wonderful that is.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-19 02:14:29](#)
(no subject)

The wand smugglers found you, didn't they?

I'm glad you're rid of the Carrows for good.

And it's snitch that you can turn into a dog whenever you want.

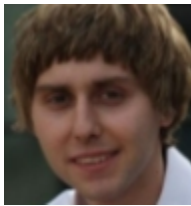



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-19 19:42:35](#)
(no subject)

I can't tell you that but, um, they're good people who are looking out for me. I'm not sure what I'll be allowed to say about them with all of you on this Lock. I want to keep the people I'm with as safe as possible; I'm sure you understand.

Yeah.

It's so strange that it took me so long to figure out to transform, and I needed help to change back the first time. (Can't go into details, sorry.) But since then I've managed to switch back and forth several times, and I think that soon it'll feel as natural as breathing.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-19 03:05:54](#)
(no subject)

Terry,


Well done! Couldn't be happier you got away, what?

And you got the rucksack! I'm jolly glad we set it there for you, old chap!

It's such good news you're safe. When you're ready, of course, in your own time.

-Justin




 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-19 19:33:28](#)
(no subject)

Thank you so much for everything, Justin. I'm so glad I managed to snag the rucksack before I was found. It has really helped, to have all those gifts, and especially the messages from my friends. Because everything's all so new, you see. It's exciting and everything, but it's bewildering and scary, too. So it really helps to

be able to pull the messages out and read them and listen to them again.


I'm going to keep it very close to me for quite awhile, I reckon.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-19 12:13:13](#)**
(no subject)

That's EXCELLENT!!!!!!!!!!



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2012-06-19 19:34:21](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, too right!




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2012-06-19 15:45:58](#)**
(no subject)

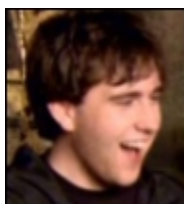
That's wonderful to hear, Terry.

Do you need anything? Any money, or food or clothes, or anything?



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2012-06-19 17:33:02](#)**
(no subject)

No, I'm lacking for nothing, I promise.




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2012-06-19 17:35:39](#)**
(no subject)

I'm glad.

I suppose you can't tell us very much.


You're sure he's dead, though? There hasn't been any announcement or anything. Or at least nothing in the Prophet.



 **alt_terry** at [2012-06-19 17:36:31](#)
(no subject)


I'm certain of it.



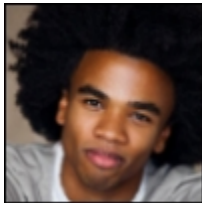
 **alt_luna** at [2012-06-19 19:18:06](#)
(no subject)


I'm so pleased you have friends where you are, although we miss you, of course. Will you be able to continue your studies? Can you use your wand openly?



 **alt_terry** at [2012-06-19 19:19:48](#)
(no subject)

It's not anyplace like Hogwarts. But yes, I can use my wand, and there are people here who can teach me. Not just magical stuff, but muggle stuff, too.




 **alt_lee** at [2012-06-19 19:21:21](#)
(no subject)

You're all right, then? You weren't hurt getting away?

The twins are off visiting Charlie on the dragon preserve, or else I'm sure they'd have loads of messages for me to pass along to you. But I'm sure you'll hear from them, through us, when they get back. Blimey, they're gonna be so sorry they missed this!



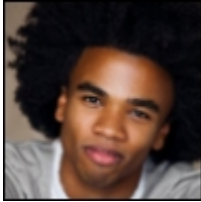
 **alt_terry** at [2012-06-19 19:29:32](#)
(no subject)


They had someone who gave me a thorough physical, and they said I'm doing well. Oh, and Sally-Anne, they were dead impressed with those dried mutton things you sent me; they said they did a good job of keeping me from getting anaemic.

Neville, I showed them the book you got from your dad, and they said I did a really bang up job of using the information right. I

would have been in much, much worse shape if I hadn't had it along. They just had to clear up a few things that I'd missed, but they were the sorts of things that only a trained Healer would have been able to spy.

When you see the twins, tell them my form is the same dog I was when they first met me. You know, when they adopted me as a pet and brought me to the Gryffindor Common room.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-19 19:30:28](#)

(no subject)

No kidding! That's the dog form that Carrow turned you into as a punishment, right?



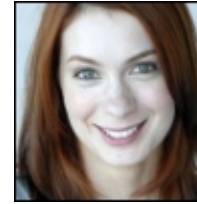
 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-19 19:50:52](#)

(no subject)

Yeah. It's a funny thing, isn't it? He did it to punish me, and it turned out to be the key to getting away from him for good. Guess the joke turned out to be on him.

2012-06-18 20:40:00

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 [alt_alice](#)

Molly, your boys are such a helpmeet. Thank you for letting them come here so quickly. They've spent all day with Terry, and I can't imagine how hard this would have been for him without their help. He spent a good two hours as a dog when they first were here, just ran right over and changed almost right away, and they roughoused and he got a rather thorough petting. He shies away from touch when he's a boy, but soaks it up thoroughly as a dog. I hope the one will help the other. I was a bit concerned that the transfiguration would be difficult for him, but he's been back and forth from boy to dog a few times since he's been here, and it seems to come easy enough.

We've had a look at both of them, and Stephen McGivern ran some tests - Terry insisted he be taught how to draw his own blood, which we took to be a good sign. The tests were difficult for him - if the twins hadn't been there right next to him, I'm not sure he would've managed as well as he did. Other than a few lice, which were easily taken care of, and malnutrition, they're both in fair health. Dudley's teeth need looking after, and Terry's had a few bad breaks that weren't properly set. Poppy, when you come by this summer, you'll be able to do more than our limited capabilities, but Frank's taken care of all the lingering bone splinters he could find. Terry showed Frank a medical book he'd been using, and it was one of the Auror books Frank had passed along to Neville. We're so glad it landed in the hands of someone who needed it, although it makes my heart hurt that it was used so often.

They've also been to the baths, which were much-needed, and caused a great deal of splashing about, which I'm sure was equally necessary.

I've made an effort to keep from overwhelming Terry with the hustle and bustle of the place - Dudley seems a bit more apt to run off and explore on his own, and has already made a few additional friends without prompting, but I can see how Terry would find a crowd of boisterous children to be intimidating, so I've introduced him to some of our more level headed and quiet people. He's met Victor, Dan, Richard, and Tricia for starters - just for brief introductions, but I'm sure they'll be good people to give him his space and a quiet conversation. And Colin showed the twins, Dudley, and Terry the memorial garden - he's so proud of all the work he's put into it, and

especially wanted to show Terry Dennis's tree. They've also all spent some time on the beach and playing in the water. And Terry's also had a chance to visit Mellisandra, who very much appreciated seeing him again, and got a bit weepy when he walked in her workroom.

I've told both Dudley and Terry that the only orders they'll ever receive here will be for reasons of safety, and that although the work we do keeps this place running, they will never be told to do work or be punished for neglecting chores. We have to walk a fine line with some of our young people who have grown up in service - sometimes, they want to please so badly that the only way they know to do it is through work. It's a hard thing to turn that off, so I'll be keeping an eye on both of them to make sure they don't take on too much. I'd rather they didn't lift a finger, honestly, I would.

Terry's very quiet, and when Frank and I sat him down to talk to him, it was difficult for him to look at us straight on. He is unfailingly polite, even with all he's been through. Dudley is bolder, and full of energy and questions. Dudley ate quite a lot at lunch, and Terry not enough. I'll see if he's up for a nutritional tonic tonight before bed. Both are far too thin, and are still quite nervous around wands. But they're here now, and safe, and thank Merlin for that.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-19 16:01:19](#)
(no subject)

THANK you for letting us come right away. You're right, it's what he needed.


Dudley slept like a rock last night. Snored even. Terry was clearly drooping in the early evening, but he stalled at going to bed. Dunno but that he was afraid we'd be gone or something if he closed his eyes to go to sleep. He refused the potion at first. But he woke up with a nightmare a little before midnight, shaking like anything.

So we coaxed him into taking the dreamless sleep potion, pulled our mattresses off the cotframes onto the floor, and just sort of made a pile of them. He transformed back into a dog then and slept through the night that way with us on either side of him. He'd stir a little and nose his muzzle under one of our arms to make sure we kept them over him, but otherwise he stayed calm.

Sirius, what do you think? It won't hurt him to sleep as a dog, if it's more restful for him that way, will it? It might be easier for him

because Carrow never saw him that way. We don't want him to avoid the world, though. We're coaxing him to transfer back several times a day, especially when he eats, so he can talk to people at mealtimes. He's so used to doing everything alone. Well, except for when he had that monster hovering over him. He needs to get used to people again.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-19 20:47:44](#)**
(no subject)

Fred, George, I know that you're very occupied with Terry at the moment, as well you should be, but I'd like to make sure you get an opportunity to work with Fu Lee and Mellisandra while you're here to take full advantage of their experience, and so they can benefit from your creativity and enthusiasm!

Terry most likely wouldn't mind accompanying you when you work with Mellisandra -- after all, he already knows her, and may enjoy learning a thing or two himself (as long as you all are very careful with the wand materials!). However, I can't imagine he'd particularly like explosions or weaponry terribly much. Perhaps you could meet with Lee while Terry is working with Laura McGivern to assess his academic abilities and spell mastery? We're trying to sort out what he does and doesn't know, and that should occupy him for several hours tomorrow and the day after (with breaks for lunch and relaxation, naturally).

Thank you for the good work you've been doing so far, and I do hope you're enjoying yourselves.




 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-19 20:57:22](#)**
(no subject)

Sure. It's probably a good thing if we don't monopolise all of his attention.

We'll plan to stop in with him to Mellisandra's workshop tomorrow morning after breakfast, and maybe he can meet with Laura tomorrow afternoon while we're meeting with Fu. Don't think he's good for anything much more today. We sort of wore him out teaching him how to swim. But he had fun. Dudley's a bit better at it, but he has more meat on his bones, which makes it easier for him to float, we bet.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-19 21:15:06](#)**
(no subject)

That sounds lovely. I'll make sure Fu and Mellisandra know to expect you.

Also, after dinner, the adults at Moddey typically have a meeting to discuss items of business. It can get a bit boring from time to time, but if you're interested in sitting in, you'd be more than welcome. We try to encourage our young people who are of age to sit in on the meetings whenever they can, so they can contribute and learn about how things are run, and several of them regularly take us up on it, so you won't be the only ones in the room.

Speaking of which, I'd like you to be sure and speak with Tim Clark. He's got a good head on his shoulders, and is looking to join up with Sherwood once he's done training here -- I think he'd be someone worth your getting to know.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2012-06-19 22:03:06](#)**
(no subject)

We'll be there. Thanks for thinking of including us.

Sure, introduce us to him, will you? We'd like to hear more about Sherwood.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2012-06-20 12:20:24](#)**
(no subject)

Sorry, lads, just seeing this.

I spend a lot of time as a dog at home just now.
Makes for poor journal-reading.

Once he's got the transformation, he can do anything a dog would do and it won't hurt him. You're right not to let him stay that way for long. Besides your good reason, he needs to practise switching back and forth occasionally or he might get stuck again.

But in fact, I've found over the years that some things are easier to

think through as a dog than as a man. It's not that one can't see all the shades to an issue or feel all the nuances of an experience but somehow one's more detached from it in animal form. It's ... the situation can be more at arm's length, I suppose. I dunno. It's hard to explain.

Let him do what feels right to him, but keep on coaxing him to spend time with you as himself, too. He'll be all right in the end. He's a tough one.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2012-06-20 12:52:03](#)
(no subject)

You think better as a dog than as a man?

Do tell.

Sorry, you. Couldn't resist.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-20 13:57:36](#)
(no subject)

No, not all the time. When contemplating how to prank a certain cheeky cousin, that's easier as a man. If I want to convince myself *not* to make her pay, definitely a dog.

2012-06-18 21:00:00

*Private Message to Minerva McGonagall
and Rodolphus Lestrangle*



 **alt_lucius**

We've heard some interesting rumours today.

As well as some interesting facts.

Our Lord, you'll be happy to know, was not much affected by the news. Still, MLE were dispatched to Lincoln and found Carrow at the foot of the wall. Quite in pieces.

As to what happened to Alecto, Minerva, you surely have a better idea than anyone at Court. At least, as far as her final moments. Her deterioration, however, I am given to understand we owe to entirely different sources.

Unfortunately there's no sign of the mudblood. He might have been able to offer some account of how Carrow came to fall and was unable to Apparate to safety.

Curious, don't you agree?



 **alt_mcgonagall** at **2012-06-19 01:19:37**
(no subject)

I have told you all I know; Court knows my experience, apart, of course, from the internal heart-pounding misery of realizing that Alecto Carrow was truly and irreparably dead and would no longer brighten the halls of Hogwarts.

As for Carrow Male—I suppose it is impossible that he found life without his sister too desolate to contemplate?



 **alt_rodolphus** at **2012-06-19 03:12:48**
(no subject)


I can profess ignorance to the exact manner of Alecto's demise. Pity about her illness; some would say she brought it on herself - as did he.

I don't paint Amycus as one to shrivel up and die of sorrow, not for a

minute. Not before taking out the ones he thought responsible first.

As for the young mudblood: curious, perhaps. But then what mudblood wouldn't turn tail from the one who sheltered them as soon as they happened upon the chance? Especially since the shelter Amycus provided was, no doubt, rough. Do we even know that Amycus didn't kill the wretch ages ago? Always seemed inevitable that he would.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2012-06-19 03:32:01](#)

Private Message to Rodolphus

Naturally. Cannot but agree with Minerva that they fall short of mourners.

The mudblood wrote not five minutes after its master, so it was alive at least as of this morning. If Carrow had chosen to take the wretch with him, why is there no body?

Suppose there's little chance it can long survive on its own. Still. It points to a picture of circumstance that sets a poor precedent, were the news of it to travel.

But in any event, it is ironic that after all the years of protecting Carrow's mania and Alecto's sadism, Our Lord was little troubled by their demise. Had one known, we could have acted much more decisively and much sooner.

Although ... his raving about that plaque. It's the one that Narcissa's committee gave her, of course, isn't it? Has to be. So I suppose your handiwork is the reason she has been smiling all day?



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2012-06-19 03:39:41](#)

Re: Private Message to Rodolphus

I must have missed that. Confess I never noticed he had a journal at all. Surprised Amycus let him keep one.

It's becomes harder to predict what troubles Him, these days.

I wouldn't put much stock in Amycus' final ravings, Lucius; who can really know what it was he was on about, eh?

But do give your smiling wife my regards.

2012-06-19 11:37:00

Order Only: Private message to Padfoot

We failed him for fifteen years, but he's finally at Moddey.

He's an amazing wizard. It was hard enough for you, James, and Peter to all learn the transformation at that age, and you'd had proper Transfiguration classes, access to the Hogwarts library, and friends to work with.

I just

I wish we could have gotten to him sooner.

We should nag Minerva to look in the book.



 [alt_lupin](#)

2012-06-19 13:10:00

Reminders and a location change:

A reminder to our CCF trials students that we are looking at all aspects of your behaviour and interactions this week. If you have a difficulty you cannot resolve appropriately yourselves, please bring it to the counsellors, or you can come find me. If I'm not with the examiners, I'll be accessible by journal and can arrange to meet up with you easily if you'd rather not climb up to my rooms or office.



 **alt_sinistra**

To the examiners: I've arranged use of one of the ground floor classrooms for our discussion after supper, in consideration of Mr Bennington's bad foot. Second door on the left in the hallway across from the entrance to the Great Hall.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2012-06-19 17:20:19**

Private message to Terrence Higgs

Can you have another word with Miss Montague and Mr Warrington, please? I know it's delicate, but I've just had another concern about their behaviour towards various of the halfblood students. I'd hoped everyone would be worn out enough after yesterday, but apparently not.

If that's not sufficient, let me know, and I'll come be more clear and direct. But if I have to officially have words, it'll complicate things a great deal. (Feel free to make that clear, if you think it would help.)

Thank you, for your work - I know this is more trouble than we were hoping for.



 **alt_umbridge** at **2012-06-19 17:57:09**

Private message to Aurora Sinistra

Professor Sinistra,

Such a good effort you're making to try and have everything run smoothly. But as I've been observing, I do see some teensy things that might be of help, given my greater experience. And I've got a few questions.

1. When running meetings, I've always found it to be so much better if one sets a clear agenda and pushes forward with it. I've noticed, if I might be so bold, that you've been perhaps a tiny bit too accomodating to some views. Better to get simply things done, don't you think?

2. Are the students really busy enough? I heard a few comments this morning about some difficulty last night. Perhaps they need some useful project to occupy their evenings. Idle hands do find occupation.

3. Were the group exercises quite so competitive last year? That matter with Mr Archer and Miss Inglebee, in particular, dear.

4. I understand that the examiners do not generally review the applications, but perhaps I could have just the smallest peek? As an observer, of course. I'm quite curious about how students present on parchment, and then in action. All part of my little project, you know.

And perhaps you could explain how Miss Lovegood made it in to the trials, when Miss Zimmerman did not. (I know her guardian, so I was most surprised, as Mildred has always seemed quite careful with her ward. A good solid *loyal* hand, as much as she could given Ethel's unfortunate parentage.)

I'd just love to discuss further, after the evening's meeting. I'm sure you've no other plans than your work this week, dedicated as you are. Oh, and might we switch to first names? I'm quite interested in this work you've been doing, and sometimes find too much formality can get in the way of a really productive conversation.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-19 18:59:12](#)

Re: Private message to Aurora Sinistra

Madam Umbridge,

Of course, I'm glad to respond to your concerns and questions - all part of my role.

On the matter of names, much as I appreciate the intention, I do prefer to keep things a bit more formal with YPL colleagues and related interactions. It keeps meetings from being a jumble of different formalities, and of course it sets a good example for

students.

As to your questions, I think most of them might be better handled face to face. The one I can answer here is that Miss Zimmerman did not make a strong case for how the CCF would develop her skills for the Protectorate, and Miss Lovegood did. We were also curious whether her quite real brains might be directed into something suitably productive with the right encouragement and incentive.

I can't allow the actual applications out of my direct oversight, but you'd be welcome to review them in my classroom. I've some other plans for tonight, already, but perhaps tomorrow, when the trials are over for the day? I'd be glad to meet about your other concerns after breakfast, if you liked - we should have an hour or so before things get going and they've set up the flying course.

A. Sinistra



 **alt_umbridge** at **2012-06-19 19:18:04**

Re: Private message to Aurora Sinistra

You are so very helpful, dear, when obviously you have more things on your mind than just these trials. You do seem to be managing well enough, splitting your responsibilities as you are.

I'm a tad disappointed not to get up to roll up my sleeves and get right to work - nothing but my best for Our Lord's wishes, of course - but I suppose you feel you know best how to pace yourself.

As to the matter of names, today's young career witches have to be so careful, I understand! I suppose you are at that age where every bit of dignity does count so much, doesn't it?

That does remind me. I do hope you've given fair thought to all the implications of having a relationship. Career witches can't be too careful, you know. You've quite the busy summer, of course, and I know you'd not want to get in the way of whatever plans Our Lord might have for your young man's time. Or even your own, I suppose.

We'll talk further, of course. Tomorrow at breakfast, and then in the late afternoon will be an excellent start.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2012-06-19 19:12:24](#)**

Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Poppy -

Been thinking of you all day and yesterday, and I do hope they saw sense.

We've had no significant injuries here, other than one of the examiners - Elias Bennington - getting in the way of an odd hex this morning. (Your substitute does not have your touch with student ingenuity, so though Bennington's ankle no longer resembles a tree trunk, he's still limping and a bit bruised.)

I'm a little hesitant to be out and visible - Dolores Umbridge clearly wants to bend my ear - but if you want to come up, or let me know when I can sneak down, I'll be free this evening except for about an hour after supper. Whatever the outcome was. Likely up on the tower otherwise, but I won't be doing anything I can't put aside easily.

If you'd rather be on your own, or with Pomona, just say the word: I won't take offense. But I'd hate to think you were alone needlessly after that kind of review.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-19 22:34:35](#)**

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

I'm afraid I won't be back until rather late. We have finished save for the details, but it seems those require a great many more inches of parchment and fine print than in years past.

Thankfully, I am escaping with both my position and my dignity intact when I expected to have been stripped of both. Mind you, I'm to be bound by a long list of new restrictions and 'incentives'-- courtesy of Strangeweale and Stint.

I'm afraid I must run now. Full report tomorrow?



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-19 22:46:47](#)

Re: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey

Oh, that's a tremendous relief and quite the best news I've heard in a while. (Though not perhaps for your writing hand).

I would have been very sorry indeed if they'd managed to triumph. For all sorts of reasons.

Full report whenever we can manage? I can contribute biscuits and tea and an interesting hard cider my mother sent along.

It's quite clear Umbridge is going to try and absorb my free time tomorrow and I've not the energy to fight her further on that. But I might manage something in the evening after the examiners meet. (Is pleading a headache a sensible move or too likely to be seen as weakness, I wonder?)

I'll have to deal with Stint next week, so whatever you can share might actually be helpful there. And there's any amount of other conversation that might be worth having. I've picked up a bit about Alecto, and some other bits and pieces that might be of interest, as one does.

2012-06-19 15:46:00

Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley



We heard from our favourite professor. The git's not gonna be a problem for him anymore. At all. Ever.

 [alt_lee](#)



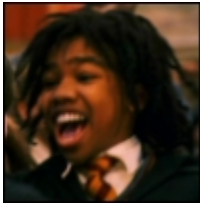
 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-19 20:48:58](#)

(no subject)

EXCELLENT!!!

Will get all the details when we get home.

We're having an absolutely BRILLIANT time here.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-19 20:50:06](#)

(no subject)

I'm surprised they let you come back. Didn't you get a mama dragon REALLY hacked off at you last time?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-19 20:51:23](#)

(no subject)

Well, you know our natural charm and all, it goes a long way.

It was a sort of last minute kind of thing. But we're keeping really busy.

2012-06-19 21:02:00

CCF Trials - Day 2

I was so busy with the trials that I never made a post for Day 1. I had meant to last night, but Portia and Delia were hashing over what happened at the first day trials, and it took awhile to ~~get Portia calm~~ sort it all out. So I was up late, but I never had a chance to put quill to parchment.



 [alt_luna](#)

We had four group exercises today, but the groups were not the same every time. There was some confusion after lunch, because we started out the third exercise and then stopped five minutes in because one of the examiners (the very curious lady--she kept asking question--dressed in pink, with the brooch of the kitten that kept meowing) switched several people around, which meant the exercise seemed a bit off kilter. We were all starting at different times, which I don't think was the original intention. But Gareth Archer said it would give us a chance to show how well our group could show, even with a disadvantage. That cheered us right up, and so we did! We came in first place on that one. We managed to find the all of the clues, even the two we had to trade with other teams to find. That was probably the high point of the day for me.

Several people seemed rather cross at dinner. I hope they get a good night's sleep, because we're expected to be up early for the flying examination.



 [alt_luna](#) at **2012-06-20 02:22:42**

Private message to Gareth Archer

Truly, Isolde Inglebee didn't mean her remark to be taken that way. I think she was just irritated because her team lost so many points with the first morning challenge, but she's not the type of person to make slurs about people's relations, I'm sure of it. I hope you will make up with her tomorrow.



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:25:03**

Private message to Jeremy Jugson

To be perfectly honest, you do have big feet. But it's not anything to be embarrassed about, truly. I am sure they come in very useful when you are swimming.



 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2012-06-20 02:27:56**

(no subject)

What did you think of the question the examiners gave us today: "tell us why you should be chosen over your housemates?" What was your answer, I mean. If you don't mind sharing?

The woman in pink is Mrs Umbridge. I've met her before. I don't know why she was here, though.

From,
Hydra



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:29:00**

(no subject)

I said, 'is that necessary, truly?'

They seemed rather flummoxed by that reply.

Why, what did you say?



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:29:43**

(no subject)

Oh, Mrs Umbridge! I do believe I've heard that name before.

She quite likes pink, doesn't she? She wore it yesterday, too.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-20 02:40:26](#)
(no subject)


I like pink, too. Her robes were quite fetching, I thought. ~~Maybe a few less frills~~

Oh, and for my answer I said "I thought you would ask a question like this. I should be chosen because there isn't much that surprises me."

One looked a bit irritated, but another one laughed and seemed amused. The other's expression didn't change.

From,
Hydra




 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-20 02:28:00](#)
Private message to Marjoram Montague

Perhaps you picked the wrong tea this morning? One that you did not realise had quite a bit of caffeine?

You seemed rather tense. Perhaps you might ask the house elves to give you chamomile next time? Most people find it soothing.




 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-20 02:32:11](#)
Private message to Christophanus Clarriker

I always remember that trick knob on the newel post to the second west corridor by thinking 'righty tighty, lefty loosy.' Ever since I thought of that trick, I don't think I've been dumped to the bottom of the staircase

once.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-20 02:33:53](#)
Private message to Portia Rubens

It will be all right! Truly, it will. They won't cut all the halfbloods; that's absurd. Of course they want some to go on!

I think they just said that because they want to see how we'll react.



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:36:19**

Private message to Jimmy Peakes

You were right! Chess really is good for something!



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:37:36**

Private message to Celia Thompson

I hope all the stains come off your shoes. I know that's your favourite pair.



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:40:17**

Private message to Darius Warrington

I know what you said about motivation, and I suppose I sort of see the point you were trying to make.

But I don't think that true motivation really needs to be quite so unkind.



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:41:38**

Private message to Ginny Weasley

Tomorrow's the flying! You'll really have your chance to shine then.

On the other hand, I don't expect it will be my best-scoring day.



 **[alt_luna](#) at 2012-06-20 02:44:10**

Private message to Stratus Cuthbert

Yes, I know you're a Ravenclaw. EVERYONE knows that. But I don't think cleverness is the only thing they're looking for, is it?

(Although frankly, at times I don't think that THEY even know what they're looking for....)



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-20 02:52:07](#)

Private message to Effluvia Stevens

That was a really good hover charm! I don't think I could possibly hold one so long. I'm sure you received a lot of points for it, many more certainly than you might have lost for your boggart (if any). Lots of the students took even longer than you did to banish theirs.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-20 02:59:07](#)

Private message to Cressida Bode

Yes, it has all been quite interesting. But I think a few magical creatures would have quite livened things up. A Crumple horn Snorkack hunt would have been quite exciting! Capturing them is supposed to take quite a bit of teamwork.

(It would have been difficult to arrange, though, since they're mostly in Sweden.)

[2012-06-20 19:37:00](#)

ORDER ONLY

victor and me have launched the hopeful. we've got five folks courtesy of sherwood who want to try their luck in france. we're keeping a low profile until it gets dark, but we've got vic's old navy uniform again just in case.



 [alt_frank](#)

kingsley, man, sorry to leave you with ridley. this has been one hell of a week. at least steve was able to head back up there and give a hand. I'll be back tomorrow afternoon to help out. it's a good thing scott isn't coming along, but I'm still surprised ridley has decided to stick around and didn't insist on a ride out of here the first chance she had. maybe she's sorted out that we're worth the trouble, even if she has a funny way of showing it.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-21 00:57:21](#)

(no subject)

It's all right Frank. I'm certainly familiar how faces can rotate when we're on assignment.

Ridley's started complaining about Dorcas's cooking, so she's back on cheese sandwiches again. While Dorcas and I are enjoying her famous chicken pie. Ridley's loss. Maybe it's cruel, but we've been casually fanning the aroma across her place at the table, which is making her surly. Don't have much pity for her; it's her own stubborn fault.

Wonder what Dogstar fed her: Lobster Thermidor and caviar, perhaps?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-21 00:58:22](#)

(no subject)

Hope the run goes well, both ways. I'm holding out hope for a big haul of wands and rare potion supplies.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-21 01:38:16](#)
(no subject)

Steve made it back, by the way. He's taking a kip at the moment with Rory curled up beside him.

You must be exhausted, too, Frank. It's been an eventful week, hasn't it?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-21 01:40:01](#)
(no subject)


you can say that again, mate.

eventful in a good way, though.

that sort of eventful I can handle.

ridley's a handful, no mistake, but it's better to have her than not.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-21 02:49:22](#)
(no subject)

Tell Aleks I'm sorry I can't be along this time. Too many trips in a row and Ellie's bound to start thinking there's something decidedly wrong with Sinbad.

Go well, Frank. Safe travels.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-21 02:52:12](#)
(no subject)

one of the passengers is a little sea sick, but we're making good time.

I'll tell him when I see him.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-21 04:52:02](#)**
(no subject)

headed back, transfer complete, all clear.

aleks gives his best.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-21 04:53:20](#)**
(no subject)

Good to hear it, love. Arabella and I will be waiting for you.

2012-06-20 19:59:00

Private message to Portia Rubens and Celia Thompson



 [alt_luna](#)

Please don't lose all hope, either of you. Of course, I have to admit it was probably the worst possible time for a broom accident, but I'm sure that Madam Hooch will put in a good word for both of you and explain that you're both good flyers, really. And I don't know how they think you could have avoided it when Jeremy Jugson swerved like that. What could he have been thinking?

Well, I suppose I know what he was thinking. But it certainly smacks of desperation, so perhaps he didn't do himself any favours, either.

Are you sure it's quite beyond repair, Portia? You might send an owl to Grant Page and ask for advice. Keepers certainly know everything possible about replacing crunched broom straws. Maybe he can think of something that could help.

Anyway, try to put it behind you, both of you. Why, you did quite well on the first two days, and surely the scores must average out some. No one can be perfect at everything.

2012-06-21 08:58:00

Order Only: Meeting?

Well.

Albus, you wanted a meeting with us all after the students had left. And Frank's now finished the border run.

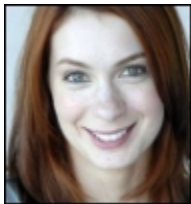



 [alt_sirius](#)

So if we want a place to meet, Grimmauld's available. Remus and Dora will tell Ellie that they're closing the shop Friday night so that we can all be there. Allie, I think it's 'Matilda's' anniversary and so Junius and Dora have offered to bring Bea and watch your two at yours while you and the husband have a romantic night's holiday.

Don't think Frank will mind. Oh, but if you come a bit earlier in the afternoon, we could go round and try Puneet's parents again, maybe.

What do you all say?



 [alt_alice](#) at **2012-06-21 14:12:44**
(no subject)

I think Frank would mind less if it was an actual holiday, but that sounds perfect. Matilda will be sure to send along a nice thank-you card.


I say Grimmauld works for us -- we can bring along Arabella with us, and I think Stephen McGivern will want to come too.

Also, Terry overheard the twins talking about the possibility of our meeting, and mentioned that he wanted to come along. There's quite a few of you he wants to see and thank in person. It's up to Arthur and Minerva, of course. But while we're on the topic of our Terry, I'd like to use some of our meeting time to discuss adding Terry to the Order lock.

I'm not suggesting he take on any missions or duties, but I think it would be good for him to be able to communicate with Fred and George and Sirius more easily. He's got his methods of writing with Hermione, of course, but this would provide another way for him to do so.

I know it's not the original intent of the Order lock, but I figure at the very least, while we're all together, we can discuss it.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-21 15:09:43](#)
(no subject)

And we'll be sure to bring along the goods for Lazslo's from Aleks, of course.

We've been unpacking and sorting this morning, and it all looks to be in order. He's even managed to track down a rather obscure book on wand lore by Yvette Lefebvre for Mellisandra. It's written in French, but she said that she can read French tolerably well, so that's good news. And a new influx of wands was much needed; since our recent additions, we've been running low, and Sherwood will be happy to benefit from our windfall, I'm sure.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-21 23:08:57](#)
(no subject)

Molly and I will be able to come. We have invented a 'night out,' with Bill squiring us around New London. Hurrah for romantic getaways.

Adding Terry to the Lock? Hmm. I would be amenable to have him attend the meeting, or at least part of it, certainly; I would like to see the boy, I admit. And I'm sure that Minerva and Poppy would be pleased to see him again, too. It's probably best if he isn't present if we discuss adding him to the Order Lock, though, so we can speak of any concerns freely.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-21 23:10:33](#)
(no subject)

The two of us can take turns, Dad, sitting with him in one of the other rooms. If that makes it easier.

We can switch off, or catch each other up on what happened later.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-21 23:11:17](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, that would probably work.

I'm afraid he might find Kreacher rather unnerving.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-21 14:13:21](#)**
(no subject)

what about ridley?

should we bring her with too?

or keep a light guard on her while we're away?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-21 14:13:58](#)**
(no subject)

Frank Longbottom, you've got another hour of sleep left.

Don't make me come in there and Stupefy you.

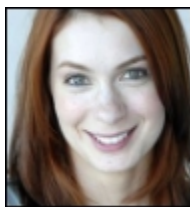



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-21 14:14:32](#)**
(no subject)

I'm sleep writing.

fine.

I'll see what I can do.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-21 15:16:16](#)**
(no subject)

All right, love, you can stop humouring me now.
Make sure you eat before you go.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-21 15:16:38](#)
(no subject)

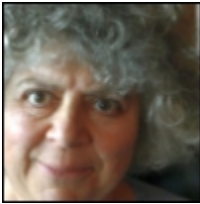
aye aye.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-22 14:51:23](#)
(no subject)

Who can we spare to keep an eye on her?

I don't fancy Alice telling her the secret for Grimmauld.



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-21 14:40:31](#)
(no subject)

I believe I could arrange Friday evening.

By then, I do hope the examiners will be entirely out of the place, but in case they're not, Poppy and I may need to think of some excuse to be less visible. (The remaining children, however, are leaving that morning.)



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2012-06-21 15:22:23](#)
(no subject)

Albus has requested Weasley Secundus's presence at the meeting.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-21 20:09:28](#)
(no subject)

Interesting.

He thinks he will be able to arrange it, Minerva, so plan to see him there.

2012-06-21 14:52:00

CCF Trials...

There have been some fun bits, and some very interesting bits.



But by far my favourite was flying yesterday. It was a breeze, pun very much intended. I didn't really pay attention to the others on their brooms, so I can't say if any one was better than me. But my flying was smooth, every turn I made was... magic. I was even told my flying was like art, an aerial masterpiece. I'm not sure what they will have us do next, but they are making sure we are plenty exhausted at curfew, both mentally and physically.

 [alt_ginny](#)

Madam Umbridge seems nice. Always willing to give advice. Or ask questions. She seems like she really wants to get to know us. Well I suppose I should go now. We have another rotation of assessments starting.



 [alt_ginny](#) at **2012-06-21 21:07:12**

Private Message to Honoria

I'd keep my eye on dear Madam Umbridge. She seems like someone who we should always mind our p's and q's around. And someone you should never cross.

[2012-06-21 20:35:00](#)

CCF



 **[alt_justin](#)**

Dear Friends,

I'm glad everyone's hols are off to good starts, what? Malfoy, I'm sorry I missed your birthday party; it sounds like Pansy did a wonderful job planning and all the guests had a marvellous time. I say, Pansy, it was kind to invite me even knowing that I'd be here.

The testing is well exhausting but quite interesting.

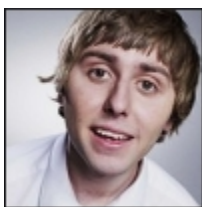
After yesterday's flying and all the rushing about, I'm rather happy we had more mental exercises today. (It's been so long since I've been broom-back! I always expect it to behave like a horse and it's jolly well surprising when it just shoots straight up!) It's bally well fascinating the sorts of questions. I imagine that having the examiners looming over one's shoulder is part of the plan, what? It's a clever way to determine how one responds to an unnerving sort of pressure.

Did anyone else have trouble not laughing during the taste-testing bit? Of course it wasn't as simple as swallowing random Bertie Botts', was it? I say, Ron, Sally-Anne, did your lot go through that last year or do they change the sorts of tests they give?

Only, I'm sure everyone's quite anxious to find out who's made the final group for the rising-fourths.

As for me, I'm looking forward to going to stay with the Jugsons. Remy's already an acquaintance but it's been fortunate we've had this week to get to know one another a bit better.

-Justin



 **[alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-22 01:57:02](#)**

Private Message to Dux

Hyds,

Have you been talking to Norma? I say, I know she was well upset when that pink woman said something about her mother. I couldn't hear what it was--I was trying not to overhear, what? but Norma obviously found the remark cruel from

the way she reacted.

I heard a rumour that Whitacre rather muffed the last set of questions. Or did he simply not bother with them at all? He seemed to finish well before anyone else.

I'm not sure what Remy thinks he has up his sleeves but there's something. He's behaving far too helpfully. I say, do you reckon he expects to cosy up now so he can cause trouble later?

I shall miss you, even if it's only for a few weeks until we're on a YPL trip. If we're on one together, I suppose! I'm not confident we shall be, though.

But perhaps there's a way for you to spend time with your cousins, or they with you? We'll have to think about it.

I wonder if your uncle would object if I bought an owl in New London tomorrow?

-Justin



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-23 03:05:27](#)

Re: Private Message to Dux

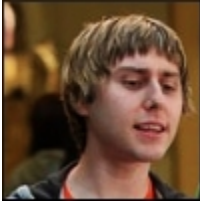
Well Norma doesn't like me much because I make her nervous. And I'd rather not try to make her feel that way if I can help it. I do wonder if Cressida tried to perform a bit badly in the hopes that it would make them take Norma along with her, or even Norma instead of her.

I don't think Corey is too fussed about getting into CCF, so he probably didn't bother. A lot of people don't think that they need CCF, and they're probably right about that.

Oh, my Aunt and Uncle probably just bribed Remy to be on his best, most helpful behaviour with you. That's what they usually do. So now is probably as good a time as any to ask them if you can buy an owl!

I'm a bit sad you will be put in the 5th year CCF, but I suppose it's only right that it work out that way, since you are a 5th year, after all.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-22 02:52:12](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Hello, all,

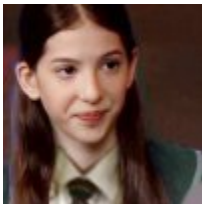
Was it this gruelling for you lot last year? Well, apart from falling off my broom on the first attempt; I hadn't expected that but it's not terribly surprising.

Luna, you've done particularly well, I think. Not that one can tell precisely what they want, what, given the way the examiners have been bickering. Did you notice? The witch in pink--is that Madam Umbridge?--she caused quite a stir yesterday over that flying incident. And then today, of course, when she was asking several of your classmates to justify their responses. I say, she's well intolerable, isn't she?

Professor Siz doesn't seem to care for her, either, and she's about as affable a person as one could ever hope to know.

I've got to finish packing but I'm sure we'll see each other on the train?

-Justin



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2012-06-22 02:55:28](#)

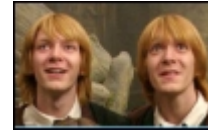
Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Anyone Professor Siz dislikes is probably bad news.

I remember the testing not being especially fun but I don't remember a taste test. There was a pain tolerance test, I just took my hand out of the box as soon as it started hurting because I don't think Slytherins have to apologise for wanting to avoid pain.

2012-06-21 20:43:00

Order Only: Best. Holiday. Ever.



 [alt_gredforge](#)

And we thought the Dragon Reserve was fun! No offence, Charlie, but this is even better. Not only have we had the chance to catch up with the Professor and get to know Dudley (with heavy emphasis on teaching them how to be kids again) but we're meeting all SORTS of other fascinating folk and exploring every corner of Moddey Dhoo. And this time there aren't any flame-throwing dragons around to chase us away when we stick our noses in where they don't belong. Bonus!

Order of the Phoenix, we are seriously impressed with this place. We can tell how carefully you've planned it out. This place is living proof that magical and muggle folks can live together to the benefit of all, no matter what the Ministry says. We like your plans for expansion: the exchange program with Sherwood, the calculations about increasing food production with the greenhouses and the goat and sheep breeding program. And there's the school, which is brilliant, we tell you, brilliant even though we can see how the struggle for supplies gets frustrating. The memorial garden, the fishing expeditions, the water pump that's also a whirly-gig for the children to play on, and how cool is THAT? And a resident wandmaker and a potions/healer and teachers and baby minders, and a corking good cook (Victor, you have to give our mum that recipe for that shepherd's pie you made for lunch today). And best of all, a bloke who loves to blow stuff up while his kids toddle about around his knees. We tell you, it's a paradise.

Yesterday morning, after sleeping in late (Dudley calls our muddle of cot mattresses in the middle of the room 'the Dogpile'), we spent the morning with Melli. We'd nicked an old book about wand wood lore from the Hogwarts library for her, hoping it might help (no worries, Professor McGonagall! We did a *duplio* spell on it and put the original back and gave her the copy). She'd already picked up a lot of wand lore from her family, but she looked through the book and said there was some stuff in there that was new to her. With the new French book on wand lore Frank brought back from the Solstice run, we bet she'll have enough avenues for research for months to come. She has some queer stuff she's trying to make wands with, non-traditional cores: kneazle whiskers, centaur tail hairs, merpeople scales, kappa fingers. We'd also hunted around the Forbidden Forest a bit, hoping to find some unicorn tail hair (did we say the Forbidden Forest, Professor

McGonagall? Well, just the outskirts, no need to ruffle your tartan over it). Anyway, we DID find a hair or two, but when we explained that we think it came from the unicorn killed in that hunt a few years ago, she said the hairs wouldn't be good for anything but wands that would lean toward Dark Arts, so she didn't want to use them.

Luckily, we'd managed to nick about three more hairs from Sluggy's private stores, and we gave her them, too, and those she can use. (Sorry, Professor McG, did you think we said something about Sluggy's private stores? Oh, no, you must have misheard us somehow; tra la la, move along, nothing to see here, nothing to see!). In the afternoon, we split up. Dudley and Terry went to talk with Judith and Laura, so the two teachers can see where they are in their education. And the two of us spent the afternoon with Fu. He's experimenting with iron armour for muggles, since it tends to drain and weaken magic, but of course it has drawbacks: it's heavy and it rusts. We had a happy afternoon indulging in mad flights of brainstorming, scribbling notes and prototype designs and digging through the collection of his prototype armour models, trying to come up with the best modifications. Could we use hammered steel to make a breastplate instead, if we did something like inset iron coins at the joints? What about running steel fibre through the fabric padding? Regina finally plucked the quills from our eager hands by force and chased us off to dinner.

Solstice night is sort of a grand occasion at Moddey Dhoo, because of the Hopeful runs across the wards. So the kids stay up late at the sandpit beach by the boat jetty, waiting for Frank and the rest of the crew to return. We practised skipping stones. We swam and splashed in the water (Terry spent a lot of time as the Professor, chasing minnows in the shallows, while Dudley taught the kids how to play chicken fights. He and Lisa Turpin emerged victorious. We suspect he's already sweet on her.) Winston rolled in a pile of dead fish and then loped down to slobber all over the little kids, sending them shrieking down the beach.

We gorged on fried fish for supper, caught that day and cooked right there on the beach. After the bonfire died down to embers, we finally settled back on blankets to lie down in the sand and look up into the sky, supposedly so that Laura could give an astronomy lesson, but really to give the little ones a chance to sleep. The adults murmured around us as the waves broke against the shore. The stars wheeled over our heads and we watched them with drooping eyes until we heard Frank's voice calling across the water, faintly: 'Halloo, the beach! Wands! We have wands!'

Terry, lying between us, heaved a sigh. He said it so low we almost missed it.

'I've never been so happy.'

[2012-06-21 23:15:00](#)

Private Message to Mum

Mum,

I just wanted to tell you I am willing to do as much of the chores as needed (or all) over the next week. I know Ron would have had many to do being home. Please don't tell the others that I volunteered. to take over for a while. I have learned new spells that should make short order on most of it that I would like to try out.



 **[alt_ginny](#)**

Also, I wanted to let you know that I received a message from Purest Sparkle this morning, but I am only opening it now. I have to be in New London next weekend. Friday and Saturday, for a couple of summer shows. Something about a fresh new designer and a late, yet extremely important launch for her summer line.

I hope all is well at home and I will see you soon,

Ginny



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2012-06-22 14:10:46](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, how I wish they would give you more notice for these kinds of things!

They won't insist on a hotel, will they? Because I've Floored Bill, and you can stay with him again.

2012-06-22 19:04:00

*Private Message to Auror Trainee
Sandoval*

Good show.

About time.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

2012-06-22 20:05:00

CCF Trials Results

My thanks to all of the examiners and CCF trials students who have helped make a complicated series of activities and challenges go as smoothly as possible. After a great deal of discussion, we are excited to announce the addition of the following students to the CCF programme.



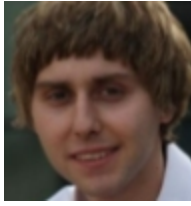
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Gareth Archer
Cressida Bode
Christophanus Clarriker
Stratus Cuthbert
Coinneach Donovan
Francois duMaurier
Isolde Inglebee
Hydra Lestrangle
Luna Lovegood
Jeremy Jugson
Tristan Preece
Marjoram Montague
Honoriam Sandoval
Effluvia Stevens
Darius Warrington
Ginevra Weasley

I'm also delighted to announce that the examiners have agreed that Justin Finch-Fletchley (our most recent addition to Hogwarts) should be placed with the rising 5th years (his own class) for this year's CCF work.

Congratulations to you all! Students who were selected - along with our rising 5th year CCF members - will be getting additional information next week, once we've met to finish the last details of our planning.

For those students who were not selected, our examiners will be providing some additional resources and advice to help you develop your talents in other ways. As always, the CCF programme is but one way to serve the Protectorate, and it was very difficult to make the final decisions.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-23 00:37:03](#)
(no subject)

Dear Professor Sinistra,

Thank you very much; that's marvellous news indeed.
I'd quite expected to be told to stay with the cohort.

I do appreciate your willingness to tolerate the irregularity to your programme planning, and all the hard work you put into the YPL and CCF in addition to your primary responsibilities at Hogwarts.

I look forward to the activities this summer.

Sincerely,

-Justin Finch-Fletchley



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-23 00:43:58](#)
(no subject)

Mr Finch-Fletchley -

You're most welcome, and I'll be interested to see what you make of the training. It does complicate our numbers a little, but I'm confident it will simply add a little extra challenge for everyone.

If you or your guardians have questions about the preparation for the programme when you get the details next week, do let me know. I'll be in New London for much of the summer, outside of YPL trips elsewhere.

- A. Sinistra



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-23 01:15:10](#)
(no subject)

Yes, I shall do, but I'm sure it shan't be necessary.

And congratulations to all the other CCF inductees!

-Justin



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-23 00:47:42](#)

Private message to Raz

Stars and planets, I'm glad that's done. *Nine* hours of meetings today. Just let me see them off, pack the last few things, see if I can track down Poppy and Pomona, and I'll be off myself. Should be at Spence within the hour.


Better news: I am refusing to look at anything like work all weekend. (I'm prepped enough for the meetings next week.) I'd not mind a trip to Flourish and Blotts for new pleasure reading material, though. I've had my eye on that new *Astrea*, the one about Alphara Behn, for a few weeks. And you'd mentioned that new one about the Normans, *Grammeire* I think, or was that Sage? (I make no promises about not reading astronomy journals, mind you, but that probably goes without saying. Not work, that.)

You have no idea how much I've missed you. Well, maybe you do. I did get some good research in this week around all the trials, but the lovely telescope is no substitute for you at all.

Right. They're all gone now. Why am I writing and not moving?

See you soon, love.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-23 00:49:06](#)

(no subject)

Professor Sinistra,

Thank you to you and the other examiners. I am happy to be in. It was certainly a memorable week.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-23 01:34:23](#)

Private message to Poppy and Pomona

I had a look round for both of you, but no luck.

The examiners are all gone, so it's safe to come out. Finally. There was a lot more wrangling about places this year, and I'm not altogether happy with the results. But at least we're done, no hexes flung, and everyone's still more or less on the

same speaking terms we started with.

I'm off to New London and Raz, but both, please, have an excellent summer. You know where I'll be, so if you do find yourselves in New London, or near the various other events, let me know. I'll miss chatting.

Pomona: I have not yet killed that potted miniature rose you lent me, but I've no way to manage it easily for the summer. I left it in Greenhouse One, and I'd be glad to see if I can keep it alive next year if you'll let me have it back in the fall. (It is endearingly cheerful, and the golden yellow really is just the right shade for my office. Goes wonderfully with the comfy chairs. And the fragrance is lovely without being overpowering.)

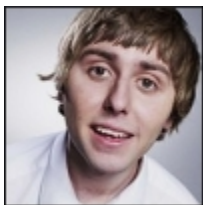
Poppy: I promise to get enough sleep, eat sensibly, relax a little, and wear my socks and a good cloak when out on windy moors while camping. More seriously, thank you for conversation this week: it did a lot to keep me balanced. I'm definitely looking forward to some time off and planning to make good use of it.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2012-06-23 01:37:08](#)

I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good - Private message to Justin F-F and Harry M.

Congratulations, Justin!



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-23 02:06:20](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear that I am Up to No Good - Private message to Justin F-F and Harry M.

Cheers, Hermione!

I'm quite sorry about Norma, though. She's quite a nice person. (And I think she performed a sight better than Cressida, to be honest.)

Are you having a good summer so far? Is Harry...Well, I mean to say, is everything all right for you? and for him?

-Justin



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2012-06-23 05:38:17**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Good one, Luna.

And Justin, congratulations as well.

2012-06-22 21:35:00

Order Only: Private Message to Alice and Frank Longbottom




 **alt_severus**

It occurs to me that you might not prefer to have your son and daughter's private business spilled throughout an Order meeting any more than it has to be.

That said, I believe we have more to discuss on the matter. I wished to invite a conversation, though, as always, I shall be very busy to-night.



 **alt_alice** at **2012-06-23 05:29:04**
(no subject)

We did spill quite enough as it was, didn't we?

I wish

I would like to talk, though. Very much.

Would you rather write, or talk things over in person? Because I can always meet you somewhere discreet for a tea, or you could certainly come down to Moddey Dhoo. I believe we're well past the point of certain individuals bellyaching about it by now, and it'd give you a chance to look around. Frank's in and out due to the Ridley situation, of course, so I'm not sure if he'd be able to talk in person. And if you're busy, writing might be more accommodating. Whatever you'd prefer.




 **alt_severus** at **2012-06-24 19:37:51**
(no subject)

I imagine I shall be busy. As you can tell, since the meeting I have been overwhelmed. One would not expect the summer to be such a taxing time, but the ghosts never rest, and there are always new problems to solve. The house-elves are not good decision-makers.

What have you heard? You cannot be relying entirely on me for your information.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-25 06:23:55](#)
(no subject)

Minerva is never terribly forthcoming, even under the best of circumstances. Poppy only tends to address medical concerns, and there've been none this term for her to deal with, thank Merlin.

Pomona and I have had the chance to talk over Neville's dealings with the anniversary of Hannah Abbott's death -- naturally, that combined with the recent news stories have hardly done him any favours, but I believe that was handled as best as it could have been.

I've asked the twins to keep an eye out for Cormac McLaggen, and they've told me what they can of Neville, namely that he's been quieter than usual -- although he tends to keep quite a bit to himself even among friends. Evelyn is even harder to read, because she's so much younger they don't spend any time together and she tends to be even less likely to be overly outgoing about how she's thinking and feeling. Which is understandable.

I hear snips and bits from Hermione, of course, but she tends to hold things close to her chest, and I'd rather respect what little privacy she has than pry unduly, unless it were absolutely necessary.

And there's Neville's latest letter, of course. I think he's so wrapped up sometimes in not causing us to worry and wanting to handle things himself that he downplays a great deal of what they are going through to us, but it's hard to tell. As you've said, there's only so much we can do from a distance save offer advice, so I can see where his impulse comes from.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2012-06-26 01:43:16](#)
(no subject)

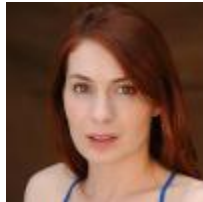
It sounds as though you are well informed indeed—better informed than many parents.

Your son wishes to handle things, however stupid it may be to keep vital information from his elders. It has driven his Occlumency far beyond what is expected for a boy of his age. However, I have been able to see glimpses. It is difficult for

Neville and Evelyn both: I will not hide that from you.

I believe your son has handled the McLaggen situation—which was indeed dire, from what I have seen—with his usual Gryffindor brashness. It seems to have succeeded.

I would advise you not to remove them from school. I do not suggest this lightly, but children must learn.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-26 01:46:38](#)

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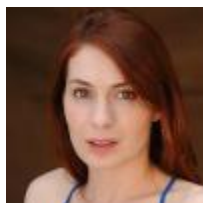
How dire, Severus?



 [alt_severus](#) at [2012-06-26 01:48:06](#)

(no subject)

McLaggen's baser nature appears to be a strong feature of his personality.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-26 02:01:50](#)

(no subject)

Oh.

Oh, dear. I'd thought

She's only just thirteen.

Does Minerva know?



 [alt_severus](#) at [2012-06-26 02:07:20](#)

(no subject)


I am not certain.

Part of me says that she must not, or else she would put a charm like to Hermione's on your daughter; but she could not explain such a charm, and in any case (as has been demonstrated) it is not entirely fair to the charm-defended—or their future, wanted suitors.

I also do not believe that Minerva has enough of a conscience left to fully care.

You realise that she killed Alecto Carrow in cold blood: not an action I would consider beyond the pale in a Slytherin, but telling for a Gryffindor.



 **alt_alice** at [2012-06-26 02:20:02](#)
(no subject)

Frank and I can talk this summer with Evelyn. And give her some choices that may help her, that she can have control over. We'd talked about things she could do if she ever felt unsafe when we were together last summer, but I still can't imagine she was very prepared. No-one should have to be prepared.

I hate that it is necessary for me to have that sort of conversation with her.

And I can't stomach the thought of sending her back to that place again.

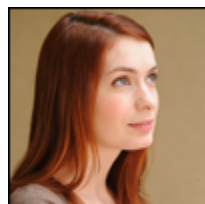



 **alt_severus** at [2012-06-26 02:42:19](#)
(no subject)

If she is to be prepared for life in the Protectorate, it is a conversation that cannot be put off.

And you know that she must be taught, and learn, and protect herself.

None of us choose where and when we are born.



 **alt_alice** at [2012-06-26 02:56:05](#)
(no subject)


You're right.

I'd much rather our family know what it's

facing than not, and sort out ways to prevent what happened in the future than pretend all is well.

It's just difficult to look on things rationally at the moment, regardless of how little good it does.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-26 02:31:15](#)**
(no subject)

And yes, we are in agreement that Minerva's actions of late have been decidedly worrisome.

As was her demeanour at our meeting.

If she is to continue along this self-destructive path, I worry about her future. Hers, ours, Hogwarts, all of it.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-26 02:04:16](#)**
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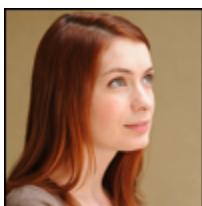
are you telling me that he put his hands on my little girl?




 **[alt_severus](#)** at **[2012-06-26 02:07:54](#)**
(no subject)

Only that he wanted to.

I do not believe any permanent damage was done.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-25 06:26:47](#)**
Private Message to Severus Snape

I've been meaning to ask you, Severus;

How have things been going between you and Harry?
Were you able to meet with him as you'd hoped?

I only ask because it seems as though he's been through a rather hard time of it, and I know he's talked with and I know that one of

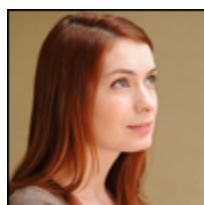
the primary reasons for your going to Hogwarts was to be there for him.



 **alt_severus** at [2012-06-26 01:46:35](#)

Re: Private Message to Severus Snape

Mr Potter seems to be warming to me.



 **alt_alice** at [2012-06-26 01:51:53](#)

Re: Private Message to Severus Snape

I'm glad to hear it.

I can't imagine

No, I can. I can imagine how difficult it was for you to hear of Harry's recent experiences. And I'm sorry.

I suspect our children are made of stronger stuff than we ever were at their ages.

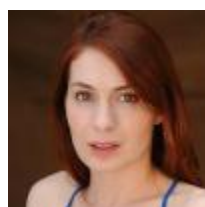


 **alt_severus** at [2012-06-26 02:08:25](#)

Re: Private Message to Severus Snape

Speak for yourself.

My time at Hogwarts was not precisely simple.



 **alt_alice** at [2012-06-26 02:28:07](#)

Re: Private Message to Severus Snape

I'll give you that, yes.

Bugger.

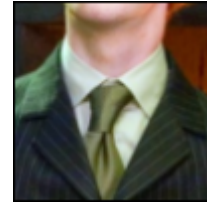
Bugger and damn.

And damn me for letting Moody bluster his way into deciding something that is none of his damn business.

2012-06-22 22:30:00

Private message to Penelope Clearwater


I don't understand why Charlie never invited me to visit the Dragon Reserve when I came of age. Why on earth does he prefer those two louts? The last time they were there they almost stampeded a clutching dragon.



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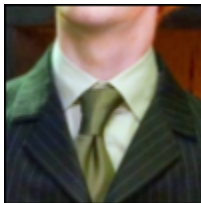
And I don't know why I'm up late brooding over it. Ridiculous.



 [alt_penelope](#) at **2012-06-23 03:33:27**
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Maybe the same reason I'm up late fuming because Dad's being such an enormous plonker?

Let's get our minds off things and go flat-hunting tomorrow!




 [alt_percy](#) at **2012-06-23 03:38:01**
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That actually sounds like a very good idea.

Excellent. Diagon Alley at 9:00 am? Say, meet up at Fortescue's?



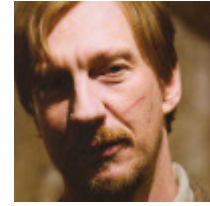
 [alt_penelope](#) at **2012-06-23 03:40:08**
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Ice creams for breakfast? Twist my arm!

2012-06-22 23:28:00

Order Only: Private message to Padfoot

So when everyone started shouting at each other and we broke for tea and cake, Terry followed me down to the kitchen. That's why it took so long to come back with the tea.



 [alt_lupin](#)

He wanted to apologise for having been afraid of me, back at Hogwarts. Apparently Carrow told him that if he was bad, Carrow would have me bite him. The worst of it is, Carrow COULD have had me bite him -- I didn't have wolfsbane, at Hogwarts, so all he'd have had to do was leave him outside during the full moon. Carrow had a pretty good idea of where I went to transform -- all the staff did, in order to be sure of staying well out of the way.

Anyway. Apparently after I ran, to do what little I could for Hermione's parents, Terry went down to my cottage and found one of my old chess pieces. It belonged to a friend of my father's, a muggle who died in the early days of the war; Terry noticed it was a muggle chess set. Anyway.

I told him he shouldn't feel guilty for fearing me; being afraid of a transformed werewolf was eminently sensible. I decided not to mention that if we HAD become close (apparently Hermione kept trying to persuade him I could be trusted), it would have greatly increased the chances of Carrow carrying through on his threats; I imagine he's got material for enough nightmares already. I DID mention the protective value of the animagus transformation. If he's in dog form, werewolves aren't going to attack him, and if they bite him accidentally he's still safe.

It's a bit ironic, though, given how much I've felt that we've failed him, that he was feeling guilt or shame or anything like that about his treatment of me.

At any rate, he seemed relieved to clear the air.

And then Kreacher came in and suggested that I'd gotten tired of you and decided to switch to someone younger, the vile little... I told him to treat Terry with respect or I wouldn't let him take care of Bea again. And then I explained to Terry. He took it in stride. After you've been privy to the Carrow's appetites, not much shocks you, apparently.

I'm still working on those minutes. That'll teach me to bring a quill and parchment to a meeting.




 **alt_sirius** at [2012-06-23 04:49:35](#)
(no subject)

Sounds about right. Did I tell you he was ashamed to face me because I'd said something in one of those Grim Truth posts against murder? Tried to explain that I meant indiscriminate murder, not self-defence - and certainly not someone who richly deserved it like Carrow!

Explained what? That Kreacher's a vile little piece of filth? Thought that was obvious.

You can leave them until morning, can't you? I'll help decipher your notes.



 **alt_lupin** at [2012-06-23 04:52:37](#)
(no subject)

I'd make a joke about Ravenclaws (overthinking everything) if it didn't make me so sad.

I did explain that Kreacher's a vile little piece of filth, but I also explained about the two of us, so that he didn't piece together half-truths with Kreacher's comments and reach some horrifying alternative explanation. See above about Ravenclaws.

I'm a bit worried that if I leave them until morning, I'll forget what things like 'DU' and 'BOG' stand for.



 **alt_sirius** at [2012-06-23 04:59:59](#)
(no subject)

Everything about that kid makes me sad. Well, except for the stuff that makes me insanely proud.

Explained about us? That must have been an incredibly comfortable conversation for you. Now I really know why the cake took so long. Were there hand gestures and loads of throat-clearing?

Said I'd help decipher them, didn't I? Umbridge, Governors. See? I can even read your handwriting after nearly four hours of taking notes, which is more than can be said for most.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-23 05:04:20](#)
(no subject)

No hand gestures. Oh my god, what a thought. There may have been some throat-clearing. Actually, telling people is getting easier with practice.

I'm almost done with the damn notes; might as well finish up before I turn in.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-23 05:09:28](#)
(no subject)

I'll get you some placards; you can just hold them up next time. You know, when you need to tell Neville.


Suit yourself. I'm done in; shutting out the light. Use *Lumos* when you come up if it takes as long as I suspect, while you read the whole bloody thing over again for spelling and grammar.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-23 05:10:15](#)
(no subject)

You really *were* almost done!



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-23 05:13:03](#)
(no subject)

And now I am on my way to bed. Anyone who wishes to Propose a Revision or Enter a Complaint will get no reply until morning.

2012-06-23 00:06:00

Order Only

MEETING MINUTES
Order of the Phoenix

Date: 22/6/1995
Location: 12 Grimmauld



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Members Present: Sirius Black (public enemy), Minerva McGonagall (Headmistress), Poppy Pomfrey (Matron), Pomona Sprout (Herbology Professor), Alice Longbottom (wanted fugitive), Frank Longbottom (ditto), Fred Weasley (student), George Weasley (student), Molly Weasley (woman of mystery), Arthur Weasley (Ministry Official), Dora Ponds (ditto), Charlie Weasley (Dragon Wrangler), Bill Weasley (Death Eater Wrangler / Undercover Lackey), Kingsley Shacklebolt (actor), Severus Snape (caretaker), Walden Macnair (retired Hogwarts professor), this one bloke who asked not to be named because he STILL doesn't trust the lock Bill made for us but I'll give you a hint, he's missing an eye, and Remus Lupin (secretary).

Members Absent: Hermione Granger, Arabella Scrim

Guests: Terry Boot

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Whoever was supposed to be taking minutes at the Christmas party must have been ~~drunk~~ distracted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sirius complained we're going broke. Actually, what with the smuggling and the beer garden, we're more or less breaking even, but he does like to ~~complain~~ remind us that we do have finances to monitor.

AGENDA:

There was really only one official item, which was, ALBUS DUMBLEDORE, WHAT THE BLOODY HELL? We did cover a few other items as the meeting progressed, however.

AGENDA ITEM 1: ALBUS DUMBLEDORE, WHAT THE BLOODY HELL?

Albus declined to give details on why he's back in England or what

he's been up to. He assured us that he thought Minerva had been doing a fine job and that we should keep on as we have been. Oh, and he's not using Polyjuice; he really DOES look approximately thirty-five these days. Apparently the special waters of Florida will do amazing things for one's health, and after shaving off his beard and doing some transfiguration on his nose he was confident he wouldn't be recognised. Considering that Minerva, Poppy, and Pomona looked at him at dozens of Hogwarts staff meetings and were never the wiser, it seems he was correct. He returned to France, assumed the name Brutka and seized the opportunity to ingratiate himself to Lucius Malfoy three years ago.

When pressed (and thank you, Kingsley, Arthur, Pomona, and Frank-- No, I'm not forgetting you, Sirius!) he admitted that he's been doing some research into the wards (which is why he wanted Charlie present) and the Sleepers.

Just when we were all about to throw down wands and punch him in the nose he turned to Dora to tell her how absolutely delighted he was that she'd found her way to the Order, and was so bloody charming about it that no one had the heart to turn to violence after that.

That bloke who doesn't wish to be named but whose name rhymes with Rudy (so I think I'll just call him Rudy from here on out) said that he didn't know why the rest of us were so cross, he thought Albus had shown excellent sense keeping it a complete secret, so everyone shouted at him for a few minutes and then we moved on.

Sirius pointed out that seeing as we've had someone researching the Sleepers, it might have been rather helpful if Albus had popped in, oh, two and a half years ago, to avoid duplication of efforts. Albus assured us that he thought independent lines of research were all for the good and Snape should keep at it. He added that he'd visited Charlie several times, Obliviating him with his consent after each visit, and that his research into the wards was going quite well.

Charlie looked quite startled at that, but he would, wouldn't he? that being the point of the Obliviate spell, after all.

Oh, right, and Ridley. Kingsley wanted to know if Albus actually had a PLAN for what we were supposed to be doing with her. Albus seemed disappointed (in her? in us? I'm just going to assume it's her, not us) and said we should keep at it, surely we'd win her over with kindness eventually. This brought up the subject of the Lord Protector somehow and Minerva mentioned he's been getting stranger. Creepier. Sirius

gave us a summary of what happened with Harry after the Triwizard -- apparently Voldemort took him to some private magical laboratory in what used to be Eton and wanted him to personally kill Ridley while holding a Snitch. That last bit was probably the strangest. Albus looked like he had a thought, but declined to share it, even when pressed. Come to think of it, that might have been what almost provoked someone to punch him in the nose.

No one even realised Voldemort had set up private laboratories in Eton. Minerva said she's never been summoned there before that night. Some discussion from Rudy of what other strongholds he might have that we know nothing about. Minerva offered to see what Lucius might be persuaded to tell her, or Rabastan Lestrangle. She did mention that Malfoy seemed much harried of late and the back-chatter among the Death Eaters is that some new players are trying to give him the elbow out of the Dark Lord's good graces. Mac thought perhaps there could be merit to trying again the idea he and Sirius had about sowing even more discord among their ranks.

Several people proposed that Poppy and Pomona spend more time drawing out Aurora Sinistra as a source of information - suggested that she was surely less cautious than Lestrangle would be. Poppy made one of those faces, and Pomona got her stubborn look, so the matter was tabled. Those wishing to discuss further may make their cases individually and leave the rest of us out of the middle. (Rudy, Macnair, that means you.)

Molly then remembered to ask about Trelawney. Apparently, she is still living happily in America, there is no new news on the Prophecy, except that Albus seems sure that Voldemort's interpretation has not changed, and further attempts at discussion on the topic proved annoying so we moved on.

AGENDA ITEM 2: TERRY BOOT

Terry had asked to come to the Order meeting because he wanted to thank us all personally. Ironic, considering how much guilt we've felt over failing him. The bloody Sorting Hat's comment about the 'fake book' makes a great deal more sense to him now (why didn't anyone invite the Hat to the meeting? we could tell it to KEEP ITS GOB SHUT IN THE FUTURE). Alice and Frank think he has a brilliant future ahead of him -- bloody right, considering he mastered the animagus transformation at 15 without ever having had formal instruction in Transfiguration.

One of the Twins brought up the possibility of inducting Terry into the Order, so that they could talk to him on the journals after going back to school. I said I was for it. Sirius said he was for it. Molly waffled a bit because Terry's underage. But there's precedent: Hermione is underage and has been an Order member since she was eleven. The consensus was favourable, and we added an action item: swear in Terry after the meeting.

Frank then brought up another possible member: Neville. That one, everyone agreed, was a great deal more complicated. Terry will be living at Moddey Dhoo; Neville, on the other hand, is at Hogwarts. But he's already privy to more than a few secrets, including that he sees his parents in the summers, and given that Terry turned up with one of Frank's old Auror textbooks it's not exactly a secret that Neville is a member of the Jr. Auxiliary.

But. Given THAT, would it be wise to admit Neville into the Order while not bringing in the rest of them? Fred and George thought it would be okay; Neville has already conscientiously kept secrets from the rest of the Jr. Auxiliary. For instance, he hasn't shared information with the group about the summer visits with his parents, although he did share Auror textbooks (I heard Poppy mutter 'Junior Auror blue' under her breath at that point, I think, and shoot a look at Frank).

I spoke up at that point and asked whether we perhaps we should let them ALL in -- whether the whole loaf would actually be safer than the partial information they have. If they were in the Order, they'd have access to the Order Lock and would know exactly who on the Hogwarts faculty they could go to in an emergency. Poppy noted that she doesn't know how necessary it is to lay out the details given their apparent facility at guessing, and that with the benefit of hindsight it's plainly obvious that Sally-Anne Perks is perfectly aware that she, at least, is a member of the Order. (Fred spoke up at that point to say that they call us the Wand Smugglers, which made Sirius laugh so hard I thought he was going to hurt himself.)

After he'd pulled himself together, Sirius noted that Sally-Anne had asked him to help her mother get out of the Protectorate -- revealing to him that she was definitely a member of the Jr. Auxiliary, since they'd asked him questions through Hermione a few months back. He added that she'd made it quite clear that she was trustworthy, so why not add her to the Order, along with Ron, Neville, and Justin Finch-Fletchley?

Molly objected vehemently to admitting Ron to the Order on the

grounds that he's not even of age yet and has had far fewer burdens of secrecy in his life than Neville.

Fred and George said that while individually they thought that everyone mentioned for possible membership was highly trustworthy, they thought it would create problems within the Auxiliary if some were Order members and had to keep it a secret from the rest. And they were not entirely sure that it would be a good idea to admit every single member of the Auxiliary into the Order, just yet. (Sirius, did you sneeze then or were you trying to say 'Parkinson' under your breath?) They did, however, want to propose Lee Jordan for membership, as he's highly trustworthy and having a birthday before the school year starts, cycling him out of the Jr. Auxiliary. They added that they thought it made sense to admit Neville to the Order if for no other reason than to allow him to use the Order lock to communicate with Frank and Alice.

Rudy spoke up and objected vehemently to the idea of admitting ANYONE underage to the Order and things degenerated and we tabled the discussion for now, except for Lee Jordan, whom everyone agreed could be admitted on his 17th birthday (or as soon thereafter as the Twins could make arrangements). Minerva can easily swear him in on his return to the school, if it doesn't work out before then. At this point, since everyone was obviously getting testy, we decided to take a break, soothing the feelings running high by resorting to refreshments. (Molly's cake was considerably applauded. And demolished, down to the last crumbs.)

AGENDA ITEM 3: ALECTO CARROW

We reconvened twenty minutes later, in a considerably better mood, only to spoil our digestion by discussing Alecto Carrow. Rudy wanted to congratulate Minerva on eliminating a particularly dangerous enemy; she denied involvement and said that she found Alecto dead in her office. Based on some quiet conversations she's fairly certain that Alecto's illness resulted from a plaque made by Rodolphus Lestrange and given to Alecto by Narcissa Malfoy in the guise of it being an award. Which incidentally opens a position at Hogwarts: Dark Arts instructor.

Approximately half of the Order thinks that the ideal Dark Arts instructor would be Ludo Bagman: so incompetent as to do no damage. The other half thinks that the ideal Dark Arts instructor would be someone like Rabastan Lestrange: not on our team, but these days at least he plays by the rules. (Mostly.) Rabastan is already

teaching, though, so if he took over Dark Arts they'd have to find someone else to teach Defense against them and apparently Professor LeStrange is both competent and popular, so Minerva would strongly prefer to keep him where he is.

The suggestion of Dolores Umbridge (she'd be Category One) was shot down on the grounds that the Hogwarts-based Order members don't want to have to put up with her company. No one could think of a Category Two possibility who was not (a) far too dangerous and (b) already employed anyway.

Someone suggested Barty Crouch, but that was a joke. He'd be competent AND evil AND he's already got a job that he seems to enjoy more than anyone ought to. Rudy suggested kidnapping Crouch and impersonating him via Polyjuice Potion, in order to teach and to infiltrate another Order member into the Voldemort's court but that was also shot down by ~~every other~~ several members.

Other names mentioned included Glendower Jr. (wastrel and layabout), the Mulciber brothers or Gunther Goyle (too dangerous), and then a few possibles, all presenting challenges: Savitha Desai (too intense and charismatic), Aiman Gupta (too ambitious), and Heloise Laverty (too likely to spot Order and Jr. Auxiliary interests.) Also Mafalda Hopkirk and Theodore Nott, Sr. (most of whom Minerva ruled out on the grounds that we hardly need another Death Eater in the castle).

We tabled the discussion but if anyone's had ideas since then, by all means chime in. It's the Board of Governors who hires, but if Minerva can recruit a promising candidate she might be able to persuade them.

But back to Alecto for a moment, Rudy asked whether anyone has made headway on the identity of the mysterious figure Sirius and I spotted leaving her office on the night that we let ourselves in to have a reconnoitre. Snape said he'd been on the lookout but that the castle has detected no one in the walls who shouldn't be there. Rudy rather acidly pointed out that of course the spy is someone who belongs there. But the only suspicious behaviour of the staff anyone had to report was, well, our own. At least at first.

Pomona remembered here that it's not just ours - she's seen Rolanda Hooch in odd places in the grounds near the fluxweed greenhouse, Gwendolyn Acton having conversations with several Ministry folks during the third task, and even admitted that Aurora Sinistra was

keeping unusually odd hours. In response to a certain comment Sirius, she says, no, not Rabastan's doing, but refused to say more. (Pomona, that just sounds more suspicious, you know.)

She also promised to update the security charms on the greenhouse before everyone could yell at her.

AGENDA ITEM 4: BARTY CROUCH, SR.

This wasn't exactly an agenda item so much as topic drift. When we were speaking of Crouch, Jr. (No, Sirius, I'm not calling him ~~Farty~~ ~~Grouch~~ names in the official minutes, for Merlin's sake), Snape volunteered that Crouch, Sr. had made contact several months after supplying him and Macnair with their journals. His correspondence ranged from lucid but paranoid to increasingly erratic. In his last communication, he implored Snape to meet him at Hogwarts, claiming that his son had been holding him captive... However on the night of the appointed meeting, Crouch was nowhere to be found, but Snape narrowly avoided running into Igor Karkaroff. He appeared to Karkaroff as Milland and learned that Karkaroff apparently thought he had a meeting, as well. But before either of them could discuss things further, they heard Crouch screaming. They sought the source and found him dead.

There was quite a lot of speculation as to Crouch, Sr's motives in wanting to speak to Snape, and inviting Karkaroff as well. Karkaroff is now missing. Minerva reports he was not at the Leaving Feast and he did not return with his students - no one has seen him since the night of the third task of the Triwizard Tournament. Snape pointed out that Viktor Krum was clearly suffering from an Imperius Curse during the task. Karkaroff's own handiwork? No one knew for sure.

AGENDA ITEM 5: OTHER BITS

The question of what to do with the real Milland was raised. Half of us saw no problem in keeping him as is. Poppy raised the question of his continued health and well-being. No satisfying answer was determined, and clearly we can't just let him go. The matter was tabled. If you have a practical idea (body-binds are not, thank you, Rudy), please apply to Minerva or Poppy.

At this point, seeing that the twins Weasley and Terry Boot, newest members, were nearly falling out of their chairs from exhaustion, and the hour being noted to be 'half-past-dead-o'clock' by Charlie Weasley,

the meeting was adjourned. Terry Boot was formally sworn into the Order of the Phoenix immediately afterwards.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-23 05:15:06](#)
(no subject)

Sweet Circe. We're a wordy bunch.

All right, you've posted it. Now I'm packing in.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-23 15:10:55](#)
(no subject)

You've left off all the other Players from the 'Absent' list. Dorcas, Emmeline, Benjy, etc.

Kingsley was there on their behalf, true, but they're still members.

I didn't say we're going broke. I said we're on a thin margin these days and we need to be careful.

Too right about Terry. He managed it a full two months before I managed it and I got it a month before James could do. Though like Terry, I was pretty much prisoner in Grimmauld that summer. But unlike Terry, for me, there was nothing else to do but to practise.

For the purposes of accurate minutes, Remus, I sneezed.

But you really should call him Grouch.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2012-06-23 15:13:59](#)
(no subject)

Bugger all. I knew I was leaving people off 'members absent' and meant to go back and fix it later.

Next time maybe you can take the notes.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2012-06-23 15:24:29](#)
(no subject)

No one can read my handwriting at one o'clock in the morning. Least of all me.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2012-06-23 17:54:15](#)
(no subject)


'Molly Weasley, woman of mystery???'



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-23 17:56:29](#)
(no subject)


Yeah. That's probably because we told Sirius and Remus that's sort of your joke nickname in the Junior Auxiliary. Because when we first started thinking you were with the Wand Smugglers, we thought it was so hilarious that you'd be this mistress of skullduggery.



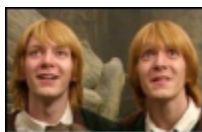
 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-23 17:57:17](#)
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'Mistress of Skullduggery?' That's even better.



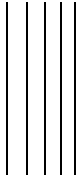
 [alt_bill](#) at [2012-06-23 18:02:18](#)
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I sort of want to get business cards printed up with the job title 'Death Eater Wrangler / Undercover Lackey.' It sounds so much better than 'Personal Assistant.'



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-23 18:03:04](#)
(no subject)

Except that it sort of defeats the purpose of being undercover.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2012-06-23 18:03:16](#)**
(no subject)

Ha. True.



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2012-06-23 18:55:17](#)**
(no subject)


I can't decide if we covered a great deal of ground, or none at all. And I'm not sure the minutes are helping there, but thank you for writing them up, Remus.

To allay any fears, I've spent the morning checking the security around the back fluxweed beds, and I believe they're as solid as can be. (Minus, of course, the patch I'm allowed to maintain for educational purposes, which has an entirely different set of monitoring charms in place.)

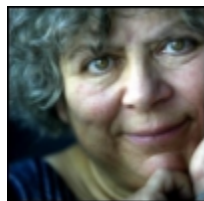
The thing I forgot to mention is that Poppy and I will be various places on our summer travels. We both expect some greater degree of oversight and supervision than we'd prefer, but if there are particular ingredients or natural items you've an interest in, do let both of us know. Even if we can't harvest at the time, if we spot something or find a source, we could let the Players or someone else know where to look.

Finally, Mr Boot, do be very welcome in our company. It's a delight to meet such a hard-working and diligent student.



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2012-06-23 19:53:44](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, ma'am. It is very much an honour to be included. A unexpected honour, but a welcome one.



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2012-06-23 20:16:00](#)**
(no subject)

No need to ma'am me in this company, if you'd rather not. (And I'm sorry, got called away before I could properly finish a thought.)


I keep thinking back to a conversation I had with Alice a few weeks ago. About how much we all can't see and can't say, and how that keeps us apart from those who might in fact share our values and our desires.

I've worried, the past few years, that the isolation, the propaganda, the repeated insistence on the supposed virtues of the Protectorate will make it impossible for us to truly win out in the end. That we'll have a generation who can never trust, never reach out, never share - just hide and isolate and manipulate to their own ends.

But you give me hope, you and the friends who helped you. Hope that there's far more under the surface than most of us ever see, for, and that that resilience, that sense of self, can bear abundant fruit even in the darkest times.

I won't dwell. But I'm delighted to see the intelligence I knew off from Poppy, and the hard work I'd observed for myself (the few times you could help me), are twined with many other virtues. And I'm looking forward to what you do now you've got a far more proper place to grow.



 **[alt_tery](#)** at **[2012-06-23 22:00:14](#)**
(no subject)

I hope you won't mind if I slip and still call you 'ma'am.' Once in a while. It's...it's rather a lot of habits to unlearn. All at once.

For instance, I don't know if you realise that this week at Moddey Dhoo and last night were the first times I can ever remember sitting in a chair in the presence of witches and wizards instead of sitting on the floor. Other witches and wizards, I mean, and other than with Hermione when we were together in our secret classroom. Well, and sometimes Madam Pomfrey would have me sit on a chair but that was just because it made it easier for her to reach me if she was treating me, after he hurt me.

It's all been sort of a shock, and it'll take me a while to adjust. And it's very odd being a source of hope, when you've been that for me. All of you, the wand smugglers. The Order. Before I ever knew who you were.




 [alt_pomona](#) at [2012-06-23 22:37:50](#)
(no subject)

I won't mind, just know that you needn't.

As to the rest. Well. I'd known and tried not to think about, I admit, while there wasn't much to be done. But yes.

I'm sure it will take a while. But it also seems to me a much more enjoyable set of challenges than your previous ones, and I am sure you will do just as brilliantly with them given a little time.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2012-06-23 22:22:23](#)
(no subject)

It does my heart good to see you writing here, Terry.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-23 23:00:54](#)
(no subject)

Welcome, indeed.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2012-06-24 00:10:37](#)
(no subject)

We did go on, didn't we?


I would have been snoring, myself, if Bill Weasley hadn't kept telling me the worst jokes I've ever heard. I think they were meant to be jokes, at any rate. Maybe I was just so knackered everything sounded queer.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-24 00:44:33](#)
(no subject)

If they came from him, they doubtless were the worst jokes you've ever heard.



 **alt_bill** at [2012-06-24 00:45:08](#)
(no subject)

Oi! That's gratitude for you!



 **alt_poppy** at [2012-06-24 01:51:35](#)
(no subject)


For the sake of being complete, I expect we should add my assessment of Pleniloquence Ridley: her convalescence from the trauma she's suffered will be lengthy; given her apparent personality and the habits of mind/behaviour cultivated in her position within DogStar, we should expect that she will continue to be difficult; even in her present condition, she is manipulative and powerful.

She would not let me cast any diagnostics on her. We discussed treatments that might ease her discomfort and cognitive symptoms, and at present she will agree only to drink certain herbal preparations. Even there, she is on guard lest we poison or control her via food or medicines. She is, for instance, convinced that chamomile tea might weaken her resolve.

We discussed the properties of many plants and agreed that she would accept a hot, steeped mixture 1 part lavender, 1 part valerian root, and 8 parts pre-boiled water, provided that she be allowed to brew the tisane herself.

I have promised to return in two weeks' time to assess her progress.



 **alt_alice** at [2012-06-24 05:08:38](#)
(no subject)

Two more addendums, love. Albus very kindly passed along three phoenix feathers from Fawkes to our wandmaker -- I think that deserves to be recorded for posterity.

Also, we ought to add Hagrid to the list of non-attending members.

2012-06-23 17:55:00

*Private Message to Reethi Singh and
Philander Catchlove*



 [alt_lana](#)

Brilliant about your news! Of course, I want to get together and hear all about it. What say supper tomorrow?

Is this why you both put in for desk work this session? I mean to say, Counter-intel's one thing, but I was surprised when I heard you'd gone for Decryption and Linguistic Analysis, Catchlove. Of course, it's Travers, but to go for the part of his brief that keeps you tied up in-house? It seemed out of your line. Glad to see you had your reasons.

Speaking of Travers, though. How has that been? Since, well-

I suppose it's as well I missed all that. But, really, to have lost his brother, when he was such a force. Must be rough.

I expect it's set Montague back, too. Last we talked, he was aiming to intern with Travers at Buckingham. Said that was by far his best Intensive. That was before Dogstar, though.

Dogstar. What a thing that's been! Though, honestly, I'm glad to have put my part to bed. Did you hear? I had a bit of a coup in that: unravelled Green's coding in the archives and found that he'd queered all sorts of reports and documents. Caught his downstream, too: a shoe-shine at Marylebone Floo Station. I thought at first he was in it with his wife. Green, I mean. Not the shoe-shine. Or that she was the one rather than him, at all, maybe Imperiusing him to bring things home, and that she had a lover she was passing things on to. But that wasn't it. Took a while to get it sorted, of course, but I think I made quite a tidy success of it in the end.

It's awful what one malicious hand can do if he's got access to resources like that. At least we know that Central Archives are clean now.

But, Reethi, do say you can go tomorrow for supper. Let's make it Bubble and Squeak: I haven't been there for ages. I want to hear what your parents have said. Or have you told them? I thought they were set on matching you themselves. Did they find out you'd moved in? Was that it? I want to hear all of it.

Oh, and after, we could drop in at Beyond the Pale. I hear Bagatelle are playing.

2012-06-23 18:42:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

So the twins are back from the Dragon Reserve. They've got some hilarious stories to tell on Charlie, too, and how he's got all old on us and couldn't keep awake as long as they could, and told them it was 'half past dead o'clock' and they needed to knock off.



 [alt_ron](#)

Anywiz. They wanted me to write some stuff here that they've been thinking--about the lock and all. They said I should just copy it out, and I think I will do, even though that's a complete pain because they have loads to say. You'd think some teacher'd said they had to write twelve inches or something.

We know we made this lock originally so we could talk to the Professor. But we're not dim enough to think that its first purpose should be its ONLY purpose.

We understand that people are worried about all the possible 'what ifs.' What if we tell her and it all goes plow-into-the-ground, like a Wronski Feint gone horribly wrong?

When we made the Lock, we did a lot of research and we tested it first before we started using it. It looks to us that you've done the same thing with this decision about adding Hydra Lestrage: you gathered information about her from the people in the group who know her best, namely Justin and Hermione and Sally-Anne and Pansy. Then you tested: Justin told her his secret about being Muggleborn, and when it was clear she was okay with that, he tested her again by telling her about Sirius Black. And she passed that test, too.

Look, the reason that things have gone for shite in the Protectorate is that the Ministry has slowly been tightening the screws on all of us. For years now. Used to be someone like Hermione and Terry could go into a shop and buy a wand, and no one would bat an eye. But once the Lord Protector took power, they started changing the rules and clamping down and people went along with it. You know why? Because the Ministry kept raising the stakes, making it less scary to go along than it was to take the risk of saying 'No.' And that made it easier the next time for the Ministry to do things more awful still. Until we're at this point, where people like Hermione and

Terry risk death if they pick up a wand.

Nothing's going to change unless minds are changed. And maybe that means using the Lock by adding people to it who maybe are willing to have their minds opened a little. IF we take that risk and give them the chance to rethink things. A person like Hydra Lestrage, coming from the family she comes from, is going to be groomed to move into power. To help run things someday. Wouldn't it be a good idea to move people into running things who actually agree with us? Except we shouldn't think of it only like 'how can we use her?' It's more like 'doesn't she deserve the chance to show us what she can do, if we appeal to the best in her, instead of the worst?'

Don't all of us deserve that? Doesn't the Protectorate deserve that--or whatever this land will be when the Lord Protector is gone?

It IS a risk. And taking risks can be dead scary. But Sirius Black already said it: the Ministry is counting on keeping things the way they are because they're willing to MAKE it scary if we question and challenge the way things are.

So, yeah. That's their vote. That we should do it. I'm not sure why they thought they had to go on and on, since it's not like we don't all agree about what's going on in the Protectorate. But, yeah. Do we agree Hydra's in? Or does someone have something else to say about it? Hermione: are you all right with it, then?

So, I don't know about you lot, but I've been thinking about who else we should add. And I think Ken Towler and Bundy and Sue Bones. Oh, and Bell and Johnson, too. Who else?



 **alt_neville** at **2012-06-24 02:48:04**
(no subject)

I do think we should be in agreement before we add people. So let's take things one at a time. Add Hydra (if and only if what Fred and George say convinces you--and by 'you,' I mean all of you. And we all have to be honest about it. I don't want anyone saying 'okay' just to go along with the lot of us, against their better judgement, but really regretting it. Because if people do things against their will, the will is easier to crack. That's one good thing I've learned from studying

occlumency.)


I also think we really do need to be aware it may get more dangerous and precarious, the more people we add.

I dunno. I wish...I really wish we had another alternative. A way to communicate that's pretty secure, more secure than the Ministry's 'private message' system, which we all suspect they can peek into whenever they want. But without all the burden of the really dangerous secrets we're protecting here on this Lock. An...an intermediate system.

It hardly seems fair to ask George and Fred to dream up another ace method of communicating. But I get nervous if I think of adding five or six more people, demanding they all tell us some real good dirt on themselves so we'll trust them. We've been real lucky so far with ten or so people on this lock. But if we add ten more, and just one person slips, or cracks, or panics and decides to tell all this dangerous stuff...well, then there will be a whole lot more people hurt.

Or is it just me?




 **alt_lee** at [2012-06-24 03:25:48](#)
(no subject)

It's not just you.

I do agree we should add Hydra to the lock. But you do bring up some good points.

Ron and me can talk with the twins to see if they have any ideas about other ways we can exchange messages safely, with more people.



 **alt_ron** at [2012-06-25 15:24:39](#)
(no subject)

Well.

I see what you're saying, but I think if the twins say we should use this lock to include new people, and the lock itself is safe, which we know it is--I mean, think about the birthday greetings they always wrote the LP, right?--then we should use it. I mean. If we're going to be in a group with people and say

and do stuff that would get us in trouble, then if one of us turns on all the rest, we're all getting it in the neck whether we were using these books to talk or using something else.

See what I'm saying?

I mean, if the twins are right that what we need to do is give people a chance to show the best in them, like Hydra, and if they're right that the way to fight back in the Protectorate is to bring in more and more people, then. Well. We should get on with it, yeah?

Or. Well, okay. I guess if we could figure out another way to communicate, then we could keep this lock just for ourselves, because we've all been here longest and it's nice to be able to talk just us without having a whole big group see everything we're thinking. But, then, well. We might've wanted to stop adding people a while back. I don't know. And I mean, is there stuff I'd want to say where Hydra can read it that I wouldn't want Sue Bones to see? Or Towler? Or Angelina or Katie? I can't think of anything.



 **alt_pansy** at **2012-06-24 05:40:09**

(no subject)

If it matters, it made a difference for me. Being on here, I mean.

I mean, what they're saying, it makes sense, because I don't think it would've nearly been the same for me without seeing Terry and Hermione like this. And it's sort of hard to explain, but when we're told what is right and what is wrong and not to question it or talk about it, well, then everyone keeps quiet. And because no-one talks about it, it's just so easy to think that you're alone and no-one else thinks differently. I think that's one of the reasons I loved the Grim Truth. Even before the lock. Because it was so *different*.

And it's hard to think differently anyways, when there's only so much that you know to begin with. Like if we're only told one way of doing things, how would we know there's another way to go about it? I'm just saying it can be hard sometimes.


And it's been hard. For me. It's like hearing things that are in a different language almost, sometimes. Someone will say something on here where they just assume that's the way the world ought to be, and always have, only it's the first I've heard of it so it takes a bit of

thinking to really figure out how I feel about it.

I didn't always feel like I could say this out loud. But. It just never occurred to me that Terry and Hermione ought to have wands and be Sorted until I got into the lock, and now it seems like they ought to, of course, but it just took me ages to sort that out and be okay with it because it was something I never would have thought of on my own and it was so very different from what I'd been told for pretty much my whole life. It's one thing to not want you treated badly, but just another altogether to think that you were witches and wizards like me. And I'm not saying Hydra's like I was. I'm just saying I wouldn't have gotten there without this. Not really.

So there's that.




 **alt_ron** at [2012-06-25 15:25:24](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I know.


And I'm really glad you're here.



 **alt_pansy** at [2012-06-25 20:41:36](#)
(no subject)


I am too, tunabrain.



 **alt_luna** at [2012-06-24 17:58:18](#)
(no subject)

As far as other ways to send messages: don't forget that I know where Daddy hid the plates and everything to his smaller portable printing press. We'd have to figure out a way to get paper and everything, and a place to set it up. And how would we distribute it? But if we can figure that stuff out, maybe it's another option.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-25 15:28:28](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, Lunes.

But, um. It seems like it's safer to write stuff here that no grown up can see no matter what they do to it, than print stuff and spread copies of it around that everyone can read.

Or, what I mean is, we might want to print stuff and spread it around that we really mean for everyone in the world to see, but for stuff we want to keep secret, a printing press wouldn't be a good idea.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2012-06-26 14:23:51](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, yes, you're right, I wasn't thinking. I was thinking in terms of changing minds, but if we used the press I suppose we would have to make it anonymous. Sort of like a student Grim Truth, I suppose. And you're right, there may be a role for that at some point. But not yet. And we'll have to think of something else for secret messages.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2012-06-24 20:18:56](#)**
(no subject)

Well.

I talked to someone about being an Occlumens.

He said that natural Occlumenses (Occlumensi?) don't ever break. I mean, they can't, unless they're dead. There just isn't a way to break them, not really. So people who are scared about it are scared about something that's never happened, and then he said some things about how some people can't let go of control and how I had to learn to do it and it was kind of insulting honestly.

But my point is, I guess I can't object to Hydra on those grounds, so maybe I can't object to her at all.

So.

I guess I'm okay with it.

I don't know who else we should add, but.

Maybe Harry. Someday.

2012-06-23 22:43:00

Order Only: Private message to Fred Weasley and George Weasley



 [alt_terry](#)

I finally screwed up my courage to try this, and it worked. It really worked: I can write truly private messages now! This one's protected by the 'Order Only' lock, and I bet I can do it on the 'I Solemnly Swear' lock, too. Usually, when I write 'Private message to' and fill in a name, the magic of the journals used to automatically fill in 'and Amycus Carrow.' When I wrote 'Private message to Fred Weasley' it started to write, 'and A--' and then the ink on the 'A' just faded away. And then I was able to add 'George Weasley.'

You have no idea satisfying that was.

I wonder though...I suppose I don't have a legal master now because he's dead. And she was his heir, and I suppose that in the ordinary course of things, if he died, then her name would have started appearing at the top of my private messages. But she's dead, too, so I guess I'm in some sort of legal limbo. Will that even occur to them at the Ministry? As far as they're concerned, I'm missing; I'm sort of like lost property, I guess. But if someone gets the bright idea to assign me to a new master, even though I'm still missing, then maybe someday soon I'll write 'Private message to Fred Weasley' and it'll fill in 'and Barty Crouch, Jr.' Or 'and Lucius Malfoy.'

Or 'and Bellatrix Lestrange.'

Ugh. Let's hope that they don't think of reassigning my ownership like that.

I can just hear you saying it even now: *Nobody owns you, Professor.* I know, I know. Nobody owns me.

It was wonderful to see you, to spend the week with you. Beyond wonderful. And last night was just dead amazing. I couldn't believe it that they wanted me to join them. Everyone was just as nice as could be. Thanks for speaking up for me, asking them to let me in. I wouldn't have dared, but I'm really glad you did.

Blimey, now I'll have to keep two locks straight. How did Hermione do it all this time? One seemed miraculous enough, but now I have this new one to get to know, and all the people on it. Guess your older

brother Bill's just as clever as you.

I'll miss you tonight. Sleeping next to you. That helped, considering that I was in a new place and all. I'm up late because I'm having a hard time dropping off...Dudley's snoring away. I really don't mind, I even sort of like it. It's a kind of friendly sound, I think. I'm putting my quill away and shutting off my *lumos* light, and I'll try again as the Professor. I think they may be moving us tomorrow, so we'll start bunking with some of the other boys. I'm a little nervous about it. But I know they won't force us into anything that doesn't feel right. Mr and Mrs Longbottom were real firm about that.

Good night.



 **alt_gredforge** at [2012-06-25 02:08:55](#)
(no subject)

It's brilliant that you're on the Order lock now. That we're ALL on it. And hurrah for private messages!

Private locked messages.

Good point about your legal status being blurry. Hadn't thought of that. We could ask Dad to quietly look into it. As we understand it, he's quite the expert at making files disappear when needed, which would probably ease all of our minds.

We've never known a week to fly by so fast. Neville's parents are great, aren't they? And Nev sure resembles his dad. Little things, like the way he quirks up one side of his mouth whenever he's skeptical about something someone else is saying. It's just like seeing Neville across the table at breakfast in the Great Hall whenever Ron's going on about his latest Quidditch theory.

You're gonna be okay, Professor. It'll take some getting used to, like you told Professor Sprout.

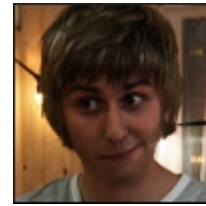
But you're a Ravenclaw, right? We figure that means you're smart enough to figure it out.

2012-06-24 16:03:00

Private Message to Dux

Hello,

Have you received your timetable for the summer yet? I haven't but I was thinking about when we might arrange to see each other. Would your parents suspect anything if you spent more time than usual with Remy? Or if he invited you or something?



 **alt_justin**

I did get an owl, by the way. She's a long-eared owl, because she reminded me a bit of Tevis. Her name's Teagan.

Oh, and the Jugsons have a muggleborn servant, did you know? Her name's Maggie. She's more Mrs Jugson's ladies' maid, I suppose. There's a cook but she's a half-blood. I'm to meet my tutors tomorrow. Alfie wanted to know if he and Remy were going to the tutor as well (Remy told him to shut it, why should he want to waste his summer revising, what!) but no, Mr Jugson said the tutor's just to make sure I'm well set for O.W.L.s next year.

But I do hope we may spend some time together soon. You remember that thing I said I wasn't at liberty to tell you? Well, I am now.

I've got to go for a while. Mr and Mrs Jugson want me to go with them to a garden party hosted by the Pages.

Soon?

-Justin



 **alt_hydra** at **2012-06-25 02:09:25**

(no subject)

I don't know if they would suspect anything or notice. Probably not until I did something to upset Mummy, somehow. Last summer she was very insistent that I spend time with Harry, and she might do that again, but really, I'm worried that her top priority might be to see if I can be taught legilimency. She hasn't said anything about it just yet, but finding out that I could do occlumency seems to have made her regard me in a new light, and all her plans for me are changing now.

I like the name Teagan. You should have her deliver something to me, so I can meet her.

Auntie Camille has a ladies' maid? But what for? I mean, it must just be to show off, because it isn't as if she's got Aunt Narcissa's lifestyle to lead, or her sense of fashion. Maybe it's even to show off to *you*, since she never had one before now. You'll have to let me know if they tell everyone about her at the garden party - though I should think they'll be more focused on showing you about.


Well, I can try to see if Remy will have me over, but then he'll want to spend time with us, you know, and we might not want him around the whole time. Maybe we could arrange to meet at a museum or a gallery, because Remy will probably get bored and wander off to find a place that sells comics.

Only, if what you're going to tell me is as big as the other things you've told me, we might not want to be in a museum or gallery when it happens.

Oh, I know, I'll bring some new comics when I visit. At some point, Remy will want to go off and read them. Especially if we talk about Arithmancy or the History of France or anything else that doesn't really interest him.

From,
Hydra



 **alt_justin** at **2012-06-25 02:38:34**
(no subject)

I think Legilimency would be a well useful skill, though I imagine part of the challenge is not using it whenever one chooses.

I can send you pocket money for the comics, if you need any. Then you'll meet her and we can plan to get Remy out of the way, what?

I've no idea but it sounds as if she's rather new. Maggie, I mean. Although it also sounds as if their social calendar has increased lately. We've just got back from the Pages and then Mr Jugson told me that he's taking me (and Remy) to some sort of club on Tuesday. But Wednesday evening there's another supper party of some kind and your Aunt wanted to make sure I've proper dress robes for that.

And there's a tea or a luncheon on Thursday and then at the weekend they've told me that we're going to a wedding and *another* garden party as well. So perhaps your Aunt's been planning to go out more often and wants to be well sure she looks smart for it?

I think it's often surprising how private a public place can be, but I do agree I think we want someplace where we'll not be overheard.

Oh, you saying History of France reminds me: I promised to write to duMaurier, as he really enjoyed being able to converse in French during the CCF testing. But I'll send Teagan to you first and wait a day or two until I've more to tell him, what?

-Justin



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-25 05:25:07](#)
(no subject)

It might be useful but I don't want anything to do with it, not ever.

Pocket money would help, yes. I have a bit saved up but you know I don't get it very often, and it will probably require more than just one comic to keep Remy occupied.

Mummy doesn't like events and socialising, unless the Lord Protector will be there, so she turns her nose up at people who go out of their way to go to every party and event. And about the Jugsons, I think she feels that they enjoy the fruits of the Protectorate without doing much to build it up. Well, you know that she doesn't think anyone does enough of anything right - but parties and socialising are probably so popular because they help people to focus on everything good that the Protectorate has to offer, and not think about the rest.

Sometimes I wonder if that's why they keep us so busy at school, with CCF and YPL and Balls and Tournaments...

Anyway, I'm sorry to say that my Uncle and Aunt might be using you a little to flesh out their calendar; there's probably a lot of people who want to meet the boy who decided the Protectorate was so brilliant that he'd like to stay for good.

So I'll watch for Teagan in the morning. I'd better see if I have any

owl treats around here, too.

Goodnight,
Hydra

[2012-06-24 16:28:00](#)

*Order Only: Private Message to Terry
Boot and Harry Marvolo*



 **[alt_hermione](#)**

Terry, I'm so glad you're all right! And I can send this message to you now, and I don't have to worry about anything. It's like a little miracle.

Have you read through the minutes of the meeting? I wanted to say some things about it but I honestly don't know myself. I'd like to add Neville to the Order, and I'd like to add so many other people too, but I'm nervous about it. But Neville's pretty good at Occlumency actually—I mean he's miles better than me or anyone else, he just sort of shuts down like he isn't even there. Like you used to sometimes, only in his head.

I don't know. With the things about Hydra... I've wanted so long to be able to send you messages!! Oh, I don't think I could stand it if they reassigned you to a new person and I couldn't send messages again. It's so hard to keep everything straight, and Fred and George aren't exactly the people I want to talk to always, I mean, I know they've been so nice to you, but—I just don't say things sometimes because I'm afraid I'll say the wrong thing or I'll forget what I'm supposed to be keeping secret from who. But now we can talk!!

And I heard, from Mr Snape, that some people had been talking about sending me to Moddey Dhoo sometime this summer—so maybe I'll even be able to see you again!! Won't that be lovely?? I don't know how they'll manage it but I don't mind not knowing, I can't wait!



 **[alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-25 02:46:53](#)**

(no subject)

Hermione

I think I'm

haven't you

I don't know what

So yeah, private messages. It doesn't feel real. Nothing feels quite

real, not yet, even almost a week later.

I wrote my first private message to Fred and George last night. I was hoping, but almost scared to try. I wrote Fred's name, and stopped, and the magic started to fill in his name and...then it just dissolved on the first letter. And I could write in George's. I was so...I had to go outside and walk around a little bit because I just sort of overcome. Oh, I'm sure you know what I mean. You understand.

Fred and George said they'll have their dad look into all the legal stuff. Try to lose my file or something, so no one thinks to assign me a new master. I hope it works.

Now that I'm free, I hate worse than poison that you aren't. Are you bound too, the way I was? Why can't they just hide you at Moddey Dhoo? Or do they need you too much, to spy on things at Buckingham?

I've spent the day rereading the old Order Only stuff that's appeared in my journal now. And there's still so much to read. Some of it makes my head spin! It's like suddenly knowing a whole other part of the story...so much that we didn't see makes so much more sense. Or that I didn't see, I mean. Why, you've been an Order member as long as I've known you, haven't you?

They said that I can start with the classes tomorrow. If I want to. They're really bending over backwards to make it clear to me that I don't have to do anything. I guess since they know how I was treated, they want me to get used to do things because I decide to do them, not because I'm forced to. But I'll probably try it. Having Fred and George here this first week was wonderful, they were such a big help. ~~Especially at night~~. But they're gone now, and I'll have to get used to doing without them. And I'm used to being busy. I wouldn't feel like myself if I were just idle all the time.

But it means being with the other kids. Dudley's okay. Well, mostly. We're still not used to spending so much time together. But I'm not used to other kids AT ALL. Kids who know how to be kids.

I just don't. Fred and George tried to teach me, especially this past week, but I feel like I stick out like a yellow pixie or something.

I'm going to get back to reading. It's fascinating stuff.

They're really kind people, aren't they? The Order people.

Well, of course they are. You're one of 'em.

[2012-06-25 09:35:00](#)

Home for the summer



 **[alt_neville](#)**

Evelyn and I have been home for a week. The trunks are unpacked, and all our books are put away. I've been spending some time out in Gran's garden. It was looking a little ragged, frankly, because she's feeling her rheumatism more, which means she's not getting out there on her hands and knees to weed the way she used to. But Evelyn and me got it all cleaned up. And I've planted the little tree that a friend sent me, in a nice, sunny spot on the south side of the house where it will have plenty of room to grow. I think it made the journey from Hogwarts okay. At least it hasn't wilted yet.

Now I'm sort of scratching around, trying to figure out what to do with myself. Evelyn's been happy reading comics, but comics don't really interest me the way they did a year or two ago. Gran takes us to volunteer at the camp at Wyre once a week, but, well, that's just once a week. My great Uncle Algie says he'll take us fishing soon.

I almost wish I were old enough to get a summer job or something, but most people don't like to hire kids for summer work until they're at least sixteen. It's not that I need the money, since Gran'll give me pocket money. It's more like I just need things to do to fill my time.

I suppose I could help people in their gardens, but Gran's sort of the mind that I should volunteer to do it. A lot of her friends ~~are getting~~ ~~older~~ have trouble getting out and weeding, too. Well, I suppose I could. It would fill the days at least.



 **[alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-25 15:37:14](#)**

(no subject)

You could come to mine, if you're bored. There're loads of chores to do. Gardening, especially.

Today's de-gnoming. Want to come?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-25 17:27:04](#)
(no subject)

Sure! Watch for my Floo call.

2012-06-25 10:38:00

Order Only: Stinted



Well.

I knew there was another shoe to drop.

 [alt_poppy](#)

I spent the weekend cleaning every inch of the hospital wing, eaves to flooring, because they've let me know I'm to expect regular irregular inspections and that every failing will be held against me. Sure enough. Just before supper on Sunday, who should arrive at my threshold but Facinorous Stint, the worst of my foes at St Mungo's?

I say he's the worst, though that honour may actually be due Otto Strangeweale or Audin Pettworth, I'm not sure. In any case, Stint is the most odious of them, the arrogant weasel.

He's simply furious that his intention to have me sacked did not go to plan. He scarcely contained it during the meeting--you should have seen his face when Able Bellweather produced a packet of letters from prominent citizens, some of them notorious members of the Council, noting their appreciation for my work at the school, during the Tasks, and on other occasions. If you can believe it, there was even a letter from Bartemius Crouch, the younger, lauding my competence and assistance to MLE on the night his father died. I'm not sure which of us was more entirely surprised, but I'm certain I found the irony considerably more pleasant than Stint did.

There was not a thing he could do at that point to turn the tide back against me.

Of course, he saw to it that the terms of my re-authorisation are as odious as possible. That much was fully in his power.

Last evening's visit was the first lash of what he clearly hopes will be a punishment severe enough to procure my resignation. He was there to hand-deliver a packet of information detailing the re-certification courses I'm compelled to attend this summer and to personally deliver the tongue-lashing he withheld in the meeting.

Among other things, he wished me to know that he is not among those who view Hogwarts as a pleasant convalescent home where a Matron can drowse through her final days. He also said I should not think for

a minute that I'm not still on the chopping block, waiting for the inevitable axe to fall. It was supremely unpleasant. More so when I had a chance to reflect on the implied threats woven in and out of his words.

And where am I bound off for this summer? A seminar on the treatment of hypothermia at the top of an icy peak in Snowdonia and another on resuscitating the drowned and water-logged, to be held on some offshore platform in the North Sea (just inside the wards, mind you), which the pamphlet notes is a place where storm surges regularly wash the unwary to their deaths. Oh, and there's another one that involves a solitary, survivalist trek into Dartmoor, which sounds entirely to my liking, except that in context, one has to wonder what accidents might be planned for me during that lonely journey.

It goes without saying that I will keep you all apprised of where I'm meant to be and whether I've encountered difficulties. I shall be glad to have you at my back in the weeks ahead.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-26 00:52:12](#)**
(no subject)

Could you explain just a little more, Poppy? Re-certified--by St Mungo's, then? Is this a requirement for all healers who have undergone investigations, or just yourself? And if just yourself, on what bases are they requiring it, when you've been cleared?

[2012-06-25 12:17:00](#)

Beginning of the summer

I was reminded this weekend that I've been teaching seven years now - long enough that I remember this past year's 7th years being Sorted, and now they're on to bright and wonderful futures. I cannot imagine where the time's gone.



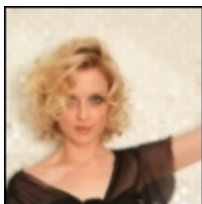
 **[alt_sinistra](#)**

Right now, though, I'm glad enough to be settling the final details for the YPL summer events. After several years of doing this, we're in good shape for the camping week and the New London trips, but the CCF programme continues to grow and develop, which of course takes more planning time.

CCF students: you will be getting further information on Wednesday, but I can mention a few things now. First, you'll need to find time to come to New London to be fitted for uniforms (provided by the programme) in the next fortnight or so - the letters home will have more details.

And second, I know you've all been attentive to physical fitness, but your planned schedule is exhausting to read about, never mind experience. You will likely be grateful to any attention to building stamina and strength between now and then. Your activities will also include a number of water-based events, so if you are not already a strong swimmer, you'll benefit from practice. (The notes home will list a few instructors glad to assist. If you do not swim at all or need assistance arranging instruction, please let me know promptly.)

Finally, a note of thanks to Miss Padma Patil for a suggestion that's being incorporated extensively into this year's CCF programme.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-25 16:32:52](#)**

Private message to Raz

Oh, good grief. My morning started with a ten-minute rant from Stint on how I wouldn't know decisive leadership if it stared me in the face. Due to floating the proposed changes back in May. He's clearly entirely in a mood, though I don't think it's just me.

And yet, I had to smile and make nice. Dolores Umbridge is in here

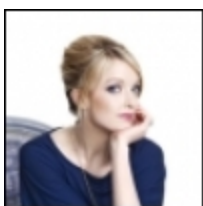
observing again. Latimer Caldwell made it very clear to me first thing this morning that it would be best for me if I put a pleasant face on it and made her welcome. (And would he answer on whether the board wishes to meet for that further conversation about an assistant they wanted to have? No, he would not. And if I press him too far, he could make things sticky for Mum, since he's in charge of her division.)

Every time I started trying to get Stint to wind down, so we could get on with things, Umbridge would wind him back up again, or insist I let him speak. (What a hypocrite, she is, after telling me last week I should be more firm in keeping to our scheduled agenda.)

Thankfully, Campanella takes lead on a lot of the CCF planning we've been working on this morning, and Stint's less obviously difficult with her, so that went better and we actually finished a little early for the morning. (The discussion has also turned up a little more data for my worries: more later on that.)

I'm meeting both Mum and Dad for lunch, which will help - just waiting on them now. (Though Dad's being near as ~~protective~~ frustrated about this as you are, and if I vent too much, it'll be bad for him.)

Just getting very tired of this, really.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-25 20:01:53**

Re: Private message to Raz

Will be later than I expected.

Umbridge insists she must speak with me about several things, and since I already had lunch plans, she is firm that we must have tea. We'll be at that little place across from the Ministry (she must keep them in business single-handed - the one with the pink and the purple and the flowers on everything. Flora's Garden, I think the name is?)

If I'm not back at Spence by 6, would you send out a search party, or show up or message with somewhere we simply must be that she can't argue with, or... something?

Mum and Dad send love, and ask if we might find time for supper with them sometime this summer. (You might like a fly round the

area in summer, and I'd love to show you the orchard in decent weather.)



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-25 16:48:00**

Private message to Padma Patil

Miss Patil -

As I promised, we have indeed put code analysis on the schedule for this year's CCF, and I'm now quite confident you'll be pleased at the end result. It's taken more than a little coordination, but it's been decided that that will be a notable part of this summer's training, and some of the Proectorate's best have offered their time.

Thank you again for the suggestion, and your patience, and I look forward to finding out what you think of it.



 **[alt_padma](#) at 2012-06-25 18:55:50**

Re: Private message to Padma Patil

Professor,

Really? That's wonderful! I'm really ever so thrilled to hear it. It was just a thought, you know, and I'm surprised anyone even remembered to think about it again.

But I'm well pleased it's being incorporated; I think cryptography is just fascinating and honestly, learning to break codes, well, it's part of how MLE helped bring down groups like the DogStar, isn't it? And I mean, not that we'll all become amateur code-breakers on that sort of scale, of course, but it's the sort of thing that helps us all become better subjects of the Protectorate. So wow, thank you so much for pursuing it. I'm sure it'll be amazing, Professor.

You work so hard on our behalf and the programme probably wouldn't be half so great if it weren't for you.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-25 19:49:48](#)

Re: Private message to Padma Patil

Thank you for that - always pleasant to hear (and the moreso after a long day of meetings.)

It is part of my work to keep track of those kinds of things - the suggestions people make for future events and all.

The trick, of course, is that if people know how the code-breakers spot them, they can come up with different methods that might be harder to spot. So a lot of the discussion has been about how to share useful information with the CCF students, without giving away all the methods the folks at MLE use. And that's part of why it's easier to do over the CCF weeks than it was to arrange during the year.

I do hope you're having a good summer, and continue to do so.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2012-06-25 21:29:00](#)

Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

How is your business going?

And the members of your committee? All making only positive contributions, I hope.

(Of course, I know better.)

I have some news to share if you could spare the time. I don't suppose you've time for supper or a drink tonight if I were to come down to meet you?

I believe I'm on my own recognisance now, finally. Save for a set schedule and the requirement that I keep St M's apprised of my whereabouts when I am not at the school.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2012-06-25 21:46:35](#)

Re: Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

I could only wish they were all positive. (Three rants about my lack of leadership, from two different sources today, plus the usual nonsense.)

I'm still out to tea with Dolores Umbridge, though I'm hoping to make an escape in the next half hour or so. Better not use you as an excuse though - I'd hate to get you on her radar as well as a certain someone's. (She spotted a colleague she needed to have a word with, so I've a moment now, at least.)

Could it wait till tomorrow? We'll be done by half-five at the latest, because three of the committee have evening obligations. Or I'm entirely free Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday at the moment.

If you want an excuse to come down, that Museum of the Natural World has several exhibits I've not seen - one more my line (planets and their moons), but a couple more up your alley - a display of glass flowers improving on a Muggle display in America, and what I understand are some very nice exhibits of endangered magical plants.

If it's urgent, though, I'll make even more excuses to Raz - I honestly expected to be back at Spence an hour ago.



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-25 22:08:49**

Re: Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

No, of course it's not urgent. I'm not sure that anything I could report would spare you whatever a certain someone might cast your way. Sounds as if you've already had several blasts from that wand, in any case. For which, my condolences.

Shall I Floo call the tea room and ask to speak with you? I could tell them I'm your mother. Or your Headmistress. Probably best not say I'm Auror Lestrangle.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-25 22:18:44**

Re: Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

Thanks for the offer, but I managed to make my escape finally. An hour and a half of that, honestly. As if meeting all day weren't enough.

Back at Spence now, at least, safe from impossible personalities of several kinds.

I would love to see you, though, and talk through further - there's some things I'd love a second viewpoint on. If you can get free, museum and lunch sometime this week? Or propose something else if you'd rather. I'd love to show you my favourite cafe, anyway. I expect to be in there for breakfast tomorrow, and I can see if I can book one of their private rooms.



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-25 22:32:06**

Re: Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

I'd quite like to see that exhibit on magical plants, and I'd happily accompany you through the astronomical gallery.

The glass flowers might best wait for another time, though. I'm afraid in my present frame of mind, I couldn't appreciate them properly. Fortunately, I haven't the power to damage things merely by force of thought, but if I had, a display of beautiful glass would be the last place I should be trusted this week.

Let's say Wednesday, then. And a meal at your favourite spot sounds most appealing.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-25 22:45:29**

Re: Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

That bad? I quite know the feeling.


Shall we say lunch at half-eleven and miss the crowds, and then the museum?

As far as getting there, it's about halfway between St. Mungo's and the Ministry - the owner's journal has regular ads with apparition directions, or they're on the floo. (Well, I say owner - it's a women's collective owned sort of place, but it's Tamsin Overby who's the face of the business. The Archetype Cafe, anyway.)

I've been in there quite a lot this past term - it's where I meet friends when I've been in Tuesdays, and they're quite sensible about designing for privacy, the food's good, and the people are pleasant. It'd be a pleasure to introduce you, anyway.

At least that's something nice to look forward to and get me through tomorrow.



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2012-06-26 00:02:37**
Re: Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

A women's collective, you say? Good for them. I'll look forward to it!



 **[alt_ginny](#) at 2012-06-25 21:41:04**
(no subject)

Professor,

When will the fittings start? I will be in New London this weekend for an event. Is that too soon to be fitted? Will the fittings take place in the same shop when get our school robes fitted, or is there a special outfitter we need to see?

Ginny



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-25 22:14:36**
(no subject)

I don't have all my notes handy at the moment, though I'll check for you in the morning. But I do believe they might be available for fittings as early as this week.

There is indeed a special outfitter - there's a need for some specialised gear for the CCF programme this year. Fabric that can take some specific lasting charms, that kind of thing. (I should note here, before anyone has any other questions, that the programme is covering the costs.)



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2012-06-25 22:27:59**
Private message to Campanella Wright

Thanks for today - that was flying against a head wind, really.

Can we meet at eight tomorrow and plan a better

method of getting things done? I saw Helena on my way back, and she suggested it might help to coordinate - planning for next year's always easier to derail. The Archetype's just started doing breakfast as well as lunch and supper, and I trust the privacy there over most places. I'll treat, since I'm dragging you both out early. (And perhaps the murals will inspire me. I do like that determined one of Boudicca.)

Honestly, I still haven't the faintest what to make of Umbridge. Tea this afternoon was a lot of her talking at me, not to me, but not in any direction that made any real sense. She'd go on about one thing for a minute or two, then change subjects. And running through it all sorts of comments about the trials, only some of which I've any kind of control over.

At least now the summer plans should be entirely sorted except for individual department details. I'm honestly looking forward to the camping as a break from Stint and Umbridge and being pestered for details all the time.

2012-06-25 15:43:00

Private Message to Honoria

Honoria,

I have news! I received another owl today. I would like to write him in my journal but for now that's not possible. P.S would burn my contract, and I have too many older brothers, who would be much too curious about me writing a Slytherin.



 [alt_ginny](#)

Anyway, you will recall I received an owl just before the train pulled into Kings Cross. I really didn't know who it was from, but I didn't want my Mum to see it when she picked me up. The envelope didn't have a return address on it, at least not the outer envelope. It was not until I was safely in my room did I open it.

I think you can imagine my surprise when I saw that it was from Troy Derwent. I had never spoken to him really. Only an acknowledgement a few times in passing during the course of the previous term. Slytherins don't usually speak to Gryffindors; and if they do, not ones two years younger than them.

I didn't answer the first owl, but I received another today. It seems he wants to be *friends*. He asked if we could get together sometime as well. I certainly can't have him around here, but I will be in New London this weekend, and so I sent a return owl saying that we could meet for luncheon on Saturday. What do you think about all this?

Also, I am waiting to hear back from Professor Sinistra. I asked her if I could get fitted for CCF uniforms this weekend since I will already be in New London. If we are allowed you should come along and even stay for the luncheon on Saturday. Or hang out with me all day. I'm sure I can get a pass for you to enjoy the fashion event on Saturday. What do you say? I promise it won't be awkward. I don't know Derwent well, and it would be great to have someone I can trust along.

Let me know by Thursday evening. I will be in N.L. starting Friday, and I can ask about the pass then.

Ginny

2012-06-25 20:33:00

Private Message to Pansy Parkinson

Miss Parkinson,

I know we've not talked very much, but you being a friend of Ron, I thought it would be ok to ask you something on behalf of a friend. My friend has received correspondence from Troy Derwent. I know he is in your house, and a year ahead of you. Since neither my friend nor I know anything about Derwent, I told her I would ask you. She was ok with that, as long as I didn't mention her name. Any general information (mostly about his character, and what he is like) you could give me to pass on would be great. I hope you can help, and please excuse me in asking you this before establishing any common grounds. Maybe we can talk more, and get to know each other if you have the time.



 [alt_ginny](#)

Ginny W.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-26 03:41:14**
(no subject)

Hello, Ginny.

That's not a problem at all. I'm glad to help. From what I've seen of Derwent, he's a bit on the quiet side -- his older sister is Chastity, you know, and she can get a little dramatic and loud about things sometimes, so it might be he just seems quiet by comparison. He's nice enough, and doesn't tend to get into trouble with pranking or making fun of the younger years. I know he likes following Quidditch, and playing cards, and he doesn't talk to me very often, but he's friendly with Draco and Blaise. He was awfully busy studying for OWLs this term, so I haven't seen much of him, really, but I know he was mates with some of the boys from Durmstrang and that he took Antigone Fletcher to the Yule Ball, but I'm not sure if they were dating or just friends.

I know it's not terribly much, but I hope that gives your friend what she needs to know. And it's Pansy, please -- I've been to the Burrow and met your mum, so I'm fairly sure that we can get away with a bit of informality.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2012-06-26 03:50:37](#)
(no subject)

Thanks for the information. I'm sure that's more than enough to pass on. And know you've been here, but we never did much talking, so it was only polite to address you in that way. I hope we can get to know each other better when next you are at the Burrow.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-26 03:55:39](#)
(no subject)

Well, now that we've broken the ice, as it were, I'm sure we'll have much more to talk about this time around. I look forward to it.

[2012-06-25 21:14:00](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_justin](#)

I say, I've been reading the discussions about Fred and George's recommendations but I've tried to let the others have a say in it first.

Neville, I well see your point that the more people we add, the more likely it is someone will learn of the lock who ought not know about it. And Luna, I appreciate the offer of the press and perhaps there's a use for it but I think Ron's right, it'd be too easy for someone to track down a whole printing press and then it's only a matter of time before they find the rest of us, what?

But in the meantime, I know that Sally-Anne in particular hoped that since Hydra's an Occlumens, she might show talent for Legilimency to help the rest of us learn. Well, I didn't ask straight out, what, but the subject did come up recently and she confirmed that she's not at all interested in trying to learn the skill. I say, I hope that changes no one's opinion? Because, well, as you know, I'm obviously in favour of bringing her in as soon as I can bally well arrange to tell her in person and show her how to write here.

As for others, Ron, I quite like Susan Bones and think she'd be a fine addition. Perhaps we ought to think about people we believe could be trusted with the lock, versus people who simply need a group of others with whom they may be encouraged to speak candidly? Because...well, Hogwarts has loads of clubs, hasn't it? I say, could we start some sort of club that no one would seriously consider joining, so that we can pick and choose the people to invite? Rather like Pansy's Teatime of the Strange? And then we could sound them out there while protecting the lock, and only add them on once we're reasonably sure they'll respect it?

Or perhaps there's some other code we might develop, what? I'm not sure. But I do think we're all clever enough to figure something out.

-Justin



 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-26 14:25:17](#)
(no subject)

Yes, of course, as I said to Ron Weasley, something that we print might be something that could change minds (although we would have to do it anonymously), but a secret way to exchange messages will have to be something else.

I think Susan Bones would be good.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-26 14:27:53](#)
(no subject)

Susan Bones would be really good, yeah. Although I'm as sure about the rest of her roommates, and I don't know them as well.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-26 14:49:07](#)
(no subject)

And if Hydra Lestrage doesn't want to learn legilimancy, that doesn't change my opinion about letting her on. If her mum's been subjecting her to legilimancy whether she likes it or not, then maybe no wonder she doesn't want to learn it herself.

We'll just have to find another way to learn occlumency ourselves. I've been practising the exercises that you use when you study it, you know, and you can make progress that way, although it isn't ideal.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-26 15:36:05](#)
(no subject)

I say yes for Hydra and yes for Susan.

And you're right, The Teatime of the Strange is rather nice, and works well because it's a bit of a safe place, right? Where you know you won't get made fun of.

So maybe it doesn't have to be quite that deliberate, but if we make more of an effort to have safe places where people can get to know

and trust one another, get to be friends, they'd feel more like they could talk a bit more openly?

Maybe we ought to ask the twins to make a second lock. I know it'd make my head spin to keep it straight, but we could have this one, where we've got Terry and Hermione and wand smugglers and all sorts of things that can be a bit sensitive and dangerous for just anybody to read about, and then we have the one where we open it up to more people and it would be a place where people know they won't be read by adults and where everyone could say what they think, and no-one would spoil it because everyone would want to keep the chance to be a bit more hidden and not have to worry.

I know Harry would like the chance to use something like that. As would Draco.

2012-06-25 21:19:00

Private Message to Seamus

Hey Mate,

I know I have been rather quiet this past term. I have just been going through something quite personal. We are still mates, aren't we? I feel as though we are separating. Also most like we are going different ways. I feel completely... For Merlin sake, I feel like I have caused you harm. My idiot scheme last summer kept you from being chosen as a YPL counselor. I apologise for that. If I could change things I would. I hope you can forgive me.



 **alt_dean**

If we are still on good terms, would you like to spend the day with me this weekend? We can invite several of the others. Mr Peakes wanted to take care of some things in the country, so that's where we are headed. As I am sure you remember there is plenty to do on his estate. I hope you can come. I hope we can salvage our friendship.

Remorsefully
Thomas

2012-06-25 21:29:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley

Well, the interview went all right, I guess. I dunno. Mr Powell's not quite as affable as Professor Siz's aunt was.

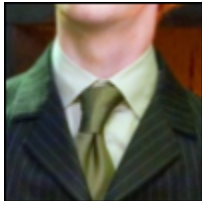



 **alt_penelope**

But he didn't chuck me out or anything. And the work seems interesting. (Well, truthfully, so does Mrs Cumberhatch's--Gera's, I guess, she said I could call her that--but her client base is not quite as interesting as Mr Powell's, you know?)

I guess I'll just see which of them offers me something first. If either of them do. (And yes, I've sent them both their thank-you notes by owl.)

But. Did you get the sample lease agreement for the place on Thornhill Road? (Or is it Barnsbury by then, I couldn't hear what the agent said.) I thought that one was the best of what we saw Saturday. Don't you?



 **alt_percy at 2012-06-26 02:05:40**
(no subject)

Good for you for getting your thank-notes out.

Do you have a preference, if they both offer you the position?

Yes, I received the sample lease agreement. I showed it to Bill, who advised me to scratch out one of the clauses--he says that landlords always try to put it in, and when knowledgeable tenants cross it out, generally they don't fuss about it. But if they do, it's better to walk away.

We still have to decide if we want to take it. I know the rent's a bit higher than we wanted to spend. But I'm not sure we'd have a better chance to get into that neighbourhood.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2012-06-26 02:10:30](#)
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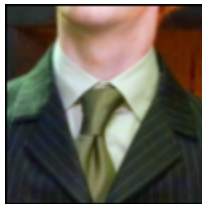
I don't know, I mean, I've been weighing the two against each other and they've both got merits, but then they've both got some drawbacks. I think Mrs C would be easier to work *for*, you know? But Mr Powell would have more *interesting* work to do, only I know I'll have to prove to him that I'm up to it. He's just that sort of person.

And I guess if we take this flat it'll come down to which can pay more, doesn't it? But I agree that I think it's the only thing we've seen that's got everything we want at a price we can even begin to afford.

It'd mean we'd have to put off getting a mudblood a little while longer than we planned.

There's that gorgeous bay window, though. In the sitting room. And the extra storage cupboard off the pantry.

Do you think we should take it? How much more was it than you were expecting?




 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-26 03:07:20](#)
(no subject)

I think we'll be sorry if we don't, but it will be a stretch. But that doesn't mean, of course, that we might not find another one next week that's much closer to our budget.

As for what I was expecting...well, I suppose that was a little vague, but it's difficult to assess what we could pay without knowing what your salary might be.



 [alt_penelope](#) at [2012-06-26 03:45:48](#)
(no subject)

Well, what if you put in an offer for it at 25Γ per month lower than the asking rate? At least it keeps him talking to us and then by the time it's

worked out I might have a job offer and we'll know. You could explain.

Besides, it's not like you're without prospects. I mean, he ought to know who you work for.

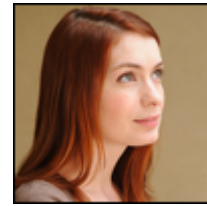
We can keep looking, I guess.

2012-06-25 22:40:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Frank

Love?

Where are you?



 [alt_alice](#)



 [alt_frank](#) at **2012-06-26 02:42:08**

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out.



 [alt_frank](#) at **2012-06-26 02:49:36**

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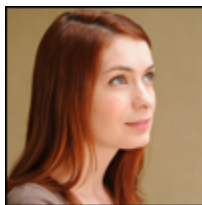
no fucking permanent damage, he says.

like it's no god damned big deal that some little fuck put his fucking hands on my little girl.

I know you want him there to help nev. and he has. but shit, al. he's damn lucky he didn't say that in person.

so I'm out.

don't wait up.



 [alt_alice](#) at **2012-06-26 03:09:29**

(no subject)

Oh, Frank.

I know you're in no mood to hear any of it right now, so I won't push things. But know that his telling us what he has is his way of showing concern. He is watching out for Neville and Evelyn's best interests, I've no doubt of it. Which is why he went out of his way to bring it to our attention. He may not be the best at expressing sympathy, but he meant well.

This is awful, and I hate it. I hate not being able to be there right now and give her an enormous hug, I hate that I can't tell her that everything will be all right and that she'll never have to worry about people like him ever again, and I hate Cormac McLaggen.

I'd rather you didn't go.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-26 03:12:44](#)**
(no subject)

damn right I'm not in the mood.

I can't be here right now.

not around kids.

not around you.

we'll talk when I get back.



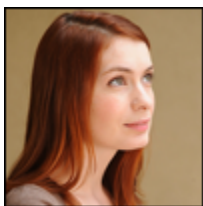
 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-26 03:45:52](#)**
(no subject)


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 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-26 03:49:35](#)**
(no subject)

I know.

I love you.

I'm sorry too.

2012-06-26 11:18:00

Order Only: Ministry, this and that

Fred and George, apparently Nicholas Towler was heartened by your conversation with him, because his application to my department is now in the works. He's scheduled to interview with me and a couple more of my coworkers in the next week.



 [alt_arthur](#)


Good thing, too, as we are both shorthanded, both here in Purity Control, and Muggle Domestication. Several people have been summarily sacked: Gweneth Hughes was one, from Purity Control, and William Wadcock from Muggle Domestication. No one's breathing a word to speculate whether it's because they might be involved with Dogstar. I think, instead, that they somehow ran afoul of the increased investigations from the D.I.R.R.T. initiative. Whether it's that they left documents about that were supposed to be locked up or were embezzling small amounts from the petty cash account, I have no idea. And several others have also announced their 'retirements,' retirements that have been a great surprise to the rest of us, given that they were fully expected to work another ten years or so.

It has everyone on edge, as you can imagine. And our regular work is backed up. People are dusting off the department protocol/regulation books and studying them avidly, to ensure that they don't somehow step a single toe out of line.

I'm trying to locate Terry Boot's file without actually asking anyone for it. Given Alecto and Amycus's almost simultaneous deaths, his legal status is currently uncertain. It would be best if we could head off any attempt to reassign him to a new owner. And I have the file, I do have ways to 'lose' it, which might also be helpful. Terry, do you recall which camp you were at when you were assigned to Amycus Carrow? Perhaps that might help me with the hunt.

I wonder if any investigation into Amycus' death might mean that someone at MLE has it. Minerva, have you been informed of anything about that, i.e., whether there has been an investigator assigned?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-26 19:59:19](#)
(no subject)

I was at the camp at Carlisle, in Cumbria. I only have very hazy memories of it. I was turned over to him when I was quite young. But I think I was born in the town of Ravenglass, which is also in Cumbria.

If you DO find my file, I would be very grateful if you could tell me if there is anything in it at all about my family. If there are any of them anywhere, still alive. He might have known, maybe, but his stories kept changing all the time. Sometimes he told me that they were alive and didn't want me. That they hated me once my magic showed up. Sometimes he told me they were dead because he killed them.

He liked to rub that in. That he knew but I never would.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-27 01:28:37](#)
(no subject)

Of course I will let you know whatever the file contains about your family, my boy.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-27 01:30:47](#)
(no subject)

Good news about Towler. We'll keep our fingers crossed.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-27 01:33:27](#)
Private message to Arthur Weasley

And Carrow was an ARSE. We think he totally deserved what he got.

Except it doesn't help to say it in front of the Professor, because it makes him sick that he did it, Dad. Even if he HAD to do it to save himself.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-27 01:38:15](#)

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

Hmm, yes. I think you're wise to keep Terry from hearing such statements from you now. I can understand the temptation to rail about the man, but you'll only end up hurting Terry if you do.

Did he talk about it with you at all, boys? About what actually happened?




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-27 01:40:25](#)

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

No. And we didn't push, of course. Frank warned us not to.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-27 01:43:07](#)

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

That was wise, I think. Of course, I'm no expert. Frank would have a better idea of what to do. He may be the best one to talk to him, when Terry's ready to talk, given his background, both as an Auror and someone who's been forced to...well, do difficult things himself.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2012-06-27 01:43:49](#)

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

Yeah. Frank and Alice will be good for him. It's really the best place for him to be.

[2012-06-26 16:23:00](#)

Pokin M' Nose In

Been keepin m' loaf down, this past while. Who hasn't, right? What wiv M' Lady's Knee lockin people up, left n' right.



 [alt_wagstaff](#)

But yer owls keep findin me. Clever buzzards, innit? So I thought I oughta put somefin up here again. Let yeh know I'm still hexin.

Some o yeh need to pick yerselves up an get on wiv it. Chins up, mates! Or knees up, yeah?

Wags -

The last month, my girl's not been herself. Won't eat much, doesn't sleep, barely gets to work, and does nothing at home. Sick and tired of it. How do I get her to buck up and pay attention to me? Sign me Frustrated in Falmouth

It's just the last month, then? Any chance she's knocked up? Would it be yer first? It's a good racket, the population rewards scheme--so if that's it, yeh could be on yer way to galleons. And if it's not that, I'd have a look in the mirror, mate. D'you need a bit of cleanin up? Or maybe yeh need a dose o Bird Lime to get her back in yer nets.

Dear Mr Wagstaff,

I'm a witch of a certain age, and I've never had many friends. I'd like to change that. Where does one go to find others who're lonely? -- Nelda, Tuck Haven

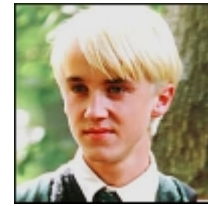
Nelda, luv. Yer goin about it all wrongwards. Yeh don' want to be lookin fer the Sad Sacks Club, yeh want to be lookin fer someplace where folks go to enjoy a pint an a pull. Go down yer local an see who's there, yeah? Put on yer best robes, spritz a bit o scent behind yer ears, an when yeh get there, tell the barkeep yeh want my drink--a Tall Tail Wagger. That'll get yeh started.

Same message to all of yeh: go down the pub an raise a glass to Wags! I'll do the same m'self!

2012-06-26 17:26:00

Upcoming events...

Just a reminder to all the quidditchers I got in touch with: we're meeting at 09:00 at Malfoy Manor tomorrow morning for our first Quidditch Club meeting. Bring your gear and your brooms - after Harry goes through the agenda we'll have a scrimmage and then, just after 13:00, we'll break for a light luncheon.



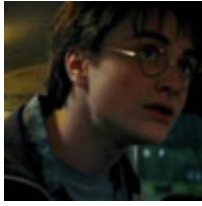
 [alt_draco](#)


If anyone can make it to New London on Friday afternoon, we'll be having our first meeting of the Junior Society for the Improvement of New London. It'll be a picnic lunch on Hampstead Heath, and then we'll walk around the Heath and pick up rubbish and mend loose fence posts. Let Harry know if you can make it, and which sandwich you would prefer: cheese and cress, cold chicken, or potted shrimps.

On Saturday afternoon the Culinary Appreciation Club will be meeting to try out a new Burmese restaurant that's just opened near Hyde Park. Let Harry know if you're interested - he'll need to know by Thursday to make the reservation. Also, the restaurant owner wanted to be sure that everyone is well aware that Burmese food is on the spicy side and that no, it's not "just like curry."

On Sunday afternoon the Avid Art-Goers are catching a matinee performance of *Hex and Dodge!* at the Lyceum. The theatre manager can only reserve eight seats, so let Harry known straight away if you would like to attend and ~~Daphs~~ he will be sure to add you to the list.

Let's see... I know there will be some other events going on next week, too, but I'll be on the YPL trip and won't be able to attend. But yeah, the Investigators of Ghostly Phenomenon might hold a seance at 50 Berkeley Street, and the History Club will be checking out the new Protectorate Collection (if not next week then likely the week after). Just let Harry know what you're interested in and he'll take care of the rest.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 00:10:51](#)

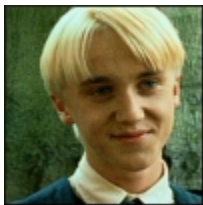
Private Message to Draco Malfoy

I will?

So, I guess this is what you were talking about earlier. About doing stuff this summer. I guess I didn't think

it'd be this...

involved?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:28:07](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Relax, you don't have to do much of anything - me, Pansy, Daphs, Blaise, and the others will manage it all.

But if you *want* to do some of it yourself, you can.

Either way, at least it gives us something to do, yeah?

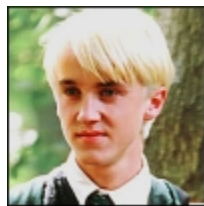


 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 00:32:09](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Yeah. Okay.

I don't mind doing some stuff.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:37:28](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Anything specific?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 00:44:00](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

I don't know?

The agenda for the quidditchers thing doesn't sound like it'd be hard. And if you'll be gone for the history stuff and the seance, I can sort out who wants to go and send them information about it or something.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:52:04](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Yeah, I figured the quidditch bit would be a good starting place.

Padma and Pansy should be able to help on the History Club agenda, and for the seance, talk to Hydra. She doesn't know if she'll *actually* be able to attend, because her Mother's so unpredictable, but she was the one who suggested it. Rather odd thing for her to suggest, but then, that's Hydra for you.

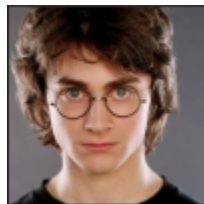


 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 01:06:56](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Right. That does sound like Hydra.

And if I plan it with her, that'd probably make Mrs Lestrangle more likely to let her go.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 01:19:11](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

So who all is going to the quidditch thing, anyways?

Because Diggory ought to come. He's a good sort. And Weasley would be okay too, I guess. Ron, I mean.

That skirmish Pansy pulled together really was brilliant.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 01:58:39](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

I wrote to everyone who was a quidditcher and would still be at Hogwarts next year, so that includes Diggory. He never said whether he was coming or not, but I didn't ask for an RSVP or anything, so he might well show up.

Weasley isn't on the Gryffindor team, so I didn't put him on the list, sorry. I suppose if you want him next time you can invite him yourself. I just figured it would be best if it were the house players to start with, since we're probably all so out of shape after a year of no regular quidditch.

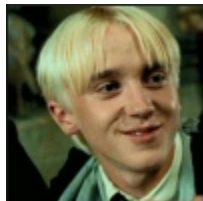


 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 02:01:55](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

That makes sense, yeah.

and we really are out of shape. I mean, if they throw a giant spider or a sphinx onto the pitch, I'd know what to do, but it's been awhile since I looked for a snitch.



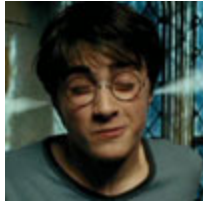
 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 02:05:16](#)


Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Ha ha ha. Definitely don't invite Weasley if there's going to be a spider on the pitch.

But you know... you could probably teach us a lot, after all the training and experience you went through for the tasks.

You know, if you ever wanted to.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 02:07:26](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Hah!

And yeah, I could.

The Learn What Harry Learned About Defence Club or something.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 02:10:59](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Not quite like that, you div. But maybe talk to Raz and see if you can do some special sessions of the dueling club when school starts up again, or something? He's a brilliant professor and all, but he's also an adult, and learning how to do something from someone our age who's already done it... well, could be valuable, is all I'm saying.

A different perspective, hey?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 02:18:00](#)


Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

yeah. I could see that. I don't know how good I am at teaching other people how to do things, but I did learn all sorts of random stuff that ended up being dead useful.

What lit the fire on the end of your broom, anyways?

Not like I mind or anything, it's just a lot to think about.

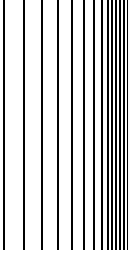



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 02:30:17](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

I don't know.

I mean, let's just say I'm looking out for you, yeah? That's what mates do.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 02:36:19](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco Malfoy

Okay.

Thanks.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2012-06-27 00:11:40](#)

Private Message to Draco

Goodness, dear, I'd no idea you were already embarking on your career as Harry's social secretary.

You'll be happy to know Fifi's excited to trot out her lemon mousse for your friends tomorrow. Is there anything else you particularly wanted that's not finished yet?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:21:50](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco

I can't help it if I'm much better at managing social affairs than he is, can I?

Just so long as Fifi knows we'll be absolutely famished, and to not skimp on anything, it should all go brilliantly, I think.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2012-06-27 00:29:17](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco

Famished, is it?

No wonder she was in tears over the probability of using the last of the lemon curd.

And I suppose the same goes for the hampers for the Heath? Are you sure you'd not prefer salmon to the shrimps? Or would you prefer to ask 'Harry' and then let me know?

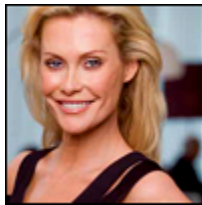


 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:36:13](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco

We're growing boys, Mother, and as everyone knows they'll get something delectable when they come here, appetites are sure to be raging.

I, for one, prefer shrimps, but I suppose a few salmon wouldn't go amiss. Hydra is probably the only one who will want cheese and cress. The spread doesn't need to be epic-scale, though - there's food stalls nearby if Vince hasn't had his fill.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2012-06-27 00:57:20](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco

And allow Carybda Crabbe to spread it about that we *skimped*, after you were so careful to remind me of the hollowness of teenaged legs?

Perhaps you've not yet learned all there is to know about being a gracious host.

Oh: Biscuits or cakes? For Friday, I mean. Here you shall have both, of course.

By the way, dear, have you any plans for yourself this summer? Apart from CCF, that is. I'm not sure whether to bother planning a holiday this August if you're going to be as busy as this the whole of the time.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 02:45:06](#)

Re: Private Message to Draco

But with Vince he's got that large hollow gut in addition to the legs, you see?

And alright, fair point about the hosting. I think biscuits for the picnic, they travel better than cakes.

I might need a holiday after this summer, though. Especially if it was just family, and Harry too, of course. ~~Not Crouch.~~



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-27 00:16:53](#)
(no subject)

Brilliant. I'm quite looking forwards to the Avid Art-Goers' first meeting, it's been ages since I've been to the theater.

I think this is certainly a way to get people active during the summer months, and there's so many things for different tastes, I'd imagine that quite a few people can find at least something they'd like to do. And I'd so much rather explore New London with friends than sit at home.

Oh, and if no-one's volunteered yet, I'd like to be secretary of the Culinary Appreciation Club, Harry. I can come up with little rating cards for the restaurants, and make a scrapbook of the menus, you know, for archival purposes. I can also help out with reservations and things if you'd like.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 00:17:41](#)
(no subject)

Uh.

Sure, Pans.

That'd be great.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-27 00:20:02](#)
(no subject)

Excellent! We can talk on Saturday about where you think we might want to eat next.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2012-06-27 00:25:46](#)
(no subject)

Oh, and might you consider me for secretary of the Avid Art-Goers, Harry? Thanks to Grandmother, I'm usually able to find out all the details about upcoming performances.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-27 00:27:48](#)
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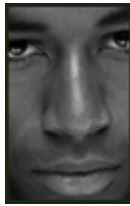
That's a great idea, Daphs. I can't wait. I wonder if we can get a tour backstage?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 00:39:33](#)
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Yeah. That'd probably be a good idea.


Thanks.



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2012-06-27 04:37:54](#)
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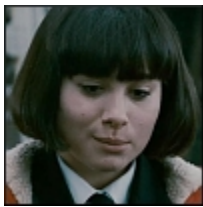
You've got me on the list for the Lyceum, right?
Anything you need help with, let me know.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:24:00](#)
Private message to Pansy

Well, that's gone and done with. I feel like *Crispin* or something. I suppose I ought to say I feel like Weasley, but let's be honest: I never feel like Weasley.

He seems overwhelmed.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-27 00:26:44](#)
Re: Private message to Pansy

Better he's overwhelmed with interesting things to do than stuck in Buckingham alone.

You really are brilliant, you know. And a really good friend.

And you know I'll help with everything I can.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:30:04](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

He wouldn't be alone - he'd have Granger.

But even that... we'll, he spends too much time with her as it is.

This is better.

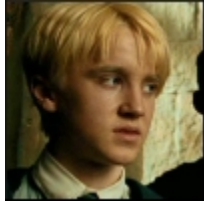


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-27 00:37:08](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Yes, I can see how that'd be the case.

Would Granger be staying behind, you think? Or would it be easier on Harry if he knew she wasn't back at Buckingham? One less thing to worry about. Unless bringing her along to help with things would be a worry, but she's been much better in public since her misstep back in winter.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:39:32](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

I don't know what he'll do with her. I mean, on one hand if he doesn't bring her along then he'll probably be fretting about her the whole time.

But if he *does* bring her along he'll have to treat her like a servant, and I know he doesn't like that, either.

I guess I'll leave it to him.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-27 00:41:18](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Point taken.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2012-06-27 00:47:26](#)**

Re: Private message to Pansy

Thanks for all your help, by the way. Daphs has been good, too - she's starting to seem like her old self again. But you've done the most by far.

Do you think Harry could ever be a leader? You know, the confident, take-charge sort of person that everyone seems to expect him to be?



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2012-06-27 01:03:48](#)**

Re: Private message to Pansy

I don't know.

During the YPL group thing we had, he was really good at that. And he also was a good leader during the Tasks. I mean, during the Second Task, he pretty much decided how things were going to go. And everybody else was more experienced and older, but they still did what he told them to, and it wasn't just because of who his father was either. Even though it didn't work out quite the way he had in mind.

And the thing is, Draco, you're such a good leader, because you have that confidence and everything, that maybe it's easier for him to just sit back and let you do things sometimes.

I think if he ever were to decide to step up more at school, there'd be people there who would listen to what he had to say. But maybe he hasn't had anything he's wanted to step up for yet?

I'm not sure how that's something that can be fixed, but having him take responsibilities of little things where the stakes aren't quite so high is a good start, I think. So maybe he'll get a bit more confident.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 02:03:35](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Yeah, he's a good leader in situations where he has no other choice, it's true. But I think he'd rather not *take lead* on his own because he doesn't like people thinking he's barging in and acting important.

It's true he doesn't mind me taking charge. If he *did* mind, I'm not sure our friendship would have worked out so well, back when we were younger.

But I did tell him that he can be as involved as he wants to be with all of this club nonsense. He said "Okay, I don't mind doing some stuff." Ha, so good with words, that one.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-27 02:15:45](#)

Re: Private message to Pansy

Heh.

You've said before that he's got a hard time of it sometimes, dealing with the fact that he is important, and that people look to him. Maybe it's his way of being in control? By deciding not to do things?

I don't know. Anyways, maybe if he sees becoming a leader as something good, or something with a purpose, something that helps other people, that might be better? Maybe? We'll have to see.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-27 00:39:06](#)

(no subject)

I'm really looking forward to the Protectorate Collection. Seamus and I have a few other ideas for places to go other weeks, too, like Apsley House and the Crofton Roman Villa.

Oh, and Harry, don't forget the Cryptomancy Club voted you vice-president, and meetings will start next Monday. I figure it'll be an introduction to Cryptomancy and how it's different from regular

cryptography. We can incorporate more topics as we come to them.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 00:42:15](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I'm hoping that I don't miss out on the Protectorate Collection next week, but if I do I suppose there will always be other opportunities to check it out.

We should also go to the Museum of Curiosities and see all the weird, manky old muggle stuff. I know Seamus already saw it but I still haven't. Sounds like the sort of place that would warrant a repeat visit, anyway.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2012-06-27 01:43:34](#)
(no subject)

I almost included that! Seamus definitely wants to go back.


You know who I think would be great to have along on that? Finch-Fletchley. Because he *lived* around them for so long, you know? So I bet he'd know loads about how daft they were and how dirty they are and all.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-27 02:13:15](#)
(no subject)

Well, French muggles are probably a bit less dirty than English ones, I have to admit, but yeah, he'd be good to have along. And Remy would love to see it, too.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-27 00:44:56](#)
(no subject)

How many more of these

Right. Thanks for the reminder.



 **alt_pansy** at [2012-06-27 01:45:56](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

So this is a plan that Draco and I had to get Harry out of Buckingham, because, you know, we figured he wouldn't want to be there much this summer at all, and that doing a bunch of things might be good for him. And anyways, if he's seen to be in charge of a lot of things, that might make it easier on him with his Father and all.

Hermione, I've talked to Draco, and he's said that it'd be up to Harry whether you came along or not. I think he was worried about Harry's treating you as he ought in public, but you can sort out what you'd prefer and think would be best.

It really is something you all could join in on, if you write ahead, of course, so maybe this could be a bit like what I was talking about earlier with Justin, you know, a chance to get to know people a bit better.



 **alt_justin** at [2012-06-27 02:36:32](#)

(no subject)

Draco and Harry,

Thanks for organising everything. Remy and I have decided we'd quite like to come along, at least to the Heath, the theatre and the Protectorate Collection. And likely the Antiquities as well, what?

I say, jolly kind of you.

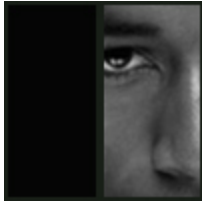
-Justin



 **alt_draco** at [2012-06-27 02:56:52](#)

(no subject)

Cheers, F-F. Glad to hear it.



 **[alt_blaise](#)** at **[2012-06-27 04:56:12](#)**
(no subject)

Right. You missed out the first meeting of the Freedom Day Jr Planning Committee, but that's my fault for not sending the details to you.


Harry, you're honorary chair, since it's your celebration, but that's really an advisory position. We'd like you to come along for meetings, but we don't expect you to hang bunting or solicit corporate donations unless you want to do.

I'm Coordinator. Anyone who wants to show their proper enthusiasm for the Protector and for Our Lord's realm, let me know, or come along to the first meeting Tuesday at half-eleven by the New Arch in Green Park. We'll have luncheon after. (Executive committee: meet by the kiosk aside the Arch at half-ten. That all right with you, Harry?)

And, Harry. Put me down for shrimps on Friday, for Saturday's Culinary expedition (let's hope New London Burmese merits appreciation), and I've told Daphs I'm in for the theatre. I'll certainly be along for the Protector's Collection, but to be honest, I think I'll give the curiosities a pass. I hear Sarah Yaxley's opening a new show, though--same subject, really, as that Muggle collection, but a more nuanced way of viewing the matter. And less chance of catching something.

Oh, and Patil. Where are you holding the Cryptomancy meetings? And what time?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2012-06-27 05:03:17](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks, Malfoy. And Harry, yeah, I'll come along for lunch on Hampstead Heath. I'd have the chicken, I guess. And the Ghost thinger sounds interesting, doesn't it? I'd like to do that if it's not when we're on our New London week with the YPL 3rds.

When's the Protector's Collection trip? I might go along to that, too, I guess. Depends on.

And I could do something for the Freedom Day, so, Zabini can put me

down for that.

I was thinking we should have a distance flying club for people who like that sort of thing. Could do some agility drills, too. No one would have to be invited, it'd just be if you wanted to come along. I'll let you know when we're going to do the first one, yeah?

2012-06-26 20:44:00

Order Only: Scott, Rory and Pleniloquence



 [alt_kingsley](#)

Scott Brownmiller will indeed leave us to join the Sherwood band. He hesitated for a number of days, both because he hoped his presence might persuade Pleniloquence to open up a bit--we've finally decided it hasn't--and because he was unsure what to do about Rory. I had Jackie Davidson (formerly Jackie Porter) come in to talk to him, since the boy she had with Will is a little over a year old now. Pleniloquence assumed, of course, that Jackie had come to talk to her and I detected a whiff of surprise when Jackie grandly snubbed her and talked only to Scott. I think what Jackie had to tell him about how they were set up reassured him about taking the boy into their camp. Moddey Dhoo was raised as a possibility for Rory, but Scott hates the idea of being separated from his son right now, and I must say, I can't blame him. The boy's just lost his mother, and losing his father on top of that would be more of a blow than any three year old needs.

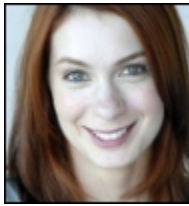
But there IS the winter to consider. Frank and Alice, we did have another idea: would you be open to the idea of the two of them coming to spend a couple of days there, just for a visit to start? Then, once they've been introduced to the place, if Scott could maybe leave the boy there a day a week. They could work it up to two days a week, then three, then so on. By the time the winter comes, Rory could be there most of the time (if you have room for him), and perhaps his father could come to spend a couple days a week there. Scott's visits would be a way to ferry supplies, messages and so on between the Band and Moddey Dhoo, and it would give Rory a chance to slowly make the transition to staying there with you most of the time, while still maintaining ties with his father. I think that might give Scott the most peace of mind. What do you think?


Other than that, we Players have been rotating shifts to watch Ridley, who is proving as stubborn as ever. Benjy and Caradoc got bored one afternoon and started running lines for the next show that Dorcas is writing, and Ridley was so nonplussed by their behaviour that we've taken rather a sneaky delight in blatantly ignoring her while we run rehearsals. Including some of our most slapstick, outrageous shows. At first, her reaction seemed limited to be a sort of faint contempt. But when she finally asked us acidly what on earth we thought we were doing, Benjy took great pleasure in informing her that the Peacehaven

Players were quite the rage in the camps. All over the Protectorate. I don't think it compromises our security too much to admit to that little operation, and I saw a look in her eye for just a moment. Sort of a realisation of all the possible implications.

Something for her to think about, the crotchety old...sorry. I won't say it.

But I'm thinking it.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2012-06-27 02:32:59](#)**
(no subject)

We'll check with Arabella, of course, but that could work quite well, Kingsley. Frank's planning on heading up there tomorrow -- he can bring Scott and Rory back down for a visit before they go off to Sherwood, to see if that would work for them. They can use the room that we made up for Terry and Dudley and the twins.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-27 02:34:05](#)**
(no subject)

I'll be up there first thing.

I think it's time we get more specific with ridley about our future plans. see if that makes a difference.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2012-06-28 01:04:00](#)**
(no subject)

Today was...interesting. I think Frank's made some progress with her.

Benjy's gone to bring in John Turner to speak with her tomorrow. I think that might take us in a fruitful direction.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-28 01:05:44](#)
(no subject)

Glad to hear it. Do continue to keep us apprised.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-28 01:45:44](#)
(no subject)

least she's talking. not that it's much of an improvement. she even made a negotiating move or two, but all in the wrong direction. she's got plenty of information about what we could do with her help, and is keeping her mouth shut about her own plans.

she still wants to be in charge of everything in the camps, and I still don't trust her to work with us. I don't see what turner could do to make that change much.

it's different. not sure I'd call it progress.



 [alt_arthur](#) at [2012-06-28 01:58:14](#)
(no subject)

It sounds like any forward motion with Ms Ridley is progress, even if it seems to be mere inches.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2012-06-28 02:02:02](#)
(no subject)

at this rate, the next solstice will come around and we still won't have anything usable.

we'd be better off with her in france.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-28 02:05:30](#)**
(no subject)

I'm not certain that's true, if there is any remnant of her network out there. Still, I'm sorry, this has been gruelling for all of you, hasn't it?




 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-28 02:07:30](#)**
Private message to Frank Longbottom

Frank...

I also meant to say that I was very sorry about your disappointment on Sunday, the way the vote turned out with regard to Neville, I mean. I'm sure that must have been very hard on you and Alice.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-28 02:14:41](#)**
Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

we've waited for it a long time.


he'll be of age in a few years.



 **[alt_arthur](#)** at **[2012-06-28 02:18:22](#)**
Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

I know it troubles you to have them growing up out of your reach. But I do know that Augusta has done a very fine job of raising them. They are a credit to you both.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-28 02:25:52](#)**
Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

yeah. well. it's not my kids that are the problem.

it's everyone else.

they can't leave well enough alone, and I've got to sit by and watch it happen. and then, I get to sit my kids down and

explain how they can't leave, not yet, even though they're going through merlin knows what, because whatever it is, it's better than being fugitives for the rest of their lives.

you know, it's not a walk in the fucking park, arthur.



 **alt_frank** at **2012-06-28 02:32:53**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

I've got to look my daughter in her eyes and tell her that she's got to go back there.

that she's got to see that bastard mclaggen every day, sitting in the common room, walking the halls, and worry about what he's going to do

and that it's better than the alternative.

is it?

because I sure as hell don't think so.

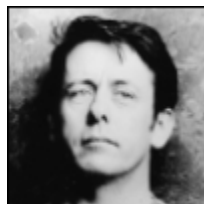


 **alt_arthur** at **2012-06-28 02:35:16**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

'That bastard McLaggen'? In the common room-- the Gryffindor common room, you mean?

Merlin, Frank, what's happened?



 **alt_frank** at **2012-06-28 02:41:57**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom


he's got wandering hands.

hope to merlin it isn't worse than that, but I'll find out.

last summer, she said she was worried about mclaggen, because of the way he went after her friend, and now he's gone after her.

snape passed it along to us. neville hasn't told us yet. don't blame him, it's not like we can do anything worth a damn.



 **alt_arthur** at **2012-06-28 02:49:21**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom


Oh, Frank.

So if Snape passed it along to you, that means that he must have learned it from Neville somehow?

I hardly know what to say, Frank. If Ginny ever...my goodness. I'm so sorry; I think I must have some inkling of how you must feel.

I can set Fred and George to keep an eye out for her for you. Frankly, I think it might be wise to give Ron a heads up, too. I promise I can be discreet about it, but simply warn him that I've heard word from other parents that McLaggen is not to trusted.



 **alt_arthur** at **2012-06-28 02:52:45**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

Have you informed Minerva? Or Augusta?

Does the girl have anyone to talk with? If Neville comes over to the Burrow for another Quidditch day, I could ask Molly to make it clear that Evelyn's invited, too. But I'm not at all sure she would confide in Molly.



 **alt_frank** at **2012-06-28 03:06:43**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

we'll tell minerva and mum once we have a chance to talk to evie and get the full story. not sure that'll do much good seeing how she's been lately.

I told the twins to keep an eye out for mclaggen right before the end of term, but nothing specific. they might need to do

more.

she has a friend, katrina bundy. she has her family. that's about it.


neville's a strong kid. he's got a solid group of friends, and he knows how to handle himself in a fight.

but evie,

merlin, arthur, she's my baby girl. she just got done with her second year. and now she's got this to deal with. getting punched or hexed, that's something I know how to help with.

this is different.



 **[alt_arthur](#) at 2012-06-28 03:09:40**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

Yes, of course. It's very different.

He will be watched carefully, I promise you. And the twins can be very creative with hexes when needed. If there is anything further that Molly or I can do, please let us know.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2012-06-28 03:13:50**

Re: Private message to Frank Longbottom

right.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2012-06-28 02:10:30**

(no subject)

it's not going to end any time soon. that's a given.

and if she uses her network to bomb civilians and create chaos, I'm pretty sure we'd be better off if it died quietly.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2012-06-28 02:35:58](#)**
(no subject)

What advantage do we think we can gain from her? Are any possibilities coming clear? (I've a mind to return to Hogwarts and force Albus to tell me what use he sees in Ridley. Of course, it would be useless. There's no forcing him to explain himself.)

Arthur, I'm sorry to have left your question hanging yesterday. I began to write earlier, but today was- today was actually quite pleasant, but very busy. I promise to sit down and let you know a bit more fully what's happened on my front and where I'll be when for this first fortnight of so-called freedom.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2012-06-28 14:51:30](#)**
(no subject)

from what I understand of it, the only way this would work for her is if she keeps control over her existing connections in the camps and does what she wants with them. she's not about to let us take over, and she's resisting the idea of working with us in partnership. she is in charge of her people, and I don't see her giving that up. even if we send her to ireland or france, she'd probably rather let dogstar die than have someone else in charge who won't do things her way.

so what we're looking at is more of the same. she goes back to dogstar, we stay in our circles. she keeps doing what she has been, which leaves a bad taste in my mouth, and maybe, and this is a big maybe, if we call her and coordinate a large movement in the camps with whatever else we've got planned, she might do it. that's how useful she can be to us. If I could trust her to help us when we needed her. which I don't.

she's a loose cannon, poppy. yes, she wants to overthrow the protectorate, but she doesn't care about the costs or how it's done. and she's kept very quiet about how she thinks things should look after the dust settles too. I get the idea she doesn't care if she leaves england broken beyond repair, or if

she has to kill a hundred innocent people to get to the one she wants the most.

I told her that grabbing power through fear and terrorism sounds an awful lot like what the bastards we've got running things right now did to get there. let's just say we've got some pretty big differences in how we think the world works.

right now, dogstar doesn't have a functioning head. their numbers are down, there's confusion and fragmentation. we could take advantage and see what recruiting we could do without her help. because things are so uncertain for them, we've got a greater chance than we ever had of picking up where she left off, and if she's not a part of it any more, we'll have more control over what they're doing and how they're doing it.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2012-06-28 01:53:13](#)

Private message to Arthur Weasley

Arthur,

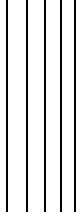
I don't know if I should say anything but...

All right, I will. Frank's done good work today, but just wanted you to know: he seemed off to me. Not quite himself. Peaky, too, sort of pasty-faced, as if he hadn't slept well.

That might have been a good thing, in a way. Because he was brusque with her, and maybe she responds better to someone who matches her one-for-one in ruthlessness. She might have more respect for that than for someone who's trying to be pleasant.

I might have simply written it off as the wearing effect of Ms Ridley's less-than-jolly personality. Except he's been like that today with all of us. Decidedly tetchy, from the very moment he arrived this morning, before he'd said a single word to her. Even Benjy muttered something under his breath, wondering what doxy had bit him on the arse.

I don't know of anything amiss at Moddey Dhoo, and it's certainly unlike him to quarrel with Alice. I dunno. Maybe he's still bruised over that vote on Sunday concerning Neville?



 **[alt_arthur](#) at 2012-06-28 01:55:18**

Re: Private message to Arthur Weasley

Hmm. Thanks for saying something, Kingsley. I always trust your instincts in reading people.

2012-06-27 11:50:00

Private Message to Percy Weasley



 **alt_lucius**

Timetable changes for to-morrow and Friday:

Inspection tour of Tedford to-morrow morning, urgent. See if Fudge can move to afternoon.

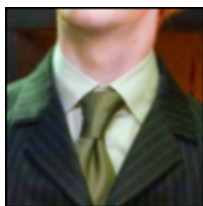
Contact the Elysian and change Friday morning's duelling course booking to earlier: 6:00 or 7:00 is fine. Not later than 8 o'clock. Inform Travers, Mulciber and Glendower of the new time, when you have it. (Yes, *Glendower* - the younger, if you please.)


Also add in meeting Friday at 10:00 o'clock: Crouch, Travers, Rowle. Under no circumstances confirm with Rowle's assistant - go through him directly for his calendar. Book one of the cafes near the Ministry so they can step out without attracting notice.

Will be in Porlock and Preston rest of day, up until Court this afternoon. Contact camp administrators to arrange entry parchment for Ms Blishwick as well; others in the party all ought to have the proper credentials already.

Need first avail. with Spencer-Wells and Dominic.

Oh, and - there's a short list of engagements requiring someone to represent yet be silent. Add to your books.



 **alt_percy** at **2012-06-27 17:36:40**
(no subject)

Mr Fudge can reschedule for 2:00, which should give you just enough time to make your 4:00 meeting with Tisbody, unless you want that shifted, too?

Friday morning's duelling course is shifted to 7:00. All three gentlemen have been informed of the time change.


I have booked the private room at Brewster's. I have confirmed the meeting with Mr Crouch and Mr Travers, although I am having difficulty maneuvering past Mr Rowle's assistant. Will keep trying.

Will contact the camp administrators as requested on Ms Blishwick's behalf.

Mr Spencer-Wells and Mr Selwyn's schedules are very crowded, and I am having difficulty coordinating with their assistants to find a date that will work for all three of your calendars. Am waiting to hear back again from Mr Selwyn's. I will keep you apprised.

All of the reports have been readied for tomorrow's Board of Governor's meeting and are in your in-box.



 **alt_lucius** at [2012-06-27 18:02:01](#)

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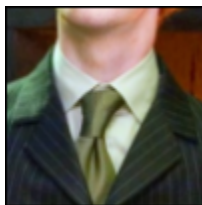
Tisbody wasn't in my agenda for to-morrow. Last I had her was on 25th June, which you said she cancelled. When did she re-book? Nevermind - it shall have to be put onto next week. Impossible to manage Cornelius, Tabitha *and* the Board of Governors all in one afternoon. Absolutely not.

Who did you speak to when booking Brewster's? They have no private room. Someone having you on - really, Weasley, you can do better than that, surely?

As for Rowle, it's Wednesday; he's likely already out of the office. Try sending an owl to Willa Morningstar; should reach him before morning.

One might think you'd not been in my office for nearly a year, if you still need instruction on such rudimentary matters.

Or has flat-hunting been occupying more of your attention of late? That was a lease application on your desk this morning, was it not? Need not remind you that the business of the realm shall not wait whilst you and Miss Clearwater select window treatments.



 **alt_percy** at [2012-06-27 18:42:59](#)

(no subject)

Ms Tisbody rebooked early last week, but is willing to change it to Tuesday the 3rd at 3:00 pm.

En Plein Air instead of Brewster's, then. They will be delighted to accommodate you.

Yes, sir. Sorry sir.

~~I would certainly nev~~

Understood.

[2012-06-27 14:51:00](#)

(no subject)

So the Quidditch club thing went well.

I think it did, anyways.

Samuels, Davies, you both had some really good ideas for next time, and I'll go ahead write up that rotation chart so people can get used to playing with people who have different flying styles. Johnson and Bell, that was really useful advice running proper try-outs. Could you ask Wood to come over some time and tell us what his try-outs were like? Because I'd bet it's different at that level. And Diggory, you made some good points about how to handle fights between team-mates and things, and what makes for a good captain.

And it was a good scrimmage. I mean, the one with the Falcons was really ace, but this one was fun too.

See you lot in two weeks. And, I guess, if there were people who didn't come last time but want to come this time, you could let me know.



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2012-06-28 00:06:59](#)

(no subject)

Hello Harry,

I would like to join your club next time. If you don't mind that is.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-28 00:14:46](#)

(no subject)

Hi Ginny.

Right now, it's pretty much for people who play on the teams already. But I guess if you were planning on trying out next term or something, that'd be okay then.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-28 02:17:26](#)

Private message to Harry

Ooh, look at that. Little Weasley might fancy you.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-28 02:35:09](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

maybe she just fancies quidditch?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-28 02:47:18](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

You know who else fancies quidditch?

Victoria Catchlove and Astoria Greengrass.

And Lakshmi Desai and Lavina Levingworth.

Fifi had to turn the whole lot of them away at the Manor this morning because they thought they were all welcome to show up and watch *you* play. They all had Slytherin banners with your name on it and everything - well, all except for Astoria. Her banner had *my* name on it. Haha, wait til I tell Daphs.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-28 02:54:16](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

They made banners with our *names* on them?

Okay.

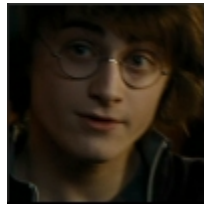
That's officially weird.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-28 02:55:34](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

What did you think was going to happen after you won the tournament?

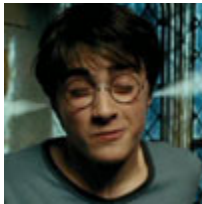


 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-28 03:09:33](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

I don't know?

Valentine's day is going to be awful, isn't it?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-28 02:54:52](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

Might have to tell Raz for security purposes. You know. In case they start camping outside the manor.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2012-06-28 02:56:43](#)

Re: Private message to Harry

Oh, they left straight away - I think they knew they were going to be shooed off. But you can probably count on them to show up at Hampstead Heath on Friday. Hopefully not with

banners.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2012-06-28 04:02:32](#)

(no subject)

Yes, I am planning to try out next term. But if your group is full I understand.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-28 14:56:15](#)
(no subject)

I didn't say it was full.

If you're planning on trying out, you can come.

2012-06-28 08:50:00

Private Message to Al Swale

Got yer message, mate.

I'll meet yeh where yeh said. Monday. Dark-thirty.



 [alt_wagstaff](#)

2012-06-28 15:18:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: new home



 [alt_terry](#)

I have a new home. And it's a really good place, so you don't have to worry about me. In fact, it's the very best place I've ever been, and I'm truly happy here.

The thing is, I suppose I can't say much about it. Well, you can understand that, I hope. We have all promised to keep the secrets we discuss under our Lock. Now I have to protect new secrets. But I want to be able to tell you about my new life without giving away those secrets.

So, just to be sure, I'll be showing my entries I write to you to some of the people here first. I mean, I write them out on plain parchment and show it to them, and if they say it's okay, then I write them in my journal to you all, with the I Solemnly Swear lock password at the top. To make sure I don't let on to you about stuff they have to keep secret, for their protection. They said it'll probably be just at first, until I get the hang of what the boundaries are. And I really want to get the boundaries right, because this is a wonderful place, and so I don't ever want to do anything to endanger it.

To begin with, I can't tell you exactly where I am. But I can tell you that I'm somewhere in the Protectorate, and I'm living by the sea. There's a beach where I can swim every day if I like, and there is a boat, and I've been out on it already. A sailboat. I nearly got smacked in the head with the boom the first time I went--that's the pole that the sail is attached to, that swings back and forth when you tack (that means, when you change direction). Sailing's fun.

There's plenty of good food. Seafood, of course (I've helped with the fishing, and with gathering mussels), but other good stuff, too: I don't have to take Sally-Anne's mutton pills anymore because I don't have to worry about anaemia. I never have to go to bed hungry.

I'm getting more and more confident with my animagus transformation. I can switch back and forth as quick as anything with no trouble at all. I actually spent a lot of time the first day or two AS a dog. ~~It was easie It kept me from~~ My nerves were sort of shot when I came here, and being a dog kind of helped to steady me. I wanted to practise it, and it's just so interesting. It's actually a good way to learn


about a new place, because dogs pick up so much information from what they smell, both about places and about people. The smells were reassuring. And it's just dead fun.

Everyone calls my dog form 'the Professor.' Tell the twins that, won't you? It'll make them laugh.

Dudley's here with me, and he's loving it, too. We have stuff to do to keep us busy. Stuff that we like to do. Everyone has been really kind.

So anyway: the people I'm with have read this over and they say this is okay for me to say.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-28 21:06:34](#)
(no subject)

I told the twins, and you're right: they laughed.

So. Does food taste different when you're a dog? Have you eaten anything that you never would have done as a person?




 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-28 21:44:55](#)
(no subject)

Food tastes different, yeah, because smell is such an important part of tasting, and dogs can smell lots better than humans can. So it's a more intense experience. Smells are exciting in a way that they aren't for humans. Uh, I guess the best way to describe it is that smells cause the sort of emotion in dogs that music does in humans. Or at least humans who are really knowledgeable music-lovers.

There's one thing I did as a dog that I'd never do as a human. I, uh, rolled in a pile of dead fish. I know, I know, the human in me goes *gross*. But to a dog, that dead fish smelled wonderful.

But when I transformed back, I was just gagging at the smell. Dudley laughed so hard he almost choked.




 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2012-06-29 01:56:38](#)**
(no subject)

It sounds wonderful.

So you know how to swim?



 **[alt_terra](#)** at **[2012-06-29 01:58:55](#)**
(no subject)

Not very well. Yet. But I'm getting better! Dudley had never seen the sea before, though. He was absolutely gobsmacked by the sight.

I have seen the sea before. I had summer work a couple years ago (or was it three? Can't remember) gutting fish all day. We used to go wash the fish guts off in the surf afterwards.

2012-06-28 17:12:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_hydra](#)

I went to my Aunt and Uncle's today, and I spent time with Justin. He told me about your group, and your secret way of communicating, and that you had all decided I could be a part of it.

I really hope that this is as protected as Justin says it is. I suppose if it weren't, something awful would have happened by now, but I can't help but feel cautious anyway. I didn't even want to write this inside St James, so I'm out in the garden.

I've had a difficult time trying to think of a secret that would be worth sharing, and equal to what the rest of yours must be. The truth is that I haven't done anything very rebellious or risky. I usually do what I'm told. But sometimes I do other things to counter-act what I've just been told to do. I don't know if that really makes sense, but sometimes it seems like the only option that there is. Like the time Mummy asked me to cosy up to my cousin, Mrs Ponds, the only thing I could think to do was ask Sally Anne if she could give Mrs Ponds a warning that Mummy might be investigating her. I didn't know I was an occlumens then, though, and I thought that Mummy would always know if I lied to her. Well, I've lied to her loads since then, and she hasn't figured it out yet. So that's something.

So I suppose the other things I've done you already know about. I know that Justin is a muggleborn, and that he knew Sirius Black, and I could have told people those things but I didn't. And knowing who he was didn't change my feelings about him, either.

But I still don't know if that's enough, since you already knew those things. And I'm used to people being a little wary of me, because of who Mummy is, and because of what happened to me in my first year. So some of you, those of you who don't know me very well, might be afraid that I'll take everything I know and turn right around and tell everything to Mummy. It would make her so very happy, you know.

Well, I can't stand the thought of her being happy.

So I've thought of something I can share that nobody here knows already, not even Justin. It's a long story, with a lot of details, but what it comes down to is that I once lied to the Lord Protector. We were

sitting face-to-face, and he wanted to know something very desperately, but I told him I didn't know anything about it. He believed me, I think because he couldn't legitimise me, but I was lying. If he found out that I lied about something so important to him, he would kill me. I know that he would.

Is that any good at all?




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2012-06-28 23:58:38](#)**
(no subject)

Whoa, lied to the Lord Protector? And they say Gryffindors are brave!

I understand all about being judged because who my parents are, believe me.

What you've told us is certainly good enough to be here. And I think you should know that we all agreed together to add you to the Lock. So you shouldn't have any doubt about being welcome.




 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2012-06-29 00:01:01](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, you're very welcome. I'm glad that you and Justin have found each other. It's clear that you make him very happy.

I joined after the Lock was started and other people were on it, too. And it was certainly startling to learn about it, but I'm very glad to have it. It'll help you understand things a lot more if you go to read all the entries that you can now read, in your journal. Everything will make much more sense.




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2012-06-29 00:31:10](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I'm sure that I'll be up all night reading and catching up. It is rather overwhelming, but exciting, too.

If it weren't for Justin Yes, he makes me happy, too.




 [alt_luna](#) at [2012-06-29 01:29:20](#)
(no subject)

Pansy Parkinson and Sally-Anne Perks are on the Lock, too. I'm sure they'll welcome you, too, when they can. I don't know what Pansy's doing today, but I'm a little worried about Sally-Anne. She usually keeps a close eye on her journal, but she hasn't checked in for several days. It could be that the Strettons took it away from her when she returned home. They've done that before, when they want to punish her for some reason.

And Hermione's on the Lock, too, of course, but we don't hear from her quite as often, but that's because she's not as free to read and write in her journal, at Buckingham.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 03:11:59](#)
(no subject)

Yes, the Strettons, they treat Sally Anne just like Jane Eyre. Except I'm sure they don't even know who that is. I hope she is faring well, though, and will be in touch soon.

I'm glad you made it into CCF, Luna.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-29 14:27:00](#)
(no subject)

Like who?

Oh. And, yeah. I'm glad you're on here now.
Good you're writing, too.

The best thing about this is being able to talk to people when you can't really let anyone see you talking to them. If you know what I mean.

Anywiz, glad you're here.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2012-06-29 00:04:03](#)
(no subject)

And I've been learning about occlumency myself. Studying it, on my own, using some books. I'd be glad to talk about it, sometime. Justin says you're really good at it. Well, you must be, if you can keep your mum out now.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 00:32:41](#)
(no subject)

I only studied it a little, really, and I can't even say how I do it. I guess I was born with it, but it didn't start to work until I was older.


And I never thought about lying to the Lord Protector as being a brave thing. Lying is a sneaky, Slytherin thing to do, after all.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2012-06-29 14:28:15](#)
(no subject)

Heh. Too right about that!




 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-29 00:02:23](#)
(no subject)

Hello, Miss Lestrangle. Hydra.

I'm on the Lock, too. As you can see.


Welcome.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 00:28:29](#)
(no subject)

Yes. I look forward to getting to know you better, Terry.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2012-06-29 01:21:53](#)
(no subject)

If you want to ask us questions, go ahead and ask. Hermione and me. We know this probably sort of mind-bending for you.

We may not be able to answer all of them, understand. But those that we can answer, we will, and we won't be offended if you ask them.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 03:03:38](#)
(no subject)

I don't know, I can't seem to sort out any specific questions just now. I feel like I should just read everything, and then see if I have any.

I'm sure that I will, though.



 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-29 00:06:14](#)
(no subject)

Hey, welcome to our crew.

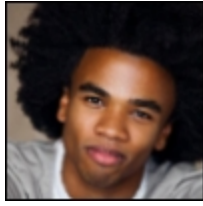
I'm on the Lock, too, although I won't be for long. Don't know if Justin explained it, but you can only read these entries until you're seventeen (that's part of the built-in protection that Fred and George designed it with), and I have a birthday coming up later this summer.


But I'll look forward to getting to know you a little better until then.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 01:07:36](#)
(no subject)

What will you do when you turn seventeen? Won't you miss writing here?




 [alt_lee](#) at [2012-06-29 01:24:54](#)
(no subject)

I'll miss it a lot, true. But Ron and Neville will probably fill me in a little bit. The two who invented the lock, ~~Gred and For~~ Fred and George Weasley, turned seventeen last April 1. And we tell them some about what's going on. In fact, they argued that you should be added to the Lock, passing that on through Ron. You'll see that if you go back and read old entries.

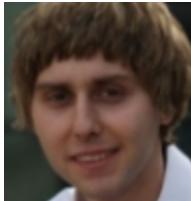
But having us move off the Lock at age seventeen is part of the Lock's protection. We'll be moving on to other projects, I'm sure. We just have to figure them out.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 03:00:57](#)
(no subject)

Really? They did that? But I don't even know them well at all. And now I suppose it will be harder to get to know them, if they can no longer use this.

So tell them thank you, for making the "Lock."



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-29 00:55:11](#)
Private Message to Hydra

Hullo, you.

It's probably best if you *do* write only when you're well certain no one else will see, what? I mean to say, it's possible to explain that one's commenting in another's journal if there's a question but after all, there's no answer for someone looking over one's shoulder and *not* seeing anything on the page!

I'm quite glad you're here.

-J



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 01:10:48](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

My journal cover is supposed to keep people from seeing what I'm reading or writing, so I can always say that's why there's nothing on the page, but you're right, it's always best to be careful.

I'm glad, too. Only I hope that I don't say anything foolish.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2012-06-29 01:17:26](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

You've nothing to worry about, love. They're all exceedingly kind.

I say, I think if we can keep Remy in comic books we'll have all the privacy we could wish for, what? He's reading the ones you brought for a third time now. Whereas I've got Creatures and Runes to read tonight.

-J



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 03:07:09](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

Do you really want to spend all that money on comic books that aren't for you? At least see if you can read them yourself, when he's done with them.

And we should see if we can't get away for a walk after the picnic tomorrow. It should be easy to get away from everyone in a place the size of Hampstead Heath.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-29 02:08:23](#)

(no subject)

Hello, Hydra.

When I found out about all this, it was a bit much. Especially since there were people who I thought I knew everything about, only I didn't know this part. And now you


know this part about Justin, and me, and Sally-Anne that you didn't know before. I hope that's a good thing. I think it will be.

I'm glad you know about who Justin is, and that it doesn't matter to you. I'm glad I can talk to you and not be afraid of your mother finding out, or what you'll think of me. And we can talk a lot more now, really truly talk, which I am very much looking forward to.

I very much want you to know that I consider you a good person, and a friend, and I

Well, I could have been a better friend to you than I have. I should have trusted you more, and been more open with you, not jumped to conclusions about you for as long as I did. And I'm sorry for it. I hope you'll forgive me.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2012-06-29 03:09:44](#)
(no subject)

You shouldn't be sorry, because if I were someone else I would probably have a hard time trusting Bellatrix Lestrange's daughter, too. You were only being cautious.

But if no one trusts anyone then I suppose no one gets very far, do they?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-29 03:17:17](#)
(no subject)

Yes, I agree.

And just think, if Justin didn't trust you, and he didn't trust us, and we didn't trust him back, we might never have been able to have this conversation at all.

I wish

And who knows what all this will come to, but I think that having a place where you don't have to lie all the time or be careful about what you're saying has to be a good thing. Doesn't it?

[2012-06-28 17:25:00](#)

Private message to Penelope Clearwater

We lost out on the flat. By the time they received my owl, the landlord had accepted another tenant's offer.



 [alt_percy](#)

I'm sorry. We'll just have to keep looking.

~~This week's been~~



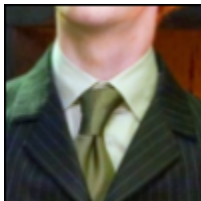
 [alt_penelope](#) at [2012-06-29 00:06:06](#)

(no subject)

What?!

Oh, Perce. How did that happen? When we saw it Saturday he didn't even have another interested tenant. Didn't you contact him on Tuesday, after we talked?

It's not the end of the world, I guess...It's just that I was going to owl you as well. Mr Powell offered me the job! So the soonest we can find somewhere in New London, the better.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2012-06-29 17:03:20](#)

(no subject)

Grabbing a quick moment to reply...(I'm eating lunch at my desk.)

First of all, congratulations on the job offer! Have you decided to take it, and not wait to see if there will be any others? I would have Flooded you last night when I saw this, but it was so late when I was able to check my journal last night that I figured you were already in bed.

As for the flat, yes, it is disappointing, especially as I had no hint there were other interested parties. Well, there will be other opportunities, no doubt.

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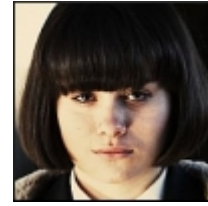
Private Message to Sally-Anne

I've sent pig just to check in, but I thought I'd write this too.

I hope you're doing okay.

I can't wait until we're of age and you don't have to go to the Strettons any more.

Have you seen all the clubs and things? If Harry's in charge of them, I'd bet you could convince the Strettons that you're a member of one or two and need to attend the meetings.

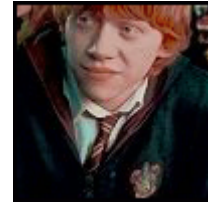


 [alt_pansy](#)

[2012-06-29 16:45:00](#)

Distance Flying Club

I was talking to people who came along to Hampstead today, and we decided we should go ahead with this, so anywiz...



 [alt_ron](#)

Anyone who wants to do some distance flying--well, any Hogwarts student, that is--I'm getting up an expedition on Thursday, 5 July. We'll leave at 10 o'clock from the observatory at the top of Greenwich Park--you can get to Greenwich by Floo and anyone there can tell you how to find the park, yeah? Bring a lunch and the usual kit--a jumper or something in case it's cool and rain robes 'cause you never know.

It's about 60 miles broomback to Rye, where we're going, down the coast. Should take a couple of hours. Well, three-ish, assuming everyone who comes has got brooms with enough power to make the trip. (So, yeah, maybe don't come along if you're not sure your broom's up for it. Or if you don't think you can sit a broom that long.)

When we get there, we'll do some agility training, which will be good for those of us in CCF and fun for anyone else who wants to come along. Good for people going out for Quidditch, too, really.

If you don't want to fly back to Greenwich afterwards, you can Floo home from there. We'll go rain or shine.

And if people like it, we could do a few more before CCF starts, like on the 12th and the 26th. I'm in New London with YPL on the Thursday between those, but someone else could lead, if they wanted.



 [alt_ron](#) at **[2012-06-29 21:54:40](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

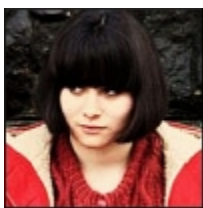
So, yeah. Hampstead was fun. I mean I didn't really expect picking up rubbish would be the most fun thing ever, but actually, it was a bit of a laugh with everyone Accioing stuff out of the bushes and down out of trees. Mad the sort of stuff people lose in parks, innit! It was hilarious when people started using incineration charms on stuff.

Hey, Perks. Sorry this is going to be after you're off on the camping. They've got stuff on all the other days before then already, but we'll

do it again. Even if no one else wants to. I mean, I was thinking this would be a way to get fit for your trip and test out some charms that could make that easier, yeah? And if we work it out properly, this could be part of the cover for your going off. Anywiz, that's what I was thinking. You're all right, aren't you? I mean, you haven't written anything, so I hope nothing bad's happened except the Strettons being eejits like usual.

Say, Pans. I didn't want to come out and ask if Harry would want to come along for the flying, but do you think you could see if he wants to? I mean, in a PM or something? And do you think Professor Raz would need to come if Harry does? I mean, tell him that's okay, if that means he can come. Actually, it would be sort of awesome if he did, wouldn't it?

Any of you lot doing Zabini's Freedom Day planning thinger? He sent an owl with a bunch of information, and we're going to be working with Mrs Burdett-Coutts either checking that all the decorations and kiosks and tents and wotnot that she's ordered have all been delivered and nothing's broken, **or** repotting flowers and shrubberies and stuff that's going to all over the grounds, **or** something else I can't remember- Oh, yeah, going around to all the vendors and sponsors and hand delivering information about how they'll set up and what the rules are and whatever, and seeing if there's anything they've thought of that they'll need that they didn't order already. Anywiz, you get your name in the list of all the people who helped with Freedom Day, so it's probably worth doing.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-30 04:43:41](#)

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

I'll pass along the message to Harry, yes.

And it is a brilliant cover, Ron. Good on you for coming up with it.

I have to double-check my calendar, but I hope to make it for the Freedom Day celebrations, yes. This summer is ending up to be quite pleasantly full, isn't it?



 **[alt_ron](#) at 2012-06-30 13:32:32**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Pansy*

Sally Anne's broom came, um, Wednesday, I think. Should have told you then. Anywiz, I'm going to work on it today.

She's all right, isn't she? It's just the Strettons not letting her write again, yeah? Have you heard anything from her?

I guess today's when you lot are going to that weird restaurant-- what kind is it? I couldn't really, y'know, get away to come. Too many things to do to do all these club things. Are you trying to do all of it?



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2012-06-30 15:18:30**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Pansy*

Well, I might not be able to do all of it, the Quidditchers thing for one, and some others because of scheduling, but I'm going to try to do as much as I can.

It's for Harry.

And we might not be able to do all that much, you know, in the grand scheme of things, but we can give him lots of things to do that take him out of the castle and do it in a way that make him seem to other people like he's in charge, which makes them happy. Draco's hoping he'll eventually start really leading things, and that this'll help with that too, but I just want to give him a chance to be with friends this summer instead of getting stuck in a place he doesn't want to be with someone who tried to make him do something awful and might try it again.

And it's not just that, of course, it makes us all look better, and gives us all a chance to have a bit of fun, but even if it was just for Harry, it'd be worth it.

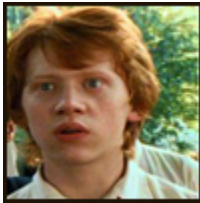
I got a brief note from Pig -- they're keeping her busy, and are still angry about the Healer thing, but they aren't locking her up


and she's hoping if she's on her best behaviour, they'll let her come to play Quidditch at the Burrow so she can visit her mum. I think they let her write it so I wouldn't send Harry over personally to fetch her, but she seemed okay. You could write her too if you wanted. I'm sure she'd like hearing from you, even if she couldn't write much back.



 **[alt_ginny](#) at 2012-06-30 05:04:20**
(no subject)

That's such a good idea Ron. I suppose I will have to pick up a decent broom tomorrow, while Honoria and I are out being fitted.




 **[alt_ron](#) at 2012-06-30 13:40:51**
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Really?!

How much does she make for this modelling thing, anyway? I should see if they'd hire me!



 **[alt_ron](#) at 2012-06-30 13:43:08**
(no subject)

Great, Gin. Glad you're coming along.

Does Sandoval want to come, too?

2012-06-30 11:19:00

(no subject)

I'm very excited to try Burmese for the first time! I've confirmed all of the reservations, and come up with rating cards so we can compare all the meals at the end of summer and keep records of what we liked and didn't like. We'll be meeting at noon, and then whoever doesn't have to go home right after can stay for a bit and explore the neighbourhood.



 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2012-06-30 15:30:24**

Private Message to Harry Marvolo

Harry, I was talking with Ron the other day at Hampstead about his distance flying club, and he mentioned that he thought you might be interested in joining in. Seeing as how Draco would be away on the camping trip and all, I thought I'd pass it along to see if you wanted to go. If you could go, I mean. Can Professor Raz get away for that long? And if he came along, I'd bet he'd provide all sorts of excellent pointers.

I'll be there, even though I'm sure that my bum will never be the same after sitting that long on a broom. I've never tried real distance flying before, though, so I have to admit I'm curious.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2012-06-30 16:19:04**

Re: Private Message to Harry Marvolo

Um.

I'd have to check and see with Raz. But I'd like to.

It's sort of hard keeping track of everything going on, I mean, it's a lot and all, but I figure

well, thanks. You and Draco both. For coming up with this. ~~I'm not~~ sure it's ~~It's a bit~~ Thanks.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-30 16:28:45](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry Marvolo

It's something to do. It makes us all look frightfully involved, and it's not like we could get in trouble for being too civic-minded. And now that we've filled our own schedules, other people won't come up with things we ought to be doing instead. I'd rather we sort that out for ourselves. You included. So if you've any ideas for how to keep busy this summer, you can certainly chime in.

But Harry, if you'd rather we didn't do quite so much, we can scale it back a bit, you know.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-30 16:33:22](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry Marvolo

It's fine. Honest. And some of it has actually been sort of fun. And you're right about what it lets us all do. It's not what I would've come up with, but it works, at least so far.

I'll let you know if I think of anything.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2012-06-30 16:36:13](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry Marvolo

So the aubergines were different.

Different in a good way, but different.

Maybe after we're done with the restaurant, we can talk some. You and Draco and me. About stuff.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2012-06-30 16:37:25](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry Marvolo

They were too spicy for me.

I'd like that.