

2013-05-01 11:51:00

(no subject)

Don't bin your Umbridge pins! Give them to Fred and George Weasley. We'll make good use of them. Spread the word.



 [alt_galleon](#)

2013-05-01 22:05:00

Order Only: Private message to Poppy Pomfrey



 **alt_charlie**

So. I've been thinking of ways to say this, and nothing really comes out right, so I'll just come out and say it, and I hope you'll forgive me when it comes out wrong.

I think you know I've been right miffed at you for a few months now. At first, all I could see was that you'd used a dose of that potion on him, and --

Well. You know.

But I've been thinking about it since, and I talked it over with Bill the other day, and, well. If you hadn't done that, Dolohov wouldn't have known to go to you when Diggory was cursed, so I guess in a way, you saving him meant you'd be able to save Diggory a little on down the line. And we got talking a bit about redemption, and remorse, and who has the right to decide who lives and who dies, and, well. I've mostly come round. More or less.

So I wanted to say I was sorry. I shouldn't've been so shirty about the whole thing. Because the difference between us and them is that we're the people who'll try to save lives, and I want to be the kind of person who helps with that.

I'll keep an eye out and try to get you some more dragon's blood. Now that you've used it all, I mean.



 **alt_poppy** at **2013-05-02 04:18:10**
(no subject)

Ah. It's true, I did know you were displeased with me, but I can hardly blame you for feeling about it the way you did. Or do.

I'm pleased you've continued to think about it and were open to reconsidering.

My profession puts a priority on care, has codified it, in fact, in our oath and our protocols. And I've been working in this way for so long

now that it's second nature to treat without prejudice. Even so, there are times when following my oath is difficult, and I admit I was not at ease with myself over my decision to extend all measures of care to Antonin Dolohov.

For what it's worth, I'm dubious that Antonin Dolohov feels remorse for the cruelties he's committed. But he is also capable of kindness and fondness, is generous with his students, and is willing to extend himself far beyond ordinary measures to those for whom he feels a duty, a care, or a commitment. Do not be deceived, Charlie: while that stood Mr Diggory in good stead, it's that same quality that makes Dolohov so dangerous a lure to the young. There's no telling whether I may prove to have saved him only to make it possible for him to turn some of our young friends to the Protector's service because they've grown attached to him. So if my action is to be approved or condemned by such an accounting, I fear the balance may swing against me later.

I choose, however, to consider this matter more in the terms you suggest towards the end: we are people who try to save lives, who do not deal out death when there is any avoiding it, who do not fancy ourselves arbiters of which lives are worth more, which worth less, and which we deem without merit. But we're also imperfect people, and people with feelings and fears. I'm certain that I've not always been consistent in my actions or thoughts or counsel to others on matters like this. In any case, don't swing the other way now and berate yourself for having been angry with me.



 **alt_charlie** at **2013-05-02 04:30:55**
(no subject)

Yeah.

I don't think there's any remorse in him. And if he found out about us at all, it'd be to the camps with us, or worse, of that I have no doubt. But it's like you said, he's not just black-and-white evil, yeah?

Awful people can do good things. And good people can do awful things. And it's about our choices, not just once, but over and over.

So I'm going to choose to be better than they are. And if when I get it wrong, well. I'll try to choose better next time.

I envy you a little bit, you know. To have that rule to follow, so clear-cut, even if it's hard to figure out the specifics from time to time.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-02 04:44:59](#)
(no subject)

What do you handlers do with difficult dragons? If one in your care were injured and you were able to give aid, are there circumstances in which you would withhold treatment?

This is an honest question: I can imagine that the matter might be different than for people, but I can also imagine it the other way. I suppose I'm wondering if our professions train us in different ways of thinking about the matter--or, if not, whether this might be a useful way for you to consider the issue.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-02 04:56:43](#)
(no subject)

That's a right interesting question. I hadn't really thought to connect the two, you know?

People call us dragon 'keepers', but that's not the way we think about it. Or it's not the way most of us think about it, since there are a few up here who think of it as just a job, not a calling. But we're not their keepers, and we're not their handlers, and we aren't here to make them do what we want them to do -- we're their partners, almost. Or, that's not quite right, since most of them seem to think of us as anywhere between annoyance and inconvenience when they aren't thinking of us as those slightly annoying little things that bring the food, but it's close enough. A dragon is what it is, and you aren't going to change it. All you can do is help it to be what it's going to be.

If a dragon's hurt, we help it. Always. Only time we don't is when it's too injured to live, and even then, we can still give help, it's just, the help we give it is to make the pain stop. I can't think of any situation where I wouldn't take an action, some action, to make the hurt go away.

And sometimes a dragon will be a danger to itself, or to the other dragons around it, because it's gone mad, or it's injured, or it's got a streak of mean in it and it's learned that it can hurt the

things and people around it, and we have to put it down, for the good of the whole herd. It's a tough damn decision, every time, and we try to do everything we can to make it realise it has to stop, but sometimes we have no other choice.

Yeah. I think that helps, a bit.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2013-05-02 05:32:01](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, I suppose the question, then, is what parallel we might draw between your handling of those dragons that are a danger to others and what we feel is justified as means of preventing dangerous people from harming others. Is it appropriate to 'put down' humans? Or ought we to arrest and imprison them? Or exile them? Or use magic to restrain them in some way? Who decides, and by what process, etc.?

I haven't many answers, and I'm inclined to think that if there were properly satisfying answers that got every circumstance and instance right, we'd have solved the problem long ago and would not be living under this shambolic regime today. But we haven't, and we are.

It's safe to say, then, that we will not solve this one tonight.

I do appreciate your writing to me, Charlie. I'm relieved to think that we're on better footing now than we've been, and it was your initiative that moved us forwards.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2013-05-02 04:37:41](#)**
(no subject)


And, Charlie, as for the dragon's blood, I would certainly never decline the offer of a fresh phial or several were they to come my way, but you'll be interested to know that in the course of this business with Mr Diggory, I've learned there's a grey market in Cinnabaris about which I knew nothing until a colleague at St Mungo's congratulated me on having found my way to it. (Imagine my surprise.)

Apparently they were not in the least fooled by Dolohov's assertion

that he'd got to Mr Diggory in time to arrest the curse before it took full hold. Fortunately, they'd no reason to be shocked at my having had a dose to hand because they themselves sometimes have a dose or more available. And nor did they assume I had a source within the Preserve; their supplies (such as they are) come via Mysteries' backdoor, and they assumed mine did, too, directly or indirectly.

I admit, it stands to reason that when DoM receives more than they have immediate use for, they sell it on. Of course, that's an entirely unauthorised (wholly illegal) disposition of an embargoed resource, so they use extremely shady agents to move it. Needless to say, I intend to see if I can't cultivate a connection with one of those agents for the future. In fact, I've several ideas how to go about that. And, yes, I'll be careful, but this also means that you needn't talk yourself into taking any unreasonable risks on your end. Of course, if the right opportunity presents itself, I would be most grateful for any you're able to obtain.



 **alt_charlie** at [2013-05-02 04:44:46](#)
(no subject)

Huh.

That's interesting. I hadn't known, no. I suppose it makes sense, but only when you think about it after the fact, if you know what I mean?

I wonder

Well. It all just makes me wonder all over again what they think they're up to at Mysteries. And what they need so much dragon's blood for.



 **alt_poppy** at [2013-05-02 05:10:55](#)
(no subject)

Quite.

I used to wish I'd applied to apprentice there. Of course, I'm of the wrong generation to have done anything of the sort. Married directly out of school, became a mother, and would have settled down into domestic witchery if it hadn't been for a war and other misfortunes. I only went on for training after I'd been widowed.

Still, I admit to wasting many curious hours wondering what manner of things the Unspeakables study. Mind you, I was not at all surprised to hear of the connection between DoM and that epidemic, nor to hear that they're supposed to be researching how they might shift magic from muggleborns into squibs. Secrecy and institutional license breed abuse. And yet, the thought of research into the fundamental questions... is deeply appealing. Despite being entirely antithetical to my supposed ethics.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-02 05:22:12](#)**
(no subject)

I guess there's something appealing about the thought that you could help discover the secrets of the universe, yeah?

Even if the current lot is more interested in the secrets of how to be horrifying to as many people as possible.

For what it's worth, though, I think Hogwarts would've been a much worse place back then without you, if you had gone that route after all. Even when it was awful, even while we were watching everything fall to shite and hiding under our beds in the hopes they wouldn't come after the students next, we always knew you were on our side.

And on that cheery note, it's to bed with me.

2013-05-02 09:57:00

Order Only: Private message to Padfoot

I need you.

Exeter. I left a note with the address. Floo here?
You can't be seen.



 [alt_lupin](#)

Actually hold on



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2013-05-02 15:01:25**
(no subject)


What note?

There's no note.

Wait. You went to Exeter this morning? Ellie said she thought you'd gone down the market to see if you could get any fresh fish.

Where's here?



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2013-05-02 15:04:06**
(no subject)


Sam Fawcett's flat.

He, um, well. Fortunately I have been well trained by Rudy (CONSTANT VIGILANCE!) and dodged the -- hex? curse? whatever he threw at me when I knocked.

The idiot thought I was MLE. I've got him in a chair now, restrained, and you would THINK that the fact that I am not (a) cruciating him, (b) forcing veritaserum down his throat, (c) summoning Bellatrix Lestrage to legilimise him, or (d) doing anything other than giving him good news about his sister might be persuasive to him that I AM NOT IN MLE but

argh. Why are people such idiots? WHY? Also he's definitely the one that cursed Diggory, he looks exactly like an older, male version of Sarah, the Twins were right.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-02 15:09:32](#)
(no subject)

Next time, tell me and I'll come along in case there's trouble. Or bring Dora with you. Dunno why you thought it'd be a good idea to approach him alone, seeing as how he's a potential threat.

Of *course* he tried to hex you! He's probably spent the last three days waiting for MLE to show up and throw him in a dungeon.


Is he calmed down, at least? Maybe we could have Frank bring Sarah and Matthew to see him.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 15:11:54](#)
(no subject)

You know, to be honest, I was thinking he wouldn't even be here! He wasn't here any of the other days I came to knock. I thought he'd probably just dropped out of sight, permanently.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 15:13:51](#)
(no subject)

And calm? Hm. It's hard to tell. I had to put a silencing spell on him to keep the whole neighborhood from coming down around our ears.

I tried showing him the note from Sarah but he thinks it's a trick. I guess he doesn't recognise her handwriting after all. Or he thinks we forged it. WHY HE THINKS MLE WOULD GO TO THIS MUCH TROUBLE TO FOOL HIM INSTEAD OF TORTURING HIM
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You know what, I think he must be in one of the other resistance groups. That's why he's so paranoid. He's acting like one of us might, maybe.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 15:17:20](#)
(no subject)

So, okay.

Sarah might not be a bad idea BUT I just had to rip most of his shirt off because I realised that probably the reason he was trying to bite his collar for the last ten minutes was he had poison in there and I couldn't think of any other way to keep him from using it than taking away the shirt.

So now he looks a little abused. I mean I didn't hit him! or anything like that! but you rip a fellow's shirt to shreds trying to take it off without loosening the spell on him and he'll look pretty pathetic afterward.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-02 15:19:44](#)
(no subject)

Oh, for fuck's sake, Moony!


The ADDRESS.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 15:21:34](#)
(no subject)

14 Vine Close, upstairs flat. He does have a floor connexion.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-02 15:24:39](#)
(no subject)


Right.

Maybe he'd calm down if you actually did punch him or something? It's more what he's expecting.

Kidding, kidding.

On my way.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 15:05:15](#)
(no subject)

Oh and the note, right.

I left it in the kitchen, by the sugar bowl.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 15:06:16](#)
(no subject)

I suppose Rudy would say I should have foreseen trouble with Sam Fawcett. And he'd probably be right.

I've got his wand. There's really no rush to get you here. I was thinking that if WANTED AND NOTEWORTHY TRAITOR SIRIUS BLACK turned up that ought to be proof I'm not MLE and he can relax and trust me a bit?

The sensible thing to do is probably Obliviate him and Confund him and get out before he quite knows what happened.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-02 15:07:59](#)
(no subject)

No, I can get there.

There's no note by the sugar bowl. (The sugar bowl's in the cupboard, how did you think I'd find it there, anyway?)



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 15:10:23](#)
(no subject)

What? Oh, maybe it wasn't the sugar bowl. What's in that little covered dish that Ellie keeps on the counter? It was by that.



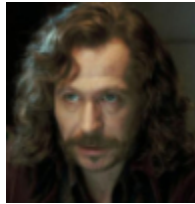
 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-02 15:14:09](#)**
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Right, well, first that's the butter dish, and second there's no note there.

Oh.

Wait, there's a little bit of a corner of paper, right under the edge of the dish.

Hang on



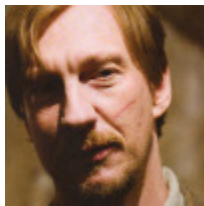
 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-02 15:16:53](#)**
(no subject)

Just tell me the address.

On closer inspection, there's a whole bunch of bits of paper *under* the table.

My guess is it blew onto the floor and your daughter found it.

If he's in another resistance group do you think I should still show myself to him?



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-02 15:20:20](#)**
(no subject)

It would help if I knew WHICH resistance group, wouldn't it?

YOU KNOW THIS WOULD REALLY BE A GREAT DEAL EASIER IF I WERE CAPABLE OF ANY OF THE THINGS HE'S ACCUSING ME OF PLANNING.

As it stands, he knows someone claiming to be from a resistance group is claiming to have rescued his sister (and a brother he didn't know he had). I'm not sure there's a downside to him knowing that Sirius Black is in this resistance group but if you can think of one, I'm all ears.

2013-05-02 10:33:00

Order Only

So, Padfoot and I are talking to Sam Fawcett. Sirius proved to be rather more persuasive than I was at convincing Sam that we're fellow opponents of the regime, not MLE.




 [alt_lupin](#)

Sam's in the Crimson Company, though his attempt at vengeance on Dolores was more of an independent project. He says that he got into Dolores's office by floo and ambushed her; he was rather distraught when he realised he'd hit a bystander and relieved to hear that Diggory will recover.

After some initial skepticism he's read the letter from Sarah and would very much like to see her. NOT HERE, though; he is still very worried that MLE will be showing up, and apparently is also a little bit worried about his own allies. The CC apparently doesn't hesitate to kill the overly compromised to avoid exposure. (Which makes me wonder why he even came back here?)

Frank or Alice, can one of you bring Sarah and Matthew -- I'm not sure where best to meet. I'd rather not make Sirius apparate but if anyone does examine Sam's floo I don't want it to lead to Doughty Conduit, either, and we can't take Sam to 12GP unless someone brings a note from Alice (and I'm not sure we should trust Sam that much, anyway).




 [alt_molly](#) at **2013-05-02 17:26:22**
(no subject)

Oh, my goodness.

Why don't you floo to the Burrow.




 [alt_lupin](#) at **2013-05-02 17:32:20**
(no subject)

We don't want to lead MLE to your door if they do come looking for Sam.

Though Sirius has offered to 'borrow' the neighbor's floo while Sam and I apparate. See you in a minute.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-05-02 17:35:46](#)**
(no subject)

Remus: Maybe floo to the safe house in Kent first, and from there to the Burrow.

If you do that and bring him to the Burrow, I can break away from work--since it's lunchtime--and come home to speak with him, at least for an hour. It might help, since I was one of the last people to see his Mum. If you think that might help? Or would that be too many wands in the cauldron at this point?



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-02 17:38:09](#)**
(no subject)

Er, for now let's stick with 'here, have a nice visit with your miraculously saved sister' and leave the fact that we had anything at all to do with his mother's death until we are all better acquainted.

~~I'd hate to have to tie him up again.~~

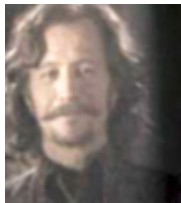
And it's just Sirius who's flooing. Sam's got a bit of a hero worship thing going on at present and we don't want to crush his sensibilities by having him see his hero losing his breakfast.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-02 18:07:14](#)**
(no subject)

I'd be willing but I don't think it'd have the effect on him that we'd like.

Maybe if I managed to spew *onto* his robes?



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-02 18:21:36](#)**
Private Message to Moony

And it's not my fault I'm so magnetic and handsome.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 18:27:13](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

We need to keep you well away from your adoring public or you're going to become insufferable.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-02 18:32:17](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

Talk to Snivellus. Apparently I've been insufferable for a long time, adoring public or no.

Oi, Sam did not just ask what I think he asked?



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 18:36:38](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

Well OF COURSE the Crimson Company pales in comparison to the organisation of HEROIC OPPONENT OF THE RÉGIME SIRIUS BLACK.

Well, plus we saved his sister. Naturally he wants to join us.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-02 18:42:47](#)


Re: Private Message to Moony

Yeah. But he also wants us to immediately remand his siblings into his custody when clearly that's not remotely safe.

Not to mention the wands-sparking shoot-first-ask-questions-later attitude that got Diggory cursed.

Merlin, he's like John Turner on drugs.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-02 18:45:19](#)**


Re: Private Message to Moony

Well, to be fair, he wants us to move him to the sanctuary and THEN remand his siblings into his custody.

Also not safe, but for other reasons.

And yes. John Turner on drugs. THAT'S IT EXACTLY. I just hope he doesn't start weeping again.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-02 18:43:12](#)**

(no subject)

Goodness.

Frank is bringing both.

He's rather insistent I stay behind on this one.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-02 18:44:14](#)**


(no subject)

sounds like he's got bad aim and a bad temper.

and those kids are coming back with us. both of them.

...and he's not.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-02 18:46:54](#)**

(no subject)

You'll get no argument from us! And I knocked him down once, I can do it again if I need to.

2013-05-02 14:30:00

Order Only: Sam Fawcett



 [alt_lupin](#)

Right.

So, as I'm sure you all worked out for yourselves, I found Sam Fawcett this morning. Apparently he hid out for a few days, but when MLE never showed up to search his flat, he concluded that they didn't realise he'd been on the scene of Dolores's demise. (Or toad-ification/plate-ification, as it happens.) Though when I turned up his first thought was that I was with MLE, but he calmed down quite a bit once Sirius showed up. (Or at least, he went from homicidal to ... I don't even know. An overly impressed schoolboy meeting the greatest hero of the age, perhaps. Clearly we should keep Padfoot away from his public or he'll get a swelled head.)

We brought him to the Burrow, and Frank came with Sarah, and they had a long visit this afternoon. We cautioned Sarah not to tell him anything about precisely how she got away -- no sense revealing the Institute -- or to give him any information beyond the fact that there exists somewhere a sanctuary for outlaw children where Sarah now lives.

Sam now wants to join the Order. He's been rather -- well, let me just describe the case he made for himself.

He noted that he's already proved that he's opposed to the regime, by joining the Crimson Company and by attempting to assassinate Dolores Umbridge. He also proved his willingness to maintain security (though not necessarily the capability, since I immobilised him after he tried to hex me, and took away the poison sewn into his shirt.)

He also works for the camps. He's based in the one in Exeter but the reason he travels for his job is that he's in 'inventory,' tracking numbers and training of crews in various muggle camps. In addition to being well-placed to assist us by planting or removing paperwork, he is perfectly positioned to identify muggles who have the training and background to be of the most use to us, Davidson, or any other resistance organisations running around that we can make contact with, and if we can extract them, he can simply make their records disappear.

On the downside, let me just note that he's volatile, unpredictable,

violent, ruthless, and possibly untrustworthy. We suggested that we might prefer to have him as a go-between to the Crimson Company and he said that the trouble is that the CC has a tendency to kill their own members, if they're compromised enough to be a danger to the organisation. He did, however, offer straight out to put us in touch with their leader or at least their recruiter -- not the sort of information we'd want to have him offering up about us.

When we expressed concern about the information he might reveal about us, he offered to take an Unbreakable Vow on the spot.

I just ... don't know. His information and access would not be easily duplicated. He may be worth the risk.

Oh, and the Crimson Company is wasting him completely; they want him to quit his job as they don't believe muggles could be useful, regardless of their training.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-02 19:42:42](#)**

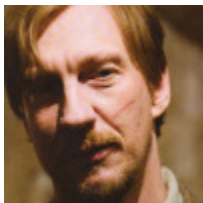
(no subject)

nope.

I say we see if he'll be useful, but keep him at arms length. maybe give him a button and tell him he can pass on names with it, and ask him to fix some paperwork, but he's a walking risk.

hell, giving him a button might be too much.

he's desperate and angry and that makes him dangerous.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-02 19:46:30](#)**

(no subject)

I don't think we were exactly seeing him at his best.

He did think his sole surviving family member had been murdered by the regime, until around ten this morning, at which point he found out in short order that she was alive, he also had a brother, and they were being sheltered by a revolutionary organisation that included Sirius Black.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-02 19:53:03](#)
(no subject)

then we keep in touch until he's less of both.

make sure he gets letters from them or something.


but he's not getting in today.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 21:16:22](#)
(no subject)

I'm not suggesting we swear him in today.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-02 21:16:45](#)
(no subject)

Dora, you went to school with him, didn't you?
He's either your year or close. Did you know him
at all?



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-03 14:37:40](#)
(no subject)

Sorry. Yesterday was mad here. Every time I
meant to answer, another pixie escaped the sack
and turned everything upside down.

I did know him at school. Barely. The Ravenclaws didn't think
much of him. Called him 'Mule', which I suppose was short for
Samuel, and not in a nice, matey way.

I'm afraid we halfbloods didn't stick together--most of us were
keeping our heads down--but I know he didn't have an easy time
of it. I think- yes, I remember hearing that he was a decent flier
and he tried out every year for the Ravenclaw side, but they
never would take him. So I expect that means he has a stubborn
streak, doesn't it? At the time, I just thought it was sad and a bit

daft, knocking his head against the wall like that. Charlie, do you remember?



alt_charlie at **2013-05-03 20:58:55**

(no subject)

Oi, yes, Mule! I haven't thought of him for years.

He came to every practise -- not just Ravenclaw's, he was at all ours, too. I think it was a little easier to be a halfblood in Gryffindor through at least the first few years, most of our lot didn't care, so he used to stick with Booth from the year before us and Berrigan from our year whenever he could.

I think it was less him knocking his head against the wall and more him trying to point out the ridiculousness -- he was more than just a decent flier, he was better than most of the Ravenclaw team. But Montgomery was the Ravenclaw captain, remember him? (For those who don't, we were all pretty sure he was compensating for being sorted Ravenclaw instead of Slytherin by being as much of a pureblood bigot as he could.)

We all would've cheered him on about it, because Montgomery was a shite captain any way you sliced it, except Mule was just such a right arse to spend any amount of time with. Took everything wrong, no matter how you'd meant it, and wouldn't listen when you tried to explain or apologise. And yeah, 'Mule' as in, 'stubborn as'.



alt_mcgonagall at **2013-05-03 03:00:22**

(no subject)

If we do not include him, what choices have we? Obliviation? Then he returns to being desperate and angry. Death? Not the mode in which we typically function.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-03 03:18:51](#)
(no subject)

Well, we tell him the simple truth: we don't accept ANYONE at the drop of the hat. We'd be mad to do so. Surely he can see that, if he has any basic survival instincts. (And if he doesn't, we *certainly* don't want him).

He'd be less desperate if we gave him some hope, though. Reconnecting with his sister should help with that. And we make it clear that we want to keep the door open, and we *might* get to the point where we could include him. Because the assets he offers intrigue us.

You know, I wonder whether John Turner might not be just the person to talk to him. It sounds like they have a lot in common. Turner was desperate to join, too, and he was a reckless hot head. AND he worshiped Sirius, too. But we made him wait, and Frank steadied him by giving him tasks to do, and the gamble paid off: he's shaping up to be quite a fine leader now.



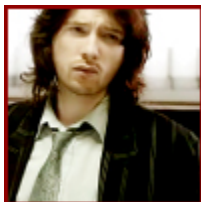
 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-03 03:21:03](#)
(no subject)


That's quite a good idea, Kingsley. D'ye think Turner would be willing to do it?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-03 03:22:08](#)
(no subject)

I'm sure of it. He has a taste for mentoring now, does Turner.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-03 03:10:08](#)
(no subject)

You're a cruel, cruel man, Remus. That description of his job is making me positively *salivate*. Merlin, what an asset he could be. And yet, I agree, we don't dare take him right now. Reckless, no kidding.

Bloody hell.




 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2013-05-03 03:14:42](#)**
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The thing is that his sister and brother are living at Moddey. So he really should be able to see them sometimes, right? Even if it's in safe houses.

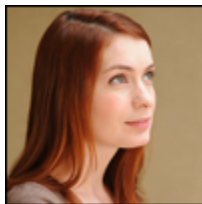
If he wants to see them, then he should get to now and then. Somehow.


That doesn't necessarily mean he needs to be admitted into the Order (and doing it today would have been mad, you've no way to know if he'd just go tell the Crimson Company he met Sirius!) but maybe he could help us the way that Ms Taylor sometimes helps? Just by telling us things now and then?



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-03 03:23:53](#)**
(no subject)

Well, we promised him today that he'd see them again. And that he'd see me again, and that we'd consider his petition.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-03 04:25:53](#)**
(no subject)

I certainly think that it's worth it to keep contact, and develop him as a source. I think he needs time to have better understanding of what would be expected of him, and we need to have a better assessment of his capabilities. Having Turner bring him along is an excellent idea.

And it's also certainly within our abilities to provide regular visits.

I'm a bit wary of this Crimson group, as they seem likely to jump to extremes rather quickly, and I'd rather have him alive and helping us than not.

Minerva, what are your thoughts?



 **alt_poppy** at **2013-05-03 14:20:41**
(no subject)

I dislike the Crimson Company's being part of this, too. I've stumbled across their fringes in the past, and we must take quite seriously what he says about their murdering their own if they suspect a crack in security.

The trouble is that we'd have to share him with them. We can't ask him to break his ties with them if he's to stay in this position that makes him so enticing to us. They clearly know where to find him and would eliminate him if they knew he'd dropped them.

I agree with Severus. He could perhaps be cultivated as a useful contact, but I can't see that we should risk any closer connection,



 **alt_severus** at **2013-05-03 05:29:18**
(no subject)

Whilst I am painfully aware of the irony: I do not think he is the sort of person whom we should recruit.

This does not mean, however, we should not make use of him — only that the information should only flow one way.

2013-05-02 18:58:00

Private message to Rory

Have to say I'm feeling like a million galleons compared to last week. Being able to teach again, be productive, makes a world of difference. And you know, now that I've had overnight to think on it, the newts aren't as poorly off as I had braced myself for. Cedric and Harry really did make a difference- so did the rest of the kids.



 **alt_rabastan**

Still, we've a long ways to go in an extremely short amount of time.

How are you, love?

Much as we can't really trust that Dolly didn't leave behind any other nasty surprises to trip us up, I don't think we should let that keep us from moving forward. What are your thoughts?



 **alt_sinistra** at **2013-05-03 01:17:21**

(no subject)

~~I'd worried~~


I'm glad, love. And so glad they have you back.

Can I do anything to help? (Either your newts or the owls lot, that is.) Supervise, or do things so you have more time to work with them, or .. whatever. My lot are all in decent shape, because there wasn't so much Madam Pinkness could interfere with. (Well, except a couple, but more time with me mostly isn't the helpful thing there.)

Of course I'd like to move forward. ~~Before anything else happens~~ Tallie and I talked a bit about what we'd need to set in motion, once we could. We've got some ideas (actually, we have a whole lot of very detailed lists) but some of it depends on when we can book in at the Guildhall again, or if we have to find somewhere else or what.

And me - honestly, I'm still not quite sure? The last week has just been. Well.



 **[alt_rabastan](#)** at **[2013-05-03 01:38:42](#)**
(no subject)

Can't think of anything right now, but I'll let you know.

We can ask after Guildhall at the weekend. What about dates? Most of our nearest and dearest are prepared to drop everything for whatever date we put forth, I should think.

What else?

Oh, and what does "Well." mean? I haven't really sussed that out, you know.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-05-03 01:59:37](#)**
(no subject)

Do, if you think of anything.

I guess the big question for dates is whether we wait for the end of term. During term has a bunch of awkwardnesses attached (getting us both free to prep, other staff being able to come, getting whatever students there - and there need to be some, clearly, even if it's just the related ones). But much as I'd love a honeymoon (days in a row with you without other obligations - the mere idea is luxury), that could wait, really.

I admit I've been thinking about the logistical problems already. Not a surprise, probably. You're very right most people wouldn't fuss, though, considering. If it's not until end of term - well, my summer is wide open for the first time in ... actually, the first time since I left school. How odd.

On the rest, let me try a list.

1) Less worried, but still worried, about Cedric. Not that there's much anyone can do there but wait.


2) I still feel like I'm looking over my shoulder for Madam Pinkness. I'm sure it'll pass, it just hasn't yet.

3) Thinking over what you told me about Cassie. That bit's hard. I mean. Necessary. And I'm glad she finally did come forward. That's the really tangled one.

4) A lot of, I don't know, broader things, about what we do going forward. I know Septima's doing her best, but there's a lot of things no one's really talking about, had you realised? The HJC and the Prefects and the divisions between people that didn't used to be there. (And the poor shattered bits of the YPL, and a dozen other sets of plans, I'm sure.)

5) Much less important, but currently particularly active: what do you think about kittens? (My office has somehow accumulated two, see.)



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2013-05-03 02:09:43](#)
(no subject)

We probably ought to wait til the term is winding down a bit, at least. We should consult with your family and see what they think. Narcissa, too.

No one likes to wait, I know what you mean. He's getting the best care, though, so all we can do is hope for the best. He is young and strong, after all.

Cassie- much as I want to feel sorry for her, I confess that I'd like this to be the last I see or hear of her.

I'm not sure we'll be able to clean up all the damage that was done until the end of term. As for the kids, maybe summer will scrub their memories and reset things, as it were. Maybe I'm being too optimistic on that count.

I honestly don't know what I think about kittens, except that there seem to be a lot of them around the castle these days.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-03 02:18:50](#)
(no subject)

Well, we'd need to get invitations and all out in advance, anyway, so it's not like it'd be next week. Right. I'll add "talk to half the Protectorate about wedding dates" to my list, but really, I suspect it's going to come down to what's free when. (I assume that we still are strenuously resisting anything outside on security grounds?)

Yes, on Cedric. I'm going to see if I can visit, Tuesday, and maybe that will help a little. Just, I know enough about his parents to not be sure they'll be helpful in the right ways. If you see what I mean.

Has anything else turned up, after what you told me? Half of me doesn't want to think about her ever again, and the rest wants to make sense of why. And how Madam Pinkness knew to manipulate things quite that way.

You're right that the summer will help. I'm sure it has to. Really. Just, Tosha and I were talking through it, last week, the implications for some of his plans as the current 5ths go into NEWTs, and I've been thinking about it ever since.

As to the kittens: they don't seem to want to have anything to do with anything lower in the castle than my rooms (and much prefer my office.) So you needn't worry about them, and I am sure I could find a home for them if need be. (I believe this must be one of the reasons one has cousins.) But they're sort of adorable. And comforting.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2013-05-03 02:35:55](#)
(no subject)

I'll help you talk to half of that half, no worries.

I can't say that anything has turned up, exactly, but I'll let you know if it does. Our current concern is that Dolly had someone helping her manipulate things in just the right way.

And I'm not worried about kittens. Bring them to Spence, if you want! Though on second thought, they might get lost and we'd never see them again.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-03 02:46:02](#)
(no subject)

You're a wonder. I've said that before, but it's still true. (You do know how many men apparently run as far away from planning these things as they can?)

The whole thing feels so dreadfully unfinished. Madam Pinkness, I mean. But I suppose that's life, and we'll just have to keep our eyes open and move on. And really, I refuse to let her steal any more of the time we could be doing much more enjoyable things with.

There are lots of things I hate about the past months, love. (This spring, worse than last spring, in so many ways, and how is that even possible?) What she did to students and classes and everything she touched. But the thing I can't let go of is losing time with you.

Which is to say - should I come down tonight or would you rather not, given your classes tomorrow? And Tosha's said he assumes we'll have other plans tomorrow before I teach. I just miss being in the same room, and both of us working, and all the stupid student stories while marking, nearly as much as everything else.

(I will, however, leave the kittens in my office. One thing at a time.)



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-05-03 20:30:48](#)**
(no subject)

Right, love. A little preliminary info, and we can talk more as we manage to get hold of various family.

Tallie checked with the Guildhall, and the only date they can give us between now and sometime in August is the first of June - apparently, they have major renovations planned this summer. She's checking on a number of the sites we'd looked at and discarded for various reasons, and will have more in the next day or two. (She's also heard of a good handful of summer weddings that it would probably be kinder not to conflict with - she's working up a complete list of dates.)

She does think we could make June first work if we wanted. It'd be tight (and we'd need to decide in the next few days to get invites out in time), but I could sit down with her on Tuesday properly and work out the rest of the details.

We can talk more tonight or tomorrow, anyway. (Just writing that

makes me grin. Actually, it makes me dance around my office in an extremely undignified fashion.)

2013-05-02 23:18:00

This week has really

flown--I mean, it could have been on a Firebolt, it feels like it's gone by so fast!



 [alt_padma](#)

We're all so relieved that Diggory's eventually going to recover, for one thing. And now, all the clubs are being reinstated (we've completely lost track of History Club; I think we might just want to chuck it altogether until next year), and Professor Vector's trying to make sure that we all get our Careers Advice before the end of the year. I guess Madam Umbridge didn't realise we were supposed to have the sessions and people weren't sure if that counted as Professors teaching things that weren't strictly related to their subjects, so we didn't have them back in the winter when we were supposed to get them.

I hope that doesn't mean that people have been revising for the wrong O.W.L.s, though.


Oh, but lessons have been brill this week. Well, Monday was a little strange, but by Tuesday things felt normal again, didn't they? And we've got Defence sorted out again and everything. And everyone's been getting together to revise like mad, now that we can do. Ravenclaw Corner was bursting at the seams tonight--Madam Pince had to tell us that if she had to come over one more time she would eject us all from the library! And we all just smiled and didn't even mind being told off.

Our dormitory has an adorable kitten now, too, which we've all agreed we're going to let stay and consider to be everyone's. She's a little white and black number, with black ears and a sort of splotchy pattern on her back and legs and tail. It's almost like someone dipped her in ink. She's ever so dainty, too. Su Li said we should call her 'shaw moon yu' which is 'little cow' in Chinese, but none of us could say it right (that there doesn't even really do the pronunciation justice), so we've just decided to call her Moonpie instead.

I'm not sure what we'll do come summer, though. Mum certainly wouldn't want her at our house and I don't think Morag could stand having a cat to herself (she's a bit allergic, and she's been complaining that her nose is going to run straight through exams, now). Maybe Belinda will take her home. I don't think we could leave her in the castle all summer.

Lav, I think we should get something going this weekend, don't you think? I think we all need a little something to celebrate because it's May and April was just so awful and you can just tell that waiting for Hogsmeade isn't going to do anyone any good. I'll ask Professor Vector if we can get up a dance in the Great Hall or something on Saturday, shall I?



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2013-05-03 03:47:01](#)**
(no subject)

My dormitory has one of those, too. A kitten that just sort of moved in. Honoria wants to take her home but doesn't think her parents would be happy, so I'm probably going to take her this summer.

Maybe I should have asked my mum before I wrote that here.



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2013-05-03 15:15:51](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, it's great he's going to be all right. Eventually.

Only, did you see the paper this morning? Well, not the Prophet, actually, it's the Sporting Wizard's Digest. Had an article all about how this might ruin what could have been a record-breaking career on the pitch. And he'd just been offered a posting, too, on the reserves. He'd just told us at practice that morning. Nothing was for certain yet, though. I hope that doesn't mean they'll reconsider.

I mean, I suppose at least he'd played his last match with us already, so there's not that to ruin the year. I just hope this article's more on the order of sensationalism and nothing remotely accurate, you know?

Anyways, a party this Saturday would be good, I guess. It's weird how you can feel bad for a mate who's in hospital like that but still be in a good mood overall, innit?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-03 17:58:18](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

That's right, throw a party, you arse kissing cow.

And just hope that everyone forgets that you stole their food and made them strip-search.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-03 22:57:12](#)

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

A party's an excellent idea! Just not with her.



 [alt_linus](#) at [2013-05-03 19:43:28](#)

(no subject)

Perhaps we ought to have a History Club meeting this coming Monday to talk about what we might like to study over summer hols, so as to be ready for next year. Our traditional end-of-the-year meeting in costume ought not be scrapped either; everyone enjoys coming as their favorite historical figure so much, and it would be a shame to miss that.

Did you get all of your books transfigured back, after that incident in Potions? One of mine stayed a fish for a distressingly long time, and the less said about the interior of my satchel, the better. I used Scourgify twice, but there are still kittens following me.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2013-05-03 19:56:38](#)

Private Message to Linus

I gave up on Scourgify after three tries and used a perfume charm. That seems to have disinterested Moonpie. You and Bones and Smith had Creatures this afternoon, too, I hope nothing decided to be overly interested in your bag there?

I can't *believe* Professor Slughorn took points, either. Well, I *can*, I mean, he's well strict enough but 40 in one go! Do you suppose he didn't know it was obviously a prank played on us, or that he just

didn't care?

Is Lav still upset with me? Because it wasn't--I mean, she knows why I had to leave her on her own for a while, doesn't she? After all, she'd have done the same if our positions were reversed.

I think it's really important we all stick together now, though, to show that we're still all Prefects and all interested in the good of the school, even if that means *certain individuals* got the spell-end of the wand for a bit.

Anyway, tell her it's all right to be cross with me in private, if she wants we can go out to the greenhouses tomorrow and she can shout at me all she likes, but she really ought to just get over it and help put this school back in order.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2013-05-03 20:00:11](#)
(no subject)

Oh, and you might want to check round. By the time I got all the fish reverted, I wound up with two Defence textbooks and no *Standard Book of Spells, Grade 5*.

2013-05-03 17:27:00

Private message to Ron Weasley

Did you see all the people with pink robes today? You don't suppose that was Fred and George who did it, do you? I know not ALL the pranks that happen at Hogwarts are them, it just seems like it sometimes.




 [alt_ginny](#)

How many professors took points? I heard Acton was taking points from everyone 'out of uniform,' which makes her an awful hypocrite, I think, since she was every bit as much a brown-noser as Lavender Brown or Seamus Finnigan. I can't say as I mind seeing them all a little embarrassed though.

Oh and Slughorn, too. That's what I heard, at least (no one in my year has pink robes since no one was on the HJC anyway).



 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-05-04 04:00:34**
(no subject)

Um, yeah. They turned Daphne's robes, too. And I know they were all trying to turn them back, but it was impossible, so I wonder what spell that was? A good one, that's certain!

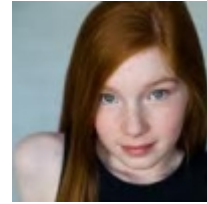
At least Daphs was able to make hers a bit nicer shade than the others, so I don't think she really minded that much. Zabini, though. He was hot over it. You should've seen the colour he turned when Acton took points for it.

It wasn't a colour that went well with shouty pink. If you know what I mean.

2013-05-04 15:23:00

(no subject)

There is something very freeing about simply writing because one wants to.



 **alt_evelyn**

I am having a lovely weekend so far, and I am especially enjoying the company of my new kitten, Felix. I know it's a name usually associated with males, but I feel especially lucky to have her, so I'm sure she won't mind.

Young kittens usually sleep even more than adult cats -- up to twenty hours a day. They also require multiple feedings per day, as they can't eat a lot at a time. I'm very glad that Felix has other kittens in Gryffindor to play with, and I'm in the process of teaching her how to not be quite so bitey. I've made her a toy she quite likes to fling around and chase, so I'm hoping she'll decide that's more fun to bite than me.



 **alt_evelyn** at **2013-05-04 19:50:11**

Private Message to Kitty Bundy

I think Felicis is just a perfect name for yours, Bun. They looked so sweet napping together this morning. And if your foster mum doesn't let you take her home, she'll spend summer hols with me. I promise.

It's rather fitting that we should be absolutely flooded with kittens, isn't it? They are so sweet and playful and full of life and chaos and love, and exactly the opposite of everything She stood for.



 **alt_evelyn** at **2013-05-04 19:59:56**

Private Message to Artemus Ross

Hello, Artie.

I got your note.

It's very thoughtful of you to ask so far in advance about my Hogsmeade plans. I do have a project I must work on for a few hours earlier in the day, but I can meet you there later. I can certainly let you know when I'm done and on my way so that we can meet. Do you

want to walk back to Hogwarts with me? I would like that very much.

-Evie

2013-05-04 16:05:00

to whoever it was

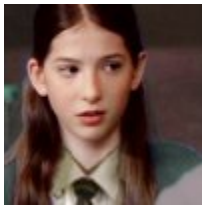
You can turn my robes pink. You can turn my hair pink. You can fill my bookbag up with fish. You can be angry with me. I deserve it for Sarah anyhow



 [alt_megan](#)

But do not mess with my kitten. Because Fang never did anything to you. So leave him out of it.

Professor Grubbly-Plank says he will be all right now. No thanks to you.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-05-04 21:23:17**

Private message to Megan Jones

What happened to Fang?

(I would never do anything to someone's pet.)




 [alt_megan](#) at **2013-05-04 21:52:54**

Re: Private message to Megan Jones

Somebody charmed a sparkler to his tail. To make him run. Only he ran very fast because he was very scared and he got his paw caught in something and he flipped over and his leg was hurt and he was screaming and I took him to Professor Grubbly-Plank and he is all right now mostly but he does not trust any people right now. Except me. So I am in a quiet place with him. Because he is scared.



 [alt_megan](#) at **2013-05-04 23:21:13**

Re: Private message to Megan Jones

And it was a pink sparkler. So.

2013-05-04 21:24:00

Tomorrow's YPL event

Obviously, given recent events, tomorrow's planned YPL event will be cancelled.



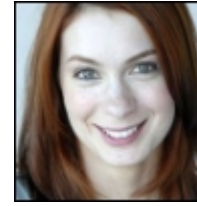
While many of you will no doubt wish to use the unexpected free time to catch up on your revision, CCF students who would like a chance to stretch your minds in another direction should join me in the Great Hall at 2PM. I will be lecturing on battlefield tactics and response. CCF members, you are welcome to bring friends who are not in the programme if you would like; however, due to the nature of the lecture, I must restrict attendance to fifth year students and above.

 [alt_antonin](#)

Attendance is purely optional; however, I will be offering an opportunity for additional class credit for those who wish to complete a small assignment afterwards. And, of course, I shall strive to be both educational and interesting.

2013-05-05 11:58:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Hermione Granger and Harry



 [alt_alice](#)

First of all, Frank is still prepared to come to the Shrieking Shack for Apparation lessons next weekend. What time would be best for him to be there?

Secondly, I know that last week was rather fraught, and that now that our Madame Umbridge is no longer in the picture, everything has become a great deal less immediately urgent. However, I did want to have you, the Twins, Lee, and Terry discuss the possibility of Order membership with the Institute, as we have reached a solid consensus on our end of things.

I understand full well that not everyone in ISS may choose Order membership, but we're willing to offer it to everyone, across the board. And it is an open offer, not a one-time opportunity.

Some of your newer members and those who are on the fence might have questions. I'd be willing to come along to the Apparation lesson to speak with them directly, and address any concerns. I'd also be available at that time to swear in new members, if you decide as a group that would be acceptable.

I trust you to act on behalf of our organization, and I hope you will speak openly regarding your experiences and impressions. This is not an easy choice for them to make, I am fully aware, and I also recognise that we'd have to sort out the roles and responsibilities of any new members. I know the ISS has functioned as a fairly autonomous group up until this point, and they might not want to give up that autonomy. I am also certainly willing to negotiate when it comes to that, and be flexible within reason when it comes to the decision-making and actions of your group. However, I am of a mind that this is the best choice when it comes to communication and security for all of us, and that combining forces is going to present all sorts of additional opportunities. I, for one, am looking forward to working more closely with the ISS, and believe we have quite a lot to learn from one another.

You're the most direct person to connect the ISS and the Order, so I'm

placing you in charge of coordinating this particular conversation, and I hope you'll be able to work with Lee, the twins, and Terry beforehand to talk about specific issues that might come up, and to help sort out what the next best step would be for both parties after you've had a chance to discuss things.

Lastly, I'd like to work with you to come up with a plan for summer hols so that we can have more of a chance to work with Harry. I think if we work enough ahead of time, and with the possible help of Draco as well, we could make it possible to spend more time with him as an extended group than we were able to over Easter.




 **alt_hermione** at **2013-05-06 14:31:22**
(no subject)

All right.

One thing is that we don't know what's going to happen to the YPL or the CCF. The last couple of years it's seemed like that takes up most of everyone's summers. Harry's, too, I mean. And I think he might not want to get special instruction of the others aren't, sometimes he's like that because he thinks it's wrong for him to be singled out, but sometimes he doesn't mind so much when it's something he really wants to do. I'm not sure which one this would be.

But I'll talk to the twins and Lee and Terry and we'll ask about who might want to join up right away.



 **alt_alice** at **2013-05-06 14:58:51**
(no subject)

That's a good point about CCF. We'll have to see.

And yes, I can see how he'd be wary of being singled out -- I was more thinking of having him work alongside other ISS members rather than by himself, if it can be arranged. From what I've seen from a distance, he seems to work rather well when he's in a position of leadership and has some specific goals. Is that a fair assessment?

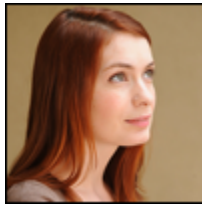



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2013-05-06 16:41:13](#)**
(no subject)

If everyone's going then yes, he'd really want to go along, too.

I suppose that's a fair assessment. I mean, usually it's more like the goal is what convinces him to take charge. Sometimes he's not very leader-like when there isn't a clear purpose to it. Which can be difficult because he has trouble staying like a leader when it's not a crisis. I mean, he doesn't like people to think he's bossing them round.

And sometimes even when there *is* a crisis, he's not the kind of person who commands and decides what to do, he's more likely to just jump in and do it. But sometimes when there's a crisis he really starts to take charge and people just listen to him and do what he says, which is pretty interesting when you consider that he hasn't been part of the group for long. But mostly it's when he has a clear goal, and there's a need to act, that's when he'll act.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-06 20:38:28](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, that does make a great deal of sense.

Perhaps that might be something we can help with a bit. Sorting out goals, talking about different kinds of leadership, that sort of thing.

And he's clearly not the only person with potential. Miss Perks, for instance, certainly has her own way of leading, as does Mr Finch-Fletchley, but I found it quite interesting that everyone was able to fall in line for Sarah -- and for Madame Umbridge as well -
- with a minimum of fuss.

[2013-05-05 18:51:00](#)

Private Message to Cedric Diggory



Hey.

I don't know if you can read this or not. Or if they've let you have your journal yet.

 [alt_harry](#)

I was hoping I could visit this weekend. Because I really wanted to talk to you in person. ~~And see what you~~ But it didn't work out. I hope I won't have to wait to talk to you until hols because that would really

Anyways.

Thanks, Cedric. For stepping in front of that spell Umbridge threw my way. Even though you didn't know what it would do. I know you probably don't remember anything after it hit you, but I can fill you in later.

Promise.

And... thanks really doesn't cover half of it.


~~I really hope you haven't~~

~~I know~~

~~I'm sorry~~

I guess the rest should probably wait until we can really talk, yeah?



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2013-05-09 22:08:35](#)
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**YOU ARE WELCOME.
THANK YOU FOR
~~TRYING TO TAKEING CARE OF~~
EVERYONE THIS YEAR.**

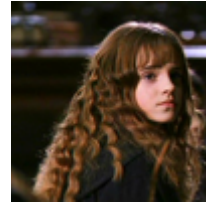
**WE DO NEED TO TALK. I
HOPE TO BE AT SIZ & RAZ'S
WEDDING. WILL YOU?**

**SHORT TERM AMNESIA IS A
FORTUNATE COMMON SIDE
EFFECT OF MASSIVE TRAUMA
AND I DON'T REMEMBER
ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED
IN HER OFFICE.**

**DON'T ENTIRELY TRUST THE
DICTATION QUILLS SO TRIED
TO WRITE THIS BY HAND.
STILL KIND OF HARD BUT I'M
TOLD GOOD PRACTICE.**

2013-05-07 00:25:00

Order Only: Terry, Fred, George and Lee



 [alt_hermione](#)

(Not that anyone else in the Order can't read this but I can't send a PM to all four of you, so if anyone else in the Order is reading, well, you can but it's not really for you.)

Mrs Longbottom asked me to tell the others that the Order would like to offer them membership but she wanted us to think through first the best way to tell them and also plan for the things that they might say about it.

So, I thought maybe first we could think what each one's reaction might be and what we might have to explain depending on what they say, and that would help us decide the best approach for them.

Draco: He'll probably be the person with the biggest objections (not surprisingly). What he's said before about the Order (not that he knew what they were called but he knew there was a group) is that they aren't very effective and that they don't have a plan for how to actually make anything change. I think mostly he's afraid. And he's torn, too, because he still loves his family and so many of them would be on the other side if he joined us properly.

Evelyn: Will want to join up right away

Harry: Will probably want to join up as soon as possible, too. I think he might hesitate, though, if Draco's strongly against it, only because he already had to leave Draco behind for a little while when he joined the ISS and usually he wants Draco along for anything and everything, whenever possible. So I don't know, I think he'd have to know that Draco doesn't mind if Harry joins without Draco. If Draco decides against joining.

Hydra: I'm not sure. On the one hand, she's got some of the same reasons Draco has to worry about fighting against her family. On the other, she *hates* her mother and the Lord Protector. I think if Justin joins, so will she. One thing's almost certain and that's that they'll talk it over first and decide together.

Justin: I'm sure he wants to join, it's one of the most important

reasons he stayed here and didn't go back to France (and of course, Hydra was the other). He really wants to be useful (especially to Sirius) and we all know he hoped to make a difference. But he'll be careful to ask Hydra what she thinks first, as I said.

Luna: I'm pretty sure she'll join without too much fuss

Neville: Wants to join last year

Pansy: She's the other wild card, isn't she? I think in the end she'll join but she might be afraid of it first. She'll have some questions, too, mainly about what will happen to people like the Malfoys or Professor Lestrangle.


Ron: If this were Christmas, I'd say he'd join in a heartbeat. But he gets his ego bruised so easily I don't know if he'd delay just out of spite or anything. Probably not, though he might ask a question or two first. He's been writing to Director Selwyn's daughter, you know, and he's got back together with Greengrass, I think, sort of, and that might twist him round a little.

Sally-Anne: I was sure she didn't have any interest but then Mrs L said that she did want to join. Maybe because she got to see her mother. ~~As if that should make~~ Anyway, she really cares about Madam Pomfrey and doing the right thing but she can be stubborn and she's so Slytherin in the way she sees things. Plus she's really fond of Professor Dolohov (and practically anyone else who pays her any attention or tells her she's done a good job).

Susan: Will probably join.

I'm not sure what to tell Draco or others who accuse the Order of not being able to get itself together to make a real or lasting impact. Except that of the other alternatives, the Order's the most successful and the one with the best philosophy toward everyone--I mean, Muggleborns, Muggles and Squibs and all. So even if someone's not altogether convinced about joining the Order, maybe they can at least admit that it's the best option out of what's available?



 **alt_lee** at [2013-05-08 02:37:03](#)
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Hermione:

I'm sorry Fred and George and me haven't responded to this before now, but as you may know NEWTs BEGIN NEXT WEEK and we haven't been cracking our journals open all that often, as we're buried in our textbooks and notes instead. Forgive me if I'm a bit fuzzy-brained.


Scanning your list and notes quickly: I'd say your analysis matches ours closely. You know the Slytherins better than we do, of course. I do wish we'd had a chance to get to know Malfoy a bit before we went off the Lock ourselves; it'd make it easier to gauge the best approach toward him, as he might be the one to cause the most difficulty. I wonder...

I personally think the Protectorate can't possibly last long term. I just don't think it can be viable, with all the power resting in the hands of so few (even if they do have the power of magic). Plus, I think that all the misery and stinking lies that this society is built on is just gonna make the majority erupt one of these days. Do you think there is any chance that Malfoy sees things that way, too? If he does, then he might consider the possibility that if he joins the Order he could be in a position to help his family, if and when the cauldron finally explodes.

Perks wants to be a Healer. We can point out she'd have a much better chance of achieving that ambition with the Order than if she just holds her breath and hopes that the Protectorate might condescend to give a half-blood the training she needs. More likely she'll end up scrubbing floors and emptying bedpans like Umbridge always wanted her to do.

Ron--yeah. Dunno whether it'll be difficult for him to join knowing Ginny's been left outside in the cold. (Not Percy so much, the git.) We'd also better be able to swear up and down that Bill has learned his lesson. (Sorry if you're reading this, Bill, but you know it's true.)



 **alt_terry** at [2013-05-08 02:47:20](#)
(no subject)

If Sally-Anne joins, I think it'd be really hard for Pansy to stay out. If Sally-Anne AND Ron join, that would make it even harder. The three of them are really close, and they private message each other a lot. It might be strategic to get Sally-Anne's agreement to join first; then it'll be easier to sway Pansy.

On the other hand, if Sally-Anne refuses, I'm not sure whether you'll be able to get Pansy to agree to join at all.


As for Hydra, well, I don't know her very well. But I think she wants to belong you know? To be accepted, to be wanted. From little things she's let drop, I get the feeling that her Mum is really cold toward her, acts like she hates her sometimes, even. It'll help if we can explain why the Order wants her, would value her contributions. They're not just tolerating having her join because, *oh, very well, all your friends are, including your boyfriend that Sirius Black tutored. Or even worse, so we can get dirt on your family.* She'll want to know she's wanted for herself.



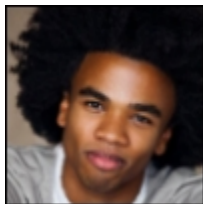
 **alt_george** at [2013-05-08 02:49:41](#)
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Not much to add.



 **alt_fred** at [2013-05-08 02:50:37](#)
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Me, neither.



 **alt_lee** at [2013-05-08 02:53:08](#)
Private message to Hermione Granger

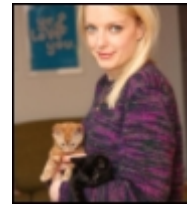
Sorry, Hermione, but Fred and George have rotten headaches, so don't think you'll get much more out of them. Studying for NEWTs is really wiping

them out. That spell Umbridge laid on them is still affecting them, and they get tired easily. Plus Brutka has been legitimising them, trying to unscramble their brains.

2013-05-07 21:09:00

Students

Several of you have inquired about the kittens in my office: the orange one is Mizar, and the black one is Suha. House points to the first person who can tell me why those names (that didn't hear it from me already.)



 **alt_sinistra**

They are both quite friendly, but mind your quills if you don't want them used as toys. In related news, I am currently practiced with ink removal charms, and glad to share the ones I've found most effective. Also several that help with more controlled kitten amusement and entertainment.

As usual before exams, I've extended my office hours. However, I need to make some firecalls this week in the afternoons. Please knock first if the door's mostly closed, and it may be a few minutes (not many) before I'm free.

My newts: I'm saving Thursday and Friday for any last questions (your last round of practice theory exams are marked and you can pick them up whenever.) If you don't come up with anything else, I have more locational magic problems for you, as that seems to be the thing you're all most worried about.

5th years: for those of you who might be considering the Astronomy NEWT, I'm changing my requirements for continuing in the subject (in favour of more opportunity, rather than less.) We'll talk more once you're done with the OWL exams, as the NEWT in Astronomy takes a sharp turn from observation into theory, and it's rather a different kind of study.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2013-05-08 01:33:24**

Private message to Raz

Love,

(Writing mostly so I don't forget something before we can talk. I hope all the duelling went well.)

- Seeing Cedric in person was excellent, and we had a good visit. His parents though - I gather his father expects him to just bounce back, and his mother's fussing.

- Tallie and I have sorted a great many things, and I swear, I delegated as much as I could. Can you do one last look at the invite list? (Our latest revision, with the questions for you marked is on the desk in your rooms.) And you and I need to block out time to sort out seating for the supper itself.

- On student invitations: we can't have the entire school, and equally clearly we need to invite *some* of them. Campanella had the idea tonight to invite the CCF students plus Andie, and Cedric (recovery permitting, but walking's going fairly well, apparently) and Melinda as representatives of the school? It's a manageable number, but it rather tidily covers the people we really need or want there, yes? Campanella's willing to coordinate the portkeys. And maybe we could arrange something extra nice for supper on the Monday after, here, for everyone else?

- Gilly thinks we ought to invite the whole staff, and make them sort out who gets to mind the students here. I really want Tosha and Pomona. And Popp, if she's back. (Did you hear Kerr ranting yesterday?) And I'm assuming Horace for certain, as well. ~~I will not be petty about making sure Acton stays here.~~

(We clearly need to talk to Septima about the above two before sending invites out: I made an appointment with her for tomorrow after supper, so tell me if that doesn't suit. Shouldn't take long.)

- Delilah reminded me, we should talk about my name. People will start asking - or rather, I need to answer them eventually. I do have an idea, but I'm not sure what you'll think.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2013-05-08 01:44:04**

Private message to Harry Marvolo

Harry -

Just wanted to let you know that I did get a chance to visit and talk a little with Cedric this afternoon. He says he'll be writing you soon as he can manage. I brought a couple of dictation quills with me, but he needs to sort out which one works best for him.

He did suggest I might want to talk to you about something. Come up when you get a chance? (I restocked the excellent pastries today, too,

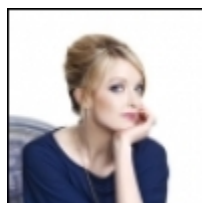
if you need an additional lure.) We might want a little privacy, so tomorrow afternoon may be better than evening, but I'll make whatever work.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-08 03:14:50](#)

Re: Private message to Harry Marvolo

All right, Professor. Tomorrow's fine.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-08 03:25:45](#)

Re: Private message to Harry Marvolo

You're not in any difficulty with me, that much I promise.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-08 03:53:18](#)

Re: Private message to Harry Marvolo

Okay.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-08 01:52:41](#)

Private message to Tosha

I haven't wanted to mention yet where it could be overheard, but we've worked things out so we can get married June 1st. I will spare you the details of *making* that happen for the moment. I've needed every bit of logistics planning the YPL taught me to be sure it could be managed, and we weren't totally certain until this afternoon. Actual invites are going out Friday, but keep it under the rose until then?

It's actually fairly pleasant work, given that Tallie is very good at her job, now we've got things lined up right. But I would like to pick your brains about a couple of likely seating challenges for the supper. And perhaps whine about the florist. Speaking of roses.

I've a few things for you from my errands (the pastries should be on your desk: one of the elves was delighted to oblige), but I have

delightfully horrible reading for you, too. There are a few things I'd like to talk over with you - it can wait for Friday, though. (Probably better - I suspect I'll be more coherent about it if I let it sit for a few days.)

Also, I did get time for a good chat with Cedric. It - just thank you, Toshenka. Again and again.



 **alt_antonin** at [2013-05-08 02:25:32](#)

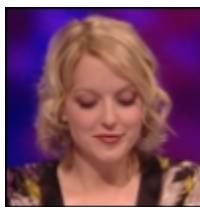
Re: Private message to Tosha

Mum's the word, dear heart, but I am most delighted for you. And I will be happy to help you along with the seating, though you may want to confirm with Narcissa -- I am not the person to ask for more recent or subtle feuds.

I am glad that Mr Diggory is recovering -- it was a most difficult piece of work, and more than touch and go in a few places. How is his mood? Speaking from experience, a positive outlook can make a world of difference in one's recovery.

Yours,

T (and kitten, who has no manners, and who refuses to accept he does not live here)



 **alt_sinistra** at [2013-05-08 02:39:08](#)

Re: Private message to Tosha

Oh, it's not the information I want your help with (though yes, I will be consulting Narcissa for some of that. And Raz has been very clear about helping too, and he knows most of it anyway.) It's figuring out the best options given multiple criteria. (Strategy, not data, as it were.) At least two of the issues are astronomy related, too.

As to Cedric, I'd say remarkably good, but that leaves out something of his native attitude to difficult things. Very patient, very aware it's going to be a long time. Somewhat frustrated with his parents, but loving them anyway. If I say he's a credit to our house, and continues to be, in ways that shame me more often than I like to admit, that rather covers it.

(I have however - having noticed a certain pattern with both Raz

and with you in recovery - promised him more distracting gossip next week, when he might desperately want something amusing. Do tell me any good stories I can share, please?)

And really, Tosha. You are larger than the kitten, and you have thumbs. And a wand. If you truly want to find a new home for it, I am certain I have some young cousin or other relative who would like a kitten.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-08 03:01:02](#)

Re: Private message to Tosha

I have tried to remove the little monster repeatedly, but either he can teleport or the elves are sneaking him back in. I woke up this morning with a tail in my mouth and a paw in my ear.

(As to the prospect of removing the beast, cats go where they will, and I would not wish to offend Ubaste by interfering with Her messengers. This does not mean I am prepared to tolerate having my ear chewed on at odd intervals; the little demon has taken to tucking himself in between my collar and my neck.)

Mr Diggory does indeed have a long hard road ahead of him. I will look through my shelves for books of suitable interest (and suitable light-heartedness) and place self-reading charms on them. You are correct that the worst danger to one's recovery is when one begins to feel slightly better: the temptation to push too quickly is nigh-irresistible.

Yours, T (and furry collar)



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-08 03:21:11](#)

Re: Private message to Tosha

I admit that the paw in the ear is a little unsettling. (Also the single claw pinprick when one is not adequately paying attention.) Though my mother tells me that if one trains them to sit on one's shoulder's and stay put, they make a lovely block against cold in the winter. (How one does this, she did not share: we've always been a dog family.)

Mine, at least, are still quite convinced that anywhere lower in

the castle than my rooms is swarmed with disturbing things. (They are actually right: did you see the sixth years this evening? Someone should have warned you they're prone to pranks at this time of year, really. I did not stop to ask on my way in since they weren't actually in the midst, but there were signs of facepaint charms and bizarrely shaped objects.)

On Cedric, yes, rather. And I'm sure he'd appreciate that. Reading is apparently a bit better than writing, but still difficult - the room was being kept quite dim. I had a thought about hunting up a smallish music player, too, that wouldn't be too much to manage.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2013-05-08 02:04:03**

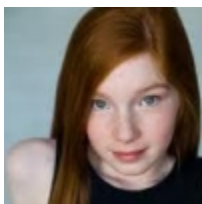
Private message to Pomona

Pomona -

I did see Cedric today: he is being very patient, though it's clearly going to be a very long road back. We should talk, sometime, if we can find a time we're both free.

The other bit of news is that Raz and I are aiming at a June first wedding: please keep it to yourself just yet as there's a couple of details we need to talk Septima into to Septima about. You are most certainly invited, and I very much hope you'll come.

More later? I've a bit of marking yet to finish before class. If you're free Friday before supper, or I'd say Saturday afternoon, but there's Hogsmeade and I'm quite sure I won't be up before noon. (I expect my newts to run late Friday, since it's our last chance before their exam.) Sunday afternoon?



 **alt_evelyn** at **2013-05-08 03:02:49**

(no subject)

Professor Sinistra;

Mizar is a star in Ursa Major, and Suha is its binary. But Suha's more common name is Alcor.

I think those are very fitting names.




 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-05-08 03:10:56](#)**
(no subject)

Ten points, Miss Longbottom. Nicely done. Slightly more precisely, they're the two most visible of a six star group, but we're still working out how all of that works, and I don't think it's actually in your textbook yet in any detail, just in journal articles.

You're quite right on the more common name, but as my predecessor as Astronomy professor was named Alcor, that seemed a little odd. Also, Suha has a tendency to be overlooked at times. (The cat, not the star. Though the star too.)




 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2013-05-08 04:09:25](#)**
Private Message to Professor Sinistra

As per our recent conversation, I am intrigued by the possibility of pursuing a NEWT in astronomy. Given that locational magics and chronological magics do, as you pointed out, require arithmancy as much as astronomy, it may prove to be a good fit. Insofar as you said that there are indeed many places in the field where an arithmancer is a welcome addition to a project, I believe I could make a reasonably strong case to my Father for the addition of this particular NEWT as a forward-looking choice in diversifying my strengths.

I don't have to tell him that I'm mostly being lured in by the prospect of playing in the theoretical end of the field. That bit about an expanding universe with no outside edge has walloped my mind. A fellow could develop a taste for that sort of mental exercise.

I shall see you at detention as usual. There are several more articles I've finished checking the references on. Still the same two persons with the questionable citations, so it's definitely a good thing someone's looking into all this. I haven't said it recently, but thank you for letting me do something of real import and use during my detentions, rather than just make-work.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-08 13:36:54](#)
Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

Linus -

As I said last week, I would be delighted to have you continue for the NEWT (assuming, of course, you do decently on your OWL, but I don't think that will be a problem in the slightest.)

When it comes to convincing your father - well, I am *my* father's daughter. I've quite a few suggestions on how to frame things persuasively when it comes to his kind of analysis. Most bluntly, though, you're right that having a solid grasp of the locational and chronological magics opens some possibilities for employment, even if you never do the astronomical work yourself after leaving school. I also hope there may be some related collaborative projects with other staff that might be of substantial use.

There's also the larger argument, that one of the things I aim for in the newt years is teaching the methods of sustained research and project management. Namely, taking an idea through from a first question, developing a hypothesis, testing it and gathering relevant data and material, and then organising what one has learned and presenting it in a form others can use. Having a solid example of one's ability to do that has a number of advantages, whatever the field you choose.

And then you can romp in the theory as well. It really is quite different than the work we've done in class so far.

As to tonight, I'll look forward to it. You really have been a significant help, and I'm very glad we went this direction for your detention myself.

2013-05-07 22:30:00

Order Only: Sam Fawcett again

I visited Sam Fawcett this morning. He let me in, poured me a cup of tea, and said he wanted to give me a list with some information my organisation might find useful. He hadn't wanted to write it out until I arrived. I can rather see why. It's a list of ten people in the camps.



 [alt_lupin](#)

1. Clifford Langworth, Exeter Camp.
2. Manish Gupta, Lincoln Camp.
3. Johannes Smith, Harlowe Camp.

All three are former members of the SAS, which I gather was sort of an elite military force the muggles had.

4. Joshua Tumber, Manchester Camp. He was apparently a combat medic in the British military.

5. Roger Harris, Porlock Camp. Was a trauma surgeon -- again, I gather a variety of muggle healer.

6. Meredith Crumley, Gloucestershire Camp. Meredith was a chemist, in the old days -- the sort that makes muggle medicines. Mostly they need facilities that are no longer available in the Protectorate but Meredith apparently had a hobby in herbalism and has made an extended project over the last decade of coming up with substitutions, some of which, Sam claimed, are very nearly potions in their own right.

7. Irene Young, Chipstead Camp. Despite her name, she's old, not young. Apparently she ran a fire watch station in the 1940s in London and is treated as the de facto leader by a large number of muggles. Sam didn't think we'd want to pull her out but thought we could probably make use of her where she is.

8. Odell Copeland, Llanfyllin Camp. Despite the not-particularly-Welsh name he's another influential one -- apparently he was a player on a local muggle sports team.

9. Margery Birdwhistle, Doncaster Camp. She was a Member of Parliament, before. Apparently she'd recently lost her seat, that's why she escaped notice. The other muggles in her camp apparently call

her 'Minister.'

10. Tom Haddington, Sevenoaks Camp. This one's probably the most astonishing: he's a muggleborn wizard who's passed as a muggle all this time. He's nearly sixty years old. According to Sam -- I'm not sure how he found all this out -- Tumber got a Hogwarts letter all those years ago, but his parents insisted he go to a respectable school and not go gallivanting off messing about with magic, and so he never learnt to use his magic and never owned a wand. Sam spotted him because apparently Haddington did at some point teach himself quite a bit of runework and has been using it, discreetly, to keep vermin and illness at bay.

So. Sam handed over the list, took the letter from Sarah, and told me he's got quite a bit more where these came from but that if we want them, we'll have to let him in to our organisation. I told him we'd think about it.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2013-05-08 12:41:27](#)
(no subject)

Mr Lupin, what would the Crimson Company do with those names if he gave the list to them instead of us?


I mean, there's no more DogStar really, or if there is that witch who ran them has been lying really low, hasn't she, but how do we know that the Company are more like DogStar? Because we carry poison, too, in case we're captured.

Anyway, I think Sam's probably not all that clever for a Ravenclaw. He ought to have shown you the list but then not handed it over. Who's to say you couldn't take that list and through them, find all the people you need? And besides that, if the Crimson Company aren't interested then he might as well give us the names and go on passing along any other secrets he thinks we ought to know.

We could give him something to tell them now and then, couldn't we? Something that might require a lot more people (*are* they bigger? They make it sound like they are but that could be lies), or something that we really want to make sure goes off properly so we'd tell them to stay out of it, maybe.

That might make him feel like he's more of an Order operative, maybe.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-09 01:25:43](#)**
(no subject)

From what Sam said, I think he has suggested at least the SAS members to the Crimson Company in the past, and they scoffed at the idea that muggles could be useful.

As for finding more people through these -- he brought that up himself, actually. He said that Clifford Langworth would be able to tell us the names of other former soldiers at his own camp, but he wouldn't have been able to tell us about the people at Lincoln and Harlowe.

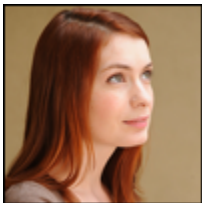



 **[alt_severus](#)** at **[2013-05-08 14:05:34](#)**
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A trauma surgeon specialises in the repair of critical and emergent injury, rather than routine matters that may be scheduled in advance. 'Muggle healer' is an adequate summation; however, they are not the sort to treat patients' regular ailments.

Drs Harris and Tumber, and Dr Crumley, are likely best left in place to treat their fellows. Members of the SAS, on the other hand, could prove strategically or tactically useful; their training is exhaustive.

I agree with Miss Granger's suggestion that Mr Fawcett be told he is a part of our organisation without being given detail, or indeed any information that would make us vulnerable.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-09 00:58:22](#)**
(no subject)

Hm. He doesn't know entirely how we work. For all he knows, we could function in insular cells like Dogstar does.


We can certainly tell him things he could pass along to his other organization that would be of use, and give him objectives to accomplish without having to let him under the Lock or informing him fully about our operation at Moddey Dhoo just yet. And we could give him access to one of our safehouses and a way to reach

us in an emergency, as well as a method of regular communication.

We'd risk angering him if he were to prove capable of full membership later and he found we were keeping things from him, but this might be a good solution in the short term given the security risks. And were he to be eligible for full membership, one would hope that part of being eligible would include understanding why we'd keep such things from him to begin with.

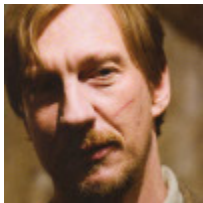
Remus, what do you think? Would that satisfy him?




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-09 01:29:26](#)
(no subject)

I'm not sure. As I said to Severus, Sam seemed to be expecting some sort of magical oath or initiation of some kind.

I suppose we could give him a button.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-09 01:28:25](#)
(no subject)

I'm not precisely sure how the Crimson Company initiates its members, but he clearly expected some sort of magical oath. Simply telling him, 'right, you're a member' may not pass scrutiny.


We can try, mind you.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2013-05-09 19:33:04](#)
(no subject)

If we are in need of a suitably dramatic 'oath' to swear, I am certain one of us could come up with something that would satisfy.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-09 00:11:38](#)
(no subject)

Nick and I spent the day discretely trying to confirm his information. It all checks out, or at least we can confirm that there are people at those locations with

those names--and given that, I'm inclined to take his word for the special talents/circumstances he describes in each case.

I wonder if Davidson knows any of the first three personally, or by repute, since he was SAS, too. Kingsley, could you check?

I'm salivating even more now at the idea of adding him, but I'm still equally as wary, for all the reasons Frank and Charlie mentioned. Bugger.


I don't know. Remus, I suppose it's difficult to tell, but do you get any sense about whether he's bluffing with the *no more unless I'm allowed to join* business?



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-09 00:12:22](#)
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Sure, I'll check.



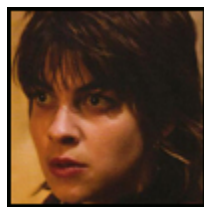
 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-09 01:00:35](#)
(no subject)

looks like it'd be worth our while to pay them all a visit. tonks and me could go.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-09 03:48:22](#)
(no subject)

Sounds good. Just send me a patronus with rendezvous information for the day you have in mind.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-09 23:31:53](#)
(no subject)


I could go tomorrow, Frank. If you can.

I was just going to say to Remus that we've got some overlap between Fawcett's list and Ridley's-- there are people in some of the same camps, I mean. We've got Mitchell Alden at Harlow and Lorena Elliott at Manchester camp.

We had a rocky start with Elliott, but they're both solid with us now.

I see he's got someone at Doncaster, too, and we've been meaning to get there. Maybe we should pop *whatsisname*... Moxon up the top of our list? Ridley had him in the wrong camp. Or he'd just moved jobs when we went looking for him, but we've tracked him down (or Nick did, anywiz). Polonius Moxon, I think. Frank, that's right, isn't it?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-10 01:00:40](#)**
(no subject)

right. Moxon. he works for the camps, doesn't he?

sounds like a plan.

not sure how well Moxon would get on with a muggle, though. especially if he's pureblooded.

should we tell them about each other?




 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-10 04:25:14](#)**
(no subject)

No, you're right. He's Dogstar and pure or near-it and works in camp admin, so he's not likely to think much of muggles. We'll have wait and see, but I shouldn't think we'd tell him straight off.

Or them, either. But we should, maybe try to see what we can learn about this 'Minister', Mrs Birdwhistle. Maybe speak to her if we can, but at least we can see if we can find out a quiet bit about her.




 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-09 01:30:13](#)**
(no subject)

Charlie's the one who told us his nickname was 'mule.'


I don't think he's bluffing, no.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-05-09 03:47:16](#)**
(no subject)

We can possibly offer one of our loosely associated analyst network positions in the meantime, along with the designation of being our Crimson Company liaison. The analysts don't know all the secrets, so they're not on the Lock or taking the full oath. But they do keep the Order secret and they *are* key, because they help us by dealing with information--which is, after all, what he is offering with us. But the arm's length position keeps us all safer.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-10 02:17:16](#)**
(no subject)

Perhaps a modified version of that, yes.


What we might do is tell him about the analysts and their jobs, and that he'd be a step up from that as our link to the Company. Then we could negotiate what his duties would be and what we'd give him in return -- access to the safehouse, a button for communication (Remus, perhaps he can report direct to you?), information passed to him that could be helpful for the Company, regular visits with his family, and whatever protection we can provide, and have him take a partial oath.

And later, he might be eligible for the inner circle, as it were.

Although don't tell him that bit, Remus, or he might insist on holding off until he's immediately given top access.

Do you think that would work?



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-05-10 03:44:24](#)**
(no subject)

It's worth a try. I'll visit him tomorrow, if I can, and see what he says.

2013-05-07 23:06:00

Private Message to Professor Raz


It's good to be able to call you that again.

It's all been sorted, right? With Cassie, I mean. I hadn't heard for sure. But it's finished? You don't have to worry about anything She left behind?



 [alt_harry](#)



 [alt_rabastan](#) at **2013-05-08 03:18:59**
(no subject)

Hallo, Harry. It's good to be called that, as well.


Miss Calderwood is not a terribly predictable young woman, so as much as I wish I could say that she won't be a bother in the future, nothing's guaranteed. I can tell you that she expressed remorse for what took place, though, and did seem to mean it.

As for Madam Umbridge, if she had any further plans for me or Professor Sinistra they have yet to manifest. And that's the best I can tell you.

The thing is, if you're me- if you're any councilmember, really- there's always going to be one or two people who are out to discredit you, or get you out of the way to advance their own agenda.

But you shouldn't worry your own head about it. For now, things are looking up, and we might as well be thankful for that, eh?



 [alt_harry](#) at **2013-05-08 03:30:48**
(no subject)


Good.

If anything else does come up, I'd like to know. Especially if it's from Her.

And things are looking up. So I guess we shouldn't look too closely, yeah?

We just have to get through our OWLs first.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2013-05-08 03:32:47](#)
(no subject)

I'll let you know what you need to know.

And like I already told you, you and your mates did an admirable job of making sure everyone kept at it, so I have higher hopes for OWLs than I did a few weeks ago.

One final push and we'll be past it.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-08 03:39:56](#)
(no subject)

Okay. I could

...Okay.

I just really want to be done with this term. You know?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-08 03:50:49](#)
(no subject)

And if anyone else gets sent to the camps because of what She did to this school

What He

It never should've been allowed to begin with.



 [alt_rabastan](#) at [2013-05-08 03:58:59](#)
(no subject)

I know what you mean about wanting to be done. Pretty sure everyone else feels the same way. Though maybe a few of us more than others.

As for people being sent to the camps, you know that I and the

rest of the staff will do all that we can to prevent that. You also know by now that we don't always get a say.

And yeah, a lot of people feel the same way as you. But letting yourself feel anger over something that's over and that you can't possibly change now that it's done? Well, that'll keep you up at night.



 **alt_harry** at [2013-05-08 04:09:27](#)
(no subject)

~~But it's never done. He's going to keep testing me and I'm going to keep failing, because the rules keep changing~~

You're right, it will.

2013-05-08 13:12:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

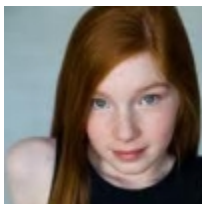



Mr Longbottom's coming to the Shrieking Shack on Saturday so that we can practise Apparating during the Hogsmeade weekend. I guess the tricky part is going to be going down the tunnel without anyone noticing but maybe if we wait until almost everyone's gone who's going (and I think even some of the NEWT-level students might go, since it's the first weekend in the village without Madam Umbridge searching everyone's sacks when they come back), we should be able to get into the Whomping Willow without *too* much trouble.

 [alt_hermione](#)

But the other thing is that Mrs Longbottom wanted me to tell everyone that if you're interested in being sworn in to the Order, well, she'd be willing to come and do that, too. And if you want, she'll come and answer questions before you make a decision.

I'm telling her to come because I'm pretty sure that at least a few of you want to be sworn in right away. But I wanted to let you all know, too, so you can think about it ahead of time, or any other questions you might want to ask her when she's there.

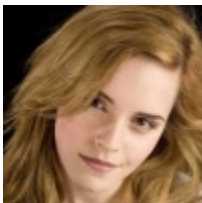


 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2013-05-08 17:42:40](#)

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It's for anyone?

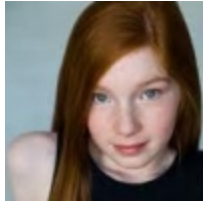
There's not an age limit?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2013-05-08 17:53:44](#)

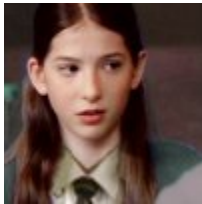
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Anyone on the lock. I think they decided that waiting until people are of age is ~~hypocrit~~ silly, especially after the way everyone worked together to save Sarah and get rid of Umbridge.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2013-05-09 01:32:29](#)
(no subject)

Good.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-08 21:44:06](#)
(no subject)

Even Dr Everyone?

And we have to decide by Saturday?




 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-08 23:58:15](#)
(no subject)

Everyone. And I don't think there's a time limit, if you want to wait and think about it. It's just that Mrs Longbottom will be there on Saturday to take your oaths. If you want to swear at that point.

I do hope you will join.

All of you.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-08 23:26:22](#)
Private Message to Hermione Granger

I wish Draco could've been there over hols. And that I could've spent more time there so I could know more about them. I mean, I know mum and dad were with them, and Sirius is with them too, and yeah, I'll join,

but

How do they treat you? And Fred and George? I mean, do they give you things to do?

Do they listen to you?

Are they just going to tell us to not do anything until we're out of school?

What are they really like? When they're not having everyone over to learn Apparation, I mean.

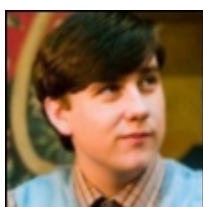



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2013-05-09 03:00:18](#)**

Re: Private Message to Hermione Granger

They treat us like people. And they're just normal people, too. They quarrel and they debate and some of them like each other and some don't. But they work together when they need to do.

I've no idea what they'll tell us or not tell us. I think they realise that we're going to have to be granted some autonomy and of course, I don't think they'd be giving us missions to go rescue babies from camps, or anything. Most everyone's 'mission' will be to pass their N.E.W.T.s, I think, until they finish school.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2013-05-08 23:58:57](#)**

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I'm in.



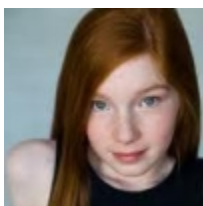
 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2013-05-09 00:01:42](#)**

Private message to Hermione Granger and Harry Marvolo

~~You're sure it'll be safe for her to come to Hogsmeade?~~

Never mind. She wouldn't do this if she didn't think it was safe to come.

Merlin knows Dad wouldn't let her.



 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2013-05-09 01:45:17](#)**


Private Message to Neville

I'm glad I don't have to wait. I thought for the longest time that you'd go off with mum and dad and leave me behind, and learn all these things you couldn't tell me, and I couldn't bear to think about it.

Are you

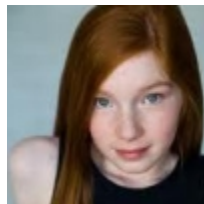
You're staying in school next term, right, Pete?




 **[alt_neville](#) at 2013-05-09 02:50:39**

Re: Private Message to Neville

We'll need to talk with Mum and Dad (and probably Gran) about it, but for now, I'm planning on staying. I think I will be able to help them the most if I get the best education possible, and I don't want to make things awkward for you by dropping out of sight. If I stay through NEWTS I may be able to help by getting some kind of job that puts me in a key position.



 **[alt_evelyn](#) at 2013-05-09 14:26:05**

Re: Private Message to Neville

Yes. I'd imagine you would have to talk with them.

I hope you do stay.

I know next term will be so much better with the Pink Thing gone, and you'll be able to work with Professor Sprout even more closely once you're a proper member, and that would be brilliant.

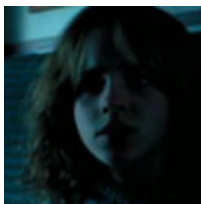


 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2013-05-09 00:12:11**

(no subject)

What exactly do we have to swear to do, if we join? I mean 'sworn in' implies there's an oath.

Is it an Unbreakable Vow or was that just you?




 **[alt_hermione](#) at 2013-05-09 03:03:33**

(no subject)

The Vow was just because I was so young and they were worried I might not have been able to keep all the secrets. It's not a normal part of being made part of the Order.

It's not like saying the Protector's Pledge, or anything. You swear to protect the Order's secrets, follow the instructions of the Order, contribute to the cause in whatever way you can and that sort of thing.

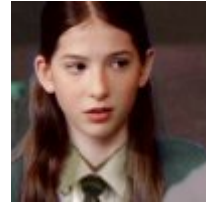


 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2013-05-09 00:34:34](#)**
(no subject)

I shall certainly come, because I have some questions, and I expect I will be joining, if they satisfy me.

2013-05-08 22:42:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Pansy and Ron




 **alt_sally_anne**

So.

Now that they've decided they want us. Or that we're good enough for them, or whatever.

Are you going to join?



 **alt_pansy** at **2013-05-09 03:51:41**
(no subject)

...are you?




 **alt_sally_anne** at **2013-05-09 04:39:00**
(no subject)

I will if you will.

If you don't want to -- then I don't know. They might want me to keep secrets and that would be wretched. I hate keeping secrets from you.



 **alt_pansy** at **2013-05-09 04:49:07**
(no subject)

I think

I think that ever since I wrote the I Solemnly Swear for the first time, it's sort of been like I've put one foot in front of the other, and this is just the next thing out of a whole series of things. And it just seems sort of

I don't know.

...inevitable?

What else are we supposed to do? Leave all of this and try to pretend like nothing's wrong? Try doing something on our own?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 04:52:16](#)
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Yeah.

Also, rescuing Sarah, actually doing it, and then getting her to the Order so they could take care of her and keep her safe --

It made me think, maybe we could actually change things.

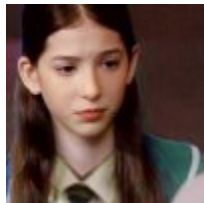
But I don't think we can do it by ourselves.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-09 04:56:25](#)
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And we aren't going to be in school forever.

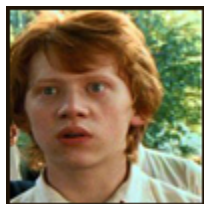
And we won't be able to use the Lock forever either.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 04:59:45](#)
(no subject)

I know.

Who's going to be next to age out? I think everyone's going to age out sometime next year, except for Evelyn and Luna.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-09 05:00:47](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Now you say it like that... It would be awful to age out of this and not have another way to talk safely. I mean--

Seriously. That would be horrible.

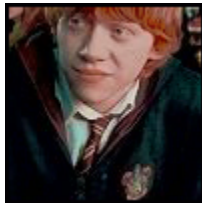



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There's Harry to think about too, isn't there?

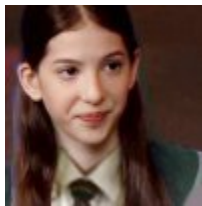
What he said about the prophecy thing, I mean.
About what he has to do.

That's not going away. And I've no idea what we would be able to do to help, but he'll need all the help he can get.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-09 05:06:38](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. That, too.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 05:06:39](#)
(no subject)

I don't know if I really believe in prophecies. I mean they all come from someone like Lavender Brown, you know?

But Harry believes, clearly. So.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-09 04:15:35](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. If they're serious about really letting us in and there aren't any naff strings attached. I mean if they're going to say we're in, but we can't do anything or still can't know what they get up to, then they can

stuff it.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-09 04:24:29](#)
(no subject)

I didn't think they'd up and offer it to everyone. I suppose I thought if they made an exception, it'd be for you and Neville.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 04:34:41](#)
(no subject)

Well, they have to let us have the secret way to communicate or we'll know it's just them humouring us.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 04:36:32](#)
(no subject)


You know your mum will use it (the secret communication) to nag you. That's the thing, they'll be able to interfere with us, at least if we tell them what WE'RE getting up to. I mean I like your mum but imagine if she'd had any idea what was going on with Sarah. If she'd known you were about to apparate (three times in a row). She'd have gone spare. And if it's like our lock, she wouldn't have to restrain herself, she could tell you EXACTLY what she was thinking.

AND Bill.

AND Charlie.


My mum doesn't have a journal, so no worries there for me.



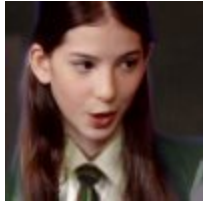
 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-09 04:40:37](#)
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Yeah, we're keeping our lock until we get too old. Nothing they can do about that, since they can't see it.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-09 04:41:17](#)
(no subject)

I think they would've wanted Sarah safe too, but they probably would have asked Professor Sprout to take care of it or something.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 04:44:10](#)
(no subject)

Yes. Or Professor Brutka. Or Mr Snape. Or they'd have sent someone like Mr Lupin to apparate to the Shrieking Shack and bring Sarah away with him, it's not as if he doesn't know where it is.

They are WELL SUPPLIED with grown ups and anything we can do, they would prefer we leave to them, really.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-09 04:52:26](#)
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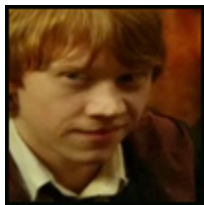
Maybe that's something we ought to ask her about, then.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 04:56:23](#)
(no subject)

Yes. What they would have wanted to do, if they'd known what we were up to with Sarah, and whether they would have wanted us to ask permission, because you know if we HAD I think it would have been too late.

And whether they'll be okay with us acting on our own initiative next time, if there is a next time (I feel a lot safer at Hogwarts with Umbridge gone).



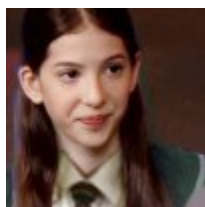
 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-09 04:52:27](#)
(no subject)

Well, but they might not have been able to help Sarah the way we did. I mean, none of them wanted Umbridge to sack them, and don't you think she might have done if she'd found out one of them had been involved. I mean, especially Sprout. I thought she'd be next after Madam P, didn't you? Well, her or Professor Siz.

And Brutka didn't want her to notice him too much, I think, so

he was keeping his head down. I don't know that he would've done anything. And Mr Snape, well. He was pretending to be on Umbridge's side, so I don't know that he'd have put his nose in, either.

I expect it was down to us, really. But you're dead right what they'd have told us if we'd said what we were getting up to.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 04:57:50](#)
(no subject)

They might not have minded us getting her out of Umbridge's office, honestly. But once she was at the Shrieking Shack they wouldn't have wanted you being the one to side-along her.

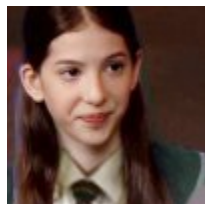
Also I expect they would not have been thrilled about me running into the Forbidden Forest, unless they don't know about the giant spiders and all the rest that's in there. Even though I only went in to the very edge.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-09 05:05:46](#)
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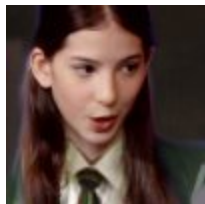
Well, to be fair, seeing as how we nearly splinched ourselves (even though Ron was brilliant), getting someone else to Apparate in probably would've been fairly smart.

Like what they were talking about with the post-thingy.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 05:07:56](#)
(no subject)

Well and if we had the secret way to communicate we'd have been able to let them know we needed someone.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 05:05:22](#)
(no subject)

'RON WEASLEY YOU ARE NOT GOING TO APPARATE ANYONE TO DOUGHTY CONDUIT YOU ARE GOING TO SIT RIGHT THERE AND WAIT YOU ONLY JUST LEARNT APPARATION LAST MONTH WE ARE SENDING A DOZEN PROPER GROWNUPS TO HANDLE IT PROPERLY IN A GROWN UP WAY **BEHAVE YOURSELF.**'

Sound about right?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-09 05:10:54](#)
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You know, it's really frightening you can do that.

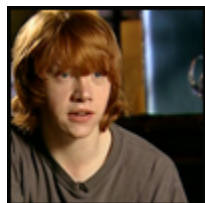
Don't do it again, yeah?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-09 05:12:14](#)
(no subject)

Sorry!

(Now you know how I felt when you were imitating Percy last week.)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-09 05:16:41](#)
(no subject)

Heh. Yeah, that was queer, wasn't it?

I felt a bit like I ought to scourgify my brain afterwards.

2013-05-09 11:06:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco and Hermione




 **alt_harry**

So.

We don't have to make our minds up by Saturday. But it's worth talking about.

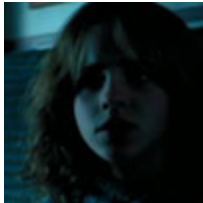
What do you think?



 **alt_draco** at **2013-05-10 20:48:18**
(no subject)

It's not worth talking about. Not for me.

I'm not taking an oath for any adult - never.



 **alt_hermione** at **2013-05-10 20:53:44**
(no subject)

For what it's worth, I'm not surprised you feel that way. You barely know anyone in the Order yet, and the people you do know haven't exactly presented themselves in the best light, always.

But as far as swearing an oath, it's not exactly like that. It's not like a magical tattoo and undying devotion or anything. It's more like promising to honour the goals and precepts of the Order and to serve its interests to the best of one's ability. Actually, I think one could almost swear whatever feels right to say, and Mrs Longbottom would try to support it.

But it does require a sincere desire to help the Order, and it's not fair to expect you to feel that way. Not yet.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2013-05-10 21:01:06](#)
(no subject)

Even if it's just a promise and not an oath, they made *you* take an Unbreakable Vow. At twelve.

Is it fair to expect me to ever help the Order?

They may want the Lord Protector dead and gone, but I reckon they'd lump my parents in on that list, as well. Probably Raz, too. Those aren't goals I can honour.

Magical tattoos are snitch. Maybe I'd join up if they had one, but it'd probably be something hideous like a paw-print.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-11 00:12:22](#)
(no subject)

We could get one.


A pink toad, and NEVER FORGET underneath it or something.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-11 00:13:31](#)
(no subject)

Maybe we could negotiate or something. To make sure they stay safe?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-11 00:11:24](#)
(no subject)

I'm not telling you to.

Not if it's something you don't want to do.

Maybe... I mean, it's worth considering an alliance, yeah? Working for mutual purposes?

Would you

Is it okay if I join?

And maybe it'd be worth meeting Mrs Longbottom. Just to talk. You know. Ask questions.

2013-05-09 17:48:00

(no subject)

Thank you all for the cards, flowers and gifts.

I am not in much strike that pain, but everything is harder to do.



 [alt_cedric](#)

I don't know when the Healers at St Mungos will release me, but it shouldn't be too much longer. They have told me that even after being able to leave, it will be a long time and a great deal of work before I will make a full recovery. But a full recovery is probably.

It does not look like I'll be back to Hogwarts before the leaving feast.

Thank you all for the well-wishes and support. I look forward to seeing my friends this summer.

umm. That's it. Finish. End dictation.

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 [alt_harry](#) at **2013-05-10 01:12:55**

Private Message to Cedric

Can you read this?



 [alt_cedric](#) at **2013-05-10 01:25:36**

Re: Private Message to Cedric

YES.

**IT IS JUST HARD TO FOCUS
ON READING FOR ANY
LENGTH OF TIME.**



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2013-05-10 01:53:39](#)**

Re: Private Message to Cedric

Okay.

I talked to Professor Siz.

What you told her is fine. It's okay that you don't remember anything. That's probably best.

We need to talk. In person. When you feel better.

I

It's good to see you writing again.

Really good.

And it's good that they're say you can make a full recovery. I know you can.



 **[alt_zacharias](#)** at **[2013-05-10 14:28:04](#)**

(no subject)

Good-o, Ced!

Fantastic you're able to write again, mate. Well, dictate. You know what I mean.

Everything's fine here but you just focus on getting better, don't worry about the NEWTs. I mean, Quidditch stars hardly need a good Potions mark, do they?



 **[alt_cedric](#)** at **[2013-05-10 17:20:33](#)**

(no subject)

Thanks Zed.


Its good to have my journal back.

We'll see about quidditch. I'll probably have two do a new round of tryouts when I'm up to it again.

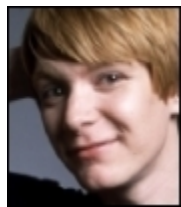
If things go as they currently look I'll be taking newts next year butt knot repeating 7th year.

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 [alt_fred](#) at [2013-05-10 20:16:39](#)
(no subject)

Not.worrying about NEWTs is truly wonderful advice. What sensible people you are in Hufflepuffs. I heartily second this scheme.

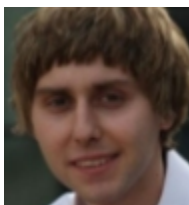


 [alt_george](#) at [2013-05-10 20:25:38](#)
(no subject)

And what a pity we can't follow this excellent advice ourselves.

Think of us next week as our agony begins. We, of course, will probably be thinking of the thermal properties of Hottentott potion, the unfortunate mating habits of Common Welsh Green Dragons, and the wand motions necessary for the fastest charms for helping a choking victim. It will all be exceedingly fraught, no doubt.

When we're through (and you're allowed visitors), we should sit down together to discuss summer plans. Among other things.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2013-05-10 19:25:18](#)
(no subject)

Diggory,

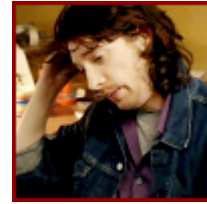
It's well smashing to hear from you. As Zach says, we're all doing our best to look after everyone in your absence, what.

All the best wishes for a steady recovery, old chap. I say, you'll show them the meaning of hard work and be back on your feet in no time.

-F-F

2013-05-09 22:02:00

Order Only: Private Message to Charlie Weasley and Minerva McGonagall



 [alt_bill](#)

Knowing that Maghnus Derrick and Dominic Selwyn obliterated AND imperiused me is--well. It's interfering with my sleep, for one thing. Minerva, when I first figured it out, you said a few cryptic things to Alice that gave me the impression that at least you knew my loyalty wasn't being tested.

I know that being on the Council, you're privy to all manner of things you can't share with us. Still...can you give us any hint at all?

What is Selwyn up to? I can hardly cross examine him, and although he seems as personable as ever, I am somewhat limited in the amount of snooping I can do, given that he is my boss's boss. Nor do I want him getting any inkling that I've detected the obliviation.

Derrick makes no particular effort to conceal Selwyn's calendar, although of course, I can't be sure that all his meetings are being entered into it.

Merlin. I sound as if I'm becoming as much of a worrywort as Mum (don't tell her I said that, Charlie). But this is making me wonder what I'm missing. Is there some Council jockeying going on, and if so, what's it about?

What did they want with me? I wondered whether they were approaching me to sound me about about a Council position myself, but I can't help but think that's unlikely if they were also imperiusing me. Selwyn can order me to do about anything he pleases, given his position. So why the imperius?

Wondering and worrying about this is driving me rather spare.

(Charlie, you're on this because I always include you whenever I have something to fret about. I know you're up to your arse in ravenous baby dragons, however, and so I won't be surprised if you don't have time to reply.)



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-10 13:07:17](#)
(no subject)

Mate, you need to stop beating yourself up over the thing with Ron. Yeah, you fucked up, you regret it, you apologized, you won't ever do it again, now stop driving yourself spare over it.

Hopefully Ron will take us up on the membership, and can see a bit more of the pressure you're under and how life isn't as black and white as he wants it to be.

And yeah. Up past my arse, really. And past my bedtime. Twenty-four hours straight of feeding the runt every twenty minutes means I'm going to sleep the next twelve hours straight, but if you want, come on up Sunday after supper and I can try to distract you.

2013-05-10 15:05:00

Order Only

Frank and I've had an interesting day. Mostly frustrating, but there may be promise in it.



 [alt_nymphadora](#)

At any rate, Remus, we followed up on Fawcett's lead at Doncaster camp.

Margery Birdwhistle, the 'Minister'. She wasn't having any of what we were selling today, but she didn't entirely close the door on us, either. She listened, but, Hecate, was she suspicious! I expect she thought we were cloak and dagger enforcers, trying to get her to show interest in rebelling. Mostly what we got from her was a lot of 'I don't know what you think is going on here at Doncaster, but...' and 'I'm afraid you've been misinformed about us...' and 'I can't imagine what you hope to learn from me...'

She is a compelling personality. I can quite see why others fall in behind her. She assumes people will listen to her, and she's... stern? Reserved proper, for sure. Anywiz, she heard us out on the subject of our all needing to work together if we're ever going to make Britain free for all British people again.

In the end she said something like, 'I imagine that if you were to come again, I would be little more inclined to believe you.' Something close to that. It was carefully worded. She didn't say, 'Don't ever come here again', and she didn't say she wouldn't speak to us if we did. Actually, Frank and I decided it was a challenge, really, to see if we would come try again. So of course we will do.

And if you think I'm stretching things to call that a success, let me tell about our interview with Polonius Moxon. Let's just say he's not our sort, but we are going to keep in touch--we offered him a button and he took it--so if there's ever a need to coordinate in a crisis, we have a way to get word in and out of his organisation. I suppose that's the important thing for us. He's got a new cell developed there at Doncaster. It's what Dogstar do: when a cell's well-established, one of the members will try to get shifted to a new job so they can set up a new cell someplace else--in a different sector of one of the large camps or in a different camp if they can work it out to move or be moved. Anywiz. Moxon's a staff enforcer at Doncaster. Mid-level, I'd say. Not at the top of any command, except maybe his cell. I think that's the key to him: he's angry. At nearly everything. He may not be

a halfblood, but he's not pure. I'd wager on that. He doesn't like his situation, his bosses, is frustrated that he can't get any higher up, and he hates the Muggles he works over. It wasn't pretty. He wants an uprising, but he sees the people in the camps as weapons to use. Frank said something about protecting people if there were an uprising, and Moxon looked at him like he was talking Hindi or something.

Mrs Birdwhistle has good reasons for being wary about what we might want from her people. She knows what to expect from Moxon's sort, so who could blame her for thinking we're all alike?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-11 00:05:00](#)**
(no subject)

if we come back to birdwhistle with more of a concrete plan for keeping civilians safe, perhaps some portable samples from fu, that might help.

she sort of reminded me of mum, actually.

especially when she started going on about how she didn't think much of 'idealistic communes.'

think that's the first time I've ever been called a hippie.




 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-11 02:32:11](#)**
(no subject)

I'd like to meet your mum someday, Frank. I liked Birdwhistle. She was a strict old girl, and I got the feeling she expects a lot of her people. We could use more people like her.

And less of the ones like Moxon. What a git.

It was amusing that she got the idea from what you said that you live in some sort of cult commune. Imagine what she'd think of Sirius if she met him! Lucky we didn't tell her anything about how we live at Laszlo's...



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-11 04:57:39](#)
(no subject)

Oi!




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-11 05:07:37](#)
(no subject)

Mind you, she might like Remus just fine. He's proper respectful of authority.

But I think she'd take a dim view of the rest of us.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-11 05:12:39](#)
(no subject)

Let your hair go brown, did you? You could have shown her the pink or purple, or the studs in various parts of your face.

One look at that's enough to assure that we're nothing like a cult. In cults the women are all downtrodden and subservient.

Merlin knows Remus and I know better than to suggest we've charge over anything in comparison to you or Ellie!



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-11 05:26:10](#)
(no subject)

Yes, well. We were trying to put our best face forwards. Or at least not the faces that might frighten her or offend. But still, she took the notion that Frank's in some hippie collective because he was telling her he lives with muggles and muggleborns and they raise children they've taken in and they all believe everyone is equal.

She was not well impressed. Poor Frank, too. It's one of his best bits, but she seemed to think he was just some pie in the sky idealist with no notion of how the world really works outside his happy little farming co-op.

On the other hand, she was rather more interested when Frank mentioned Foo's weapons development.

I'm rather fond of the studs, myself. Do you have a favourite, then?



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-11 00:19:16](#)**
(no subject)

and moxon would've been dead useful if he weren't such a self-interested berk.

maybe we can convince him to lose the occasional bit of paperwork. maybe.

and who knows? he might come across someone who's more our speed while he's building his cell, and he shoves them our way instead of having to listen to them go on and on about how people actually matter.

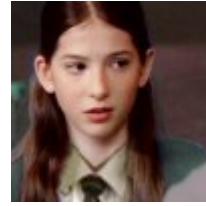


 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-11 02:33:23](#)**
(no subject)

It'd be pretty to think so, wouldn't it? I hope you're right.

2013-05-10 23:06:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



Hermione what time is Mrs Longbottom coming to the Shrieking Shack tomorrow?

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Is there a reason you wanted everyone to use the tunnel? It would be a lot easier to just go to the village with everyone else and then split off and go to the Shrieking Shack, preferably not all as one enormous group as that would be incredibly conspicuous. But if we go to the village first and have our butterbeer and run our errands maybe we could meet at the Shrieking Shack after an hour or so?

And then we'd probably want to get back to the school a little early.

I mean if nothing else people will notice if we don't go to Hogsmeade because WHO DOESN'T want to go to Hogsmeade, especially now that Umbridge is gone?

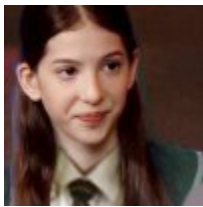



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2013-05-11 04:46:05**
(no subject)

Have you ever been to the Shrieking Shack? All the doors and windows were magically sealed when they made it over for Mr Lupin. The only way in or out is through the tunnel.

Actually, I've been thinking about it and I think it's far better to meet out at Sirius's cave. It's also a better place to practise Apparating.

I'll tell Mr Longbottom.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-05-11 04:51:34**
(no subject)

I was thinking between us and the people coming from the Order we could apparate in, but I can't apparate yet and maybe I'm underestimating how tiring it would be to apparate ten feet, five times in a

row.

I don't think I know where the cave is. Which probably means it's a better place to meet, but someone will have to show me.

2013-05-11 00:46:00

Order Only: Hogsmeade



 **alt_hermione**


Mr and Mrs Longbottom,

You should both come tomorrow but don't go to the Shack. There's a cave in the hills just outside the village. Sirius has used it sometimes when he's come to visit Harry. It's a bigger area but it's still secluded and really, it would have been next to impossible to get everyone through the tunnel to the Shack or have them Apparate into the Shack from somewhere in the village.

Mrs Longbottom, nearly everyone's decided that they do want to join up, although Luna has some questions and Draco's dead-set against joining, which isn't surprising at all, but don't worry it doesn't mean he wants to be a Death Eater any more than he wants to join the Order, even if he will go on about magic tattoos and how nift they are.

Terry, are you going to come too?



 **alt_frank** at **2013-05-11 13:13:04**
(no subject)

right.


cave.

I've got

hang on just a mo

might have to change around some things.



 **alt_terry** at **2013-05-11 14:48:42**
(no subject)

Yes, I'll be there, although I'm afraid Mrs Longbottom won't be. A lot of the people here have come down sick, and she's one of them.

2013-05-11 09:13:00

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okay

so

turns out the tinned peaches from the train heist were bad news.



 [alt_frank](#)


we've got a load of sick people here, including al, and she's in no shape for much. steve's got it too, so he's been directing laura on how to make some batches of things that'll help ~~between bouts of~~ but it's slow going and I'm not sure we'll have enough to go round. Poppy, if you can slip away, it'd be good. we're worried about the younger kids getting dehydrated, and vic has been trying to put on a good face, but he's got some years on him. we've got some adults who aren't sick and dudley and alec are helping hold down the fort.

I'm okay. so's terry. good thing we don't like peaches.

we can head to the cave and meet you there, but al's got to stay.


min, you could come by and swear in the people that want it, right? and between the three of us we can answer questions, and pass along the ones that are meant for al.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-11 13:37:17](#)
(no subject)

bugger.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-11 13:38:27](#)
(no subject)

I know, love.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2013-05-11 13:53:39](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, my. Yes, certainly, I'm on my way.




 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-11 13:55:49](#)**
(no subject)

Could you use a hand with the Apparating? A bit of crowd control?

I could come.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2013-05-11 14:10:58](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, Frank. Oh, *dear*.

I'll come. You sound as though you desperately need a hand, and goodness knows I have plenty of experience with sick children.


I'll bring my stock of ginger tea, and I have some fresh as well. Steve might need some more, depending on which potion he's using.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-11 14:30:05](#)**
(no subject)

tonks, meet you at the cave. Molly, poppy, much appreciated.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-11 17:09:03](#)**
(no subject)

Poppy, Molly? How is everyone doing?

And Frank, have we some new members? Has Minerva arrived yet?




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-11 17:11:27](#)
(no subject)

Not yet, no.

We're just thinking we might drop her another message.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-11 17:21:04](#)
Private Message to Dora

She never confirmed when we were talking about Alice coming, either. Didn't chime in to agree or disagree about offering a chance to swear them in to the Order.

In fact, when's the last time anyone heard anything from her?



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-11 17:24:26](#)
Re: Private Message to Dora


I don't know. I mean, it's not as if we're in touch every day.

Oh, now I'm going to worry if she doesn't check in! Bother.

Or-

You don't suppose she's put out with us that we assumed it would be Alice who'd take the oaths from the kids? I hope not.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-11 17:32:10](#)
Re: Private Message to Dora

No, I suppose things that are decidedly worse than a nose bent out of joint.

At least our *worst* case is the least likely. If someone suspected or caught her in Order business, we'd already have MLE and the Death Eaters breathing down several necks.

It's the *most* likely scenario that worries me. Unfortunately.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-11 18:14:25](#)**

Re: Private Message to Dora

That she's drinking again?

Should you go check on her? Or Remus could, maybe?

She wouldn't like that, but- maybe one of you should?



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-11 18:20:00](#)**

Re: Private Message to Dora

Better send Remus, in case she's got company. Her last post mentioned her current social set.

He can pretend he's making a delivery from

Laszlo's.

2013-05-11 12:11:00

Order Only: Minerva?

We're wondering if you saw Frank's note this morning. Or perhaps you don't know where the cave is outside Hogsmeade?




 [alt_nymphadora](#)

Only, we're here with a whole group of our juniors, who are wanting to take their oaths--but since Alice can't be here, we're hoping you could pop up this afternoon and bring them into the Order.

We've had a good morning of Apparition practice, though no breakthroughs yet.




 [alt_alice](#) at **2013-05-11 18:30:45**
(no subject)

I've got


bugger



 [alt_frank](#) at **2013-05-11 18:32:05**
(no subject)

it's okay, al.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2013-05-11 23:47:49**
(no subject)

As I told Sirius, I went to her house with some odds and ends from Laszlo's to claim I was delivering. No one answered the door.

Minerva, do stop by -- in journal, at least -- and let us know if you're all right.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-05-12 00:03:40](#)
(no subject)

Merlin, all of you. I am quite fine.

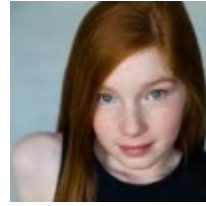
It is generally considered best, when closeted with Death Eaters, not to check one's journal every minute, particularly when it may be full of pages that appear quite full to oneself but would seem mysteriously blank to one's confederates. At such times, answering the door may not be one's best course of action, either.

I realise that at Moddey Dhoo you may all behave exactly as you wish, and at Laszlo's you likewise enjoy some amount of freedom—but we are not all so blessed.

2013-05-11 16:31:00

Private Message to Artemus Ross

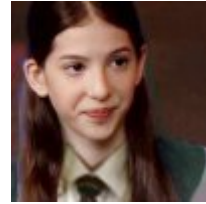
Hullo Artie. I hope you're enjoying Hogsmeade so far! I'll be at the three broomsticks in about half an hour.




 **alt_evelyn**

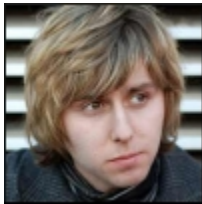
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*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To
No Good*



Well, that was a bit of a letdown.

I don't blame Mrs Longbottom for being sick, of course.  [alt_sally_anne](#)



 [alt_justin](#) at **2013-05-11 23:38:11**
(no subject)

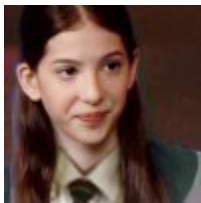
Hullo, Sally-Anne,


Yes, it was rather disappointing, what? I do hope she feels better soon.

But at least we did get to practise Apparation. I think I'm *nearly* there. It's just like it was over the holidays, where I'd feel it start but something holds me back. How did you feel about your progress?

(And it *did* give us an opportunity to ask more questions. I imagine that might make us all more comfortable, in the long run, what?)

-Justin

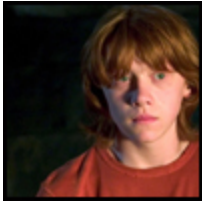



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-05-11 23:50:56**
(no subject)

Yeah. It was ~~kind of a re~~ It was good to hear their answers.

Mr Longbottom is a bit less -- I don't know. Mrs Longbottom knows how to put the best gloss on things, and he's a bit more blunt. Anyway.

I thought maybe I was feeling the tingle people mention in my stomach but it might have just been sympathy from hearing about the people who were sick.



 **alt_ron** at [2013-05-12 02:28:01](#)
(no subject)

Rather.

I can't believe it, really. So now we have to wait.

I thought I'd be reading through old posts tonight ~~to see~~

I mean, I know it's almost summer, but still!

2013-05-11 23:27:00

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Merlin.

And I thought morning sickness with Kevin was bad.

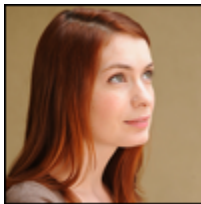
Poppy, Molly, Tonks, thank you.

Minerva, I'm sorry to have put you on the spot like that.

Summer hols is our safest bet right now, and it's probably wise to wait til after OWLs and NEWTs anyways.



 [alt_alice](#)



 [alt_alice](#) at **2013-05-12 03:34:31**

Private Message to Frank

Coming up, love?



 [alt_frank](#) at **2013-05-12 03:35:19**

Re: Private Message to Frank

in a mo.



 [alt_frank](#) at **2013-05-12 03:40:25**

Re: Private Message to Frank

when she stepped forward

said she wanted to be sworn in

she looked so sure of herself

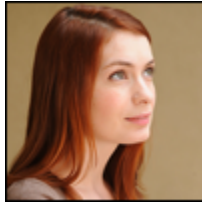
and so damn young.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-12 03:40:33](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank

too young.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-12 03:53:07](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank

I know, love.

I know it isn't quite what you'd had in mind.

But we've been letting our son decide his path, and she deserves the same courtesy. I must admit, when I found out she was a part of everything, I was...

Well.

Neville has always been more open about talking to us about his future plans. I thought Evelyn needed a bit more time to make up her mind, and that she needed to know that we would still love her even if she didn't make the same decisions as her brother, so we didn't push. We assumed. And then she leaped right into the middle of things while we were focusing on her brother.

It took me by surprise too, love. That we'd have to factor her in. But we ought to have known she wasn't going to quietly sit by. She's a Longbottom, after all.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-12 03:59:01](#)

Re: Private Message to Frank

we wouldn't have thought of swearing in neville as a third-year. she's only just turned fourteen.

nev grew up too fast. I was just hoping she'd get a bit more time to be a kid, is all.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2013-05-12 04:02:45**

Re: Private Message to Frank

did you see she's writing a boy?

it's bloody terrifying.

she was a baby in my arms a minute ago and now she's asking if she can risk her life for our cause. and writing a boy.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-12 04:07:55**

Re: Private Message to Frank

I think the boy is probably a very deserving one. The fact she's writing at all is a wonder.

And yes, it is terrifying.

I've got no easy answers. And I'm exhausted and hungry, and the thought of eating food is making my stomach do loops.

But just remember, dearest, she's growing up with or without us. And she wants to be with. Which is something.



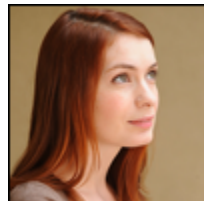
 **[alt_frank](#) at 2013-05-12 04:09:00**


Re: Private Message to Frank

right.

okay.

would hot broth work?

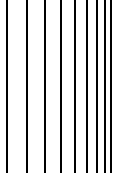



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-12 04:10:29**

Re: Private Message to Frank

God. Please. Yes.

That would be perfect.

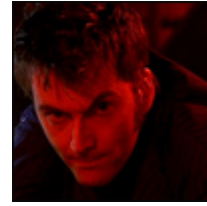


 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-12 04:11:22](#)
Re: Private Message to Frank

on my way.

2013-05-12 10:01:00

Private Message to D Selwyn and L Malfoy



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

L. What has Rookwood been able to tell you about Strangeweale's worming his way into the department?

I've heard nothing, but not knowing who's in S's pocket = limiting. Bloody Mysteries. You're sure Rookwood's sound?

D. Have they given you anything recent on Octoboros? Silence on that front here, unless Yaxley's being briefed.

If he is, he's not sharing.



 [alt_selwyn](#) at **2013-05-12 15:38:32**
(no subject)


I haven't been briefed on it, either.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-12 20:04:16**
(no subject)

Wonder if that means there's nothing to report. Or means someone's keeping us both out of the chain. Bella's heard nothing, either.



 [alt_selwyn](#) at **2013-05-12 20:06:55**
(no subject)

I'm inclined to suspect the latter.

Do you think you might persuade Toshenka to enquire? He might have strings to pull in the Department of Mysteries that I lack.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-14 06:06:02](#)
(no subject)

Sorry. Wanted to see what L would say first.

Will see what Toshenka can learn. Inconvenient that he's stuck in Scotland. We need him here.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2013-05-13 18:50:09](#)
(no subject)

Barty,

Have begun to reply at least three times since yesterday and been pulled into something else each time.

One of the occasions was a summons to Court for an extremely quiet, intimate ceremony in which the Pennifolds Ned and Lana were given Our Lord's Mark. Had you known? Note you were not in attendance at all but assume He would not have made such a move without your sponsorship. Had only been speaking to them - cannot at present recall when but recently, within the last month - of beginning their petition process. Not that there was any doubt about their suitability, understand, but if you were not aware before its occurrence, hope it shall not adversely affect your working relationship with either.

In any event, back to your questions: Am only aware peripherally of Project O's progress. The prototype that was compromised forced a complete re-production of eight more devices (there was something in the last quarter's financial report for DoM, to the effect that one alone will not work without the other seven and if any of the eight are damaged or ineffective, none will function properly). Poor design when what passes for redundancy is in fact a greater factor of failure but - not my decision, in this case. However, as to the progress itself, have only the request for additional funds, coupled with a half-brained explanation of why the original materials may not be re-used to make the new anchors.

Yaxley may know more but if he is being briefed, he is choosing to remain infuriatingly silent on the matter. May invite him to run the course at Elysian later this week, see if that loosens his tongue.

As far as Rookwood, he insists he knows of no Unspeakable who is engaged in private sector research. Do not doubt his loyalty nor his

willingness to confide in me if he did know anything. His memory, however, appears to have begun to decline. Were it not for his renowned will and advanced age, one might suspect tampering.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-13 21:51:58](#)
(no subject)

Rookwood's not in control of his dept, then. Dammit. Want to know what Strangeweale's meddling in. With whom. And whether it's more than dabbling.

Re. Pennifolds. No. Rather, yes, did know they were petitioning. Did not know about the Marking.

That's four then. With v little preparation and almost no notice.

[2013-05-12 13:15:00](#)

Memorial Garden

Today was the day originally planned for the ceremony to dedicate the garden. I'm rather relieved it's been put off--not the least because it's raining cats and dogs this afternoon! We haven't had time to really make the garden look the way it should, but we will!



 **[alt_neville](#)**

I'm sure the NEWTs students would prefer to be revising this afternoon anyway, since those exams start tomorrow. Good luck to all of you who'll be taking those! And think of us when the OWLs students' agony begins the following week.



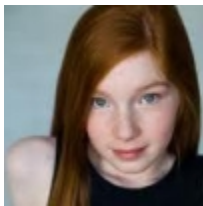
 **[alt_neville](#) at [2013-05-12 18:23:00](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good

Thank goodness Professor Sprout put her foot down and put off the ceremony. It would have been dead embarrassing. Nothing but a bunch of bare sticks in the ground.

At least, if we ever *do* have a ceremony, Her Pinkness won't be up there simpering in front of everyone.

Merlin, I'm glad she's gone.



 **[alt_evelyn](#) at [2013-05-12 18:27:41](#)**


*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good:
Private Message to Neville*

I'm glad she's gone too.

I'm sorry about yesterday, though.

I know you'd been looking forward to it for ages.



 **[alt_neville](#) at 2013-05-12 18:29:19**

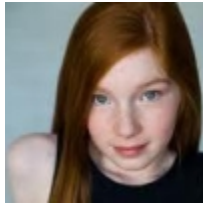
*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good:
Private Message to Neville*


Yeah.

I mean, I know we just have a little longer to wait.

It's just hard because I thought we didn't have to wait any more.
At all.

And I was really really looking forward to being able to write Mum
and Dad securely, whenever we liked.



 **[alt_evelyn](#) at 2013-05-12 18:33:37**


*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good:
Private Message to Neville*

Now that She's not watching the post, I'll bet you
could send them an owl using pig. I know it's not
the same, but Mum would like it.

And it was good to see dad again.

And just think. I bet we'll get to spend loads more time with them
over hols.



 **[alt_neville](#) at 2013-05-12 18:37:41**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good:
Private Message to Neville*

They still have to be careful about making sure
that the Ministry has no idea that we're in
contact with them. So we can't spend TOO much
time with them.

But still, I hope...I hope that if we're in the Order, we might
actually get to see where they live. Where their sanctuary is.

Wouldn't that be something? I have to admit, I'm really hoping
for that this summer.



 **[alt_evelyn](#) at 2013-05-12 18:41:09**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good:
Private Message to Neville*

It would, yes.

We could ask them to spend the week there instead of camping.



 **[alt_neville](#) at 2013-05-12 18:49:00**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good:
Private Message to Neville*

That would be brilliant.

I'm really looking forward to it. Maybe it's selfish, but I feel like we're gonna get to know them better now, yeah? Just the little extra bit we've had, the classes we took over the hols, working with Mum and Dad, it made me want more.



 **[alt_evelyn](#) at 2013-05-12 18:58:51**

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I am Up to No Good: Private Message to Neville

I know exactly what you mean! We've seen loads of dad these last few weeks, and I miss him already.

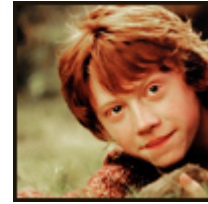
And I was really looking forward to seeing mum again too.

And like Ron said, when he asked dad about going back and reading old things, we'd be able to do that too.

2013-05-12 15:19:00

Private Message to Arista and Mr Selwyn

I just realised I don't have to write these in public any more. I hope your father doesn't mind me making it a private message for his book, though. If he does, then I could go back to making them public, I guess.



 [alt_ron](#)

Anywiz, I figured it was time to tell you what Satsuma's been doing. Mostly, though, what we're doing a lot of is trying not to go completely spare before OWLs, and Satsuma helps with that because he's so clever and can be dead funny sometimes just when I need someone to make me laugh.

Like he did last night, when he was sitting on top of a whole stack of my Dark Arts books, cleaning himself--you know how he does, giving himself a bath all over, and twisting himself around to be able to reach spots you can't imagine he could ever get to--so he was doing that, and he had one of his back legs stretched up in the air and he was wrapped all the way round himself to reach a spot on the other side, and then all of a sudden, but really slow-like, he starts tipping over backwards.

And he went right over, tail over whiskers, plop! But he landed on all four feet, and then tried to make it look as if that's just what he'd meant to do all along!

He's really good at saving face. Which is jolly good because now he's got kittens to convince that he's head cat and shouldn't be messed about with.

Er, do you know about our kittens? Maybe not. Hogwarts has got sort of a plague of kittens right now. Not sure where they all came from, but they're all over the castle, poking their furry noses into everything and taking over everyone's common rooms and dormitories and the library and the great hall and probably the kitchens, too. I don't know. I think Professor Sprout chased them out of her greenhouses, but Professor Grubbly-Plank is raising three or four of them, and Professor Brutka's got one, and Professor Dolohov, I think, and Professor Siz has got two. You see how it is. So anywiz, up here in Gryffindor tower, we've probably got seven of them. Mostly it's girls taking care of them, but my friend Ken Towler took one after it got into my dormitory overnight. Towler's a seventh year, so he rooms

with my brothers--the twin ones, Fred and George--along with Jordan, Kirke and Hooper.

You should have seen Satsuma that morning when he woke up to find a kitten all curled up with him on the foot of my bed. Satsuma cocked his head and was looking at it like he'd never seen anything like it before in his life. And then he tried poking it with one of his paws to see what it would do.

But all it did was opened one eye and yawned at him.

So Satsuma sat all the way up and that tumped the kitten off onto my covers, with its paws all waving around like mad until it was rightside up again.

And then it saw Satsuma's tail and pounced! You can guess he was surprised. Kitten teeth are sharp! So then there was a bit of a scene. But mostly I think Sats thought it was funny, so he was twitching his tail this way and that and the kitten was jumping and pouncing and trying to catch it again. And Sats was batting the kitten about, knocking it sideways just to see it scramble up again.

But then Thomas woke up and said he's allergic to cats and I can't keep a kitten in our room or he'd tell Madam Hooch, and it wasn't worth hearing him go on about it, so I gave the kitten to Towler. Good thing Thomas isn't allergic to stuffed cats, yeah?

So now Satsuma likes to go down the common room to visit all the Gryffindor kittens whenever I'm down there ~~playing chess~~ revising with Bundy and Nev and all.


Anywiz, yesterday we went to Hogsmeade for a while, and Satsuma came along with me in my satchel so he could see Honeydukes and Zonko's. He didn't care much for all the things in there that whizz around and bang and pop and zap you, so we just bought some glow juice and a packet of fizz'n'foam pellets, and left for Honeydukes. Sats liked that better. I bought some ice mice and let him play with one of them. After we'd left the store, I mean. We went off and sat on a wall, and I ate some sweets, and Satsuma played until he'd caught the mouse, so then I gave him one of my chocolate frogs, which was loads of fun, only it did start getting a bit sticky at the end.

And today, we're just stuck up here revising because the weather's rotten. I suppose yesterday was too nice a day for it to last. Maybe it's better where you are? Hope so.

Have a good week, Arista. Satsuma says to tell you to keep your nose clean!

Your friends,
Ron and Satsuma




 [alt_selwyn](#) at [2013-05-13 15:39:56](#)
(no subject)

A plague of kittens, really? I'd take one! But Mummy says Hector might pull its tail.

Do you know any charms to keep annoying little brothers from pulling on kittens tails? until their old enough to know better? (The brothers, I mean. Not the kittens.)



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-14 04:37:07](#)
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Yeah, I didn't think that up, actually. I heard someone call it that and it sounded about right. I mean, there are seriously a lot of these kittens!

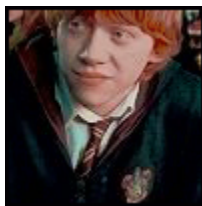
Hm. You could maybe put a collar on a kitten that would hex anyone who pulled its tail. Or, y'know, hurt it.




 [alt_selwyn](#) at [2013-05-14 19:30:58](#)
(no subject)

Mummy says we don't hex little kids even when they deserve it.

She says maybe I can get a kitten when I go to Hogwarts. That's not until I'm ELEVEN.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-15 04:38:15](#)
(no subject)

Your mum's right, I expect.

You'll just have to come to Hogwarts, and then you can have a familiar.

It'll be brilliant when you come, won't it?




 **[alt_selwyn](#)** at **[2013-05-15 14:57:52](#)**
(no subject)

That is TWO WHOLE YEARS PLUS A SUMMER from now, though!

I HATE waiting.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2013-05-16 04:46:22](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah. I'm not very good at waiting, either.

At all.

2013-05-13 16:59:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good



 [alt_harry](#)

I talked to Siz and Raz, and they seem to think they won't have any more trouble with blackmail. And if there was going to be anything She planned for if she died suddenly, it would've happened already. Maybe. Or she'd have to really die. I don't know.


But.

We need to decide what to do with the plate.

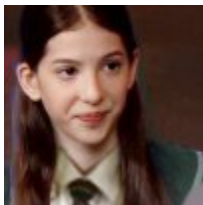
I can keep it, I guess, but yeah. I don't think that'd be good. Just to keep it secure, you know? Because even though it's a plate, it's a person too.


So we could give it to the Order. Or Sally-Anne had the idea that we could give it to Dolohov.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-14 00:50:31](#)
(no subject)

Why Dolohov? I'm curious about the reasoning behind that idea.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-14 04:02:36](#)
(no subject)

I figured he'd keep it safe.


He was the one who passed on the socks, you know.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-14 04:16:51](#)
(no subject)


I mean we could give it to the Order but what if they want to let her OUT?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-14 12:31:37](#)
(no subject)

Uh, actually, the Order are willing to keep prisoners for a long LONG time if they need to.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-14 12:34:14](#)
(no subject)


On the other hand...they DID have a prisoner who got away from them.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-14 14:29:12](#)
(no subject)

Who?



 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-14 15:58:28](#)
(no subject)

It was Pleniloquence Ridley. The one they called the Dogstar Alpha.


To be fair, she didn't escape, not exactly. But she pulled a trick that turned the tables on the Order while they were guarding her, and that forced a stand off. The Order eventually agreed to give her a wand and let her go, with the understanding that neither would tell the other group's secrets. And it seems to have worked pretty well. They're still cooperating with information exchanges.

The Order wasn't very happy about it, though. Especially about the wand.

Of course, Ridley was fighting the Protectorate, too, so she had a reason to make that agreement. Umbridge wouldn't. On the other hand, it's harder to imagine Umbridge pulling a trick and getting away, since she's a toad stuck in a plate. And I bet the Order would take more precautions if they're guarding something now. Or someone.


Maybe that's what the Order should have done with Ridley-- stuck her in a plate! Although I guess that some of the information she's passed along since getting away has been useful.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2013-05-14 16:01:34](#)**
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So do you think they'd keep Umbridge as a plate?

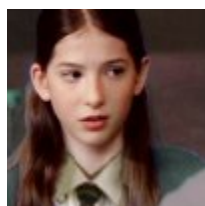


 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2013-05-14 18:46:23](#)**
(no subject)

I think if you ask them to do so they'll tell you straight if they would. They won't lie to you. And since YOU captured her, your wishes would carry real weight. It's a pretty merciful option among all the things they could do.

And they know they can't let her go, since she saw Hermione's wand. And plenty of them are hacked off at her too, for sacking the Headmistress, and Madam Pomfrey, and for what she did to all of you.

They have every reason to keep that plate very, very safe.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2013-05-14 19:04:34](#)**
(no subject)

Do we know if she can hear or see anything?

I mean, it's bad enough she knows Hermione has a wand, but what if she spies on the Order? And then gets out. Or if they let her out for some reason and then she gets away.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-14 20:06:05](#)
(no subject)

That's a good point, yeah.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-14 20:18:54](#)
(no subject)


So here's the other thing that worries me.

This was a spell designed to work on animals -
- it was used on cows and goats and so on and
Umbridge used it on kittens.

And obviously she was a toad when she got put into the plate
but she is not REALLY a toad. Are we 100% sure she won't
eventually be able to figure out a way to get out?

I'm not saying we have to give her to Professor Dolohov. But
he'll definitely keep her somewhere that even if she DOES
get out, she'll be secure, you know? Because he WOULD.
Especially if there were a note, you know, explaining things
just a little. ~~And if he thought it was me or Justin~~




 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-15 02:45:31](#)
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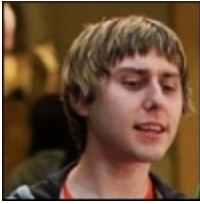
He'd be careful, yeah. I think they would too
though. Mr Snape would.

And there would be less to explain with them.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-15 04:26:42](#)
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See, that's where you're wrong. You don't
know my mum, mate.



 **alt_justin** at [2013-05-14 17:32:22](#)
(no subject)

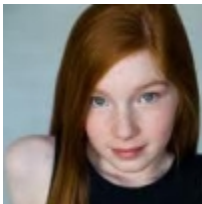
Hullo, Harry,

Whatever we decide, I don't fancy our options. Then again, I didn't much fancy imprisoning her in the first place--though I well agree, Sally-Anne, Hermione, it was perhaps the best alternative anyone had at the time.

We certainly can't risk letting her go, what? I say, the *advantage* of Professor Dolohov (and I bally well can't believe I'm saying this, what!) is that he'll not scruple about keeping it as a trophy, nor would he ask too many questions about how we came to have such an artefact. I think only the professors here who are in the Order would take a similar view--at least so far as questions, what, though I say, they might well look dimly on leaving her there forever.

But if we gave it to someone in the Order, it might make a splendid gesture, what? Sort of a 'Thank-you' and a sign that we'll trust them as they're agreeing to trust us. I suppose then if they decide to reverse the spell, it would be their choice.

-J



 **alt_evelyn** at [2013-05-14 20:13:16](#)
(no subject)

I don't like the idea of her being a plate forever. But I'm not sure what else we could do.

Even if we say that she'd stay a plate until she can be put on trial properly, it would still take years and years even under the best of circumstances, and might not happen at all.

The kittens don't seem worse for wear. But we don't know what it's like for a person.

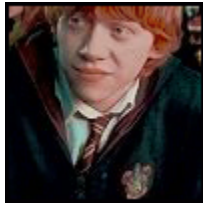



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-15 02:16:43](#)
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No, we don't know what it's like.

But you're right. There's not a lot else we can do about it. If she gets out, she's dangerous.

So this is the best we can do for now.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-15 04:27:39](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Too right.

We can't risk her getting out.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2013-05-15 16:46:35](#)
(no subject)

I agree, she's awfully dangerous, with what she knows. I'd rather give her to someone in the Order, I'll admit. They have more reasons to keep her locked up in the plate because they know the knowledge she has, like that she saw Hermione's wand. The only thing that would make Dolohov keep her locked up is that he hates her. Well, and that he likes us (or at least some of us) and wants to keep us out of trouble.


But here's the thing: Dolohov is quite close to Barty Crouch, isn't he? So what if he lets Barty Crouch know about her, and Crouch says, "We'll, we won't let her go, but I just want to *question* her, now that she's in our power." They think they can pick her brain for secret stuff from back when she was Minister of Magic. And Dolohov might let her out if Crouch asked him to, since he doesn't know how badly that would bite us. And the instant Umbridge gets out, she's gonna start yelling about Hermione having a wand. Do you think Crouch would overlook that because Dolohov asks him to. I don't.

I suppose, if we gave the plate to Dolohov, we could do it with the condition that he never let her out. But there's no way we could force him to abide by it; I get the impression he's the type of

person who maybe follows rules only when they suit him. Worse, giving him a condition like that might make him curious. Which might be *disastrous*. I think a curious Dolohov can be very dangerous.

I suppose it's really your decision, Marvolo. You managed to capture her, and you want her kept safe as much as any of us. But anyway, it's something to think about.



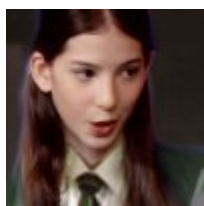
 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-15 21:54:17](#)
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Good point. About Dolohov and Crouch, I mean.
Not liking her might not be a good enough reason to keep her there.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-15 22:36:52](#)
(no subject)

If it's going to an Order member I would prefer it be Headmistress McGonagall.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-15 22:38:54](#)
(no subject)

And we COULD give it to Professor Dolohov to give to the Headmistress.

Because he wouldn't let Umbridge out to question her if he knew the plate was supposed to be a present for Headmistress McGonagall.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-16 03:29:39](#)
(no subject)

Yeah.
Okay.

That works.

2013-05-14 14:22:00

Private Message to Weasley

Oi, Weasley,


Are you still writing to Selwyn's daughter? I thought you were only larking about for something to write for herself's stupid one-post-per-week rule.



 **alt_zacharias**

How come you're still sending her messages, then? I suppose kissing arse really *does* run in your family. Your oldest brother, then Percy, now you. No surprise if we read about the engagement in the papers, ha-ha!



 **alt_ron** at **2013-05-15 04:34:28**
(no subject)

Oh, shut it, Smith.

2013-05-14 21:00:00

Private message to Tallie Powell



In brief, since I had to dash to the Guild:

No pink.

 [alt_sinistra](#)

No pink flowers, no pink decorations on the desserts, no pink napkins. (Nor pink sugared almonds, nor pink umbrellas in drinks, nor pink decorative bunting, nor pink charmed glitter, nor pink glowing mists, nor pink cherubs. Not that any of those should appear anyway.) *No pink.*

Instruct me, if you would, on the best way to make this abundantly clear to all concerned. Fit that can be heard clear to Hogwarts? Visit by Raz, at his sternest? Transfiguration of their hair colour until they see reason? Harassment by a swarm of kittens? En masse synchronised performance by my assembled female relatives, a la Greek chorus?

I'm already planning owls in the clearest possible terms, but anything else, please tell, and I will arrange it. Pity the penultimate one wouldn't actually help: it would give them something to *do*. Besides owl and firecall and journal me at all hours with "Just one little suggestion, dear." all of which are either entirely impractical, absolutely horrible, or (often) both.

Flowers: modern roses if he must, to fill things out, but I'd much rather things from the bouquet, or the species names Mum gave him. I know I lack artistic vision in the matter of flowers. I don't care. The other things *smell wrong*.

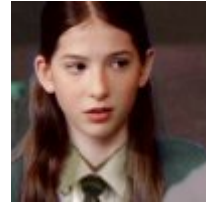
Dress: entirely splendid, and Joosh assures me that while a fitting in a fortnight would be best, we could make it work the day before if we had to. (And then gave me a ten minute lecture on doing nothing that might alter the shape of my body in the interim, and another ten minutes on managing the shoes. I've achieved 'stable' but am not quite at 'confident' yet. Clearly, I will be pacing my office this week.)

I hope to be in next Tuesday, but just in case OWLS eat all the available time and space (not as unlikely as I'd prefer, they're all quite nervy), I think we're in reasonable enough shape. I hope. You've got the hours I'm likely to be handy if you've questions, and I've got my list of the last few things Raz or I need to do ourselves.

(And if I've not said it enough, you have worked magic upon magic already getting the invites out and keeping everything straight.)

2013-05-15 09:50:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Ron



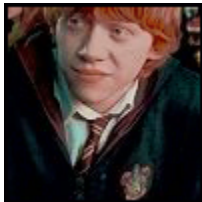
So what do YOU think we ought to do with the plate?

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

I guess I have to admit that part of me thinks the Order people are too nice to properly keep control over her? Given that Evelyn and Justin are going into moral conniptions over whether it's okay for us to just keep her in the plate forever!

Professor Dolohov WON'T LET HER OUT and WON'T LET HER GET AWAY.

I suppose that's probably true of Headmistress McGonagall, too. And maybe also Mr Snape. I'm less sure that's true of Professor Sprout or Professor Brutka! They're just too, too, I don't even know. MERCIFUL. That shouldn't be a bad thing but when it comes to Umbridge it KIND OF IS.

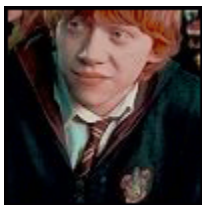



 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-05-15 15:13:59**

(no subject)

If she ever gets out we're dead.

I mean, seriously. Unless whoever lets her out completely Obliviates her.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-05-15 15:24:35**

(no subject)

But even then. If she were wandering around Oblivated, someone would start asking questions and it would come back to us.

You can't afford to get asked those kinds of questions. None of us can, really.

And I don't want any of us keeping her, because if you're right and she could maybe break the charm, then that would be... not good. And if it turned out she could hear stuff we'd been saying, then...

that'd be worse.

Basically, I think you're right about it.

So, yeah. I think we should give her to Dolohov. And it doesn't really matter what he does with her, whatever he does, he won't set her loose on us.



 **alt_sally_anne** at [2013-05-15 17:41:48](#)
(no subject)

Well, I don't want him asking any of us questions, either, really. So there's that.

But you know, if we had the elves leave it in his rooms with an anonymous note, if he thought it was me -- which he might -- and if he asked me about it later, if I pretend I have no idea what he's talking about he'll pretend he believes me. Just like I pretended I believed him when he said he'd keep the socks safe (actually, what he SAID was that he'd ensure they didn't end up anywhere they shouldn't be, and OBVIOUSLY he meant that where they ought to be was Dolores Umbridge's sock drawer.)



 **alt_sally_anne** at [2013-05-15 17:46:50](#)
(no subject)

Though Neville brought up a good point, which is that at some point Dolohov and Crouch might get all curious about what Umbridge knows, and let her out to question her, figuring they'd just kill her when they were done.

THAT would be bad.

Maybe Headmistress McGonagall.

The thing is I want it to be someone who has the stomach to KILL HER if she gets out, you know? Someone who won't get squeamish. The Order does kill people sometimes (or they try at least) but they hate it so much I think they try a bit too hard to come up with alternatives. And they're completely mental about the killing curse.

I guess that's what it comes down to. I think Headmistress

McGonagall would use the killing curse if she had to and I'm not so sure about Professor Sprout. Let along Mr or Mrs Longbottom.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-15 17:49:00](#)
(no subject)

Of course, I don't know how we'd get it to Headmistress McGonagall.

Maybe we could give it to Mr Snape to give to her. I think he would pass it along.

For that matter we could give it to Professor Dolohov to give to her, I don't think he'd let her out of the plate to ask her questions if it was a PRESENT for SOMEONE ELSE. And I do think he'd consider it hers by right, don't you?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-15 23:25:47](#)
(no subject)

Ugh.

If we can't decide, then maybe we should keep the plate. Not give it to anyone else, I mean.

2013-05-15 21:39:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

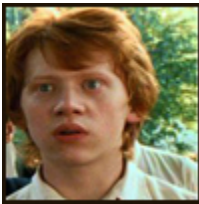



 [alt_draco](#)

Since you'll all want to know, I've only just cornered a house elf and made this request of him (or her, hard to be certain with an elf of such decrepit years): a delivery of a parcel to Professor Dolohov's chambers containing one Bumbridge plate. The attached note read the following:

A Student of Hogwarts asks that this commemorative plate be given as a gift to Headmistress McGonagall. Would you be so kind to deliver it to her personally and discreetly?

PS - It has eyes and ears.




 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-05-16 04:00:29**

(no subject)

Wish I could see his face when he gets it.

Eyes and ears. Too right about that.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2013-05-16 04:01:03**

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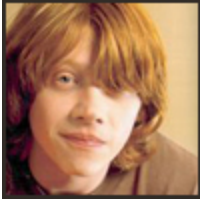
I must say I think that's quite an elegant solution, Malfoy.




 [alt_hermione](#) at **2013-05-16 04:15:27**

(no subject)

That's probably best, I guess.



 **alt_ron** at **2013-05-16 04:37:05**
(no subject)

I read that note out to Fred and George, and they laughed so hard, I thought they might pull something, trying to keep quiet enough no one else would notice. They've gone off to share it with Lee--I'm not sure where he is tonight. Maybe the common room was too noisy for him.

Y'know, I hate this time of year. People get so hacked off about every little thing. But honestly, if you don't know what you've been studying all term, you're not going to learn it all between now and exams. We're better off having a game of chess and keeping things in perspective, yeah?

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NEWTs

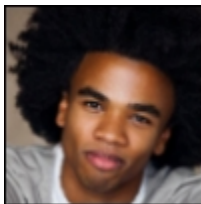


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Also, NEWTS.



 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2013-05-16 16:30:35](#)**

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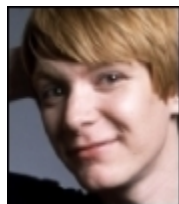
Merlin. And *NEWTS*.



 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2013-05-16 16:31:38](#)**

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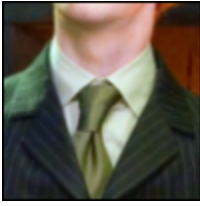
I hear that they're survivable.



 **[alt_george](#)** at **[2013-05-16 16:32:41](#)**

(no subject)


Although I'm somewhat dubious.



 [alt_percy](#) at [2013-05-16 16:34:44](#)
(no subject)


You'll do fine. I'm glad to see you're taking it seriously. And it'll feel wonderful when the whole thing is over!



 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-16 16:36:54](#)
(no subject)

You'll survive, gents. Thinking of you this week.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-16 16:41:46](#)
Order Only: Private message to Fred and George Weasley

And Dad would be dead proud of you both for getting to this point. He told me he wasn't even sure you'd stay in school long enough to take your NEWTs, given your penchant for pranks, but he hoped you would. And you've made Mum really happy by buckling down to your work ever since you joined the Order. It helps her worry less.

Good luck, but I really do think you'll do well.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2013-05-17 00:35:31](#)
(no subject)

I hope it hasn't been too dreadful. I remember my own NEWTs week--barely. It seemed endless.

I hope you received the shortbread I sent you? There's not much else a Mum CAN do to help.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2013-05-17 00:37:45](#)
(no subject)

We did, yeah! And it did help. We inhaled it in about a minute flat, and our charms were working MUCH BETTER immediately.

Thanks, Mum!



 [alt_molly](#) at [2013-05-17 00:38:02](#)
(no subject)

Flatterers! As if I didn't know that Charms is about your best subject anyway.

Well, I'm glad it helped.

[2013-05-16 16:11:00](#)

(no subject)

Just a few more days.

I know this has been a rough year for everyone, but we've been working really hard. I think we worked harder than we would have in a normal year, because it was tougher to learn what we had to, so we made sure we learned it. Because it's when things get really hard that people find out what they're made of. And we kept trying learn in spite of everything, so I guess that means we're made out of pretty good stuff. At least that's what I think.



 [alt_harry](#)

And everyone will have a fair chance to show what they can do, and that's a good thing.

Anyways. Best of luck to everybody.

I was thinking we could have one last meeting of the Defence revision group, seeing as we haven't met the last couple of weeks. Anyone want to get together on Saturday at 4, in the usual classroom?



 [alt_harry](#) at **[2013-05-16 20:16:52](#)**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Sue, Justin, how are the people in your house doing?


Stebbins, Summers, Hopkins, Midgen, are they feeling okay?

And Jones. She hasn't said anything to me since right before we plated Umbridge. Is she

How is she?

I was thinking we could get a bunch of us together before the exams and do the relaxing thing Professor D taught us. Especially people who had a lot riding on it. Would that be weird?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-16 20:35:33](#)

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

I don't think it'd be weird.

I think you could stand to relax a bit yourself.

Honestly, Harry, it'll be okay. And if someone doesn't pass enough of their OWLs, we know they've got a place to go to, and we'll make sure they get there.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 16:09:28](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good:
Private Message to Pansy*

I threw things with Ron. And we're going flying for a little tomorrow, maybe.

So don't worry about me, Pans.

Really.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-16 20:53:53](#)

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

And. Professor Siz says that if we see anything odd during the exam, we could tell one of the examiners. And if they don't listen, to tell them we need to talk to Madame York about it.

I don't think anything will happen, but it might.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-16 20:18:09](#)

Private Message to Professor Siz

Did you check? Are they going to do extra scanning for tampering?



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-16 20:47:39](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Siz

Sorry - it took me longer to track Helena down than I'd thought. (Especially since she was here when I was in New London on Tuesday, of course.)

What she told me is that she can officially neither confirm nor deny any specific precautions, but that she has passed on the warning of possible tampering to the head of the office (that's Madam Parthenope York, you may see her around) and to the examiners in the strongest possible terms. And that they need to be aware of not only the usual enhancement attempts they expect, but any unusual behaviour or unexpected poor performance.

Unofficially, the relevant sentence from her is "Not while I have anything to do with examinations, thank you." But she can't be everywhere, so she made sure to tell me that if any of you have any concerns at all, to report it to one of the examiners immediately, and if that's not satisfactory, you can ask to escalate it to Madam York's attention.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-16 20:54:16](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Siz

Okay.

That's good to know.

Thanks.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-16 20:22:48](#)

Private Message to Corner

Hey, Corner. Best of luck, yeah? Not that you'll need it.

How's Ravenclaw doing? Capper, Brocklehurst, and Li all in good shape?



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2013-05-16 20:38:24](#)
(no subject)

I'll be there.




 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-16 21:26:14](#)
Private Message to Harry Marvolo

Your diligence in making sure your fellows are well-prepared is commendable, Mr Marvolo, but I should caution you that too much preparation before a period of exams can often have the opposite effect.

You have all worked exceedingly hard through very trying times this year, and should be very proud of your accomplishments. Though examinations are always stressful, I believe you will all find that your preparations will pay off. Do be certain to take time for yourself this weekend, and take care you do not allow your concern for others to overshadow your own preparations!

Regards,
Professor Dolohov



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-16 21:39:28](#)
Re: Private Message to Harry Marvolo

It's my f

Okay.

I figure right now it's more about nerves than anything, so I was going to go over easy stuff that everyone already knows. And work on meditation too.

And yeah. I won't work all weekend.

Thanks, professor.



 **alt_antonin** at [2013-05-16 21:48:40](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry Marvolo

Meditation is an excellent idea. As is a good night's sleep, a solid meal -- which is, thankfully, now possible -- and the knowledge that you are all as prepared as we can make you.

You will all do just fine.

Regards,
Professor Dolohov



 **alt_ron** at [2013-05-17 01:51:56](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

Say. I'm seriously starting to see double. Course that could have something to do with the indexing spell Bundy put on my Charms and Defence notes for me.

Anywiz, I'm knocking off for tonight and was thinking about going up to the top of the Divination steps to play bounders with the sorcelled balls I bought at Zonko's. They're meant to rebound twice as fast and half-again as far as you throw them. Want to come?



 **alt_harry** at [2013-05-17 01:56:58](#)

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

Yeah, okay.

I know what you mean about not being able to see straight.

At this point, if I don't know it, I'm not going to learn it.



 **alt_harry** at [2013-05-17 03:57:07](#)

Private Message to Megan Jones

Anyone can come to the revision session on Saturday.

Maybe I'll see you there?



 **[alt_megan](#)** at **[2013-05-17 14:24:54](#)**

Re: Private Message to Megan Jones

I am not sure I am anyone


Maybe. It is very nice of you to ask.

Can I bring my kitten Fang? Only he does not like people very much right now. But if I leave him behind, he cries. So we will stay off in a corner and not bother anybody. If we come. Which I am not sure.

It is still very nice of you to ask.

My Patronus still does not work again.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2013-05-17 14:47:53](#)**

Re: Private Message to Megan Jones

Fang?

He can come, yeah.

And remember, it's good to know how to do one, but they're not going to ask you to do a Patronus for the practical exam. Because they don't expect everyone to be able to do it. So as long as you're solid on the other stuff, you should be fine.

2013-05-16 17:02:00

NEWT-level study

Fifth-year students: one of your fellows asked me today about NEWT-level study in the Arts, and I realised I had not spoken to you all about my expectations.



 **alt_antonin**

Any student who earns a grade of E or higher on the OWL may continue in my classes at NEWT level without question. Students who receive a lower grade on the OWL, but wish to continue anyway: I would be happy to discuss the matter with you. I will be particularly lenient with those who only began their study of the Arts this year, but anyone who has a talent for the subject and merely tests poorly may make his case to me for inclusion.

Anyone with last-minute questions, meanwhile, may find me in my office all day tomorrow, save for class between 1 and 2PM and 4 and 5PM.

I will also be hosting a post-exam postmortem (and celebration) for my NEWT students, and any other seventh-year students who wish to accompany them, on Sunday after supper in my classroom. You have worked diligently and well during a trying year to prepare for exams; it is nearly time to celebrate their completion!



 **alt_antonin** at **2013-05-16 21:09:10**
Private Message to Minerva

котенок -- do say you will be at home to callers Saturday afternoon? I've the most delightful gift to present you, courtesy of an unspecified student. You will laugh as much as I have been.

I am so ridiculously proud of the little darlings, even if I've only vague hints as to which were involved.



 **alt_antonin** at **2013-05-16 21:19:37**
Private Message to Lana and Ned Pennifold

I have heard of the honour Our Lord has bestowed upon you both. Welcome, my brother and sister, and may your years of service be long and fruitful.

Once this term has ended, we must find a mutually agreeable time to sit down together and get to know each other more closely, but until that time, know that if there is any way in which I might ease your transition into Our Lord's most faithful, you have only to say the word.

Your brother in service,
Antosha



 **[alt_lana](#) at 2013-05-17 17:06:43**

Re: Private Message to Lana and Ned Pennifold

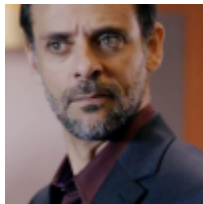
Thank you.

We were surprised how suddenly Our Lord called us for the ceremony. We'd been told to expect rather a long period of consideration, but then really there was none of that.

I do wonder whether others will feel we were adequately... prepared? (I'm not sure sure that conveys quite what I mean.)
Introduced.

You must let us have you to supper when you've returned from Hogwarts. When you've had a chance to settle in.

Yours in His service,
Lana



 **[alt_antonin](#) at 2013-05-17 17:44:04**

Re: Private Message to Lana and Ned Pennifold

My dear, Our Lord has ever been an adept assessor of talent. If He has decided you are to serve Him, it is not for us to disagree. You are not the first to have been brought to service so young; Our Lord has found over the years that a mix of youthful vigour and mature wisdom prevents His council from growing too imbalanced in one direction or the other.

That having been said, approaching your new stature with a certain level of ... humility ... may prevent you from finding too late that you have made some irrevocable enemies among our company. Our brotherhood is, alas, occasionally beset by the

politics one inevitably finds when one lets Slytherins gather, no matter what our ideals might be.

My advice to you would be to step lightly, behave impeccably, make neither irrevocable commitments nor alliances among those who will no doubt attempt to woo you to their ways of thinking, observe everything around you carefully, and turn your talents towards serving Our Lord's will and wisdom. Having had the pleasure of working with you last year, I am confident you will mature into one of His great lights, and though I have not had the pleasure of meeting Ned, I am certain he is the same. Though the transition may be rocky in places, I am confident you will weather the shoals with grace.

I would be most pleased to join you for supper once term has ended. And, as I believe I recall you are a Ravenclaw, and thus likely to be tempted, I will return the courtsey with an offer for you to make arrangements to come and tour my library with me.

Yours, in service,
Antosha

2013-05-16 18:43:00

message to Miss Estella Penworthy

Ma'am,

I got your owl today. Yes, thank you, I know about the memorial service for Madam Umbridge in New London on Saturday. There was an announcement in the Prophet this morning. I expect you will be sad.



 [alt_megan](#)

Students at Hogwarts are not permitted to go off gallivanting to things in New London. So I will be staying here. ~~You would need to write a note to Acting Headmistress Vector~~ I will be fine, really. Besides, I have to study. Because it is OWLs this coming week. And we students need to be at our best for them. Harry Marvolo says so, and he is very inspiring. So I am studying. ~~Except I have to study by myself because n~~

I am as ever your dutiful foster-daughter,
Megan

2013-05-16 20:02:00

Order Only: The Button Project, and other reports



 [alt_kingsley](#)

Caradoc, Dorcas and I (with occasional assistance from Molly) have been making a round of visits to the Moddey Dhoo parents. We check in with them, explain about the buttons and how they work, and ask the parents to pass the buttons along to likely leaders at their various locations. We've found that the parents of the older children are particularly eager to help. That's the fruit, I think, of our yearly letters: the reports help them understand the values we're trying to raise the kids with, they've developed a trusting relationship with us, and that trust makes them want to assist us in turn. A few have offered to do what they can to personally assist the leaders themselves.

Some asked for guidance in what to tell the leaders/button candidates they approach, which is reasonable, of course. We're asking them to pass along that we're with a group that includes muggles, muggleborn, squibs and magic users, both within the camps and outside, and we don't like the way the Protectorate is working. We're trying to build mutual respect and trust (you can stop rolling your eyes, Severus) and to make people's lives better. We suggest that they read Sirius' Grim Truth manifesto from last January and consider that a starting point, and that suggestion has struck a responsive chord.

So far we have distributed about twenty buttons.

We've had time for a couple follow up visits, to see if they've handed the buttons on, and to find out if there are any questions. Alice, one of those in the second round was Colin Neilson-Crisp's parents, the ones involved with that group that we nicknamed 'the Militant Optimists.' Anyway, their leader, Luke Palmer, was pleased to receive the button and according to Davidson, he has been one of the most active in sending and receiving messages with it. Your instinct was good: I think he might be a particularly useful contact to cultivate further.

Some news from Sherwood: Alice and Frank, Turner says that Tim and Finbar are settling in all right, and they've impressed their superior with the level of their magical education, *sans* a Hogwarts background. I think the boys miss the amenities of Moddey Dhoo (they've mentioned how much they appreciate going back for Sunday dinners), but they're willing to pitch in and help wherever needed

which has earned them respect, and they're settling in and making friends. They're young enough to consider sleeping on the ground something of a grand adventure rather than an annoyance (although we'll see if that remains true when winter comes). So it seems the transition is going well.




 **alt_kingsley** at **2013-05-17 02:21:35**

Private message to Frank and Alice Longbottom

A couple, more personal things. Several of the parents who've been in our network for awhile asked after Arthur particularly, and were grieved to learn of his death. Of course, he's gone polyjuiced as different people, and they never knew his true name, but when the parents have been with us awhile, they've learned to recognise him in all his various disguises and since he was such a warm, friendly man, they genuinely welcomed his visits. His loss was a sad shock; several parents actually had tears in their eyes. Molly was there on one of those occasions; she kept her composure and didn't reveal her relationship to 'that wonderful chap who came to visit us every year,' but barely. But oddly, I think, it was a comfort, too, to see that how much the Moddey Dhoo parents recognised his worth and will miss him.

Here's another tidbit from Sherwood that may interest you. You'll never guess who have been starting to eye each other as if they're considering sharing blankets at night: Scott Brownmiller and Cecilia Perks. I'm putting this under a privacy lock since Sally-Anne Perks may be joining us soon, and I don't think it right for her to learn by reading Order posts that she may be acquiring a new quasi-step-father soon, if she hasn't already. I'm surprised, I must admit, but they seem rather smitten with each other. Although they're trying to pretend that they're not--to the amusement of several interested onlookers.



 **alt_frank** at **2013-05-17 02:34:20**

Re: Private message to Frank and Alice Longbottom

good on him.

we'll make sure the next time we have celia come down to work on the octoboros, it's at the same time as when scott comes to see rory. help things along a bit.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-17 02:37:04**

Re: Private message to Frank and Alice Longbottom

It's good to know Fin and Tim are being treated well. They seem to enjoy it by their accounts, but I was worrying they were glossing over the hard bits to make me feel better about letting them go to begin

with.

And that must've been quite the challenge for Molly.

Frank and I were just talking last night about letting Ron and Neville into the Order, and what that would be like, and we felt his absence quite keenly.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#) at 2013-05-17 18:29:58**
(no subject)

I'm glad you had a chance to get back to Purbeck and our optimists. Good on them for jumping in and using the button, too.

Just wanted to let you all know that I made a stop at Chipstead camp today and looked in on Sam Fawcett's contact there, Irene Young. She's a brilliant old bird. Very spit and polish, and has her people well in hand--she didn't hint how many that might be, but she seemed to know about everything in her camp, so I'd wager it's a lot. She told me she ran a fire watch station in London in the 40s, and I believe her.

I explained to her about us and what we want, and I offered her the button. Took it straight away and said she could see exactly what use it might be.

I asked her if she needed anything we could get for her, and she came up with a bit of a list, but I think it should be relatively easy to fulfill:

- Soap (washing up liquid, clothes powder, and hand soap)
- Baking Soda
- Toothbrushes
- Combs
- Condoms
- Cotton canvas cloth (bolts of it, in dark colours if possible)
- Headache powder

Shoe laces
Seeds (Peppermint, Valerian, St Johns Wort)
Sheepskins (she asked for two if we could get them)
Hand tools (she particularly mentioned a planer and chisels)
Baby bottles
Water bottles (she asked specifically about the self-refilling type they see enforcers carrying, but what she wants is gallon containers with that charm on)

We can pull most of this together from Laszlo's shelves, but the sheepskins, the seeds, and the cloth are out of our line.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-17 20:56:54](#)**
(no subject)

That's an interesting list, all right! I can come down one evening next week and help out with the water-filling charms on things. I could use a night off, anyway, since it's all a bit barking up here at the moment -- one of our Horntails rejected her kit, so we're hand-rearing. I'm just about done in.

It occurs to me, too, that you might want to ask Mrs Perks for a hand. She's good with runes, yeah? If you're going to be handing out things in the camps, you may want to do some runework for durability at the very least, and probably a notice-me-not to keep them from getting spotted and confiscated.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-17 21:44:36](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, do come down!

And you've a good point about runes. Once we've got the whole lot assembled, we can send them to

Cecilia.

I'm sorry about the dragon kit. That sounds like a wicked lot of work for all of you. I don't suppose tiny baby Horntails are properly grateful for your going out of your way for them, either.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-17 22:06:12](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, they are, it's just a different kind of grateful than most folk might think. Mostly it manifests as 'not eating you or trying to set you on fire'. We named him György, after St George and all.

And yeah, it's a tonne of work, but it's so rewarding. We're not sure why his mum rejected him, but he would've died without us stepping in, you know? So you at least know that you've made a difference. Which is not exactly a substitute for all the lost sleep, but it does help!

I'll try to make it down Monday or Tuesday, and reassure Miss Bea that she's still my favourite kit.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-17 22:55:31](#)**
(no subject)

I'll tell her. I don't think she has any doubts, however. Vain thing that she is.

Do you know she's having her second birthday on the 30th? I've told her to stop that growing up business, but she just laughs at me. Have a look at your calendar and see if you could come that day (it's a week from Thursday) or the next or over the weekend, whichever's best we'll have a bit of a party for her.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-17 23:19:53](#)**
(no subject)

Thursday next should work for me in the evening, if it works for everyone else.

And, oi. Two, already? That's just not on.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-18 00:24:33](#)
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Tell her that, will you? She seriously needs to rethink all this growing up she's doing.

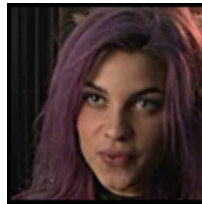
Makes the rest of us look bad.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-18 00:30:52](#)
(no subject)

Too right. Next thing you know, she's going to start expecting us to grow up, too, and I'm having none of that.

Anything in particular Herself needs for her birthday, or shall I exercise nonparental privilege and bring her something that makes loud noises or sings annoying songs?



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-18 01:41:52](#)
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You could give her something that makes special noises only doggies can hear!

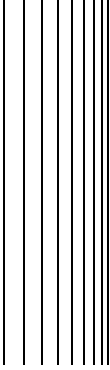
I leave that to your wise consideration, dragon boy.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-18 02:26:16](#)
(no subject)

Heh. Is someone in the doghouse?

I'll be good this time and pick a quiet toy. And I think I promised to show you some of my attempts at wood carving -- at the very least, you'll get a good laugh.



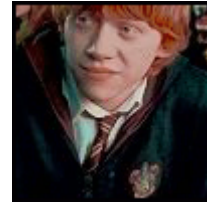
 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-18 03:29:01](#)
(no subject)

No, he's actually quite a well-behaved mutt. I was only teasing.

I do want to see your carving. And I promise not to laugh. I'll try, anywiz.

2013-05-16 23:05:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Harry Marvolo




I made it back without Tambllyn catching me. Honestly, you'd think Umbridge was still around, the way that one goes on like it's a major crime to be out a few minutes past curfew. Whatever.

 [alt_ron](#)

Maybe we can get together again tomorrow. I'm like you, I'm not going to get any smarter by looking at my notes any more. I know what I know, and, I mean, apart from Dark Arts, I figure I've been to all the lessons, I can pretty much do all the spells and techniques and all, and I know as much as I can remember of the textbook stuff. So... yeah.

That was a wizard game we made up. If we play it again, though, we should take penalties for hitting ourselves and give bonus points for beaning firsties or putting a ball through a ghost!



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 03:14:50](#)
(no subject)


I bet we can set up hoops to shoot them through, like quidditch. Only we'd have to set them on something so they'd stay upright. Or we could stick circles to the wall and try and hit those. Like targets.

~~Ced and me used to~~

Or we could go flying, maybe. If it's not too late.

I could bring the picture tomorrow. The one with your uncles in it.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 03:22:13](#)
(no subject)

We could charm circles on the walls, yeah.

And flying would be brill. If it doesn't chuck down rain tomorrow.

Or maybe even if it does.

And, yeah. I'd like to see that picture. Have you shown it to Nev? I mean, not that you have to, but I bet he'd be glad to see what they all looked like back then, too. I guess the thing about the Prewetts is that Mum changed her whole life and ours when they got killed. That's what made my parents decide to join.




 **alt_harry** at **2013-05-17 03:39:21**
(no subject)

I did, yeah. Evs saw it too.

I think it's different for them, though. Joining the Order I mean. Because both their parents are still around. Even if they haven't been able to see them a lot.

I didn't know about your uncles until I read what Sally-Anne wrote about the meeting. You know. Over hols.



 **alt_ron** at **2013-05-17 03:16:40**
(no subject)

Say, y'know... writing that made me wonder if you'd rather we called you Harry Potter. I think the journals would know what we meant. (I guess if they didn't, you just wouldn't see the private message. Then we'd know.)

I guess that's got to be really hard, thinking about them so much, but never having really met them.

It's different about Dad, only there's so much I didn't know when he was alive. That's the thing, really. I wish-

I wish he'd told me about it, himself. And taken my oath.

It makes me jealous of the twins and Charlie. And Bill.



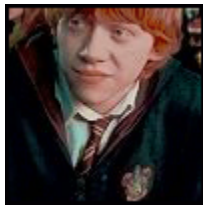
 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 03:25:49](#)
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Yeah.

I'd like that.

If it's on the Lock.

Ever since I found out I had a cousin, it's like I haven't been a Marvolo any more. Not in my head anyways.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 03:30:26](#)
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Oh, yeah. Your cousin.

What have you found out about him?



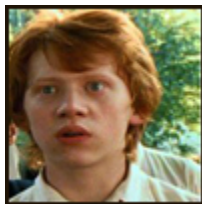
 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 03:34:26](#)
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He's staying with the Longbottoms and Terry.

My aunt taught him how to write, but he was taken away from her when he was really young, so he doesn't have good handwriting, and spells a lot of things funny. But he seems to like it where he is. Which is good. He likes fishing. And girls. I mean, he talks a lot about them.

Before I knew he was alive, I'd never really thought before about what it meant, that my mum came from a Muggle family. That I came from a Muggle family, you know?

I really want to meet him.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 03:40:15](#)
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So you've got an aunt, too, then. Your mum's sister?

Or you did. I mean, I guess if they took her kid

away, then who knows what they did with her.

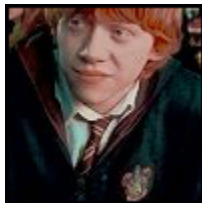
Sorry. That's harsh to say.


But it's pretty much what happens, innit?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 03:48:09](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. I asked Mrs Longbottom about it on the day I went to Grimmauld and she said they were looking for her, but they didn't know if she was still alive or not.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 04:02:44](#)
(no subject)


Well. I guess that's one thing they're pretty good at. Getting information about the camps. Or they were when my dad was working, because he could look into the files. Still, if they've gone on saving muggleborns out of the camps, then they must still have someone in the Ministry who can get that information for them.

It's that sort of thing that makes me think about what sort of job would be best for me to try to get.

I mean, assuming I don't fail all my OWLs. Which I'm not going to do. I don't know why people say that all the time. Well, I do. Nevermind. It's just that until we've taken them we don't know for sure that we'll do all right.


I wish it were just over, already!



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 04:07:13](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. You can say that again.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 04:15:49](#)
(no subject)

I bet you get to meet him this summer.

That will be really amazing. I mean, that the Order have him and are keeping him safe, and-

How old is he? Is he old enough to be working with them or is he just a kid?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 04:20:45](#)
(no subject)

He's our age. So I think he's still taking classes and things. Like he says he takes classes on history, and he takes astronomy, and he says he's no good at maths, only I don't know what that is. Maybe it's like arithmancy?

But yeah, that would be really brilliant.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 03:29:13](#)
(no subject)


And I can see that.

About your dad.

But you know he would've told you. So that's something, I guess.

And like you said, you'll get to read about what he did. And, I mean, he was really important. So I'm sure he wrote a lot.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 03:31:57](#)
(no subject)

Well. He would have someday. Only, the thing is, I kept asking him questions and he didn't tell.


I just wish he'd trusted me. You know?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 03:58:58](#)
(no subject)

Yeah.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 03:36:12](#)
(no subject)

Sorry. I don't mean to whinge about it.

Do you have any of your dad's things? I mean, besides the cloak, which is wicked, but I was thinking more about stuff he might have written down. Or have some of them told you things about him that show you what he was really like?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 03:45:42](#)
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You're not. Whinging.

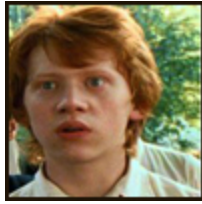
Honest.


Sirius Black talks about him a lot. Dad, I mean. They were friends in school. So it's mostly all the trouble they used to get into, and all the fun they used to have, and how my dad took him in when Sirius was kicked out of his house, and how they were all in the Order together right after they left school.

Mr Snape went to school with him too, but he didn't really like him all that much. But he was best friends with my mum when they were younger, so he's told me more about her.

I don't really have anything else of theirs.

I might have their house. Or where their old house used to be. I don't know. And I can't ask anyone, really.



 **alt_ron** at [2013-05-17 04:12:54](#)
(no subject)

It's something that Sirius Black is your godfather.
I mean, really.

But it's maybe-

It's just stories.

D'you think we'll look back and think this was all loads of fun? I mean, sure, there's some stuff that's been dead wizard. But most of it...

I dunno.

And I think sometimes when grownups go on and on about when they were at school, it's sort of pathetic, really. As if nothing after school is as interesting or fun. Which, I mean, if being out of school is rougher than basilisks and epidemics and dementors and completely mad people trying to murder us and people turning people in for doing nothing, and evil bints like Umbridge punishing everyone and trying to starve us...


Ugh.

Do you ever think about leaving? I mean, seeing if there's a way to get out over one of the borders and going to live someplace that's not like this? Yeah. I don't really think about it much. But... we thought maybe the Order was going to be able to get Sally Anne's mother out of the Protectorate, and that got me thinking. About why more of us don't go. I mean, if it's possible.

But I do actually know.

I don't want to leave. I want to fix it.



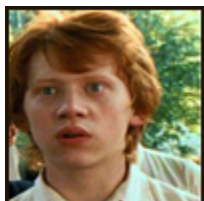
 **alt_harry** at [2013-05-17 04:26:37](#)
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I can't go. Now that I know what I have to do.

And even if I could, I wouldn't.

A while back Hermione told me she could leave if she wanted, and I didn't get why she didn't leave. But now I do. She's really brave, you know?

But yeah. I think it was a lot easier for them when they were in school. And sometimes Sirius doesn't really understand what it's like. And he makes it seem so easy in his Truths to do the right thing, but it's not.




 **alt_ron** at [2013-05-17 04:43:20](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. I know.

And she is. Hermione really is.

I think he's sort of brilliant, really, Sirius Black, but yeah. I guess writing stuff like that that's meant to make people think and change their minds about everything... that can't be easy. I mean, what do you say, actually? And maybe It's like you trying to get everyone to revise and not panic about exams, or when you were calling Umbridge out on what she was doing to halfbloods... I mean, there are things you can say or do that other people couldn't, and for some of them, maybe it's not easy to do what you're saying?



 **alt_harry** at [2013-05-17 14:24:01](#)
(no subject)


Yeah.

It sounds sort of like

I know you don't get on, but Draco says that sort of thing sometimes too. About having power, and being able to do things other people can't, and taking responsibility for it. Because for a while I didn't want it.

But I guess I figured if I've got it, I might as well do something good with it.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 04:23:47](#)
(no subject)

Well, and not just Sirius Black. Snape, too.

You've got all the really famous criminals as, what, sort of like your uncles or something.

And it's like- you know, the Order could use that to recruit people. Join us! We've got all the most famous traitors on our side. Think about it: Dumbledore, the Longbottoms, Mr Snape, and Sirius Black. Oh, and that Rudy bloke, who won't even let them say his name. I bet he's somebody with loads of Aurors looking for him.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-17 04:31:58](#)
(no subject)

It's funny, because they're just people. Just like how Mrs Longbottom is so normal. It's weird. I mean, I know Mrs Longbottom's a former Auror, but she doesn't seem like one. She seems more

like your mum.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-17 04:44:55](#)
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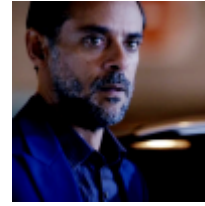
Heh.

Only less shouty when she gets cross.

2013-05-17 21:15:00

Private Message to Alcaeus Covington

Yes, of course. I am always pleased to assist the Department of Mysteries. Off top of my head I cannot say for certain that I do own a copy of *Cestus*, but likewise I cannot imagine that I do not.



 **alt_antonin**

I will be in New London this weekend; if you would like to call upon me Sunday morning -- say, after brunch? -- I will be happy to take you through the library, and lend you whatever material would suit.

2013-05-17 21:34:00

Private Message to Barty

As you may have seen, today I've had a message from Alcaeus Covington of Mysteries, out of the blue asking me whether I owned a copy of Parlinton's *Cestus*, and if so, whether he could borrow it. In light of what you, Lucius, and Selwyn have been investigating about Mysteries, I find this interesting: I cannot imagine I am the only source for the book in the whole Protectorate, and I cannot help but wonder if this is coincidence.



 [alt_antonin](#)

I've invited him to drop by after brunch on Sunday. I've an appointment with Minerva, Saturday afternoon -- come by for supper, after, and stay the night so you are there Sunday morning? I can't say why, but my instincts are tingling.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-18 03:31:55**
(no subject)

Of course, I'll come.

Can't think of the last time your instincts were off.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-18 16:23:59**
(no subject)

Batya,

What exactly's in Parlinton? Stopped into a couple of places this morning, but I haven't been able to lay hands on a copy to look. Take it it's a controlled text.



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2013-05-18 18:21:40**
(no subject)

Less 'controlled', and more 'exceedingly rare'; it is very touchy about reproduction. For context, Kolya was the one to set the bookbuyers on finding us a copy, back when I was still in diapers, and as far as

they are concerned, as no one has given up theirs for sale, we are still looking; I found my copy in Cairo after Hogwarts. (Which is why I have a habit of being noncommittal whenever anyone asks if I own it; I smuggled it, and many like it, back in under the former régime, and while I do not think anyone under Our Lord's government would take me to task for literature that was contraband then -- or for the import duties I did not pay at the time -- it is easier to be vague.) At the time, Kolya was told there are less than a dozen copies in-country -- I'd not be surprised, actually, if Lucius's library contains one of them.

I am reading through the text in advance of my appointment tomorrow morning, just to refresh my memory, but on the whole, the work is about death-magic. It postulates that a wizard with a sufficiently advanced will can set up, in advance, a death-spell that will be automatically released at the time he dies -- as a form of 'final strike', revenge against whomever has killed him. Parlington claimed to have known several warlocks who managed it, but even following his instructions most carefully, no-one has been able to achieve the same effects since. (That anyone is willing to admit.) Every hundred years or so, the idea becomes fashionable again and there is a minor rush to find the primary source, but most of the citations in the literature are not complimentary.

So either our researcher thinks he has figured out something that has eluded researchers for hundreds of years, is chasing a citation down to its component bits, or wishes to test my library before asking me for something more significant. My money is on the third.

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 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-18 20:54:30](#)
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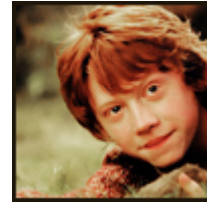
Cestus. Of course.

Truncheon likes to claim his great-grandmother managed something like that and took her last husband with her when she went, but I've always supposed it was a much more straightforward trap she'd laid.

| I'm finishing things up here and will head your way around six,
| unless that's too early.

2013-05-18 10:53:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good
Private Message to Harry Potter



 [alt_ron](#)

Oi! It's clearing off out there. Want to fly? Don't bother writing back, just grab your broom and come. I thought we could do a bit of reconnaissance over the Creature pens. If you take my meaning. That makes it almost like revising, yeah?

And ask Whatsisname if he wants to come, too. If he's not too busy being a better student than the rest of us put together.

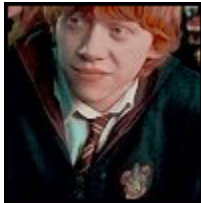



 [alt_harry](#) at **2013-05-18 20:40:59**
(no subject)

That was brilliant.

Too bad Grubbly-Plank kept everything out of sight. I wonder what eats cabbage?

Draco thinks it might've been for Porlocks, but there's no telling.




 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-05-18 20:59:41**
(no subject)

Yeah, he might be right about that, actually. I'll have a look at my notes for Porlocks, just in case.

I wonder what had the squid so wound up today. If it was a prank gone pearshaped, I haven't heard about it.




 [alt_harry](#) at **2013-05-18 21:05:30**
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Maybe one of the sixth years got to it?

They stuck a sofa to the ceiling of our common room yesterday. At least I'm pretty sure it was the sixth years.



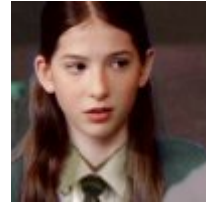
 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-18 21:29:48](#)
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What would really be brilliant is if they found a way to sit on it upside down on the ceiling!

Things have been surprisingly quiet in Gryffindor. Guess the fact that the twins've been busy with NEWTs might have something to do with that. Our sixths are a bit of a disappointment this year.

2013-05-18 18:05:00

*I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To
No Good*



I swear if I revise any more my brain is going to melt and leak out my ears.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

So I spent the afternoon looking through the stuff I've been carrying in my bracelet and thinking about what I really NEED in there. I had stashed enough food in there to eat for about a month, using shrinking charms, and then I didn't even eat it when I was hungry after suppers with Umbridge because I kept worrying I might hit a time that I REALLY needed it.


But I checked and I didn't have a quill. I had ink (both sorts) but no quill.

So here's my list. I don't know if everyone has a bracelet, I mean the Twins made one for me after the Strettons locked me in the cellar that time but anyone who doesn't, they could make more of those beads now they're done with NEWTs, I think. They really are extremely useful. Here's what I'm going to carry from now on:

- * One week's worth of food, with preservation charms on.
- * One packet of sweets (because there's nothing for calming a small child like sweets)
- * One water bottle, because aguamenti is all very well and good but you need something to catch it in if you'd like to drink it.
- * Potion for nausea
- * Potion for (after) cruciatus
- * Potion for pain
- * One large sack (shrunk) (actually, nearly all of this was shrunk or it wouldn't fit)
- * One blanket
- * That mask they made us for the Halloween feast (because if I put it on it's some sort of disguise, anyway)
- * A quill
- * Two bottles of ink, one regular and one for the lock
- * Spare socks, gloves, and a jumper
- * Some money (not loads of it, but some)
- * This book I nicked from the Strettons that has maps in it
- * A book I've been wanting to read but haven't got round to yet
- * A packet of tea
- * Soap

I'm probably forgetting loads of useful things, anyone got ideas?




 **alt_ron** at [2013-05-19 02:30:52](#)
(no subject)

You could have come out flying with us this afternoon. I'll let you know if we do something tomorrow, yeah?

Anywiz, I've got a broom kit in mine, and a direction finder. Oh, and the omnioculars they gave out in the top boxes at the world cup. They'll be dead useful sometime, you just know it.




 **alt_ron** at [2013-05-19 02:34:44](#)
(no subject)

I didn't think about a blanket, though. Or socks.

Or the mask. That's a brill idea. I think mine's in my trunk somewhere. Probably well crushed by now, but I'll have a look for it.

Don't you have any Stretton jam in yours?



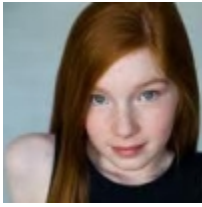
 **alt_terry** at [2013-05-19 03:22:29](#)
(no subject)


I suppose it depends on where you are, and where you expect to be the next several weeks. What you carry if you're at school would vary from what you carry if you're at home, or on a CCF camping trip. Or if you think there's danger you might have to bug out at any time to go to a safe house versus all you're facing is a boring night in the common room.

Mr Longbottom always carries a wallet that has a bunch of shrunken items in it, including a two bedroom tent, two weeks of nonperishable food, a field medicine kit, baby supplies, and so on, but then he's a fugitive wizard who looks after muggleborn children who've been spirited away, so the sorts of things he needs to have at a moment's notice are rather different.

A mess kit. It's all very well to have food, but you need something to

eat it *on*: a tin plate, maybe, and a cup and cutlery. A compass is a good idea, and so are the omnioculars, Ron.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2013-05-19 05:07:06](#)
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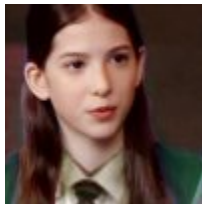
Dad once sent Nev a list of things it would be useful to have on hand. I don't remember what all was on it, but Nev would have it.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2013-05-20 16:56:16](#)
(no subject)

Dad wrote me some advice when we were trying to think of what to put in a ruck sack for Terry, so that was the situation he was talking about. He prioritised: 1) food 2) water 3) protection from the elements 4) healing materials and 5) concealment spells.

For food, he suggested packing non-perishable stuff, or miniaturising jars that could be expanded back to normal size with the tap of a wand. For water, you can use the aquamenti spell. Protection from the elements: cold and wet are the biggest things of concern, so whatever clothing you have should be charmed to be waterproof. For healing, he suggested a good healing salve and a bottle of dittany, with instructions (The dittany'd be an important thing to have on hand if we're apparating, in case someone gets splinched. Especially if we're new at it.) For concealment spells, he had advice on charms, some of the stuff they taught us during the Easter hols, actually.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-21 01:59:27](#)
(no subject)

DITTANY. Good thought.

For concealment, don't forget your mask! If you still have it and it didn't get crushed under the Standard Book of Spells Grade Five back in February.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2013-05-21 02:31:10](#)
(no subject)

I still have mine, yeah.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-21 01:56:42](#)
(no subject)

The trouble with switching things out for when I'm at school and when I'm off with the CCF is that I'll forget what's in there and when I need water I won't have it.

A tent would be brilliant but I don't have one. I like the omnioculars. Also, I thought it over and put a little water bottle WITH WATER in there just in case I don't have my wand.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2013-05-21 14:10:44](#)
(no subject)

You've only got two books? I think I'd need half the library if we ever had to leave Hogwarts for a long time.

I've been working on a bag that will hold things like the bracelets do. I've put an Undetectable Extension on it and then I put another one on the pocket inside.

I agree about dittany. Also gillyweed and a jar of murtlap essence, and a cauldron, of course. Well, two cauldrons. One for brewing potions and one for cooking.

I've also got a change of clothes, including some school robes I nicked a while ago in case I needed to look like a witch.

You've got quills and ink but not parchment, did you notice?

Oh, and I've put Harry's cloak in the bag, too. But that's not something everyone has, of course.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-22 04:19:24](#)
(no subject)

Well that's just it, you know? If I could fit half the library in there (and somehow Madam Pince wouldn't notice it was missing) that would certainly be useful but as it stands, putting books of spells will just guarantee that whatever I want, it won't be what I brought.

Also, I don't actually own that many books. There's my lesson books but I know what's in those. I have a couple of books about Healing, those are worth putting in but I was thinking about the things I might just leave in there all the time. ~~I'm not putting Professor Dol~~

Gillyweed's a good idea, and murtlap! I don't know about the cauldron, I sort of thing if I had time to brew a potion I'd have time to get myself to Doughty Conduit, you know? Or Sirius's house.

I didn't think about parchment! I was mostly thinking about writing in my journal. I hardly ever send owls anymore. That's a good idea, though, I've put some in.

2013-05-19 09:48:00

Order Only: Private message to Bill Weasley

Bugger.



 [alt_bill](#)



 [alt_bill](#) at **2013-05-19 17:16:45**

Private message to Arthur Weasley

God, Dad, I need to speak with you so badly.

It makes me feel like utter shite to be so fucking *jealous* of Charlie. He's been my rock since you've been gone, and after what happened after that damned ritual, I owe him my very sanity.

But he *knows* how I feel about her--or how I did. But he can't stop flirting with her.

Except he isn't flirting. He's not cruel like that; he never would be. He's just being his relaxed, friendly self, and she *responds* to that. She's friendly and warm to *him* the way she never will be to me. Because I screwed up so badly on that horrible night back in December. So I'm stiff and polite to her, and all the things I want to say get choked up in my throat and never said and she's...kind to me.

Merlin. *Kind* to me. It's like coals of fire being heaped on my head.

There's a part of me that wants to scream at him. He has lovers already, so why does he have to steal her away from me, too?

But that isn't fair; she isn't mine, she was never mine. I buggered up any chance I might have ever had with her completely on my own. So there's no point in saying anything to him. I *can't*.

I need to forget about her. Stop dropping by Doughty Conduit for beers on Friday nights. Just smile and walk away and try to find someone else.

I'm going to be alone forever. I just know it.

I'm a snivelling, self-pitying *arse*.

[2013-05-19 18:35:00](#)

Private message to Lucius and Dominic

I've only a moment, but something interesting: one of the researchers at Mysteries (Alcaeus Covington, if either of you know him) contacted me on Friday to enquire about a title (*Cestus*, to be precise), and when I told him to drop by this morning to borrow it, he did not arrive.




 **[alt_antonin](#)**

I was already suspicious for no particularly good reason, but this was certainly enough to cinch it. Barty and I made discreet enquiries in multiple directions this afternoon, but we were unable to locate any sign of Covington, nor anyone willing to admit they had seen him since Friday at lunchtime or so.

I will pry in certain other directions in between my other obligations this week, but in the meantime -- keep an even closer eye on Mysteries than you already are. I do not like this.



 **[alt_selwyn](#)** at **[2013-05-21 00:12:37](#)**
(no subject)

Unfortunately, I don't know Covington or anything about him.

Do you have any insights into whether he was interested in the 'final strike' spell because he wished to cast one, or because he wished to defend against one, or for some other reason entirely?



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-21 00:59:49](#)**
(no subject)

I cannot say. I said to Barty: the book itself is rare enough, and discredited enough, that the only reason for wishing to chase down a copy that I can think of is to check a citation that was found elsewhere, or to test my library's reach before asking for a more applicable title. (Well, and of course, he could believe he has figured out something that researchers have missed for hundreds of years.) I do not wish to narrow my theories down too far in advance of

more fact, but considering that the title has been in such ill repute for so long, Occam's razor suggests a different motive.

The other possibility is that he was looking for an excuse that would be above reproach to approach me, and to have reason to be in contact with me outside the journals and outside casual social interaction -- I do not know if you remember, but during the war years, several researchers at the Ministry used that excuse to pass information to Our Lord's forces. I do not know if that could be the case here, but Covington's disappearance suggests some deeper play at hand.



 **[alt_selwyn](#)** at **[2013-05-21 01:54:22](#)**
(no subject)

I think you may be right that it was an excuse to approach you. Your library is renowned, and *Cestus* is ideal for that purpose (and not so much for any other).

Can you set Barty on finding what happened to him? Or *who*, as the case may be.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-21 02:04:03](#)**
(no subject)

He was planning to make inquiries today, yes, although he may have been distracted by the news out of Buckingham. We are understandably concerned that we do not call too much attention to the matter; I've the feeling that there may be hornets' nests gathering, and I am not inclined to go poking indiscriminately with sticks before we know whose hornets they might be.

2013-05-20 10:49:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Tonks

how're you coming along with the supplies for Young?



 [alt_frank](#)

I'm ready to head back there when you are.

and if you're free this weekend, we can drill shielding, group combat, and rough terrain scenarios. tim and fin can come in and help out, and steve wants to work on his form too.

I've been getting together samples of some of fu's work with muggle weaponry to give to Birdwhistle to give her an idea of what we've been working on when we go back to her. I've got a feeling that weapons will only go so far, though, and we've also got to think about more active defence too.

it all keeps coming back to ireland.

we held kerry for a few hours at most before they came storming in, and we had to pull back. and it was sheer bloody luck that they didn't just wipe out the entire kerry camp like they did with sixmilebridge and bunratty.

leaving those people behind

and hearing about the people at the aeroport after

we were unprepared.

way I see it, we've got three different issues when it comes to civilian safety: trying to prevent firefights in the camps, coming up with ways to protect civilians if firefights do happen, and preventing mass executions.

as far as the first goes, we can train the muggleborn we're arming and the camp admins who are on our side in basic warding techniques and how to eliminate hostiles within the camps quickly, and we can try our damndest to coordinate enough so that if there is some sort of uprising again the MLE is spread too thin to concentrate their forces.

when it comes to protection during a firefight, I could use some help. I've been talking with lee about developing shelter tents that would

have passive protective warding that people could put their kids into, but we can't make them on the scale we'd need to even if they did work. maybe with davidson's help we could come up with enough shelter tents for the kids of one camp. maybe.

we could also make safehouses in the camp -- designate a building or two, ward the hell out of them in stages in a way that the camp admins won't notice, or train the muggleborn to do it on their own, spread the word quietly so people in the camps know they can seek shelter there? what do you think? yeah, they'd notice if an entire building disappeared off the map, or if they couldn't enter with a wand, but we could trip those at the last minute and set everything else up so that even if we couldn't do the last stages of warding, it'd still be fairly secure.

the last one I've got no answers for.

what's to stop them from killing everyone and just replacing them with more sleepers? they could pull something like that again either after a camp rebels and loses or if there's a host of uprisings elsewhere and they can't be arsed to keep order.

it's kept me up nights. and the only answer I can come up with is that if there is an uprising, we can't lose. and if it happened right now? we would.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-20 22:31:03](#)

(no subject)

I know. It is worrying.

And it's no use going over all the 'if onlys' again. Fidelius takes too much... everything--skill, power, training. Portkeys are off the table. What we need is something like the Sleeper magic, but in reverse. Something that would knock all the wizards in a place out cold in an instant. Realise that would be inconvenient for us if it came to it...

I don't know. We need someone who specialises in wards is what we need. Someone who could design protective magic strong enough to protect a whole camp, even the great sprawling ones, and something that could be activated simply. I keep thinking about that thing you took off the train. That snake statue. Not that I think it's for protecting anyone, but there must be a way to use something like the

old standing stones (but smaller, less obvious), and set them out around the perimeter of a place quietly over time, and have them go live with a spell or by adding a rune to one of them or to something that controls the lot of them...


We need someone who designs things like that. And it's not me, so I'm just going to shut up about it, right? And tell you where we stand with Young, instead. I've got our part together, including the water jugs. Sirius put the charm on those to make them refill themselves. We're not sure how long it will last, but I expect they're better than he thinks. I got the tools from a little shop Remus knew about, and Bea and I got the seeds yesterday. We went out to Chelsea to the old Physic Garden. Poppy's right: it's a lovely place for a ramble on a nice spring afternoon, and they've got a seed and seedling shop there. We even came home with a pot of mint for the garden!

So what we still need is two sheepskins. Have you had any luck with that?

And Charlie's idea that we should let Cecilia Perks put runes on everything for durability and to keep them from being noticed and confiscated. Is she with you at Moddey or in Sherwood?

Anywiz, I'm sorry you had to wait all day for an answer. I'm just up now after completely falling over dead when I got home from working. ~~Somedays I just~~— Sounds as if you're nearly ready to go see Mrs Birdwhistle again. Did you want me for that? Any day but Thursday (which is reserved for fairy cakes and pressies), I think I could manage it. And definitely count me in for training this weekend.



 **alt_frank** at [2013-05-21 02:39:18](#)
(no subject)

that's a thought about the standing stones.

I'll see if celia can wrap her head around it. kingsley's not bad at warding either, and I know a fair bit, but it's all the old familiar things that I've done a million times. so we'd have to do some research first and make sure it's solid, but it's a good idea.

meantime we might look into warding buildings and safety tents as a stop-gap. I want to go to birdwhistle with a working plan, so let's hold off for another week.

we'll get celia to come in over the weekend to get the runes sorted for the Young supplies. Al is sending Kingsley to the MacNichols to fetch some sheepskins, he ought to be able to get them in a few days. if he can be here when celia and you are here too, we might put all our heads together and see what we can come up with.




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-21 03:08:37](#)
(no subject)

I'll see if my better halves mind if I leave Friday and don't come home til Sunday supper. Bea and I might both come if they'd like a bit of privacy.

Thanks for taking my wild idea and making it sound like it could be something, Frank. Warding the buildings and safety tents is a good first step whatever else you might figure out.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-21 03:19:54](#)
(no subject)

course bea can come. she and kev and will already get on well, I'm sure she'd have a good time.

sometimes wild ideas are the best ones. breaks all the rules, rewrites them, makes us look at things differently.

and even if it's something we never end up having to use, it's got to be better than not having any plan at all.

2013-05-20 16:04:00

Order Only: Private Message to the Goblin



 [alt_sirius](#)

Been thinking about you all day.

You'd hardly recognise the house, especially after using it to hold lessons here at Easter hols. And everything we've had to do to make it safe for Bea. Couple days ago she decided to pull herself up by the curtains in the parlour - you remember the ones Mother loved and Father thought were far too dark for the room - and the bottom of the drape tore away in Bea's hands. Went right back down on her bum, started to sniffle a bit but then looked at the fabric in her hands and stuffed a corner in her mouth instead. (And then spit it out in disgust. With quite a commentary on how it tasted.) Dora kept trying to look stern and busting out laughing instead. I didn't even bother with the looking stern part. I could just imagine how Mother would have shrieked about it. (Well, Kreacher did a fair impression for us, when he saw the uneven rags, anyway.) Makes me wish we'd taken a knife to the bloody things years ago. Father might not even have punished us too harshly, either - he hated those awful drapes, anyway.

Say. If you were our locket, where would you have hidden yourself? I looked on your bookshelves and in your bedside table drawer but I couldn't get much further. Too many ... dust balls. I'm not giving Kreacher the satisfaction of asking about it, either. But she's asked again. It's almost as if it wants to stay lost just so Miss Parkinson can accuse me of not looking hard enough.

She's got some idea she can find you with the lock of hair. Or what's left of you, I guess, to put it more accurately. Not sure that's a clever idea - or well, perhaps it is but I suppose I'm not sure she really wants the answer she might get.

Probably going to get a proper teasing, writing to you like this. At least I'm not including song lyrics and poems, Mordred, you couldn't pay me to be 16 again for all the salamanders in Arabia.

Still. Teasing or not: Three years.

Remus says it was already too late by then, you know. That nothing I could've said those last two years would have made a difference. It's

not those two years, though, that were the problem.

I suppose what bothers me the most is that even at the end, when you were like a man drowning, you continually refused to take the hand I offered. So maybe Remus is right and this was always the way it had to be.

But.

The thing is I know that people *can* change. Opinions evolve. Mac's have done, since he's come to work with the Order. And even bloody Snivellus can't deny that the Lilys and the Hermiones of the world are just as powerful and talented as someone with nine generations of magic to the family name. Merlin, apparently even our cousin Draco sodding *Malfoy* has come to see the futility of the Protectorate. And you did too, even if you were too fucking proud to say so. Or too frightened.

So .. Why? Why disappear or kill yourself or get yourself killed? Just to end your own suffering? Why when you could have just let me help you? Or is this your final revenge, Goblin, for all the times I wouldn't - play with you or listen to you or do whatever you wanted, for making my escape when I could do, and not ever really checking to see if you wanted to come along?

You know, the dead ironic part is she thinks it's a mark of how strong you were. And she thinks she knows you without ever understanding how smug, how superior, how snide or how much of a bastard you could be. But the thing is that it means she can mourn you and the only anger she feels is toward Voldemort for twisting you and breaking you. Not that I don't feel that, too, but I can't seem to separate it from the other anger. Toward you for taking the coward's solution. Toward me for not being more insistent with you - or persistent, take your pick - about your friends and your choices, about Mother and Father and their stupid games. I mean, yes, Voldemort broke you. But they're the ones who malformed you first.

Circe.

I can't even apologise properly. But that's the problem. I'll never be able to apologise because I'll never be able to fix the damage. I'll never have the chance.

Except by making sure he doesn't get another single one of the Blacks. Or anyone else, if I've anything to do with it.

2013-05-20 17:37:00

Order Only: Private Message to Sirius and Remus



You all right there, Sirius?

If you need to go bark at squirrels or growl at people down the park or have a proper roll in something foul-smelling, I'm sure we can manage Bea at the garden tonight.

 **alt_nymphadora**



 **alt_sirius** at **2013-05-21 02:26:50**

(no subject)

What, a man can't have a rant at his dead brother in peace?

I've been looking for that blasted locket Pansy keeps asking about. You've not seen it among Bea's play-jewels, have you?



 **alt_nymphadora** at **2013-05-21 02:44:07**

(no subject)

What does it look like?



 **alt_sirius** at **2013-05-21 04:36:00**

(no subject)

If I saw it, I'd remember it.

Right, let me think.

Largish. Eight-faceted but not a perfect octagon. Big chunk of amber set in silver, I think. Oh, and it's a locket.

2013-05-20 17:45:00

Private Message to D Selwyn and A Dolohov



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Travers says he and Rosier were called to Buckingham. To witness another Marking.

Did you know anything about this one? Rufus McLaggen. The one who got himself pitched out of Auror training.

According to Travers he's been working security. For Maule.




 [alt_selwyn](#) at **2013-05-20 23:32:33**
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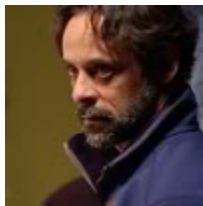
Oh you have GOT TO BE JOKING.

No. I suppose you aren't.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-20 23:37:13**
(no subject)

Definitely not joking.



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2013-05-20 23:42:10**
(no subject)

Good grief. That's -- five, now? Six? In the space of what, a week?

What disturbs me most is that in none of these cases has He called us to assemble fully. Almost as though He wishes to keep us off balance.



 [alt_selwyn](#) at [2013-05-20 23:51:33](#)
(no subject)

It's not that I'm opposed to new blood. Lana Sandoval, for instance -- she's intelligent, devoted, and dedicated, though I have to remind myself that she's not really any younger than many of us were when we swore ourselves to Our Lord.

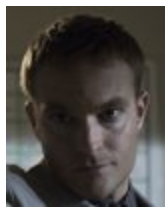
But to do it so abruptly. With so little ceremony. And *McLaggen*.




 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-21 00:03:16](#)
(no subject)

Yes, exactly that. And I spoke with her, and she acknowledged the abruptness, and was willing to take my counsel to step lightly for a time, until she and her husband can feel out the lay of the land. I do not think they will be a detriment -- they will not be Barty, to rise to excellence so young and immediately upon joining our company, but they will still be a net positive.

I cannot, however, fathom what Our Lord was thinking with this latest addition to our ranks.



 [alt_selwyn](#) at [2013-05-21 00:07:37](#)
(no subject)

Yes.

Each year brings us a new crop of Hogwarts NEWTs, filled with energy and enthusiasm, fairly bubbling with the desire to bring their copious talents into service. And they are certainly worthy to serve!

That doesn't make them worthy to bear His Mark.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-21 00:47:09](#)
(no subject)

Precisely.

And I do not wish to be the sort to say that only those who stood at His side throughout the war years are worthy members of His brotherhood ... and yet, I cannot help but wonder how many of those children would have had the courage of their convictions had they faced the risks we faced.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-21 02:13:53](#)
(no subject)

They'd have been dead at Shackbolt's wand point within minutes.

They're soft, all of them. Brought up with no idea of oppression. Or danger. Or sacrifice. None of them can remember the humiliation of living in secrecy. They've no idea what motivates our service.

Dammit.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-21 02:26:43](#)
(no subject)

I do not believe it is wholly impossible for children raised in Our Lord's Protectorate to know the meaning of service, or of sacrifice -- to believe that would be to believe all our efforts were in vain.

I do, however, agree with you: that spirit is lamentably rare.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-21 02:28:52](#)
Private Message to Barty

Do you miss it?

I should not. And yet.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-21 02:40:17](#)

Re: Private Message to Barty

Of course.

You know I do.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-21 02:51:17](#)

Re: Private Message to Barty

We are, objectively, in far better straits now: able to operate openly without fear of arrest by a martinet Ministry, able to teach the truth without fear of harassment from ignorant hand-wringing moralists, able to stand true and proud as sons and daughters of wizarding blood without having to pay lip service to propaganda put forth by those who would see our way of life destroyed by mudblood ignorance and encroachment.

And yet.

My role at Hogwarts is eminently rewarding, do not mistake me, and I have been grateful for the extended time I have been given to recover. But I realised this morning: this past six months has been the longest length of time in my adult life I have spent without taking up my wand in battle. Ireland was too bloody long ago.

I should not be so nostalgic about people trying to kill me, I suppose.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-21 02:30:37](#)

(no subject)

And, Batya. Covington didn't enter the Ministry today, but beyond that, I've got exactly nothing on his whereabouts. I have people listening, but there's nothing direct we can risk. Damn Mysteries. So touchy about MLE, and Yaxley has made it a thousand times worse since he took over. Our best gambit, as always is to have Malfoy probe Rookwood.

But he thinks R is slipping. Not much hope for that angle, then.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-21 02:38:01](#)
(no subject)

Damn.

I suppose I might try making an appointment and seeing how far I get -- I could claim researcher's need, I suppose. But for me to come snooping so hard on Covington's disappearance might be too much of a sign.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-21 02:41:46](#)
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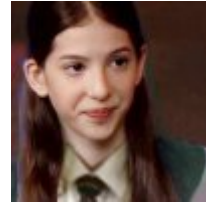
Yes.

Unfortunately.

2013-05-20 20:59:00

OWLs

Three down.



 [alt_sally_anne](#)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-05-21 02:03:33**

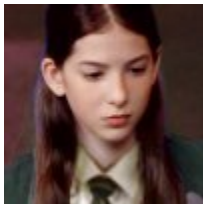
I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

My plant was still alive at the end of the Herbology OWL so I think I did better than Professor Sinistra did, when she was a student.

And my creatures were all still alive at the end of the CoMC OWL.

The Ancient Runes OWL went fine. I think I did well on that one.

How about the rest of you?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-05-21 02:04:28**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good:
Private message to Pansy*

Are you doing okay?

Everything always happens at once, doesn't it? And of course OWLs fall in late May.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2013-05-21 02:50:07**

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good:
Private message to Pansy*

It really does.

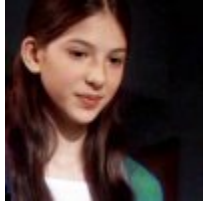
I'll be fine.

If I concentrate hard enough on exams, everything else sort of fades into the background, which helps.

We'll see how I actually do. Here's hoping. After all, if I fail my OWLs, Harry will go absolutely spare.

Kidding.

I'm just tired. Of this whole term, really.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-21 02:55:41](#)

*Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good:
Private message to Pansy*

I think if he could personally take every single OWL for every single other student, he WOULD.

Not that I'd let him take my Transfiguration OWL. Or Potions. He could take my Defence OWL if he wanted, though.



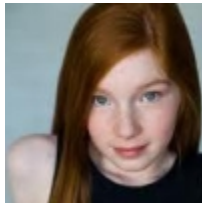
 [alt_neville](#) at [2013-05-21 02:57:02](#)

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

It was almost disappointing for me to get the Herbology one over with early. I'd rather have had it later in the week, since I was most confident about that one, and it would have been good to do an exam I'm confident about when I'm probably most wrung out and tired, by Thursday, say. But on the other hand, maybe it boosted my confidence to start with Herbology, which is a good thing. Anyway, I think that one went rather well.

COMC was all right, I guess.

I wish Defence wasn't the very last exam on Friday; it gives me more time to fret about it. Although I bet that those of us who are in Sophie's Army are going to really surprise the examiners! We've been working so hard on those spells.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2013-05-21 03:48:47](#)

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

I just know that you were absolutely brilliant.



 **[alt_justin](#) at 2013-05-21 02:35:13**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

Hullo, Sally-Anne,

I say, I know just how you feel. I meant to answer your question about supplies for emergencies but at that moment, all I could think of was to include the instructions for every spell we've ever learnt, what!

I'm bally well glad there are only two tomorrow, what, even if one of them is History!

-Justin

2013-05-20 23:05:00

Private Message to Toshenka and Barty

Have just returned from White's where Ptolemy asked his father and me to join him. Showed us his new Mark.



 **alt_lucius**

If he thought Ari would embrace him with paternal pride he was sorely mistaken. He has only just reconciled him-self to being a father-in-law! He was entirely unprepared to see Ptolemy undertaking Our Lord's service so young or so soon after marrying.

Took quite a number of rounds to calm him down. Might have been one too many for Ptolemy as well. (At any rate he took my advice and has gone home with his father rather than surprise his new wife with a late-night carouse.)

Cannot blame him. Barty hears about Ned second-hand, and Bella about Lana. Claudius was not present at Sarah's induction; now Ari and I both blind-sided by Ptolemy. If *my* clerk's petition is granted before the end of the summer we may all be sure the ranks are being diluted to a purpose - though what He intends I could not pretend to guess.

There was something else.

Can't

Oh.

Covington. Augustus says he checked the log book. Covington's not been to his lab since Friday after-noon. Odd because Covington typically works at least one day at the week-end and for the past three weeks has been in by 7:00 a.m. on Mondays.

Also, Barty: Augustus had something new about Bale.

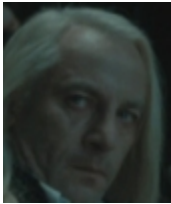



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-21 03:15:43](#)**
(no subject)

So. That's six, then: Ned, Lana, Sarah, Ptolemy, plus Jason Montague and today, Rufus McLaggen.

I have an exceptionally bad feeling about this. And yes, the pattern does seem to suggest Our Lord is deliberately keeping those closest to His new recruits away from the pleasure of standing at their initiation. I cannot imagine for what reason.

Barty beat the bushes about Covington today as well, with similar negative results. Did Gus have any idea what he was researching?




 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2013-05-21 03:19:31](#)**
(no subject)

McLaggen?

Who in Merlin's name is Rufus McLaggen?



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-21 03:24:03](#)**
(no subject)

You hadn't heard? That ... does not bode well.

I will let Barty provide detail, but apparently he was a trainee in the Auror programme. Expelled, though I cannot say for what.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#)** at **[2013-05-21 03:53:58](#)**
(no subject)

A buffoon.


Braggart. Laggard. Liar.

When we pushed him out, Maule took him up. Has been working security for him, according to Travers.

Which explains why none of us saw this coming.

How does Maule still have His ear? Is there no way to cut that off?



 **alt_lucius** at [2013-05-21 03:58:53](#)
(no subject)

Ah.

Well. It will be a nice change to have someone we may easily push into the path of fire. When necessary.



 **alt_crouch_jr** at [2013-05-21 04:08:01](#)
(no subject)

That *is* the silver lining.



 **alt_crouch_jr** at [2013-05-21 03:26:51](#)
(no subject)

Consider the difference between these and Crispin. That was properly done. These...

How many more might there be?



 **alt_antonin** at [2013-05-21 03:43:33](#)
(no subject)

I cannot imagine.

My fear, of course, is that He might stretch His hand towards Hogwarts, and the departing seventh-years. While one or two of them might prove adequate in the future, once they have had a chance to lose some of their adolescent drama, on the whole it is a poor showing indeed. I have done my best with them, but they had four years under Alecto's tutelage, and a single year does not suffice to undo those mistakes. ~~And of course He would take their failings as mine~~

Lyoushka: has your clerk made his petition, or has he only intimated he might do so in future? Agree it will be a useful gauge. And can you think of any others who may have have put

themselves forward for consideration? I am particularly curious as to whether He has refused any petition in the past few months. If He is aware that something is brewing, He may have decided to accept all comers, however grossly unqualified, for the sake of sheer numbers in a future campaign.

And has He asked anyone to take the newcomers in hand, and to teach them the things they need to know? I would certainly be willing -- and have offered to do so for the Pennifolds -- but my time is spoken for until mid-June at earliest. If we need to move more quickly, and doing so may well be wise, it would be better for someone else to make the offer. (That having been said, I do not yet have plans for the summer, unless Our Lord has plans for me that He has not yet shared. I will gladly spend some of that time in making sure our new brothers -- and sisters -- come around to our way of thinking.)



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2013-05-21 04:17:10](#)**
(no subject)

Have ... discouraged Weasley Tertius from petitioning anytime soon. He does well enough but in Our Lord's presence he would last less time than our new 'brother' McLaggen.

As for sponsoring: Apologies to Barty but had already offered same for Ned (his father is my cousin Charles, on Mother's side) but knew that Ari wanted Ptolemy to wait some time longer before pledging him-self to Our Lord's service. Rather expected a courtship similar to Crispin's (as Barty says).

That said, it would be advantageous to host a number of gatherings where we may conduct that grooming which Our Lord has foregone. Shall broach with Narcissa but - perhaps not just now. Give it a day or two.




 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-21 04:26:18](#)**
(no subject)

It is never too early to begin wooing the newcomers to our way of thinking. If McLaggen is Maule's, he is likely beyond all reach, but the others may still be reachable. This weekend, perhaps? I would like to attend, if at all possible.

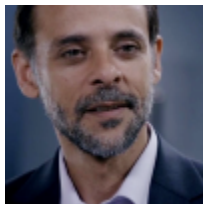
||| Dammit, what is He thinking



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2013-05-21 04:08:38](#)**
(no subject)

Covington. Gus knew he was carrying on Randolphus Rink's work on the final mystery. Dimly recall that years ago Rink was looking for a first-edition Sprenger (Father's copy is in the locked cabinet and too delicate for lending). Gus thought Covington might be onto some form of transference but then said more likely he's just looking for a way to bring Rink back through the veil. Mentioned Bale's work might have some overlap but doubted the two would work together well, philopophically. *Philosopically*. (Also said something about Bella hoping to find a dog this summer. Disturbing thought.)

Bratka, was your sense that he was using Cestus as the old - what's your quaint word - Shibboleth? If so, don't suppose one of Our Lord's less devoted servants has done away with him to keep him going direct to Our Lord with an Answer to the ultimate question?



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-21 04:22:42](#)**
(no subject)

My dear old friend, perhaps you ought take up this line of reasoning once you've sobered up some!

Covington's choice of title certainly has got me interested, yes, whereas most others would not. If he was in genuine need of it, your theory is perhaps the best explanation for his disappearance I can think of. If he was attempting to send a message, there are half a dozen he could be trying to convey. None all that encouraging.

I will keep an eye out. And, perhaps, have Gus for tea next weekend -- though Barty mentioned you are not sanguine about his current state.

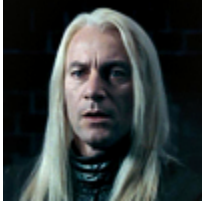



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-21 03:19:15](#)
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Married, then Marked.

And hardly out of nappies.

Tell me about Bale.



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2013-05-21 04:18:37](#)
(no subject)

Tell you what about Bale?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-21 04:44:00](#)
(no subject)

What Rookwood had to say about him.

2013-05-21 16:36:00

Did anyone bother

to wake up Crabbe? Or was he still snoring away at the end of the exam period?



Though to be honest I could do with a nap myself after that last essay. Whose idea was it to put History after lunch? Ugh.

 **alt_padma**

Only, now I have the most horrible feeling that I mixed up something this morning. What did anyone else put down for question five (Levitation Charms)? I can't remember if I said a left-turning wand flick or a sharp right twist and tug motion (which is obviously the right answer, I mean, if I put down A then I must not have had enough tea before the exam). At least I've no doubt that it wasn't D (who would ever have chosen a down-pointing stab to levitate?!)




 **alt_lavender** at **2013-05-22 02:07:59**
(no subject)

That was well funny! I'm surprised he didn't wake up from all of us laughing.

Though I was well sleepy myself--you're too right about History after lunch!



 **alt_linus** at **2013-05-22 02:28:12**
Private Message to Padma

"Twist and tug, twist and tug,
Up in the air on a flying rug!"

Or didn't your older relatives ever play that with you when you were little ones? It tended to make Peri laugh so hard we were afraid she might do herself a mischief -- though as she would explain now, that was when she was much younger, all of two years ago. (I shall make this message private lest it get back to her that I have been telling stories about what she is currently referring to as her childhood, from her now advanced age of nine.)

As to History, a leader of the History Club could do that OWL in her

sleep, so if you did nap, it's just fine. It really wasn't much of a stretch, that exam. Lack of rigor can of course lead to temptation; I admit to committing some rather cunning Byronic allusions in the essay about the Wizarding actions that influenced certain turning points in British history of the last six centuries. I can't decide whether I hope whoever marks my exam catches them or not.

Tomorrow should be interesting. It's a good thing Professor Dolohov has been working with those of us in the Theoretical section to make certain we can cope with the practical challenges. I'm feeling quite confident, really.

Onward! For Ravenclaw, and for Hogwarts!

2013-05-21 20:06:00

Private Message to Aurora Sinistra

How are you (and your O.W.L. students) faring this week?



 [alt_pomona](#)

It's quite pleasant, I must admit, to be able to use our little books to chat about ordinary things once again. Though I do feel Minerva's continued absence, and not only because Rolanda and Horace and I have been called upon to take up extra duties.

And it sounds as if you've been plunged from the Umbridgian fires into the much happier (but still wearing) cauldron of wedding preparations--I do hope all continues well in that arena?



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **2013-05-22 00:23:56**
(no subject)

Hmm. I've had a slow but steady trickle this afternoon and so far this evening - enough I'm glad I didn't go into New London, but not so much as to be a difficulty. More nerves than real gaps in their knowledge, too.

(The projection stoness do help there - all that practice time when we weren't at the mercy of the weather.)

You're quite right that it's much more pleasant to be able to chat, and not constantly be looking over one's shoulder about the implications of even a casual friendly message.

On the planning - well. I think so. I *hope* so. We did a lot of good work with the fiddly decisions last week, so really it's just the things we can't make final quite yet - the seating charts, for example. And then there's the really last minute things next week, the last dress fitting and the final approval of the flowers, and so on. (And then the primping.) I finally feel a bit more secure in the shoes, at least: I did rather a lot of practising last Friday, and it helped no end.

I didn't take time to poke my head into the actual sett this afternoon, but is there anything there? Yesterday, it seemed mostly like the usual round of nerves, but I didn't pry, just left biscuits from Mum.



 **alt_pomona** at [2013-05-22 00:45:32](#)
(no subject)

Yes, I think we've been somewhat fortunate that our subjects weren't terribly interfered with by all those bloody Educational Degrees.

It sounds like your Raz has had rather a time of it, though, helping his lot make up for lost time. However, it certainly could have been much worse--and we can thank young Mr Marvolo for that, at least in part.

As for the sett, well, it was a trial to everyone, but I suspect that the effect of Her Late Pinkness's reign will be felt in our House for some time.

Between that, O.W.L.s, and the upcoming anniversary of Miss Abbott's death...well, it's been a busy time to be Head of House.

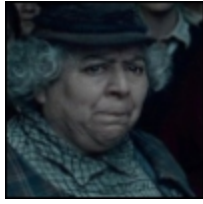


 **alt_sinistra** at [2013-05-22 00:54:02](#)
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Not that Madam Pinkness didn't try, but no. And it's not as if wandwork is a big part of my field anyway. As to Raz - I'm not entirely sure he'll relax about it until the exam results are actually out this summer, though he's more hopeful than he was. Mr Marvolo, indeed, did a great deal.

On the sett, yes. Between that and the anniversary. (Speaking of: I don't know that something like last year is quite the thing, but doing nothing feels even worse. Do you have ideas?)

Anything I can help with? I admit I hadn't quite realised how much Cedric was passing on that was useful, until he wasn't there, and I rather suspect I've missed some things. (On him: apparently St M's expect to send him home sometime this week, last I heard.)



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2013-05-22 01:09:02](#)
(no subject)

On that note, I'm so glad you've been able to be there for our Mr Diggory. As much as I'd like to be more present during his recovery, Head of House business has been keeping me from spending as much time as I'd like with any one student.

And I'm certainly pleased that the examiners have seen reason in the matter of giving him an extension on his N.E.W.T.s. I suspect his recovery will be hard enough without adding in *that* as a worry.

The rest of his cohort seems to be doing well enough; I'm more concerned with our 5th years, though there's no one I consider in true danger of failing.




 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2013-05-22 01:19:49](#)
(no subject)

Well, and you getting away is a trick. At least I've been in New London of a Tuesday for other reasons, which makes a stop at St M's much more manageable. But no, it's not precisely a pleasure (a pleasure would be not needing to do any such thing), but after last year. Well.

I'm not nearly as worried about the 7ths, either. Is there anyone in the 5ths I could keep an eye or ear open about? That year is not a bit of the sett I feel like I've got the best sense for, somehow.



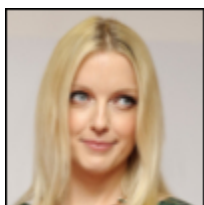
 [alt_pomona](#) at [2013-05-22 01:35:41](#)
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At the moment, the student who worries me most in that year is the younger Miss Jones, though Mr Stebbins has struggled more academically. He's had a hard time catching up ever since that episode with the basilisk.

I suspect Miss Jones will be a long time recovering from her

experiences with Umbridge and dealing with the consequences.

She avoids me as much as possible while still being polite and dutiful, which would concern me less if she'd not burnt her bridges so thoroughly with several of her former mates. At least she's bonded with that kitten--it may do more that anyone to help her at this point.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2013-05-22 01:44:03**
(no subject)

On Mr Stebbins - quite. He's struggled a bit in mine, though I think he'll be all right if he just keeps going. With him, it's partly having missed the time, and partly being convinced he's still missing things, I think. And it's the latter that's harder to fix than the former.

On Miss Jones. Mmm.

Not sure I'm the right one to try and help there, either, but I do see what you mean, now you bring it up. The kitten's something, you're right (as the pile of fur on my foot reminds me...) but it's not the same as people. Friends. Conversation. Study partners.

I don't know. I've talked to both Raz and Tosha about the divisions left by Madam Pinkness, between students (and between staff, for that matter), and they both hope that the summer will mend things. I admit I'm less certain that's enough. And it certainly doesn't help for the next few weeks.

Is there anyone - the fourth years or the sixth, even - who might be a help there?

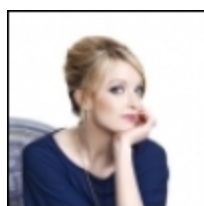


 **alt_pomona** at **2013-05-22 01:55:16**
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I'll have to think on it. Mr Finch-Fletchley did visit her while she was in the infirmary, and as a newer member of the sett, he sometimes has fresh insights and is less hampered by past history.

I'm inclined to agree with you that it will take more than time away over hols to mend things, though currently everyone seems anxiously determined to behave as if things are normal.

In some ways, Miss Jones' response may be the healthier, despite the brooding and the rather severe robes she's taken to wearing. Whereas, others, like, say, Mr MacMillan, don't seem to acknowledge that anything out of the ordinary happened at all.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-05-22 02:06:19](#)**
(no subject)

Not that you need me to tell you this, but you taking this much care with it makes me glad all over again I'm of the sett, and not somewhere else.

It's not that I don't understand the temptation to push it all aside. Or have some very good examples of how sometimes that's helpful. But you're right, I'm not sure it's actually for the best, long-term. Or what it will mean next time something else so very difficult happens. (Been asking myself that question a lot recently. I'm still none too happy with some of my own responses to this thing or that.)

And I've had more than a few conversations recently where I wonder if I'm doing anything that helps, or making things worse, or what, and then realising I won't even really know for months, maybe years. (Things no one ever tells you about teaching, really.)

Which does rather bring us around to past history again. There's no escaping it, is there? Do we want to do something next Monday? And might that, actually, be a way to see about reintegrating some of the sett more than they are right now?



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2013-05-22 02:16:39](#)**
(no subject)

Perhaps a quiet candle-lighting at the site of the previous ceremony?

I do hope that it may help heal some of the tension between Miss Jones, Miss Bones, and Miss Midgen especially.

I can tell that they all miss Miss Abbott, though each has dealt with it in her own way.




 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-05-22 02:23:06](#)**
(no subject)

Candles, and then - I don't know. Tea and biscuits and cocoa. It seems so absurd, but it does help, I think. The food.

Why don't we both think, and we can talk more Thursday or Friday? Figure out what we need, and how to arrange it.

You're right. Anything that might help, it seems worth doing.



 **[alt_pomona](#)** at **[2013-05-22 02:26:35](#)**
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Food does seem to have a soothing effect, especially after having it forbidden so recently.

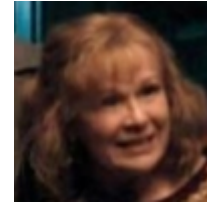
Let's plan to talk again--I, for one, am for a cup of chamomile and my bed.

It's always a pleasure, my dear.

2013-05-21 22:06:00

Order Only: Mulling an idea

I have had an idea I've been toying with for several weeks.



 [alt_molly](#)

This all stems from conversations that I had after Arthur's death with Bill, Charlie and Dominic Selwyn about, well, my finances. About generating income streams. The rental from the London property is one such stream (and yes, that has definitely been a help, even though I still feel guilty about it). Mr Derrick (Mr Selwyn's clerk) asked again about making arrangements to claim the proceeds from the labour of a muggleborn. This all collided in the middle of the night in my mind with a jumble of other thoughts about the Order's finances, and Moddey Dhoo, and the barter network, and Fred and George getting out of school, and...

Anyway. I was thinking: what if I use at least some of the income from the London flat to set up a cooperative, a *consortium*, a place where we could incubate new businesses? There are plenty of old warehouses throughout the country. I made so many contacts through the barter network of people with all sorts of interesting skills, who just need a little push to set up small businesses for themselves. Artisans and such like. All the privations since imports have been cut so drastically over the past decade have made many people quite desperate. And there are so many who *would* go into business, except that they are half-bloods, or even muggles or muggleborns, and so they have immense difficulty getting licences and so forth.

Some just need space to get started: counters and shelves and bookkeeping help, and perhaps other things like, oh, a commercial kitchen or a small potions lab. Or a storefront that a number of businesses could share. Others need the opportunity to make connections with other small hopeful business owners. Perhaps they could barter skills? One business owner could barter bookkeeping help in exchange for help designing floor space, for example. But the muggleborns, and yes, perhaps people at Sherwood or even the Order...need a front that they can hide behind while still peddling their goods.

Perhaps Laszlo could provide an outlet for would be muggle or muggleborn merchants, (although I suspect they would need to expand their space, and would that even be feasible?) but what about

the space for incubating businesses which are just starting up? I know that Fred and George have sketched out a business plan for when they leave school, and I can immediately think of three or four others from my barter network days.

Bill, dear, perhaps I can speak with you about it sometime? And Remus, you too? If only so that you can give me some reassurance that it's not a completely mad idea!




 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-23 02:56:06](#)**
(no subject)

I think that sounds like a brilliant idea, Molly. It would provide a service to lots of good people, and it would be a way of making new contacts for us, depending on the people and how things go with them.

And it doesn't have to be secret. I mean to say, if the Ministry nosed into your finances and wanted to know where all that new rent money's been going, this would be an open answer.

And then, of course, you're right, I think you could find ways to also do work you'd have to hide (with Muggles and Muggleborns), but the above board operation could cover that nicely.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-23 03:22:17](#)**
(no subject)

Agreed, Tonks. That sounds like it could become something quite useful, Molly.

I can see how it'd take some time to build up, but with your existing barter connections and the money from the rental, you wouldn't be starting from scratch. And it could be useful for establishing additional connections with sympathetic people, and being able to provide a genuine service for them too.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-23 03:33:44](#)**
(no subject)

I think that sounds interesting, Mum.

Dangerous, if anybody takes too close a look. But interesting.

2013-05-22 08:14:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good: Private message to Terry Boot



Terry? Can you do me a favour?

Monday's the anniversary of Hannah's death. I'm sending a package with Pig. Could you plant what's in it at the base of Hannah's tree on that day? It should do well in shade.


 [alt_neville](#)

Thanks.

There's a sealed letter for her, too. ~~Please don't read it~~ I'm sure you understand...maybe you could just bury it there, at the tree? Or burn it, maybe.


Thanks.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-22 23:35:33](#)
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Of course I will, Neville.

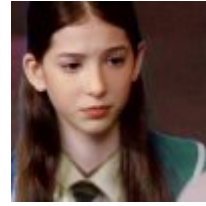


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Good luck to all of you on your OWLs, by the way. Can you pass that on to everyone else for me? How have they been going?

2013-05-22 15:31:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good




So how'd the rest of you do on the Dark Arts OWL?

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

What did they ask you to do?




 [alt_neville](#) at **2013-05-23 00:38:14**
(no subject)

I got off easy. They just asked me to demonstrate setting up a physical warding on a magical trunk. I didn't pulverise anything inside, so I reckon I probably passed.

Doesn't matter if they suddenly run mad and give me an 'O' (not that they will, of course): I am so happy to be dropping this subject now that the OWL exam is OVER. No matter what my mark is.



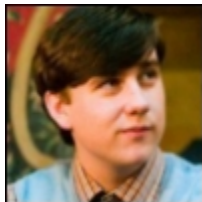
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Is it true that some people had to cast spells on Muggles? Including Crucio?



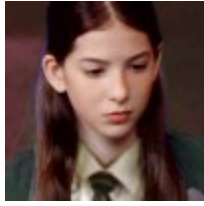
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-05-23 02:25:05**
(no subject)

I don't know anyone who got asked to cast cruciatus but I was told to cast a spell on a muggle, yeah.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2013-05-23 02:51:18**
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What kind of spell was it?



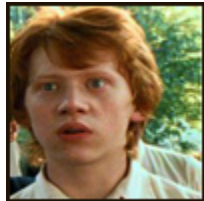
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It's a spell that makes you perceive things that aren't really there. I was supposed to make him think he was violently ill.

~~He was begging me to just kill him~~

I didn't do it. I pretended I couldn't remember the spell.

He'd been used for a bunch of student exams already. I don't know whose. ~~They put a silencing spell on him when they saw he was distracting~~ He said he couldn't take any more.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-23 03:12:54](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I was in there at the same time as Zabini, and they had him cast that gyro curse that makes a person so dizzy they feel as if their head is going to spin off and all their other parts are spinning even faster but in totally different directions. It was just like the description in the book, too. You could tell just watching the poor bloke he cast it on. He was staggering around until he finally fell, and it made him sick up all over everything, himself and the floor and even the examiner's table. Zabini took it off, though, as soon as his shoes got splattered.

I just had to do the blood ward on a box flobberworms. Mind you, they were dead when I opened it up again, but I think that was part of the test--to see if it had really sealed tight. Anywiz, Professor Tofty couldn't open it at all, so I think I did all right. Better than on the written part, anyway.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-23 14:07:49](#)
(no subject)

They had me do the clothes tightening hex.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-23 03:14:55](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good Private Message to Sally Anne

You alright, then?

What about Pansy? What did they make her do?



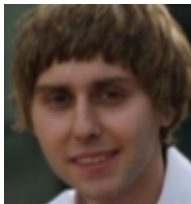
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-23 03:41:44](#)

Re: I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good Private Message to Sally Anne

Well, I probably failed my exam. Unless the essays pull me up to an A, if I get almost a perfect mark on the essays I might get an A.

I think I'm doing better than the muggle, though.

Pansy had to cast Imperius, she said it wasn't too bad because she knows the Imperius Curse actually makes you feel really good while it's on you, and she didn't have the muggle do anything humiliating, she just made him sing a song.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2013-05-23 04:09:40](#)

(no subject)

Hullo, Sally-Anne,

I'm sure I didn't do well at all. I nearly ran out of parchment--and time, what--on the second essay, and that was mostly to refute the premise of the question. I'm jolly certain they'll not care for that.

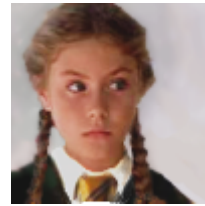
For the practical I was made to cast the Hornet Hive Hex against a Muggle. She was bally well calm, though--much calmer than anyone ought to have been in that situation. I've a feeling someone before me must have cast something on her to make her so pliant, what. I removed it as soon as possible but that only made the examiner want me to do it again.

-Justin

2013-05-22 16:00:00


to someone?

Er. Thank you?



 **alt_megan**




 **alt_luna** at **2013-05-22 23:38:05**

Private message to Megan Jones

I hope you're thanking someone for a nice birthday present. It's your birthday today, isn't it?

I hope you've had a good one.



 **alt_megan** at **2013-05-23 00:08:25**

Re: Private message to Megan Jones

It is my birthday, yes. ~~Did you~~ Someone sent a house-elf with some tea and tisane and three catnip mice. They are sewn from very bright cloth. And a card which says Happy Birthday but there is no name on it So I don't know who sent it. ~~But it seems to be safe~~

Fang likes one of the catnip mice very much. He keeps jumping on it and tossing it up into the air. The cloth has got a pattern of dragon scales printed on it. So it is rather like a dragon-mouse.

But I don't know who sent them so I don't know whom to thank really.




 **alt_luna** at **2013-05-23 00:23:14**

Re: Private message to Megan Jones

Well, you handled it just as you ought, I suppose, by saying a general thank you, if you don't know. I suppose it isn't your guardian, is it? She probably would have sent it by owl.

Is Fang settling in very well? I'm glad he has some catnip mouse to make him happy.



 **alt_megan** at [2013-05-23 01:40:39](#)

Re: Private message to Megan Jones

It is not my guardian because Miss Penworthy is somewhat ill and otherwise she would certainly have remembered to send me a card but one cannot interrupt people with trivial things while they are taken up with important matters of health, of course. Also she would have signed the card. And sent it by owl, as you say. So I don't know who it might be.

Fang is still nervous around people because of when someone charmed a sparkler to his tail, but he is hissing less. Which is good, as it was annoying Susan and Millie, I think. Now he just glares at people. But that is quiet at least.

Did you get a kitten too? I haven't sorted out which one belongs to what person. There are a great many of them about.



 **alt_luna** at [2013-05-23 02:03:00](#)

Re: Private message to Megan Jones


I would have liked to have taken a kitten, but my guardian is allergic, so I knew it wouldn't be allowed.

Holding a cat can be a very good thing if you're sad or lonely. (If it's the right sort of cat, I mean, a lap cat that likes to cuddle.)

Well, I suppose a cat named 'Fang' doesn't sound like much of a lap cat. More like a hunter or s stalker. Did you name him that way as a joke, or because of his personality?

Of course a cat that's a hunter or a stalker can be a very good pet, too, if only because they're so interesting to watch. And they're good at keeping doxies and pixies away.



 **[alt_megan](#)** at **[2013-05-23 02:36:49](#)**

Re: Private message to Megan Jones

I named him Fang because other people were giving their kittens very sweet names. Or fancy names. But he was scruffy. And rather bitey. So he was not going to find someone to look after him by waiting for someone to find him sweet. Because he does not look sweet. Even though he sits in my lap now and purrs as long as nobody else gets too close so he has to hiss at them.

He is very fierce when he hisses. And when he shows his teeth. And maybe it is better for him to look fierce than to look sweet anyhow. So his name is Fang.

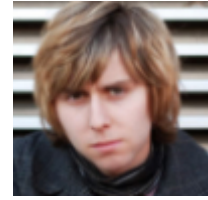
I don't know if he would chase a doxy. He probably would. So they had better watch out. Everybody should.

2013-05-22 16:07:00

Half Over

More than half, actually.

I say, I think my brain might just leak out of my ears, what?

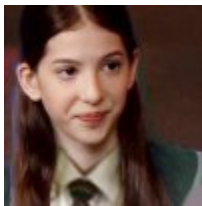


 [alt_justin](#)

And we've another this evening. I'm almost too tired to eat--but then one wouldn't want to sit Astronomy with no supper!

At least I've only one tomorrow. If I can make it that far, what! And the end is in sight, I think.

-F-F



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-05-22 20:35:06**
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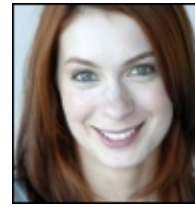
I feel pretty confident about Astronomy. I've got the same as you tomorrow, just Potions, and then Friday I've got just Defence.

~~I wish Potions had been Monday, that's the one I'm most worried about.~~

2013-05-22 17:57:00

ORDER ONLY

Moddey Dhoo is currently in the middle of our spring bounty, and it's been quite satisfying. Given our scare last year, I fear we've gone a bit overboard, as we're positively swimming in tomatoes and courgettes and we've still got plenty of growing left to do. It'll be quite a bit of work canning everything, but any we don't eat this winter can be passed along to Sherwood I'm sure.



 [alt_alice](#)

Freddy Bookman and Felicia Saint are proud owners of their very own wands, and Freddy has already learned to spray water out of his, to the absolute delight of the younger children. His mum is a little less pleased. Our young people from the World Cup have also made wonderful progress -- Molly, you'd be so pleased with Nicholas and Zachary. One declared the other day that he didn't care much for fish, and the other heartily disagreed, and they're both coming along well in their lessons. We've had to alter some of our lesson structures for our two older Muggle children, Dudley and Morgan, but they're also coming along quite well. Victor and Danny have been teaching Dudley all about motors and electronics, and Morgan spends most of her spare time in the nursery with her little sister, where she is an enormous help.

Poppy, we're very much looking forward to your summer visit. Now that you're a bit more at your leisure, feel free to stay as long as you'd like. When can we expect you? Severus, once you're finished with the term, I'm anticipating your visit as well. And Fred and George and Lee -- I know you're just now taking a breath after your NEWTs, but I did want to follow up with you about coming to work with Fu Lee and Turner this summer as well. Once you've recovered, we can talk more.

In other news, Cecelia Perks has written a rather lengthy report on the Octoboros anchoring device based on the work she and Albus have done on it. I'm still sorting through quite a bit of it, and Remus, I may need your help making it comprehensible, but from what I can gather so far, they're meant to supplement the Dragon wards. She thinks that they come as a magical set -- so that if one were to be tampered with, the others would cease to work as well, or at least wouldn't work in the way they were intended. She also posited that they were moved by train as it provided indirect ground contact, which is a necessary part of it too. I would imagine these might

prevent the downed wards during solstice, among other things, and might make certain forms of travel more difficult. We'll have to keep a close eye on things.

She's currently working on an anticipated map of where they might be optimally placed, so that might let us keep an eye out in case any more show up.

Bill, Frank, Tonks, Kingsley, Rudy, Cecelia's also given me some additional names of her relatives that she'd like added to our list. Bill, I'll pass it along to you to see if you and Nick can make any headway, and the rest of you can be sure to ask after them in the camps when you get a chance.

We're working on a project this weekend that Frank and Tonks have been tossing around involving camp safety protocols. Kingsley, have you made any headway with the sheepskin? Frank and Tonks are hoping to meet Lee and Cecelia at Moddey to work on the protocols, and if you could join in and bring the sheepskins with, that would be wonderful. And Pomona or Severus, I don't know if you'd be able to slip any books on standing stones and warding away from the library without notice, but if you could, it would be appreciated. Sirius, Remus, do you have anything in Grimmauld that might help?

While I'm thinking of it, Remus, Sirius, Tonks, what's been the latest with Beth and her network?

Mac, how are things coming along at Sherwood? If you could stop by sometime in the next week, we can talk a bit more about summer plans. I need your help on a few projects.

Minerva, is it a sure thing that you'll be reinstated in the fall? I very much hope you will be, as your presence at Hogwarts has been sorely missed, and your access to the book as well as our newest members would be most vital.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-22 22:32:42](#)

Private Message to Charlie

Don't think I've forgot about our meeting. This weekend is bound to be busy, but if you don't mind a crowd, you'd be welcome to drop by, and might be able to help out a bit on the warding project too. If

you'd prefer, though, you can always come down next weekend. Either way, I'm looking forward to chatting with you.

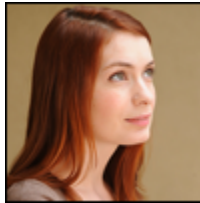


 **alt_charlie** at **2013-05-22 22:46:46**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

Thanks, Alice. We're arse deep in erumpents this time of year, but I think I can get away for this weekend.

I'll try, anywiz. I'd really like to see if there's anything else I can be doing for the Order. Talking with Ron over Easter hols made me realise that he's right, I should be doing more. I'm not sure what, but there's got to be something, right?



 **alt_alice** at **2013-05-23 03:18:55**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

Well, if you can get away, it'd be appreciated.

And Charlie, I think you are in a very important place right now, and do good work, and I very much appreciate what you've been able to do so far. But I can see how staying up at the Preserve can be a bit stifling.

We can certainly talk about it further when you come, but are there any projects you'd want to work on more closely? What sort of tasks do you think you'd be best suited for?

I may have something I was planning to have Mac do over hols that you might be a help with, given your experience with magical creatures.



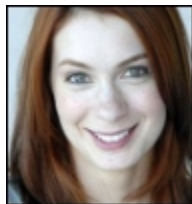
 **alt_charlie** at **2013-05-23 03:31:00**


Re: Private Message to Charlie

That's the question, I suppose, isn't it? I don't really have anything I'm really wizard at, other than Creatures, and the Order doesn't need that much other than what I'm doing up here, which is mostly hurry-up-and-wait. I'm all right at Charms, I guess. And if you need somebody on a broom, I haven't lost that knack.

I guess the thing I'm best at that might be useful for the Order is talking to people? I can usually get people to listen to me eventually, even when they don't want to. And I like solving problems, especially when you have to do it creatively.

And sure, I'll work with Mac on anything you need me for.



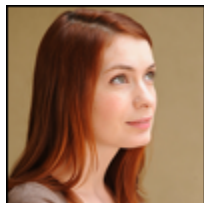
 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-23 04:20:01**


Re: Private Message to Charlie

Your skill with magical creatures is one reason I thought you'd be a good partner with Mac. If we're making inroads with Muggles and Muggleborn, we might as well reach out to other potential allies too. It might be slow going, and dangerous, but I think it'd be worth doing, and might tip the scales a bit more in our favour.

And who knows what sort of work we'll need to do with the Octoboros? We might need to do some ley flying to track them down, and I'll keep you in mind for that.

I'll have to think more about the talking bit. And will keep you in mind next time I need a solid brainstorming session.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-23 04:28:02**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

And love, you know if there's anything you want to jump in on, you just let me know.



 **[alt_charlie](#) at 2013-05-23 04:38:07**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

I like brainstorming, yeah. There's something satisfying in letting yourself run through all the different possibilities.

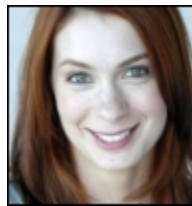
As for other allies -- do you mean things like reaching out to the centaurs and the goblins and the merfolk and stuff? I won't lie, that sounds exactly like something I'd love to do, though I'd be pretty afraid of putting my foot wrong. On the other hand, if we could get the goblins on our side, can you imagine how


useful that might be?

Bill was always interested in goblin culture, too. He'd be good to team up with on that.

And I don't know much about the old earth-based magic, but if you need someone to go out and take a look, I can do that. Or if you need someone to research things, well, I'm not the best in the world at that, but I can read and take notes, and once we get out of hatching season, there's usually an hour or two on every shift where I could pull out a book.

And yeah. I'll start speaking up more when I see something I can help with. Sometimes I feel like everyone's got their jobs and it'd be too much trouble for me to jump in, but if you don't think I'd be in the way, I'd love to help out more.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-23 04:53:27**


Re: Private Message to Charlie

Yes, that's exactly what I had in mind. And I'm so glad you think it'd be a worthwhile idea too.

Bill, Remus, and Hagrid could lend a hand here and there, of course, but I'd like you and Mac to be the point team.

And I'll send you home with a copy of Cecelia's report to see if you can't help make heads or tails of it.

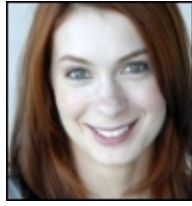



 **[alt_charlie](#) at 2013-05-23 05:02:00**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

Yeah, I can do that. I'll talk to Mac some the next time I see him.

Thanks, Alice. You're awfully good at making us all feel like we've got a purpose, you know?



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-23 05:14:58**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

It helps when everyone I work for has such an incredible drive to do the right thing. All I do is point people in a certain direction and hope it's the right one.

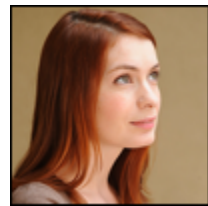


 **[alt_charlie](#) at 2013-05-23 05:19:01**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

We're a right hard ship to steer sometimes, aren't we?

But you're doing a damn good job at it. This might sound odd to say, but I really think Dad would be proud of you, and pleased things were in such good hands.

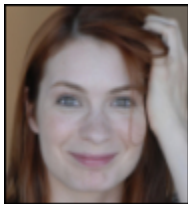


 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-23 05:37:16**

Re: Private Message to Charlie

Oh, Charlie.

Thank you.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-22 22:37:54**

Private Message to Kingsley

You were quite right about Cecelia Perks and Scott Brownmiller. I don't know if they've sorted everything out just yet, but they certainly are dancing around one another. When they both came, we made sure to sit them together at dinner, and she spent quite a bit of time with him and Rory after.



 **[alt_kingsley](#) at 2013-05-23 00:33:48**

Re: Private Message to Kingsley

It was Dorcas who spotted it first actually: she's really good at picking up on unspoken, er, *tensions*, from being an Auror trainer.

I like Scott a great deal, and I hope this makes him happy...if they


can sort out their own feelings, of course. Cecelia I know less well, of course, but it's clear she's had a hard life. Surely she deserves some happiness.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-23 00:25:57](#)
(no subject)

Yes, the MacNichols were very generous and sent along half a dozen sheepskins. (And more of their sheeps milk cheese, too. I'll drop 'em all off tomorrow.) We had a good visit.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-23 01:00:43](#)
(no subject)

And yeah, Dorcas and Caradoc and I can definitely join you this weekend to discuss camp safety protocols. I know it's been on all our minds.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-23 03:42:32](#)
(no subject)

I don't want to wear out my welcome, but I've been thinking I might shift my lodgings from Tilda's to Moddey next month and stay through the summer at least. I could as easily keep up my travels from there as from here, and I could be more use to you than I am to anyone in this neighbourhood now.

Don't mistake me, Tilda's a good egg, but if I'm not to be recalled to the school, then there's no sense my hovering here. It's not as if there's anything in Hogsmeade I can't obtain elsewhere.

At any rate, I wouldn't be simply hanging about full time. I do intend to keep up my connections around and about, as I always do of a summer.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-23 04:36:06](#)
(no subject)

Feel free to consider us a home base for as long as needed, Poppy. We'll have plenty that you can help with, and it would be wonderful to see you again.




 [alt_severus](#) at [2013-05-23 04:44:08](#)
(no subject)

I will present myself as soon as I am able, after term. We are at an impasse in our research: McGivern has reached the limit of what he can accomplish individually without collaboration, and I have reached the limit of what I can do remotely and without proper laboratory facilities.

That having been said, there are several lines of investigation that may prove promising once I am able to devote an uninterrupted amount of time to their study. I cannot provide a concrete estimate, but I would be willing to venture there is a considerable chance for breakthrough this summer.

Miss Granger, if there is the remotest chance Mr Potter might see fit to allowing you a certain degree of freedom of movement this summer, your presence as research assistant would not be unwelcome.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-23 05:07:23](#)
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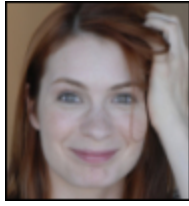
I'm hoping your summer will prove fruitful, Severus. And if you give me a list of supplies, I'll try to procure what you'll need ahead of time.




 [alt_severus](#) at [2013-05-23 05:13:55](#)
(no subject)

I will do so.

Dragon blood, sadly, may prove to be a *sine qua non*; however, I am working through the traditional alternatives, and have not given up yet.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-23 05:21:12](#)
(no subject)

I have every faith in your thoroughness, and if the opportunity comes along to safely gather some, I'm sure Charlie will.




 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-23 05:27:48](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. I'm trying.

Although. Poppy mentioned something to me, a few weeks ago. Turns out, the Department of Mysteries has first claim on all the dragon blood we can turn up, but they aren't actually using all of it, and have been letting some of it get out onto the black market. Apparently the Healers at St M's assumed that was how she'd got her hands on it for making that healing potion she used on Diggory.

I wonder if there's any way we could get some of that. Seems odd to go through all the trouble when I'm right here, but oddly, it might be less risky.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-23 05:39:04](#)
(no subject)

That's a good point.

We're not quite as tapped into the black market, but might know some people who are.

I wonder if Mundungus is still around?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2013-05-23 18:38:10](#)
(no subject)

Oh!

Well, I don't know what exactly is going to happen this summer, I mean no one does, with the CCF and YPL programmes and all, but last year Harry wasn't able to take me along and I was stuck at Buckingham so maybe this year he could

just not mention it and I'd be able to get away then.

If you're not doing anything now I could help you or Madam Pomfrey now that she's back. Harry's got another hour of his Divination O.W.L. but loads of people are in the library getting ready for Defence tomorrow.

2013-05-23 08:43:00

Well, then.

Here we are.

Students: if any of you are needing treatment for maladies of any sort, please do not hesitate to stop into the Hospital Wing. I will be happy to assist you.



 [alt_poppy](#)

Heads of House and Prefects: do, please, direct students in need of my care to come along for treatment.

Best wishes to those sitting OWLs this week. Persevere!



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2013-05-23 13:50:05**

Mr Milland

If you would be so good as to return my personal effects, I would appreciate the favour.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **2013-05-23 14:09:46**


Private message to Poppy

You're back? Really? That is exceedingly wonderful news. I've missed you - and knowing you were there if needed - a very great deal.

But what on earth happened to Kerr? He was here yesterday, though I admit, not looking at all pleased with the world at lunch. I wasn't down at supper myself, because the examiners were getting settled in. (Everyone seems to have managed the Astronomy OWL, at least.)

Do you have time for tea at some point? Or do you need to sort out your Infirmary first? I'm afraid my time's tight - Raz's birthday on Sunday, and then the final wedding tasks next week and a few other things. But tomorrow after classes would work, or Sunday early afternoon, or I'd even get up early on Saturday if that made things possible.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2013-05-23 14:50:19](#)**

Re: Private message to Poppy

Thank you. I'm quite pleased to be back, myself.

And it was most unexpected. My best guess is that Healer Kerr saw one too many hexed sixth-years or several too many soggy fifths. I found the ward empty save for Mr Hopkins, who had been silenced and hexed unconscious. I imagine that may be Healer Kerr's method for treating hysteria.

At any rate, I received an urgent firecall just past midnight, asking me to come at once. Kerr had flooded St M's to say he was finished here, then simply walked out the front doors and out the gates.

Of course, I have time for tea! The elves have put all the moveables here back in order and are giving everything a thorough cleansing today. I'm going through the records and cupboards, but to be honest, Kerr left little to show for his time here. Very perfunctory notes on patients.

Tomorrow after classes would be lovely. And if for any reason that does not work for you when the moment arrives, fear not. Sunday afternoon would be equally possible for me.

I trust you are doing well? And Rabastan?



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2013-05-23 16:05:11](#)**

Re: Private message to Poppy

Goodness. Poor Mr Hopkins, how needlessly cruel. I'll make sure to keep an eye out for him when I'm in the sett. And I'm so glad they got hold of you, really, because it has been a misery.

Tomorrow, please.

As to me and to Raz, mostly it's that I cannot believe we're actually getting married in less than 10 days. I keep thinking I've forgotten something (but we have lists, and we could not have picked a better planner than Tallie, and really, as you've said, the important part is that we get married and all the other details are frosting.)

Beyond that, he's been throwing himself into the last prep for the

exams. After hearing from his newts, he's a little more relaxed that the owl students will do well, but I don't think he'll actually be sure until we get the results back. (On the other hand, I do rather plan to make sure he has as relaxing a weekend as I can manage.)



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-23 14:11:52](#)

Private Message to Plympton Norwood, Institutional Liaison & Josiah Peakes, Chair, BoG

First, I should like to thank you both for expediting my return to Hogwarts in the wake of Healer Kerr's precipitous departure. Second, I want to alert you to the fact that you will be receiving an appeal for the return or replacement of significant quantities of medicinal ingredients belonging to this school and this infirmary. It seems that when Healer Kerr departed, he took rather more with him than was appropriate.

In addition to the list of ingredients urgently needed here, I will attach complete inventories from the time of my departure and today, with the requisite counter-signatures, and the (not entirely complete) documentation left by Kerr, suggesting (one mayn't say 'detailing' in this instance) what medicinals he brewed (few) and/or dispensed (also very few) during his tenure.

I will leave you, Mr Norwood, to draw your own conclusions from the evidence and to decide what further steps might be necessary with respect to Healer Kerr. My concern is only to have those ingredients quickly replaced. Today, if possible. Either from St Mungo's stores or direct from our usual distributors.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-23 14:18:34](#)

Private message to Madam Pomfrey

You're really back? I'd heard a rumour but I wasn't sure I believed it. That's brilliant!

I'm off to take my Potions OWL, wish me luck!

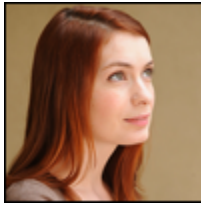


 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2013-05-23 14:37:20**

Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey

Best wishes on that exam, my dear.

And do stop up when you've freed yourself from other obligations.




 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-23 16:10:58**

ORDER ONLY

Goodness! That was rather sudden.

This is a good thing, I hope?



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2013-05-23 16:23:31**

Re: ORDER ONLY

It is. There's work to be done here, of course, but I rather expected to find things more muddled than they actually are. Mind you, he cleaned me out of some of my more prized ingredients and simples, but he scarcely used any of the prepared medicinals I stock. He treated precious few patients from the look of things and may have resorted more to spells than cures.

Alice, I have reason to suspect that he Imperiused some of those who came for treatment, to make them go away and think themselves better. It remains to be seen what effect that will have on chronic bedwetting or nightmares or eczema or what have you. I'm rather afraid it will have had positive results in some instances, which is... perturbing.

Unsurprisingly, I've found disruptions in my wards. I'm checking everything very carefully.

Oh, also. I suppose this rather changes what I told you about my summer. Or perhaps not. I might still make Moddey my staging area, but I'll need to see what my instructions from St Mungo's may be before I make any definite plans.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2013-05-23 18:41:18](#)

Order Only

Welcome back, Madam Pomfrey!



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-23 18:46:10](#)

Re: Order Only

Thank you.

Stop up if you've a chance. I have a rather large box of Tilda Sprout's shortbread to share. They are too good and much too rich to keep to myself.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2013-05-23 19:06:07](#)

Re: Order Only

Oh, thank you. I can come now. I was going to ask if you needed any help settling back in, anyway.




 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-24 04:58:59](#)

Order Only

I'm so happy you're back at Hogwarts, Madam Pomfrey!



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-24 13:13:08](#)

Re: Order Only

Thank you kindly, Mr Boot.

2013-05-23 09:23:00

Private message to Maghnus



 [alt_selwyn](#)

Right. The rumours of recent Markings are all rather thoroughly confirmed, which is going to make things ... interesting. More complicated. The good news is that those who were wavering months back are now in a position to feel rather thoroughly threatened; the bad is that of the new blood, it's impossible to know which way they'll jump. Ordinarily I'd have said to look to their mentors to bring them along, but given that nearly all the newest Councilwizards were Marked without their closest senior associates even being invited....

Well.

It's the sort of potential complication that suggests we daren't wait much longer.

I need to you follow up today with Felix. See if he's ready to come to the event. REGARDLESS of what you hear, visit the hosts and let them know it's almost time, be ready for the invitation.

[2013-05-23 20:16:00](#)

Professor Sprout?

I found that second pot of *Stellata Draconus* you said was missing from the shipment that came in from Green Knight Gardens: someone planted it in the Memorial Garden. Did you ask someone to plant it and it just slipped your mind? I didn't think so, though, because it wasn't in the design, and anyway, I thought you said something about cultivating in order to cross-graft it with the *Azurea Draconus*.



 **[alt_neville](#)**

It's in the northwest corner. I marked it with a flagged stake, in case you want to move it.



 **[alt_neville](#) at [2013-05-24 01:34:06](#)**

Private message to Professor Sprout

It's very odd: someone put a flat stone right in front of it, marked with a rather fancy curlicue 'S.' The same lettering that's on the memorial tablets, actually. So I was a bit wary of disturbing it.



 **[alt_pomona](#) at [2013-05-24 10:37:47](#)**

Re: Private message to Professor Sprout

How very curious indeed, and thank you for spotting it. I did have a look, very carefully, this morning, once it got light. There's a pin underneath - one of those our former Headmistress gave out.

I put it back, at least for the moment. Until I can think about it some more.

[2013-05-23 22:00:00](#)

Home

Well, I am finally, finally home.

I have a massive training regime to follow over the next while. As well as appointments with various healers and specialists daily and sometimes twice daily over the next two weeks. Then we'll see which will be retained and which cut.



 **[alt_cedric](#)**

I look forward to sleeping in my own bed tonight, being pampered by Mum and Jenni, maybe even woken up by the littles in the morning.

I would like to repeat my thanks for all the cards, gifts and well wishes.

I'm sure that NEWTs went well for all my year mates and that OWLs continue to go well. I no everyone worked as hard as they could given hour trying circumstances.

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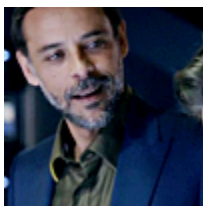
 **[alt_cedric](#) at [2013-05-24 02:35:04](#)**

Private Message to Professor Dolohov and Madam Pomfrey

I understand I owe the two of you a huge amount, though there seemed to be a fare amount of disagreement among the staff about just how much and what the to of you did before delivering me to Saint Mungos.

Now that I'm not tied to the bed in St Mungos I would appreciate being able to meet and thank you each in person.

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 **[alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-24 04:12:29](#)**

Re: Private Message to Professor Dolohov and Madam Pomfrey

I am very pleased to see you recovering. I will be happy to call on you once school has let out.

Regards,
Professor Dolohov



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-24 13:09:21](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Dolohov and Madam Pomfrey

Your release to home care is very good news, indeed, and a sign that you've done all your Healers have demanded. If they had any doubt that you would be vigilant in your rehabilitation, they would have kept you.

As for the care I provided, it was both my duty and something I was pleased to be able to do. No special thanks required.

I would, however, very much like to stop in to see your progress with my own eyes. I'm so very pleased that you are doing so well.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2013-05-24 02:35:50](#)

Private Message to Harry

**IT LOOKS LIKE I OUGHT TO BE
ABLE TO GO TO THE WEDDING,
BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL
BE ABLE TO TALK PRIVATELY.**

**ONCE YOU KNOW YOUR SUMMER
SCHEDULE, WE SHOULD MAKE A PLAN
TO MEET UP.**

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-24 02:55:00](#)

Re: Private Message to Harry

It'll be really good to see you there.

And yeah, we should meet once classes are done.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2013-05-24 02:37:32](#)

Private Message to Hephestus Bobilis and Tyche Jenkins

FLOO ME WHEN YOU GET HOME. I'D LOVE TO SIT AND TALK OVER THE SUMMER EVEN IF WE CAN'T GO FLYING, YET.

~~I CAN'T SAY EVERYTHING IS FORGIVEN BUT YOU WERE MY FRIENDS FOR SO MANY YEARS AND WOULD HAVE REGRETTED IF THINGS HAD ENDED AS THEY WERE.~~



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2013-05-24 02:44:27](#)

Private Message to Fred and George

COME ON OVER THIS SUMMER, WE SHOULD CHAT MORE ABOUT PLANS. QUIDDITCH IS OBVIOUSLY BENCHED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. WITCH PUSHES OUR CONVERSATIONS TO THE STARTER POSITION, IF I CAN MANAGE IT.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2013-05-24 04:04:42](#)

Re: Private Message to Fred and George

We'll be on your doorstep as soon as possible, promise. And hey, if Quidditch has to wait awhile, it'll just give you more time to practise your autograph for the fans, for when you can start.

In the meantime, we can discuss an idea with you that's come from our Mum, believe it or not, which might come in useful with regard to some of the business ideas we've been kicking around.

Really glad to hear you're home, Diggory. And on the road to recovery.

2013-05-23 23:04:00

Private message to Lucius Malfoy and Antonin Dolohov



Higgs.

HIGGS.

 [alt_selwyn](#)

THEODOLPHUS HIGGS.

Tosha, I'm not sure you would have known about this as you were still abroad at the time; Higgs worked under me, for a time, in Communications. He was sacked with prejudice after leaking confidential information in private messages; someone's personal scandal wound up in a gossip magazine because he couldn't keep his pathetic mouth shut.

Mulciber was at his Marking -- along with Minerva.

Higgs demonstrated rather conclusively that he was not worthy of trust or confidence. I think --

I think it's going to prove a mistake to have elevated him.




 [alt_lucius](#) at **2013-05-24 04:23:40**
(no subject)

Yes. Astonished Mulciber let Higgs leave the audience chamber with his limbs.

Have been hearing bits and pieces all day.

He must have some reason for adding them all - has there been no word of unrest anywhere? No intelligence regarding a threat to the Protectorate?




 [alt_selwyn](#) at **2013-05-24 04:28:35**
(no subject)

None that I've heard.

If Higgs' purpose is to be curse bait, SURELY he might have been encouraged to throw himself before

the wands of our enemies with the promise of LATER consideration?




 **[alt_lucius](#) at 2013-05-24 04:34:03**

Private Message to Dominic

Perhaps the intention for him (and McLaggan, if it comes to that) is as a new ... toy. Someone He can reshape without fear that we His loyal might ... misinterpret the process as a threat.

You do realise it was three years ago this week that Regulus disappeared. Our Lord may long for another pet.



 **[alt_selwyn](#) at 2013-05-24 04:38:17**

Re: Private Message to Dominic

Perhaps.

I'm feeling old, with all these upstart children getting Marked. Perhaps we could meet this weekend. Talk about old times.



 **[alt_lucius](#) at 2013-05-24 04:44:06**

Re: Private Message to Dominic

This week-end It's not ideal but suppose one could arrange something. Shall I ask Narcissa when we are free if you and Chloe were to join us for luncheon or supper?



 **[alt_selwyn](#) at 2013-05-24 04:46:47**

Re: Private Message to Dominic

I was thinking of something a bit less involved -- maybe drinks tomorrow, perhaps?



 **alt_lucius** at [2013-05-24 04:50:46](#)

Re: Private Message to Dominic

Ah.

Yes, well ... I've time about six o'clock, after Court. If that would meet your requirements?

Let us say *Monteith*.



 **alt_selwyn** at [2013-05-24 04:55:39](#)

Re: Private Message to Dominic

I'll be there.



 **alt_antonin** at [2013-05-24 04:46:02](#)

(no subject)

I can only hope He has greater purpose. I cannot see any other reason why someone so patently unsuitable should be called to service.

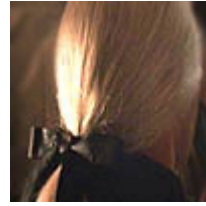
My first thought would be Him gearing up to take His cause outside these shores to conquer, rather than to negotiate -- it could explain why He did not appoint someone in my stead as ambassador at large -- but I cannot imagine he would not share that with us in advance.

2013-05-24 09:50:00

Private Message to Weasley

Between appts. No need to reply.

Reserve private room *Monteith* 6 PM. Confirm DS office (MD clerk). Topic: Personal.



 [alt_lucius](#)

Know you are hearing rumours of many elevations to Council among your peers or age-mates.

Don't get any ideas. We have discussed this before and you know my opinions on your readiness. Continue as you have been and there is every indication that the proper introductions shall present themselves at appropriate moments. On that note, however, inform me immediately should someone approach you, particularly if it is not someone well-known to you.

Send copy of remarks from Fudge's state of Protectorate address to me no later than half-eleven. Particularly the mark-up section on self-sufficient manufacturing and muggle containment. Wish to review before luncheon; meeting with Dunstan and Allenham moved to half-one.

Also, find out when Rookwood's next avail. And whether the following people are in DoM to-day: Bale, Covington, Croaker, Morlock, Sinistra. Discreetly.

[2013-05-24 09:50:00](#)

Order Only

I've settled in, I suppose. I've unpacked my valise into the drawers here and have re-appropriated the personal effects I was forced to leave behind. (Thank you, Severus, for seeing that those were not simply sent out with the rubbish.)



 **[alt_poppy](#)**

Other matters are less easy. I find that the students are quite reluctant to come to me with their treatable maladies and are decidedly anxious to enter the infirmary when they've a complaint that cannot be managed without my care. Decidedly more anxious than is usual.

In the stretches of time when students are not seeking me out, I'm cleaning, inventorying, and readying the month-end reports, which brings me to ask:

ALBUS, if you've time, I would appreciate your help with a number of sneaky charms on my records. And Severus, you as well, if you're able come at some point. I've found one or two traps on items Kerr apparently wanted to keep students from touching. (I doubt they're aimed at me, though I suppose that's possible. I shouldn't like to think him that childish.)

I confess I am a bit concerned there might be other snares or surveillance charms in here. My diagnostic register has some sort of remote duplio on it, I think. As soon as I discovered it, I set it aside. I assume it was meant to inform Madam Umbridge of the identities and ailments of those he treated (or saw--treated seems not quite the word), but... the mind conjures other, less savoury possibilities.



 **[alt_severus](#)** at **[2013-05-24 16:41:58](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, I will join you this afternoon and give your space a thorough going-over. In the meantime, I suggest you treat everything in the infirmary as potentially compromised.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2013-05-25 14:12:09](#)**
(no subject)

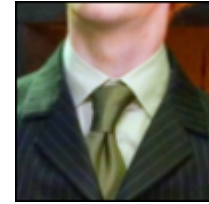
Thank you both for your assistance yesterday. I regret it was such a late night for you, Albus, but I really cannot, in good conscience, counsel or treat students if there's any chance of their privacy's being abused.

I wish I could entirely share your confidence, Albus, that the castle is collaborating with us in neutralising the traps. Perhaps it is, but I won't feel entirely comfortable until we've had time for a properly thorough sweep of this wing. I do agree, though, that we'll have to wait until the school empties out for holidays.

2013-05-24 11:27:00

Private message to Bill Weasley

Can you break away for lunch today? I'm aware this isn't our usual day, but...



I must confess to being rather ~~upset~~ ~~indignant~~ put out. Mr Malfoy has been adamant about discouraging my wish to petition for Council membership--but now I've learned that Theodolphus Higgs has just been admitted.

 [alt_percy](#)

Higgs.


Theodolphus bloody Higgs.

That laughable, contemptible buffoon is to be one of Our Lord's inner circle!? And yet Mr Malfoy still insists that I must wait. I'm not to even talk to him about it!

As an act of mercy, please meet with me and help me defuse the famous Weasley temper, or Merlin knows what I might say to my own boss.

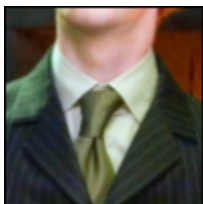
Which would be catastrophic.




 [alt_bill](#) at **2013-05-25 15:15:49**
(no subject)

Theodolphus Higgs?

Bloody hell, Perce, no wonder you're upset. Sure, I'll meet with you. Usual place at 12:30, all right?



 [alt_percy](#) at **2013-05-25 15:16:19**
(no subject)

Thank you.

2013-05-24 21:34:00

I'm just as glad to be done

as everyone else! But that doesn't mean that we can run rampant all over the school. Remember that there's a match tomorrow and the other years still have homework and revising.




 [alt_padma](#)

But other than that, we've got every reason to have a party!

And regardless of the Quidditch outcome tomorrow, Pavs and I are inviting years 4-7 to celebrate our birthdays. We'll use the same room where we rehearsed the Revue. Just a little tea and cake and some music. Hope to see you there!



 [alt_padma](#) at **2013-05-25 01:56:15**

Private Message to Parvati

I'm sure your exams weren't as bad as you're making out. Don't worry so much. Let's enjoy it being over and DONE and the fact that we're 16 tomorrow.

And tell Lav that I really hope she'll come.

Ravenclaw are going to win, by the way. Samuels says Gryffindor hasn't got a chance.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2013-05-25 15:20:39**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

How lucky that you can have sweets at your party. Oh, wait, I forgot. You got to pig out on everyone else's all term.

Say. You know what would be the absolute best? What if we got someone to imperius Finnicky so he had to tell you he hated you all day, and then we could try to get him to destroy the present he was planning to give you. I just think that would be hilarious.

Two-faced cow.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2013-05-25 16:49:00](#)**

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

You all right there, Fisheye?



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2013-05-25 18:02:05](#)**

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

Peachy.

Sorry.

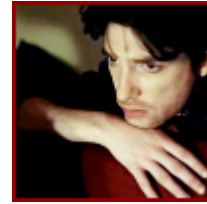
I'm feeling rather ungenerous at the moment. It all feels rather unfair, is all. The sooner this term is over the better.

You still up for flying, tuna breath? I think I need to take my mind off of things.

2013-05-25 07:13:00

Order Only: Percy

Percy sent me a message yesterday and asked me to meet for lunch. He was upset because he'd just heard that Theodolphus Higgs has been elevated to the Council, whereas Lucius Malfoy has been discouraging Percy from even applying, saying he's not ready yet.



 [alt_bill](#)

Minerva, I gather from what he said that there have been a number of elevations lately? Besides Higgs, he threw out two or three other names, and was particularly scornful at the idea of someone named Rufus McLaggen. Apparently, from what Percy knows of one of the man's relatives, a Gryffindor student at school by the name of Cormac McLaggen, he's not inclined to be impressed.

This was the first time I can think of where he expressed bitterness about Lucius Malfoy and his mentoring. However, when I probed at this gingerly, he flared up like a dragon clutching and completely contradicted himself. Lucius Malfoy wants nothing but the best for him and was taking great care to guide him from any missteps.

I then asked, what he considered *the best* to be. Could it really be following a career path that leads to the Council, if such unprepossessing characters were joining it? But he immediately rejected that argument. On the one hand, the Council has members such as Lucius Malfoy, and Dominic Selwyn, and Stephen Rosier and *Barty Crouch*--fine, upstanding examples to us all (!). On the other hand, if newer candidates were less impressive, it was practically his *duty* to join, to be a counterweight in upholding Our Lord's purebred ideals.

And then, in a throwaway comment that almost took my breath away, he added that it was what *Dad* would have wanted him to do.

I fiddled with my sandwich until I could reply without giving myself away. With all the mildness I could muster, I asked him whether he had ever discussed the idea of joining the Council with Dad.

He looked abashed and admitted that no, he had not, that he had been--he broke off at that point. I had the impression he had been on the brink of saying he had been afraid to mention it. Maybe there's an ember of conscience still alive in Percy, that makes him dimly realise

that he's on a path that Dad would have hated. But Lucius bloody Malfoy is doing his utmost to smother it.

So I talked with him about Dad. About how Dad loved his family, and tried to help people, and was kind to everyone he knew, without paying attention to blood or rank. Would joining the Council and working towards its goals please him?

A mulish look drifted over his face, and my heart sank. He ended the lunch abruptly not long after that, saying he had to get back to work.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-25 13:03:40](#)

Private message to Charlie Weasley

I know Dad would have wanted me to keep trying. He wouldn't have given up.

But Charlie...I think he's just about entirely lost to us for good.

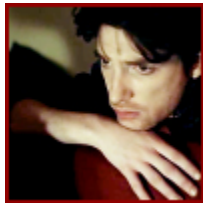


 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-25 13:10:05](#)

Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

Merlin.

I wonder if maybe going the other way might work best. Not trying to keep Percy away from them, but encouraging him to find out more about what they do when they aren't having fancy tea parties and visiting the opera. I'd like to think Perce would think twice about torturing people.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-25 15:22:18](#)

Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

Mmm. That might be another possible approach, yes.


Higgs and I used to work in the same department, back when I was in Communications, although I really didn't know him well at all. He was the bloke that Selwyn cruciated and sacked for leaking private messages.

They really are letting any riff-raff join the Council now, aren't

they?

Why?

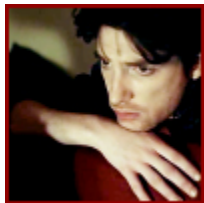


 [alt_charlie](#) at **2013-05-25 16:08:04**

Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

I don't want to think about it too closely. I can't imagine it's anything good.

I don't suppose you could feel out Selwyn about what's going on here? Or do you think that would call too much attention to you?



 [alt_bill](#) at **2013-05-25 16:50:54**

Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

Yeah, after figuring out that he's obliterated me recently, I'm not keen on poking him too much.



 [alt_charlie](#) at **2013-05-25 16:59:58**

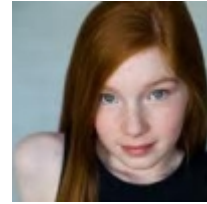
Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

Ha. Good point.

Maybe Minerva will have something to share with us. Although, have you noticed, she hasn't been giving us any of the detail on the Council that she used to? Used to be, she could pass along some things. Now ... she's awfully quiet.

2013-05-27 10:54:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Neville



I was thinking we might go on a walk later? Or we could play chess. Or I could read you something.

 [alt_evelyn](#)

Whatever you want to do, really. If all you want is to sit somewhere and be quiet, I could do that too. And if you'd rather be alone, just say.

I bet you're glad OWLs are over. I know how hard you worked on them, and I know you'll do just fine. And summer is just around the corner and we'll have all sorts of things we can do.



 [alt_neville](#) at **2013-05-27 21:54:50**
(no subject)

There's a memorial gathering in the greenhouses after supper, and I'm planning to go to that. But afterwards...yeah. I'd like some company.

I can't believe it's been two years.

2013-05-28 11:40:00

Private message to Maghnus

Felix has joined our faction.

Ensure he visits all the key people as quickly as possible. Tell them to wait until they're IN Buckingham. We are planning on attending Our Lord at 3 o'clock this afternoon.



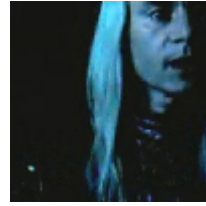
 [alt_selwyn](#)

Higgs needs to be there. Do whatever you need to to get him there.

Keep LM away. Also BL -- if she's present, she can't leave the room, you understand? And I don't think anyone wants to cross wands with her. Same for BC.

[2013-05-28 13:45:00](#)

Private Message to Dominic and Ari



Dominic,

Apropos of our conversation last week, re: New Blood. Was just leaving *Elysian* and was waylaid by Glendower the Younger, who (among other uninteresting news) tells me that Higgs has been bragging he's to go to Court this after-noon, for a presentation Yaxley intends regarding 'Protectorate Defence.' Apparently Julius Avery had something to do with it as well. (Those two are not known to work together often, as you know.)

 **[alt_lucius](#)**

Ari and I are both intrigued. Do you know anything? We could easily forego tea this after-noon to attend instead if you think it would be worth the time.

Let us know.



 **[alt_selwyn](#)** at **[2013-05-28 18:02:44](#)**

(no subject)

I don't know exactly what Higgs thinks he's about but I do think it would be ideal if you could be there.

I have this nagging sense that something's afoot -- I hesitate to involve Barty in something that's just an odd hunch, but if you could drop by his office and see if he's perhaps not overly busy, maybe you could both stop in?



 **[alt_lucius](#)** at **[2013-05-28 18:23:47](#)**

(no subject)

Truthfully, had not thought to return to Ministry today.

However, it so happens I had something to ask Fudge that cannot wait until Thursday. Could collect Barty while there, if he has no other pressing business.

Take it you are not at the office, yourself.

2013-05-28 14:54:00

Private message to Lucius Malfoy and Barty Crouch, Jr.

Something terrible has happened. Come to Buckingham as quickly as you can, both of you.



 [alt_selwyn](#)




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-28 20:07:04**
(no subject)

What?

Nevermind. On my way.



 [alt_selwyn](#) at **2013-05-28 20:08:56**
(no subject)

Is Bella with you?

2013-05-28 15:15:00

Private message to Maghnus Derrick

I have horrifying news for you, Maghnus: Our Lord is dead, cut down by that unworthy traitor, Higgs.



 [alt_selwyn](#)

At Court this afternoon, Higgs requested permission from Our Lord to demonstrate some allegedly brilliant new spell -- the rest of us thought we'd stand back and let him make a fool of himself, if he cared to. But he whirled and cast the killing curse. I reacted without thinking, and killed Higgs (unfortunately, this means we may never know who sent him, although we have some guesses that MLE may be able to follow up on -- I'm particularly suspicious that someone from Mysteries was involved, though not Rookwood, certainly.)

Do not under any circumstances let this get out to the papers. In fact, the fewer people outside the council who know at this point, the better. I'd like to get in touch with a few friends, though. Pass the word to Minerva, she certainly ought to know. Stephan Rosier. Antosha.

I'd let someone else be the one to tell Bellatrix Lestrange.

I expect I'll be here answering questions for quite some time. Let Chloe know I'm all right, please, but not to wait up.

2013-05-28 15:49:00

Private Message to A Dolohov and Rod Lestranger



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

R. Know Bella's incommunicado today. Must have felt it, tho. Assume you both did. (Not what I'd have thought.) Have owled B a Go To Ground. She hasn't arrived here, so assume she'll read before acting.

Do NOT come to Buckingham. Don't make it simple for them to draw us all together.

Toshenka. Same for you. Do NOT come to B.

What I know: Our Lord is dead. Higgs. Used AK.

Obv did not act alone. Glendower, Yaxley, Avery, Avery, and Selwyn present. Odd lot, no? All of them pleading surprise. Selwyn, the idiot, dropped Higgs. Trying to stop him. Of course, failed.

G. most likely. Not sure about the others collaborating with him. Yaxley is mad enough. Avery? Together with Y? Damned puzzle. Give them time. Let them hang themselves.

But don't give them rope to hang us with.

Batya. You and the Razzar should come to NL. Cover absence first, tho. No sense raising alarm.

Tonight N64B.

Be wary.

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Feels Odd

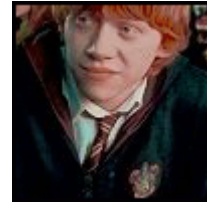
I thought it would feel different.

More... free, y'know?

Being done with OWLs.


Since we were just back in lessons like always today. And won't know our marks til summer sometime. It's just sort of... unfinished. Yeah?

At least we killed Ravenclaw! That was dead awesome!



 [alt_ron](#)



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2013-05-29 01:45:40](#)

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

You were brilliant, Ron.

Everyone was, of course.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-29 01:56:17](#)

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

Thanks, you!

Are you revising for your exams now--or do you have time for a bit of chess?




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2013-05-29 02:16:46](#)

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

Of course I have time for chess!



 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-05-29 02:22:50**

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

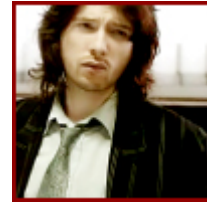
Brilliant!

2013-05-28 20:42:00

Order Only

Well, *something's* up.

I've received confirmation from several points through my network that after Court at Buckingham this afternoon, practically everyone on the Council is off their usual schedule. Meetings cancelled, people disappearing. Grim looks. No one's talking.



 **alt_bill**

Minerva? Any information you can provide at this point would be exceedingly helpful.



 **alt_severus** at **2013-05-29 02:41:12**

(no subject)

At 3:57PM, the Mark ignited: not the way it does when the Dark Lord is angry, or when He is furious, but worse. Far worse than anything I have felt before.

After two minutes, it ceased, and I have not felt anything since.

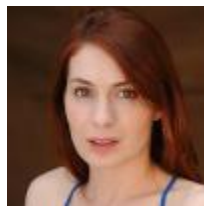


 **alt_charlie** at **2013-05-29 02:50:02**

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Huh.

That's about when the dragons started freaking out. We've just got them back under control.

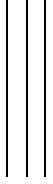


 **alt_alice** at **2013-05-29 03:11:52**

(no subject)

The dragons?

Please keep us posted. All of you.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-29 03:14:53](#)
(no subject)

Dead strange. No real reason for it, either.

2013-05-28 21:36:00

Private Message to Eloise Midgen and Megan Jones



Hey,

Han's remembrance ceremony last night got me thinking.

 [alt_susan](#)

A lot's happened this year, and we've all said some things that maybe we regret. I know I have.

Can we cry pax and be mates again?

We can't go back to being who we were third year, but maybe we can still *leviosa* each other up, so to speak, and laugh and have fun and do the kind of slightly mad things we all used to do.

Especially now that exams are over and we have a whole year before we have to start thinking about N.E.W.T.s!



 [alt_megan](#) at **2013-05-30 04:46:58**
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Han made everyone around her better people. I miss her. ~~And Sarah. And she's my fault.~~

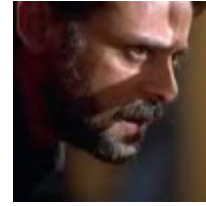
Are you sure

I would like to try. If you want. Both of you, I mean.

2013-05-28 23:01:00

(no subject)

Students: classes will be canceled tomorrow. I apologise for the short notice.



 **alt_antonin**

If anyone has questions, please hold them for my return, as I cannot guarantee I will be able to answer comments in my journal with any sort of alacrity.



 **alt_antonin** at **2013-05-29 03:21:46**

Private Message to Augustus Rookwood

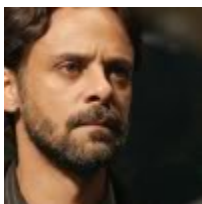
Gus —

It seems as though we are knee-deep in Thestral shit, are we not? ~~I cannot believe He~~

We are desperately in need of knowing who can be trusted and who cannot, particularly in your demesne. I cannot imagine we will make it to tomorrow morning without a fierce struggle among those who are in the know to see who will rise to the top, given Our Lord's ... situation. I cannot see this ending well if we do not act quickly to secure Our Lord's legacy and prevent it from being co-opted by the upstarts.

If you're free, I need to speak with you. I will come to you: Barty does not want us gathering publicly in groups of more than two or three tonight. He fears a followup.

— T



 **alt_antonin** at **2013-05-29 03:31:02**

Private Message to Barty and Lucius

Gus has written back; I am on my way to see what I can pry loose from him. I will do my best to give him as little information as possible, particularly since Lucius is convinced he is no longer calling the shots in his department.

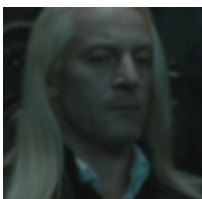
I will return as quickly as possible; and yes, dear heart, I am being careful.



 **[alt_crouch_jr](#) at 2013-05-29 03:41:45**

Re: Private Message to Barty and Lucius

Will hold you to that.



 **[alt_lucius](#) at 2013-05-29 04:34:27**

Re: Private Message to Barty and Lucius

Valerian has just delivered confirmation from Narcissa that she has taken Rigel with her to Blackmoor Park for the time being. Sent word to Rod of the same. The others are safe enough at Hogwarts; confess I am uneasy about you and Rizzer both leaving but it cannot be helped.

Ari is petrified someone will conclude that since Higgs was involved, Ptolemy could have been as well. See no convincing argument there; nor for Ned and Lana. Have arranged for them (Ned, Lana, Ptolemy) to take up position strategically at Ministry until we can sort out friend from foe.

Toshenka, has Gus volunteered any information regarding Stornoway? Given the efforts to contain the immediate threats by keeping the news quiet for the time being, priority must be assigned to maintaining our protections against the outside.

Rendez-vous in an hour? Still using the Green Drawing Room for war room.



 **[alt_antonin](#) at 2013-05-29 04:56:45**

Re: Private Message to Barty and Lucius

Nothing of use; I am forced to agree with you that Gus is no longer the light he used to be. Not that I doubted you, but it is the sort of thing one must see for oneself.

Raz is actually back at Hogwarts; did Barty not tell you? We thought it not outside the realm of possibility that someone would

decide to go after Harry, and with Minerva no longer present, Raz's duty becomes more pressing.

Am nearly done here with Gus. Would you like me to make a detour to Stornoway? The director is a distant cousin of the Higgs in question, is he not? Admittedly, at this point I am seeing enemies behind every turn, but if there is any question at his loyalty, having someone present to remind him that even with Our Lord fallen, His Council is not powerless.

I cannot



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-29 03:45:48](#)**

Private Message to Raz

I know you must be chafing at the bit, but with Minerva not at Hogwarts, it is even more important that we be vigilant about Harry's safety.

I agree with you that Hogwarts is likely the most safe place for him. I know I do not need to say this, but do not let anyone coax you into removing him from the school. No matter what. We still do not know the extent of who is involved. If we need to change plans, and are unable to use journals, we will send someone with the usual signals; if you need to reach us, post publicly with the alternate codes and we will ensure someone checks regularly.

—T



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2013-05-29 08:04:19](#)**

Private Message to Barty

You are likely asleep right now, dear heart. I hope that you are, at least -- one of us should have a chance to get some rest.

I should sleep myself, I know -- tomorrow will be brutal -- and yet. And yet. Was it only last week I was saying that I missed the days in which we were living at the tips of our toes, wands out, eyes in the back of our heads? I should know better by now than to wax nostalgic about people trying to kill me, I suppose.

I cannot believe that

It finally struck me, I suppose, a few minutes ago. Drinking a cup of coffee and wondering whether I would do better with a few hours' sleep, or if I should push through to morning on caffeine and stubbornness. I suppose there is a part of me that does not want to sleep, because if I do, then I will wake into a world where everything has changed utterly. Where He is no more, and we are left to hold the pieces. And hold the faith, as best we might, as imperfect as we might be, with nothing more than each other left to hold on to.

It does not feel real yet. I suppose I don't want it to.

And here we are, left floundering, His best and brightest -- or at least, certain of us -- scrabbling as best we might to seize what we can in terms of stability. Wondering, all the way, which of us can be trusted, without Him to put an end to our petty quarrels when they arise. (And yet, how much of that thinking is my nostalgia for the way things used to be? For in this past year, I have seen so many ways in which He is was no longer the consummate leader He was a decade ago. Or ways in which He decided that we were able to govern ourselves and no longer needed Him to dog our every step, and we failed Him.)

Did we fail Him? ~~Or did He fail us?~~ No -- of course we did; we would not be in these circumstances had we not. But I am left to wonder what we could have done differently, what we failed to do, what individual actions and choices led us to this moment. What else I could have done that would have prevented me from sitting here, in the middle of the night, staring at nothing and wondering what the world will look like tomorrow morning when the sun rises and the country finds out that *alea iacta est*.

I suppose it could be worse; I could have lived through tonight without the knowledge that no matter what should happen, I at least have the finest son a man could wish for to stand at my side and face the future with me.

And on that note, perhaps I will get a few hours of sleep after all. Wake me first thing in the morning, and we will make our lists of the thousands of details that must be attended to. And the world will go on, I suppose, no matter that everything has changed and nothing will ever be the same again.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-29 10:19:05](#)

Re: Private Message to Barty

Not sleeping, no. I hope you are getting some now, though. Would come to you but for that: one of us ought to rest.

We did not fail Him, Batya. We've given our hearts' blood in service. And may give all before this is finished. And for what, in the end? For there to be an end?

I cannot believe it's ended. This way. At the hands of a no one. That He should prove so w mortal, so common. To fall as all others do.

Where did His power go, Batya? How could this be all? Have we been deluding ourselves all this time? Following a fraud? I can't believe that.

He was glorious. When I took His Mark, He was all-mastering. And now, the Mark is all that's left? I can feel it there, it hasn't gone yet. Is that an illusion, too? It was agony at that moment, was it not? In His dying, but that's all that remained of His power, that last Cruciating spasm. I wonder how long that agony will haunt us before it fades and leaves us with truly nothing.

Death Eaters.

I can't believe He's left us to this. Devouring one another. But you're right: what He'd become-

It would please Him to see us destroy one another. Nothing entertained Him more. Look at what He's done this fortnight? Pouring oil on the embers of all our jealousies, fueling our suspicions, our anxieties.

I would think this a game of His, but His death was no illusion. His corpse- was nothing more than that. A lump of lifeless flesh, so wasted. And deformed, Batya. Hideous.

I had to leave Bella to herself tonight, to her fury. What will we be now? What will we make of ourselves with no one now but ourselves to serve? I never imagined this could happen. Still can't grasp it. Who did? Who could have wished this? Planned it?

And what good is it to write all this? It changes nothing.

Helps nothing.

And it's day already. I'll be there shortly, and we can decide what's next to do.



alt_antonin at 2013-05-29 10:52:53

Re: Private Message to Barty

I am not sleeping. I tried, but every time I closed my eyes...

You're right, of course. (When have you not been?) These past few weeks -- but am I viewing our past through rose colored glasses? I look back and think of the days when we were His hands, loyal and obedient, united as one behind the vision He articulated so clearly, and I remember finding family, finding brotherhood, finding you, and Lyoushka, and Raz and Rod, and Bella, and Stephen, and Ari, and Evan, and....

But those worthies are not all to have born His mark, are they? He has always been a master at looking within the hearts and minds of men, and finding the greatness that lies within, but am I only seeing the moments in which He made those stunning moments of looking-through, and forgetting the choices He made that did not work out so readily? We've been asking ourselves this past fortnight what He could have been thinking, in elevating so many who were so unworthy or who had not yet proven their readiness, but have we simply forgot those decisions He made in years before, that we have been struggling to work around for so long?

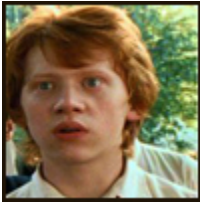
I suppose it is poetic justice, that He should be undone by one He chose to elevate, upon His whim and without having been proven.


I do not know what might become of us. I do know that I will not allow what we have made, what we have bought, what we have bled for and died for, to fall apart. This achievement is ours, no matter that He should not see what might happen after His demise. With all the breath remaining to me, I will not permit the forces of decay to prevail.

I am somehow not surprised that He should not have made arrangements for what would happen after His death. I cannot imagine He was willing to entertain the possibility that He too might be mortal. And given what I have seen of Him in the past year, I am not surprised that He should care little for those of us left behind. He has been so preoccupied that He had forgot loyalty ought run in both directions

I am not making sense. Well, the world does not make sense at the moment, so why should I be any different?

Come soon. I ought be saved from my melancholy.



 **alt_ron** at **2013-05-29 13:14:28**

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good

What happened? He's not sick again, is he?

2013-05-29 07:57:00

Private message to Mr Lucius Malfoy

All appointments have been cancelled or rescheduled as directed.

Standing by for further orders.



 [alt_percy](#)

2013-05-29 11:17:00

Order Only: Any News?

Any further word, any of you? How has the Ministry been today, Bill? Charlie, have the dragons settled down?



 [alt_sirius](#)

If something large is occupying their attention, maybe we could turn that our to advantage somehow. Could we stage another large breakout like Derby? Maybe get Davidson and Turner into position somewhere in the south?

Or ... has anyone checked the wards? Frank, fancy a sail? I'm sure we'd have known if suddenly the country became accessible to the outside but if the anti-muggle charms weren't affected then perhaps no one's noticed.

But there must be something we can *do*.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-29 15:24:51](#)

(no subject)

I think getting people into position is a good thought. And checking on the wards.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-29 15:32:57](#)


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Right.

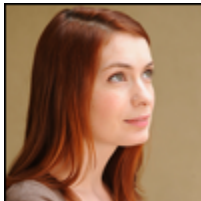
Allie, Mac, Kingsley: What camps are ready to move? We could send a message on the buttons, don't you think, and tell Davidson and his people to prepare for some cover as the others break out.


Or. Maybe Beth's group but they're not usually one for large-scale operations.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-29 15:45:35](#)**
(no subject)

We could look into Hertfordshire, Harlow, and possibly Chipstead




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-29 15:31:49](#)**
(no subject)

We know so very little right now, which is maddening. Distressed dragons, cancelled meetings, and a painful Dark Mark don't give us much to go on. Whatever it is, however, it might be prudent to quickly look into some options while everyone seems otherwise occupied.

I agree that it's worth looking into the wards. I'll have Victor and Frank take out the Hopeful to check on them and see whether they're stable or not. Sirius, if you wish to go with, you certainly could -- you're just as familiar with them as anybody.

If the wards are down, a large breakout might be in our interests. If not, though, keeping all those bodies fed and safe is a rather daunting undertaking, and our resources at both Moddey and Sherwood are not capable of handling a large influx of people.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-29 15:35:11](#)**
(no subject)

Well, I think the idea would be to scatter them about, make for the coasts. Force the Ministry to spend time and resources rounding them up or choose to cover it up and let them hide.

I'm not suggesting we take several hundred Muggles under our wings. I'm sure they have ideas of their own once they're free.

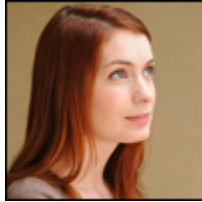



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-29 15:39:25](#)**
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we could arm two dozen muggle born. arming them means making it more likely they could keep themselves safe, and whoever's with them. if they

were sharp.

muggles'd be another matter.

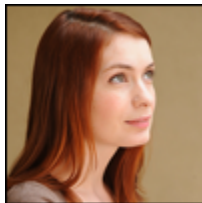



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They would have several months before winter, which helps.

In terms of numbers, if we armed twenty-four Hogwarts trained people who knew what they were doing, let's assume they could protect and defend two to three civilians for every wand arm. It might be a tough sell to convince them to protect Muggles unless they are related, though.


Perhaps rather than scattering, we have them form a colony of sorts?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-29 16:17:56](#)
(no subject)


Only there's the trouble of leadership and resources. Which are both significant.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-29 16:18:09](#)
(no subject)

They'd be sitting ducks, then. Even with two dozen trained wizards, I can't see them surviving a serious assault from MLE.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-29 16:20:24](#)
(no subject)

agreed that we ought to avoid that if at all possible.

a massacre isn't what we're aiming for here.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-05-29 16:25:40](#)
(no subject)

No, what we really need isn't someplace that they escape *from* or run *to*, but someplace they take over and *hold*.

Someplace they could protect. A camp's too large for that, though. The Ministry would *have* to attempt to take it back.

A farm or factory might drop out of sight unnoticed, though. Someplace like Oliver Wood's family's homestead. If it still existed.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-29 16:36:00](#)
(no subject)

farm takes care of the resource problem, yeah
and we could make it secure.

it'd be tricky to pull off, but while everyone's distracted we'd have a better chance than usual.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-29 17:14:51](#)
(no subject)

How would we secure it? Are you thinking we'd use Fidelius?

Sally-Anne Perks is fostered on a farm, of sorts. There's at least one muggleborn there (without a wand) and it doesn't sound particularly well guarded. It's in Coventry. I don't know that it's particularly defensible, unless we could make it disappear off the map with Fidelius, and from what I've heard, it might be too big for that.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-29 19:11:24](#)**
(no subject)

like that, yeah.

maybe a bit smaller.

the key with those farms is we'd need to include enough of the fields to make it worth our while.

it was a wonder we pulled off moddey like we did, and if we did it again we'd need damn good luck

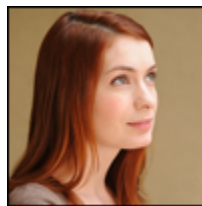
unless


tonks, you think that celia's project would work? she said she thought she could pull off a notice-me-not or something similar using some anchoring runes, like the ones on the octoboros, and that she thought it'd cover a fairly large bit of ground. she's been working on some mock-ups but we haven't got the chance to test them yet.

could buy us some time.

if it works.

and if it doesn't, it'd still be worth trying for.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-29 19:21:53](#)**
(no subject)

I'd rather we not put undue attention on Ms Perks, so not the Strettons.

But some place similar to that.

A farm that could feed itself, perhaps help feed others, and could be fairly self-sufficient with the addition of some wands.

I've a feeling Davidson and Turner would be very interested. I'm sending Stephen over there right now to talk with them. Kingsley, Mac, could you meet him there?

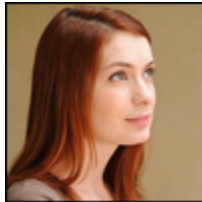



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-29 20:10:08](#)
(no subject)

Yes, that's what Cecilia said. We should ask her if she's ready to try it on a proper project. If it would work, it could buy us time and space for the warding ritual.

If it doesn't work, well, we'll just have to work as fast as we can and hope we're lucky.

And if she can't manage it yet, it could still be useful after the fact. I mean, if we do manage to fidelius a farm, somebody's sure to notice it vanishing off the map. They couldn't get in, but MLE could make sure our lot couldn't get out and that would make things difficult. A 'notice-me-not' would be dead useful in that sort of situation, wouldn't it? Make them forget what they're there for, and I bet they'd bugger off sooner or later.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-29 15:49:34](#)
(no subject)

Cutting them loose and hoping for the best isn't sitting well with me. Getting them out is one thing, what to do after is entirely another. We're in a good position to do the former, but we need a bit more thought about the latter.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2013-05-29 16:44:19](#)
(no subject)


Shouldn't we ought to ask them, and let them make their own decisions?

But, yeah, I agree with Sirius. We need a place for the future in case something like this happens again, more than we need to meet a short term goal of helping people escape.

What would the ideal safe place look like? Something like Moddey, but bigger. Except then you'd run into the problem of having to hide it.

No more information from here, by the way. Director Higgs didn't show up for breakfast, and nobody's seen him nor scale of him all day, but it's not the tense kind of wait where everyone's waiting for the axe to drop. A lot of gossip about what could have been affecting the dragons last night, but nothing more.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-29 17:17:08](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, exactly, Charlie. That's my point. We could send them a button message alerting them to an opportunity. It's up to them what to do with the chance but we ought to let them know one might

be coming.

I've been thinking. There are those mill towns in the north, hardly anyone sets foot in them anymore, and I bet even a largish group could go undetected for a while. But then there's the problem of food and supply.

A farm's a good option. I wonder if Terrie thinks her outfit might be ripe to disappear off the map. Probably not but she might have an idea of a competitor or something.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-29 17:24:10](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah. I think we need to start building as much infrastructure as we can. If it weren't for the fact half the people up here are political appointees, I'd say the Reserve would be a good option, since we have the dragons, but they are. We don't have much in the way of farmland either.

I agree with you, though, whatever's going on is certainly sending things into enough upheaval that we should take advantage of it. Bill, have you heard anything else?



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-29 17:41:56](#)
(no subject)

I agree that a farm is better than trying to take over any of the camps.

Whatever's happening inside the Ministry, it's got something to do with Purity Control and maybe with the chap who oversees the muggleborn labour programme, Rupadam. I think that's what he does, but anyway, if they're looking at him they may be paying more attention than we'd like to the camps. Or some of them. The ones with Muggleborns in.

But I like the idea of trying to take one of those big farms. They'd be able to feed themselves, for one thing. And some of them must employ loads of people who'd like to be free.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-29 17:09:15](#)
(no subject)

Sorry. Just getting home now. I got held beyond my shift.

What madness!

Honestly, there's something big about to break, and it's internal to the Ministry. Or involves people who are.

At the start of our shift, we got reminded to keep our eyes out for anything DIRRT ought to know about. But then, not an hour later, here comes my supervisor and some bloke who's got to be MLE, though I'd never seen him before, and they tell me to stop what I'm doing. As if I were doing something illegal. And they marched me out of there and down to our staff room.


I was almost pissing myself, I promise you.

But then the whole building staff were there, and they shut us all in. Told us we couldn't leave. Pulled us out one at a time to ask exactly what we'd touched. What had we scourgified? What other charms had we used? That sort of thing. Had we seen anything we thought we should tell them about?

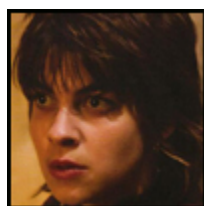
And then they kept us there. Until half-twelve for a shift that lets out at half-seven.

I don't suppose there's anything in the Prophet yet? There will be. Count on it!



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-29 17:11:56](#)
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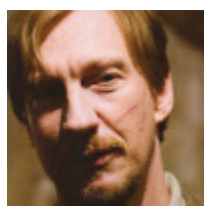
Nothing in the Prophet. Nothing on the wireless, either.




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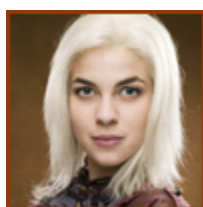
Well, that's annoying.

I'd really like to know.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-29 17:18:02](#)
(no subject)


Well, whatever's going on, I think we can safely assume that the Death Eaters want to keep it hushed up. The Prophet's been known to print things Lucius Malfoy didn't want to see -- Sirius Black's picture, for instance, after the QWC -- but it seems to have generally been accidental.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-29 17:19:21](#)
(no subject)

And the ones who did it met with accidents shortly after, too, I'd bet. Which explains why it doesn't happen more often.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-29 17:20:55](#)
(no subject)

Oh, I don't know if they bothered to pretend it was accidents.

But yes.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-29 17:16:16](#)
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So do you think it was DIRRT, or MLE, that was investigating? Where were you when they pulled you out?

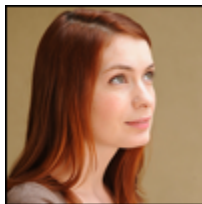



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-29 17:23:22](#)
(no subject)

Oh.

Actually, I assumed DIRRT, you know. At the start, but the bloke who marched me out of that office wasn't with them. They wear an arm band and a cap, and they want you to know exactly who's asking you to spill on your shift-mates and the people you clean up after. This one was MLE or Auror, I think. I'm really sure of it.

I was up in Purity Control, actually, when they stopped me. Mr Rupadam's office.

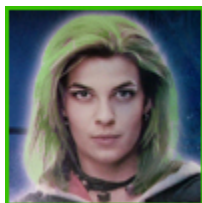


 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-29 19:17:44](#)
(no subject)

I see.

I seem to remember his working with Arthur. I hope that's not a bad sign.

Bill, I assume you and Nick and the rest of your crew are treading very carefully.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-29 20:00:39](#)
(no subject)

I don't like that we've not heard anything from them today. Especially Nick. His cubicle is right up there with Rupadam's and Rosier's in Purity Control.

Remus has been trying to get me to say it was Rosier's office they were interested in, but I don't know. I mean, I was in Rupadam's when they barged in. They could've been going to sweep the whole place, including Rosier's. Or not. I don't know. And it does seem they were interested in more than just Purity Control, since they stopped the whole lot of us from cleaning last night.

Still nothing on the wireless. We've had it on all day.

2013-05-29 15:45:00

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we've been sitting here for an hour and the wards are solid. not even flickering.



 [alt_frank](#)

can't tell whether they're weaker than usual, but they're definitely there. vic can feel the anti-muggle ones pretty clearly, keeps forgetting where he is if we get too close.

how long should we stay out?




 [alt_sirius](#) at **2013-05-29 19:59:21**
(no subject)

I say come back in, Frank. It was a long shot, anyway. Whatever made the dragons tetchy must have been a momentary thing. Merlin, that probably means they killed someone else somewhere to strengthen the bloody things.

Lovely thought, that.

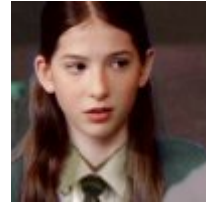


 [alt_alice](#) at **2013-05-29 20:07:51**
(no subject)

Agreed. The longer you stay, the more likely you are to be noticed. Come home, love.

2013-05-29 15:53:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private message to Ron



 **alt_sally_anne**


Hey, I was thinking about the wedding on Saturday, because Pansy and I tried on our dress robes and made sure they still fit and so on.

And I realized --

you're supposed to give a GIFT. To the couple. Do you have something for them? Pansy does, apparently she ordered it months ago! but I hadn't even thought about it. It's too late to knit anything, even if I could think of something good to knit that wouldn't be naff.

There's not going to be time to go to Hogsmeade, I need to find something that's available journal-order or MAYBE owl-order and I have no idea -- I mean I don't even know what would be a good gift, never mind what would be a good gift that I could afford. Pansy would let me sign my name to hers as well but it would be perfectly obvious that she'd bought it and let me sign my name to it, you know?



 **alt_ron** at **2013-05-29 21:13:51**
(no subject)

Uh-

Erm. I dunno. I haven't been to a wedding before. But I think Mum took something she'd got by bartering the last time I remember her going to one. Something for the house, I think.

Like oven mitts. Or y'know, those knitted things she puts hot dishes on so they don't burn the table.

Do those take a long time to knit?



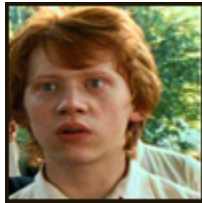
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-29 21:18:29](#)
(no subject)


Your mum uses knitted things for trivets? We had wood ones.

I could make trivets, actually, that wouldn't take me long. They just seem so ordinary, though.

Also I don't know if they'd need trivets, they live at Hogwarts most of the time and the elves do all the cooking and they put things in serving dishes. You only need a trivet if you're serving the food from the pot you cooked it in.

I could make oven gloves too but those seem even more ordinary. Does Professor Siz even cook?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-29 21:30:49](#)
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Yeah, okay.

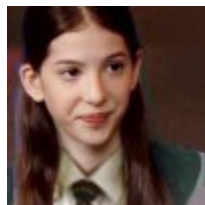
I guess that was stupid. And really ordinary.


Are wood trivets nicer? Only, you're right. They don't need that sort of thing at all, do they?

I mean what do people who live here even need? Cause it'd be... awkward to give Raz and Siz pillowcases or something like that for their rooms. See what I mean?

Do people give, like, baby clothes? or, uh, y'know stuff for— nevermind.

I don't even know.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-29 21:43:37](#)
(no subject)

Yeah they really don't need pillowcases. And even on holidays Raz has a fancy house and surely it's got everything they really need?

And no, people don't give baby clothes.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-29 23:11:41](#)
(no subject)

So what should we do?

We could go in on something together if we could think of what to get. I mean, that way it could be a little nicer.

Maybe you could ask Daphne. I mean, if you don't want to ask Pansy.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-30 00:01:10](#)
(no subject)

If you want to go in on something, that would make it easier.


Do you think a charmed pepper grinder would be utterly naff? It looks sort of nift. It grinds itself, it keeps the pepper fresh for you, it's charmed so you won't sneeze, and it walks itself down to you when you want pepper.

I think it's nift and I wouldn't think they'd already have one. They don't ALWAYS come to meals in the Great Hall, you know?

It's discounted

There's also a silver tray for receiving people's cards when they visit you, I found a journal-order place that specialises in things for people who are getting married but that's the only thing in there I can afford half of.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-30 04:37:17](#)
(no subject)

That's brilliant.


How much is it? I can bring you the money tomorrow if you want. Is it the kind of place you

have to send the money with the order or after it comes?

And how fast will they send it?


Will it get here in time?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2013-05-30 04:38:14](#)**
(no subject)

The pepper grinder, I mean. Not the silver tray thinger. What would anybody want one of those for?




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2013-05-29 21:26:31](#)**
(no subject)

Your mum gave me a book people give brides, by the way, back when the Strettons were making me do all the cooking. It's a book full of useful household charms, like for cleaning, plus recipes that are very difficult to make go wrong.

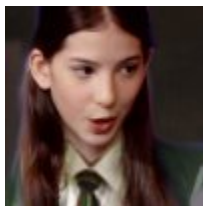
It's a great book. I still use it sometimes if I need to get a stain out and I'm not sure what charm would work best, and it had some really clever mending charms in it.

I don't think it would be quite the thing for Professor Siz, though. Also I think you're supposed to get it from your mum, not one of your students.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2013-05-29 21:31:38](#)**
(no subject)

She what?




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2013-05-29 21:42:18](#)**
(no subject)

It was because she was hoping I'd seduce Percy.

Actually, wait, that wasn't it. It was because I was

spending that Christmas holiday cooking and cleaning for the Strettons and wrote her a letter asking her how you do the washing-up charm she uses and also if she could advise me about what recipes mean exactly when they say things like 'cream the butter.' She sent me a nice letter and a book.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2013-05-29 23:10:07](#)**
(no subject)

I hope you know I spewed a whole mouthful of pumpkin juice out my nose when I read that.

Ugh.

I guess that was nice of Mum. Still, it's not the sort of thing I'd like to open up in a package on Christmas morning.

Though.

At least it was a surprise. I always know what Mum's giving me.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2013-05-30 00:03:11](#)**
(no subject)

Well it wasn't a CHRISTMAS present, your mum doesn't send me Christmas presents! It was because I wrote her a letter asking for advice. I may have sounded a little frantic.

2013-05-29 17:21:00

Order Only: Shocking news

He's dead. Voldemort is dead.

Assassinated by Theodolphus Higgs at Court yesterday afternoon.



 [alt_bill](#)

Dominic Selwyn just told me. Privately. In a conference room. He says he was there, saw it happen, and killed Theo Higgs trying to stop him.

He wanted to reassure me that the Protector's work has been done for quite some time largely by his Council, and thus we can 'ensure a smooth transition' -- except that there are divisions within the Council. Not surprising, I suppose, that all those bastards are now wands-out for one another. He wants me on his side, in his faction -- he smiled at me. Smugly. Calculatingly. He offered me Rosier's job, if I throw my lot in with his -- I could be the Division Director in charge of Purity Control. He said he needs new blood -- people he can trust.

I can't quite believe it. Frankly, I'm not sure I do believe it. I don't know if I believe Voldemort is actually dead, I certainly don't believe Higgs was the one who did it (a wet-behind-the-ears second-rate new recruit?) though I might believe Dominic Selwyn knows who actually did. He certainly knew more than he was telling me.


I *do* believe Selwyn will eventually win the power struggle. It's his faction that's been running things for years. Joining him now, though, may be painting a big target on my back. I need advice. Do we dare take the risk? It's not a Council position, which is actually rather a relief. But for the Order, it would be an opportunity which may never come again.

I did try to find out who's in which faction and didn't get much. Selwyn's allied with Malfoy and Yaxley, and maybe Dolohov and Crouch. I'm not so sure about the Lestranges. Rosier, apparently, is pretending to be horribly ill and staying home until he can tell which way the wind is blowing.

Those of you at Hogwarts--don't you dare breathe a word of this. Safer if you appear to get the word through official channels, the same time as all of your friends, before you show any reaction.

Voldemort, dead. Good lord.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-29 23:10:14](#)**
(no subject)

Sweet Merlin.

I see.

Minerva, you're in the best position to inform us about whether Bill ought to take Selwyn's offer, and can also confirm the things he's told us. Please let us know what you do as soon as you can. And even if you can't speak openly, you can answer two questions: should Bill say yes? Is He really dead?




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-29 23:11:16](#)**
Private Message to Minerva

Your silence at this time is most worrisome.

Please talk to us.



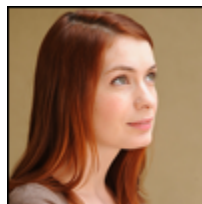
 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-29 23:15:02](#)**
(no subject)


From what we know of Higgs, I do not believe he is capable of such an act.

It could be a group effort. Led by Selwyn himself, perhaps?

It is quite an opportunity, Bill.

My head is swimming.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-29 23:15:32](#)**
(no subject)

I can't help but doubt it with every bone in my body.

It doesn't seem possible.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-29 23:13:44](#)
(no subject)

What?




 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-30 00:22:21](#)
(no subject)

even if it's just a rumour

if the camps get word everything will go to hell.


we're not ready.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-30 03:37:41](#)
(no subject)

Bill, do you know who the other factions are?




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-30 04:09:43](#)
(no subject)

I'm inclined to say do it.

But watch your back.

Watch your back a LOT.




 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-30 04:19:31](#)
(no subject)

Mum and I have been talking it over.

Very, very carefully.


I'm leaning toward going for it. But yeah, watching my back goes without saying.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-05-30 11:37:14](#)**
(no subject)


I'm going to try to figure that out. Will get you a report as soon as I can.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-05-30 11:38:01](#)**
Private message to Remus

And bloody hell, some more information, ANY information from Minerva would be a tad bit helpful here.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-30 03:40:35](#)**
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And a Happy Birthday to Albia.



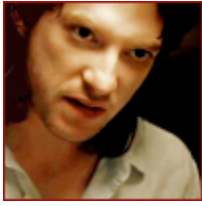
 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2013-05-30 11:59:58](#)**
(no subject)


Blimey, Bill. And here we thought that nothing could top our joy in flattening Ravenclaw in our last Quidditch match at Hogwarts. The young are so naive.

Let us know when it's safe to blow up some celebratory fireworks.

Seriously, though. Be careful.

At least Selwyn owes our family a life debt, yeah? So he'll look out for you.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-05-30 12:02:20](#)**
(no subject)

No fireworks yet, gents. And maybe not publicly, ever. I'm sure that once the news is out officially, there's going to be a lot of discussions over at Communications about how to foster a dignified mourning period. For the entire Protectorate.

2013-05-29 18:51:00

Order Only: Private message to Padfoot and Tonks



 [alt_lupin](#)

It's a bloody shame we're not better placed right now, better equipped, better -- we're not READY for an opportunity like this, dammit. The Council will be perfectly happy to carry on without a Protector.

But they are, for the moment, fighting one another. We could steal wands, maybe. Or that idea about warding a farm full of muggles somewhere -- Alice is right, it can't be the Strettons, but there are plenty of other similar places. I looked in the cupboard for ideas, and we've lots of tins right now from an Aldrich Estates. Apparently they make cheese, they grow barley and wheat, they run a brewery, they raise sheep and have a woolen mill, they even have some citrus, though apparently they have some wizards on site to fix the climate for those.

It's in Sudbury. What do you think? Should we put it to the rest, or go for the wands? Or something else? We need to USE THIS.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at **2013-05-30 02:28:39**

(no subject)

Wands are a one person job. Two at most. We can do both. Maybe. While some of us are scouting farms, a couple of us could pull the wand job. I volunteer for that since I can disguise, and make myself small if I get in a tight spot and need to hide.

What do you say?



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2013-05-30 03:34:49**

(no subject)

And do you think we can wait, celebrating Bea's birthday, until things are settled, or at least until I'm back?

She won't know any better. I mean she knows her birthday's coming up, but did we remind her today that it's tomorrow? I suppose if one of us did -- anyway I have something for her I'd been planning to wrap tonight. It's in 12GP on top of my dresser. I suppose even if she has her cake tomorrow she won't object to more presents next week.




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-30 04:06:12](#)
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Of course we can wait.

She'll be as pleased to have cakes and pressies in a week or two weeks as she would be tomorrow.

And we won't have to count ourselves older until then.



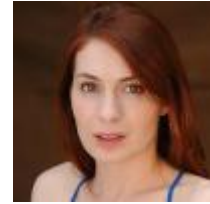
 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-30 04:07:23](#)
(no subject)

I hadn't thought of that advantage.

2013-05-29 19:15:00

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Thank you for the update, Bill. I'll hold off celebrating for the time being until we learn more. There is very little we can confirm with any certainty, but what we can anticipate is that the MLE and the Council will be otherwise occupied.



 **alt_alice**

I suggest we take advantage for as long as we can.


We need to scout immediately for a suitable location for us to take possession of. We're looking for a working medium sized farm that's growing a variety of crops and has some animal stock as well. If we can insure access to water that would be ideal, but not necessary. Half a square mile? Certainly no more. Bill, if you can quietly access any sort of map or list of farms to better direct their search, that would be very helpful. If no-one has any immediate ideas as to locations, we can send out scouting teams. Our goal right now is to secure the site as quickly as possible while minimizing damage, and put a Fidelius around it. Once those things are done, we can move forward with less haste.

Remus, please come to Moddey right away so you can help Cecelia work on the warding and prep for the Fidelius. Albus, we could certainly use your help here as well. Mac, I need you at Sherwood working with Davidson and Turner to make sure they're ready to move once we are.

I'll be working on the next phase so we can move as soon as we've found a site. Charlie, I could use another set of eyes if you can get away.

Minerva, please send word as soon as you are able.



 **alt_alice** at **2013-05-30 00:07:27**
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Poppy, how many medical supplies can you gather together without them being missed? Have you made a complete inventory of the infirmary yet?



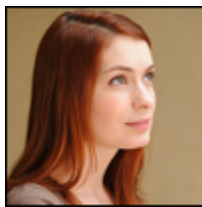
 **alt_poppy** at [2013-05-30 02:15:31](#)
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It's all been inventoried, yes. The good news about that is that I do not need to file the usual month-end parchmentwork, so if we need some of what I have here, there's a whole month to replace it. I cannot imagine that this place will be on anyone's list of concerns for at least that long.

St Mungo's hierarchy is already in chaos. I've been on the Floo this evening with my contacts there, and rumours are rampaging (He's dead. He's not dead. He was brought to St M's and died there and everyone involved has been arrested. Or done a runner. He was taken direct to some secret place and Dolohov has saved his life. He was never in danger, it's all a lie to test us. You get the picture.) I'm told everyone at St M's is grabbing for power and advantage or hunkering down in a defensive posture and trying to hold off challenges.

But about supplies. I have plenty of the basics and will happily supply them. Palliatives, Stanching aids, (and bandages, plasters, burn creams, and anti-infectives, of course), but also Blood-replenishing and Stamina potions. What I don't have is Cinnabaris, but I've got a lead on a supplier if I could get away for long enough to try her.

And that's another avenue. I've been making visits with certain friends, and I know we could count on some of them to help us with supplies should this go that far. I will have a word straight away with Postlethwaite and Smythe at Igtham Mote to let them know I might be needing them. They supply St M's, but have made it clear that they would divert supplies to me if there were ever a need. (And, yes, they understand it's not the school they'd be supplying.)



 **alt_alice** at [2013-05-30 02:22:20](#)
(no subject)


That would be most helpful, Poppy. At this point, we don't know what to expect, but that sounds like a good start. If you gather what you can, and start discretely contacting your connections for other things you think we might need, that would be appreciated.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-30 02:23:13](#)
(no subject)

Consider it done.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-05-30 00:08:17](#)
(no subject)

I was just thinking about this. I looked in the cupboard for ideas, and we've lots of tins right now from a place called Aldrich Estates. Apparently they make cheese, they grow barley and wheat, they have a brewery, they raise sheep and have a woolen mill, and they grow some citrus. It's in Sudbury. I can't tell you about the landscape.

And I'm on my way.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 00:13:35](#)
(no subject)

That sounds very promising, Remus.


Sirius, will you rendezvous with Kingsley and do a fly-over for reconnaissance? Approximate headcount, security concerns, topography.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-30 11:14:51](#)
(no subject)

We're on it. Hope to have a report for you today.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 00:24:17](#)
(no subject)

Love, have you got hold of Cecelia?



 **alt_frank** at [2013-05-30 00:24:58](#)
(no subject)

just touching base with mac first.
on our way.



 **alt_nymphadora** at [2013-05-30 02:41:51](#)
(no subject)

Alice, I've just been saying to Remus that I think we should see if we can't steal some wands. That's a small job, and we could make the attempt whenever we think MLE and everyone else are most likely to be distracted.

If we can decide where to try for them. That's the problem. Sirius reminded us that he'd checked Ollivanders and saw how much security they've got in place.


Only, this is a different thing. It's worth taking a bigger risk now. And we might be lucky: maybe the Ministry and Death Eaters will be hiring away the private wands a place like Ollivanders can usually count on.

But Remus had the idea, too, that we might just go straight for one of the suppliers that sell wand cores on to Ollivanders. Since we've got our own wandmaker.

It would be nice to have wands that were ready to go, though.

What do you think?



 **alt_frank** at [2013-05-30 03:03:26](#)
(no subject)

good thinking. there would be fewer guards, slower reaction time if we trip anything by breaking in.

few things:

I wonder if they've got a way to track wands that haven't been sold yet? might be worth grabbing the wands anyways, we can always

use their cores. and he'd have cores in his workshop too, I'm guessing. ready-made wands do save us a tonne of work if we can use them.

we know where his suppliers are located? it'd be a hit they wouldn't expect, so might be less guarded

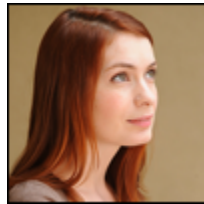



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 03:16:27](#)

(no subject)

Tonks, if I sent Frank over there this evening, could you both do a quick check over the security at Ollivanders? If it looks like there aren't any posted guards, it might be worth taking advantage of immediately. I trust you to make that judgement call.

Could Ellie watch Bea until Sirius gets back?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 03:18:15](#)

Private Message to Frank

You won't be too knackered, will you? I've been sending you running all over the Kingdom today.

I can send Caradoc to help with the wards too, but you're better suited to work with Tonks.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-30 03:20:44](#)


Re: Private Message to Frank

vic did most of the sailing, and apparating with celia didn't take any doing.

what about you?

you'd better be resting up. six miles is a hike. even if you are protected.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-30 03:27:09**

Re: Private Message to Frank

Don't worry. I'm just making lists and telling people what to do. Richard and Dan and Stephen and the Lees are doing all the fetching, and Colin and Terry and Dudley have sworn they would help in the morning. It was the only way I could get them to bed.

I'll make sure I get some sleep tonight.

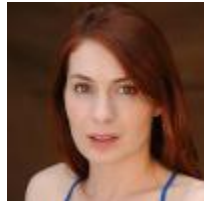
You tell me if I'm pushing you too hard, Frank. I want my best wand arm ready when we take that farm.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2013-05-30 03:28:17**

Re: Private Message to Frank

aye aye.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-30 03:59:45**

Re: Private Message to Frank

I could just throttle her.

I'll whinge later, when you're back and safe.

But Merlin above.



 **[alt_frank](#) at 2013-05-30 04:24:31**

Re: Private Message to Frank

diagon's deserted. they would've been on us in seconds. too quiet, not enough chaos yet. we'll hit it tomorrow night.

kiping at grammauld tonight. detected a few complicated hexes to untangle, and might find out more in their library.

sleep well, love.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-30 03:28:43](#)
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Of course. Things will be fine here. We're covered, and the garden's slow tonight. We debated closing it down, but then a few more people came, and they look as if they need the place to be.

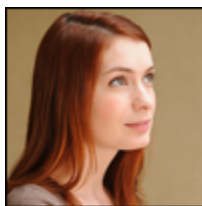
No one here seems to have heard the news, but they've all had a rotten day of it from what they're saying. It's odd about this situation, but I think the worry and upset are travelling faster than the actual news. People in New London have been awfully stressed out and on edge today. In our corner of town, at any rate.




 [alt_macnair](#) at [2013-05-30 03:24:02](#)
(no subject)

If you're looking for a supplier of cores, I used to know a bloke who said Nott, Sr was trying to get into the creatures market back when he was at the Ministry. Don't know if he's kept up the connections.

Never mentioned it because, of course, Nott's not one to cross on a good day. But if it's true and He's dead, it's every Death Eater for himself.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 03:36:04](#)
(no subject)

Thank you, Mac.

That sounds like it would be quite complicated, and potentially more dangerous than Ollivander's. Not to mention, we aren't sure where his supplies are located.

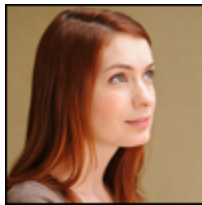
It certainly might be an avenue worth pursuing if we discover that Nott has been taken out of the picture.




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-30 03:41:59](#)
(no subject)

One of Bill's contacts might have a way of finding out.

Somewhere in the Ministry there's a directory of businesses. I've seen them on a few people's desks. If I could get a look at one of those, it might say. Or not, since he's a councilwizard and wouldn't have to follow the same rules as anyone else would.

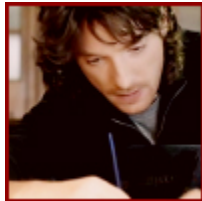



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 03:50:43](#)
(no subject)

I'll bet you there are indirect ways to trace those sort of goods, as they're so closely regulated.

There might not be a business on the registry in his name, but it might be under another person's, or can be followed through shipping records or manifests.


It's worth tracking down. Merlin knows how long a window we have, and I plan to take as much as we can before it closes.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-30 11:18:31](#)
(no subject)

I'll give it a try. Several of my people would be possibilities at quickly pursuing leads. Will pass on what I learn.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 03:40:57](#)
(no subject)

How are Turner and Davidson doing?

We're in a mad scramble for possible supplies we'll need over on our end. Please tell him we could bring a dozen wands for any muggleborn occupants of the farm who wish to stay, which will help considerably.

Is there anything else he can think of that would be useful? How many of his people can help with the initial takeover?

I'd imagine once things are more stable and protected, he'll have people who will want to relocate there, but we'll have to save that conversation once we know a bit more about what we're working with.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-30 11:23:13](#)
(no subject)

I've passed Bill's news on to them. It sure made their eyes light up, but they agreed to keep it close to their very senior leadership for now.

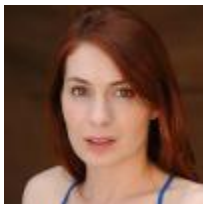
Davidson says a dozen wands are no problem, and they owe us for handing over so many in the first place. He can probably spare even more. He suggests a meeting, and I strongly urge you to take him up on it: his background was in the SAS, you know, and his head for strategy for a job like this is superb. Just send a patronus to Turner suggesting a time and place, and they'll put themselves at your disposal, at your convenience.




 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-05-30 03:52:19](#)
(no subject)

Very busy for the nonce.

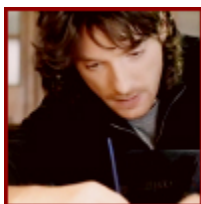
More in the morning--




 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-30 03:57:19](#)
(no subject)

That's quite an understatement, Minerva.


Thank you for letting us know you're alive.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-30 03:58:58](#)
(no subject)

Right. Have a sent maps and a list of possible target farms to you, all with a good supply of water and the other amenities you suggest, and some with access to railroad lines and the sea (another access to crossing the wards). I've highlighted the possibilities in Sudbury (Remus' suggestion), besides Aldrich Estates.



 **alt_alice** at [2013-05-30 04:04:08](#)
(no subject)


Cecelia can certainly use them.

Thank you, Bill.

Stay safe, will you?


And I know hesitating may make you lose your chance, but I am not the best person to help make that decision for you, and Minerva is otherwise occupied. We'll see what she says in the morning, and if she does not say anything, be prepared to take Selwyn's offer.



 **alt_bill** at [2013-05-30 11:24:46](#)
(no subject)

I'll keep an eye out for anything she'll have to say. I asked for a night to sleep on it, and I don't think he'll begrudge me that, but I do need to get him an answer soon.



 **alt_molly** at [2013-05-30 04:26:26](#)
Private message to Alice

I think Bill is leaning toward taking the job. With his eyes wide open, mind. He knows that this could lead toward having to do things even more dreadful than Arthur was forced to do, and it might put him in line for joining the Council. I am *trying* to talk over the pros and cons as objectively as Arthur would, all the while trying to keep myself from sniveling like a ninny, 'Don't do it!'

I won't tell him no; I know he has to make up his own mind. I trust him utterly.

But oh, Alice. If he chooses to do it, it will be so difficult.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-30 04:38:08](#)**

Re: Private message to Alice

I trust him too. With all my heart.

If He really has died... it changes quite a lot, Molly. In ways we can't yet begin to understand. And I wish I could be more sure of what I'd be asking him to do. But this...

It could be over far sooner than any of us thought. Really and truly over.

I can promise you that we'll be as careful as we can be while standing on such unsteady ground. And that if he does decide to take Selwyn's offer, it will be because this opportunity could make all the difference in these coming months. It is important, and I wouldn't ask him to do this for anything less.




 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-30 05:24:22](#)**

(no subject)

Just saw all this. Merlin.

I'll go get 'accidentally' bit by the Vipertooth kit, which is an automatic 48 hours off shift, even if you don't have a reaction. I'll be along as soon as the antivenin works.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-05-30 11:35:48](#)**

(no subject)

Good grief.

Make sure it's a very *small* bite, if you can.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-30 11:40:19](#)**

(no subject)

Eh, with the antivenin they don't pack much of a punch at all -- 'got bit by the Vipertooth' is practically code for 'I need a weekend off'. I'm perfectly fine, over at Moddey now helping to make breakfast.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-05-30 11:41:19](#)**

Private Message to Bill Weasley

While I'm at it: you be careful. I don't like the idea of you in the middle of Council politics, no matter how useful it'll be to us.

2013-05-29 20:25:00

Private Message to Corner



 [alt_harry](#)

Hey.

Have you heard from people? About how they think they did?

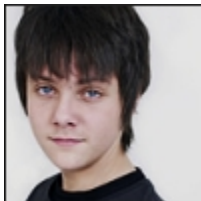
Professor Raz seems to think everyone did okay on Defence. Or at least that everyone was prepared for it. So that's something.


I was thinking

and

look. Could you let the other halfbloods know that if they think there's a chance they failed out, they ought to let me know? Because I can help if they do.

Just be careful about it, yeah?




 [alt_michael](#) at **2013-05-30 15:35:47**
(no subject)

I think everyone's okay. I mean, obviously, we're worried about Hopkins, going mad like that in his Noble Arts exercise. But even he held it together long enough to put in a decent performance on most

things.

Only he and Effs and I were passing notes in Charms, and Hopkins says he's not coming back, anyway. So long as they don't send him to the camps, he doesn't much care and he's 'done' with school. You know?



 [alt_harry](#) at **2013-05-30 15:49:40**
(no subject)

Yeah, I think everyone's okay too.


Which is good.

Really good.

I'm just making sure.

I can see why Hopkins wouldn't want to come back. Especially after this term.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-30 16:19:49](#)

(no subject)

If someone named Strangeweale offers him a job, even if it sounds like a really good one, tell him he shouldn't take it.

2013-05-30 07:08:00

Order Only

We know that Alice said no celebrations yet. And Bill has forbidden us to set off any public fireworks.



 [alt_gredforge](#)

But really, we can't let this occasion pass *entirely* without a proper *private* Weasley acknowledgement, can we? (For the uninitiated: we used to put up a post like this on our birthday under the ISS lock:)

Therefore, we would like to make a very important announcement!

**His Excellency, the Lord
Protector, the stupid ponce, is
DEAD!!!!**

**Thank you for your attention to this VERY IMPORTANT
announcement!**






 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-30 12:17:41](#)
(no subject)

I see they get their facility at charms from you, Molly.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-05-30 12:18:40](#)
(no subject)

This made me spit coffee out my nose. First time I've laughed since Selwyn pulled me aside.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2013-05-30 12:20:17](#)
(no subject)

Well, it made me almost shriek aloud in surprise! I don't think anything I've ever seen in my journal has startled me so badly.

but I don't blame you a bit for doing it, boys



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-30 17:58:11](#)
(no subject)

Very... artistic.

I give it high marks for the quite realistic dung bomb.

2013-05-30 12:29:00

Private Message to Barty and Rodolphus

Just finished with Rookwood. He sees the point in taking additional precautions and has agreed to alarm Mysteries to your sole attention, Barty. Rod, if you could assist him; fear he will need the extra wand (and memory) of one well-versed in protective spellwork.



 [alt_lucius](#)

Have either of you spoken with Bella? Received a message from her - cryptic, but in her usual direct tone - that she will join us late this evening and has 'news' for us.

Presumably that relates to who else besides Higgs may be implicated in -

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Just thought of something. Barty, if you and Toshenka are available, could you meet me in the Blue Drawing Room?



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-30 18:29:47**
(no subject)

Had the same message from Bella. Nothing more.

Just finished meeting with Gauge. Much to report re. manoeuvring at mid-admin levels. Rumours spreading, posturing and worse well underway. Malfeasance Elimination have their hands full, tracking it all. No chance of stopping it, but Gauge = good source. (Also signif: Montague's in this unit.)

Will come your way w/in hour.



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2013-05-30 19:05:36**
(no subject)

Blast. Inevitable, one supposes.

Speaking of leaks. Have just put Crispin in charge of Private Message monitoring. Told him he could

borrow Wesley (P, not B) and expected that Ned would be willing to help as well. Sent Plympton, Shelby, &c., down to Transportation (Floo and Portkeys). Might as well task them to ensure there are no breaches in the meantime.

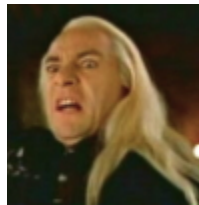


 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-30 19:09:55](#)
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Good thought.

Pennifold's on his way. Instructed him to alert Travers or me (only) if there's anything we ought to

see.

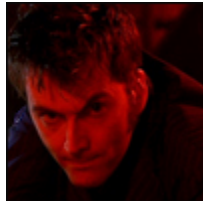



 [alt_lucius](#) at [2013-05-30 19:27:04](#)
(no subject)

If you are on your way, will be in Fudge's office.

Imbecilic man is making threats to address the nation. AGAIN.

Were it not for the need for a Ministerial patsy



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2013-05-30 19:33:20](#)
(no subject)

Trust you will be able to bring him to heel.

On my way now. Have a report from Desai to share. (All's well there.)

2013-05-30 18:56:00

Order Only: So....


I've told Selwyn I'm accepting his offer.

Yeesh.



 [alt_bill](#)



 [alt_bill](#) at **2013-05-30 22:58:51**

Private message to Charlie Weasley

Tell me I'm not being an idiot.



 [alt_charlie](#) at **2013-05-30 23:46:42**

Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

You're not being an idiot.

It's risky, yeah. But the potential for reward...

Just. You know. Be careful.



 [alt_bill](#) at **2013-05-31 00:19:43**

Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

I always am.

I may need to lean on you a bit, especially as I'm learning the ropes. Let's hope the political situation settles down as quickly as possible.

I haven't heard a word from Percy. Is Lucius keeping him completely in the dark?



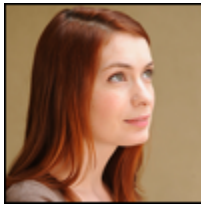
 [alt_charlie](#) at **2013-05-31 01:55:24**


Re: Private message to Charlie Weasley

I don't know.

I'm not sure if I'd find it more reassuring that Percy was being kept in the dark (and therefore Malfoy was trying to keep him out of it, although probably not for what we'd consider reassuring motives) or if he knew what was going on and we could have a chance of getting something out of him. But on the whole, I think his not knowing is a better sign.

And you can always lean on me. Don't know how much help I might be. But you can always lean.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2013-05-30 23:59:39**

Private Message to Bill Weasley

Thank you, Bill.

I know I'm asking a lot of you right now.

There is so much we don't know right now, but what I do know is that you are not only in the right place to take advantage, but are also strong enough to handle the pressure and will navigate through the rough seas you're about to face with finesse and care.

Of everyone in the Order, you are the best possible person I can think of for this.

I trust you, Bill.

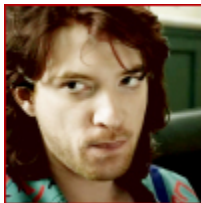



 **[alt_nymphadora](#) at 2013-05-31 02:27:48**

(no subject)

That's brave of you, Bill.

Watch out for yourself.



 **[alt_bill](#) at 2013-05-31 02:54:03**

(no subject)

Keep an ear out for me, too, would you please? The ground is gonna be shifting pretty quickly under my feet until the political situation gets sorted out, so any information that you think could be of any use, send it my way.

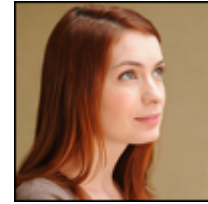
Thanks, Tonks.

Good luck with the wands venture, if you all decide to go for it.

2013-05-30 20:04:00

ORDER ONLY

Sirius, Kingsley, what's the latest on your survey of Sudbury?



Minerva, please let us know what is happening in Court.

 [alt_alice](#)

We're working with all haste here to get materials together for the Fidelius and Cecelia's modified warding anchors. I believe we could be ready by tomorrow evening.

Frank, Tonks, have you made progress with Ollivander's? Let me know if you need me to send along Caradoc. He's waiting in the wings. And Melli reminded me that if there were any blood spells, she could break them -- did you detect any? I'd rather she not go with you, but if necessary, I could have her go to you, and send Caradoc with as well to make sure she's protected.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at **2013-05-31 02:41:28**
(no subject)

Alice, we're holding off another half hour. We've watched all the staff leave, and watched the last one out ward the place. We don't what snares they might have inside, but we're ready, and Frank was able to work out one of the puzzles we found last night, so we've a good idea what we'll face on the way in.

And we've got better cover for it tonight, too. There are a lot of people out in the streets. Buzzing, it sounds like. We're round back, of course, so we can't see it, but it's the opposite of last night, that's sure.



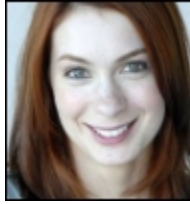
 [alt_frank](#) at **2013-05-31 02:48:27**
(no subject)


don't think we'll need melli or caradoc. if we run into something that we can't do without her, we'll pull back and let you know, al.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2013-05-31 03:49:15](#)**
(no subject)

got in, got our haul, got out. MLE never showed. we're at grimmauld. I'm fixing tonks up from some minor spell damage from a hexed cupboard before heading back.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-31 03:55:49](#)**
(no subject)

Good.

Very good.

Well done.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-31 04:01:05](#)**
(no subject)

I'm all right, really. I got a bit stung, breaking into the workroom cupboard where they store the wands that need polishing and whatever all they do to finish them after they've put them together.

Tell Melli we got loads of empty shafts and cores, too. And her boxes worked well.

Mind you, I nearly bolloxed it all up, dropping a wrapped set of shafts right over top of the case of unicorn hairs. I'm so sorry I'm so clumsy. I can't believe I did that. And, of course, those shafts all spilled out all over and rolled everywhere. It was a miracle they didn't fall in the case.

Anyway, we're having a bit of a sit down, letting ourselves settle.

Ask Frank to tell you about the krup that tried to get friendly with him!



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-31 04:11:11](#)
(no subject)

he wasn't anything. at least I avoided bleeding on the floor.

and it all worked out just fine. trust me. you were great.



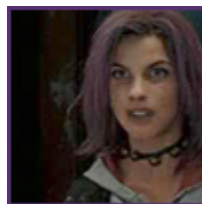
 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-31 04:18:22](#)
(no subject)

It's true. We were really, really careful not to leave any bits of ourselves behind. No blood. No bits of our robes. No fingers.

And we were ready to Disapparate in a heart's beat if MLE had shown up. We set a disorientation charm to go off if anyone Apparated in, and we were keeping our ears open for any sound of anyone's catching on we were there. But nothing.

I don't really understand it.

Though, Sirius's report was that they had hired security, and there was none of that last night or tonight, either. We're thinking maybe all those sorts of private duty types have got hired away to guard other things the past few days.




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-31 05:06:08](#)
(no subject)

Huh. We've just been going through what we took to be sure it's all packaged properly. It seemed like more when we were gathering it up.

Anywiz, we've got ten wands. Plus thirty-eight shafts, all different lengths and types of wood. And we've got an assortment of cores, though neither of us can tell if they're going to be any good. I mean to say, I can't tell if what we took is waste material that was left over from making a wand, or stuff that needs to be prepared before it can be used, or cores that are ready as is.

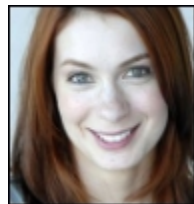
Well, the feather looks perfect--it's the hairs and the stuff that must be strips of dragon heart that I've no idea about. But there's rather a lot of that, and we're not going to poke at it because we don't want to ruin it. Supposing it's good to begin with.




 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-31 05:11:39](#)
(no subject)

some of the hairs look more like veela than unicorn.

and don't know what the feather is, but it's blue. if that helps.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-31 05:22:44](#)
Private Message to Frank

I could kiss you silly.


Are you coming home tonight?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-05-31 05:23:24](#)
Re: Private Message to Frank

you bet your freckled arse I am.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2013-05-31 11:43:04](#)
(no subject)

Congratulations! Oh, Melli is gonna be so thrilled.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-05-31 03:19:11](#)
(no subject)

Dancing hour by hour to avoid committing to any faction. I shall have to declare soon, however.


Selwyn seeks to put young Marvolo on the throne - a

figurehead. This path has many benefits to the Order, though it naturally places the young man in a great deal of danger. No more than he is already in, however, I think.

It is terribly easy to kill people these days. I have taken to carrying a bezoar in my sleeve.

I shall hold off formally and publicly committing to a faction as long as I can - but we must begin planning our next moves, and I think I know what mine shall have to be, barring unforeseen circumstances.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-31 03:34:22](#)
(no subject)

And what are your thoughts on Bill? We're flying in the dark, Minerva.

Watch his back. Please.



 [alt_mcgonagall](#) at [2013-05-31 12:39:22](#)
(no subject)

I am watching out for him and shall be.

I believe Bill has not so much to lose as I by publicly throwing in with Selwyn, and indeed that he must declare to a faction or else be considered a nonentity. I am in rather a different position. I am learning that some people have a higher opinion of me than I had ever thought—believe me to be playing a deep game. Which, of course, I am.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-31 04:04:02](#)
(no subject)

Alice.

I've been in touch with several folks today. Our friends Postlethwaite and Smythe, the medicinal brewers are quietly putting things aside in case we need anything they supply. (And Theo says we've only to say a word and they'll special brew anything we require. It wouldn't be immediate, but either of them can work in privacy without its raising question with their staff. And they want to be of use to us.)

I spoke with Melchior Culpeper, as well, and he, too, is at the ready to brew anything for us we might need, and has an extensive network of quietly like-minded colleagues willing to do whatever he might ask of them. (Albus, if you're reading, he asked especially to be remembered to you.)

Oh. And I had the thought that we've not by any means used up the vitamin powders I ordered in for the school when Madam Umbridge was denying proper nourishment to the children. If we succeed with this plan to secure a settlement of some kind, those might prove useful. I'll package them up, so they're ready if needed.

I've had less success--no, I've had no success at all, actually, in my search for Cinnabaris. I did make contact with a couple of particularly dodgy individuals, who seem to be exactly the right people to have spoken with--only, there is no Cinnabaris to be had at the moment on the black market. I'm afraid my colleagues at St Mungo's beat me to the source. Perhaps a measure of the fact that we all sense there may soon be need of such aids.

Or perhaps there simply has not been any surplus sloughed off by Mysteries. Or no dragons have agreed to supply the fundamental ingredient. Whatever the reason, it's not to be had at the moment. I've been assured, though, that I am now on The List of Interested Parties, which is something.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-31 18:18:44](#)

Private Message to Madam Pomfrey

I'm sorry, I know you must be awfully busy, doing things for Alice and still seeing to students all at once, and I should be doing something, too. No, really, I should be sleeping, only, I can't. And that's part of the problem I need help with. I feel as if I could be doing so much more for the Order if I weren't working these mad hours at the Ministry.

And it's such a useless job. And Bea's just had her birthday. And I'm so tired, Madam P, all the time.

I nearly spoiled everything last night because I was all thumbs, and it was partly because I'm just clumsy, but it was also because I haven't had enough sleep for so long.

But I can't just give notice, either. They don't let you just turn in your keys and go. Not now. They investigate you. I guess because they think if you're leaving, you're probably going to nick things on your way out. Or maybe they just think that everyone who leaves is going because they found some secret they could sell or use somehow. I don't know, but they act as if everyone who quits must be a traitor. And we can't have them investigating me.

So I've been thinking. For a while, actually, that I might tell them I've got pregnant again. Because they'd believe that. And I could maybe say I was having problems and my Healer said I ought to leave off working right away. Only, I'd need a Healer to say so, and that means a Healer would have to lie for me.

Is that just a daft idea? I mean, maybe it only seems clever because I really need to go to bed and sleep until I can think better.



 **alt_poppy at 2013-05-31 19:56:56**

Re: Private Message to Madam Pomfrey

Oh, dear. I'm sorry I didn't see this sooner, and I hope you've managed some sleep in the meantime. I could send you something to help with that, at least.

I don't believe that your position at the Ministry is useless to us. Just the other morning you were able to tell us some quite important information, but I would never try to convince you to carry on doing the work if you find it unbearable, especially if it's harming your health.

As for your other... are you saying that you'd be required to provide a Healer's statement that you are pregnant before they would accept your resignation? Perhaps... perhaps it would be better to say you've had a miscarriage, then, and wish to try again, but think working nights is making that too difficult.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-05-31 22:15:08](#)

Re: Private Message to Madam Pomfrey

Oh. I could do.

If they looked into it, though, I wouldn't have been to a Healer for that, either.

I know it's mad, but you know? I keep thinking about whether I might want to really have another baby. Bea's just turned two, and it would be- I wish sometimes that I had a sister, you know? Or a brother. Someone who was family. I think about how it would have been different if I had had.

I don't know. I sometimes think it was wrong to bring a baby into a world like this at all, and here I am thinking of having another. And yet, I can't think it was wrong to have Bea. Not when I see her. She's the best hope I know.

And, of course, I've no idea who I'd have another with. I don't want you thinking I've made some arrangement. And I haven't talked with Remus or Sirius about it at all! I've no idea what they'd think if I mentioned it. Probably feel terribly awkward, so I imagine I won't. Only, I- I guess I wish I could. Sometimes.

But it wouldn't help the Order at all if I got myself knocked up, and I suppose that's the strongest reason not to do it.

You see? I'm just a bit of a mess, aren't I? I need to straighten up.

Thank you for letting me go on.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2013-05-31 22:21:11](#)

Re: Private Message to Madam Pomfrey

It's no bother.


I wonder if we might find a time for a proper visit sometime soon. As soon as the holidays have

begun?

Or when this business has all calmed and we know what's to come of us.

I've packaged up a bottle of a gentle restorative for you to take when you are ready to sleep. It should help with the difficulty of taking your long rest during the day time rather than at night. And I hope it will help you take a bit more from the hours of sleep you do get.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-05-31 18:19:34](#)**
(no subject)

That is, indeed, something. And I'd imagine that panic is catching at St M's, and there might be some hoarding of supplies going around. I very much hope that Cinnabaris won't be necessary.

The vitamin powders would indeed prove most useful. As will access to your contacts. It's most heartening to hear that they are so willing and ready to help.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2013-05-31 05:06:14](#)**
(no subject)

Sudbury looks good, Allie. We literally flew over under disillusionment and took in the layout of the place. This afternoon we made contact with a few of the muggles who were working along the perimetre and they brought us inside the compound. We've been meeting with people all night and talking about the options.


It's late and we've been at it all day but the upshot is that the group here are up for taking over the operation and attempting to hold it themselves. We'll have to discuss the timing more tomorrow; for now, Kingsley and I are knackered.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2013-05-31 05:09:05](#)**
(no subject)

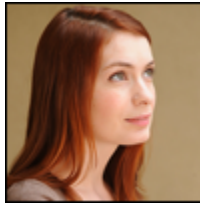
Glad you're safe.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-31 05:21:33](#)
(no subject)

That's brilliant, love. It'll help marvellously that they're already expecting us.

Charlie and I have been brainstorming some ideas that might help us smooth things along a bit once we put the Fidelius in place. How many people are there, all told? And how many of them are muggleborn?




 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-05-31 05:24:22](#)
(no subject)

Let us know when you can. Make sure you get some good rest tonight.

Thank you, Sirius.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2013-05-31 11:52:25](#)
(no subject)

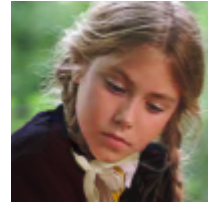
Sorry not to report in earlier to verify what my friend Sirius says, but I fell into sleep as if hit by a bludger. Anyway. I strongly endorse going for it; it does look perfect for our purposes. The people here are eager to do this.

Don't have a census number for you, but will try to get that this morning.

2013-05-30 21:28:00

private message to Susan Bones

I have been thinking about what you asked. About can we all be mates again.



When I told you before that maybe you should leave me alone it was because I didn't want things to happen to you. It wasn't that I thought badly of you. So if you thought I meant bad things about you I am very sorry. It wasn't you I was worried about.

 [alt_megan](#)

~~Harry Marvolo said~~ Sometimes you wish you could take things back and that you had done something different.

I tried to talk to Eloise about things but she said she was very busy. So I don't know if she will wish to associate.

2013-05-30 23:08:00

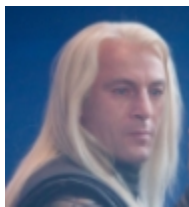
Private message to Lucius Malfoy


Fudge hasn't given you any more trouble, has he? Any fidgeting from the *Prophet*? Letting word get out before things are entirely settled is just an invitation to trouble.



 [alt_selwyn](#)

My sources say Old Glendower was seen with Nott. Could be nothing, but I'm keeping an eye on them. Any news from your sources I ought to know?



 [alt_lucius](#) at **2013-05-31 05:42:08**

(no subject)

Fudge has been ... corrected for the time being.

Toshenka says that there is spreading restlessness throughout the capital. Whatever we decide, we must decide it before to-morrow's wireless address.

Rather wish I'd gone out with him to prowl. Could use a bit of straight-forward excitement, the kind that does not require thinking five steps ahead.

Half-one. Merlin. Still no Bella - or had Barty not told you we expected her back this evening? - and I'm to meet Gus with his report on Strangeweale and Maule at five.

Flooding back to the St James' house, then, for a few hours. Should anyone have need urgently.

Oh. Kindly remind me to restore Fudge his voice after our morning debrief. Assuming he continues to behave himself.

[2013-05-30 23:41:00](#)

Private message to Lyoushka

Disturbances reported in Diagon. I stopped for a drink (that is to say: to listen for gossip from those who still cling to the days when Diagon was our only centre for gathering, they being least likely to mourn once we can no longer suppress the news) and the teeming masses were certain something had happened, though no two stories agreed on what that something might be. The wildest of rumours have a gang of marauders rampaging up and down the Alley, wands drawn. (As to that, I found no evidence, though I did take care of several more minor incidents.)



[alt_antonin](#)

I fear we may not be able to hold the news much past tomorrow at latest. I have not heard rumour that approaches reality yet -- but it is creeping ever closer. It may indeed be time for someone to sit down with Harry and have a frank discussion of political realities and the necessity of appearances.

I will be holding down my corner and my pint, and keeping my ears open, for at least the next half hour. If Bella arrives with her news before I return, send word; I do not know how late she meant.

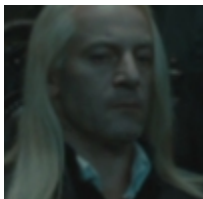


[alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-31 04:27:02](#)

(no subject)

Nothing of further interest; I will be with you shortly.

(May detour on the way; a chance to take out the stress of the last several days would not go amiss, and one can usually count on finding someone thoughtful enough to oblige at this time of night.)



[alt_lucius](#) at [2013-05-31 05:50:44](#)

(no subject)

Bratka, I've a few hours to spare. Have not heard of Bella's arrival yet; any word on your end?

Heading to the St James' house for a bit of quiet while waiting. Wish I had gone hunting with you and Mulciber; been

far too long.

Dominic observed Nott and Glendower the Elder and thought to report same. No other twinges. Still not sure of my suspicions. Have you given it further consideration? Any signs of trouble from within our quarter?

No, surely am jumping at shadows.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2013-05-31 06:16:48](#)

(no subject)

Nothing from Bella. I heard from Barty earlier; he was planning an evening of intelligence-gathering as well. Raz reports Hogwarts quiet; I stopped in just after supper to make arrangements for my classes tomorrow, and the atmosphere was indistinguishable from any day. I have not heard from Rod today; you have most likely spoken to him more recently than I. I called this afternoon upon Gus -- intended as a precursor for pressing him somewhat more firmly, though hopefully subtly enough -- about Mysteries' goings-on, as I am still suspicious of the weekend's overture, particularly considering what disaster came hard upon its heels, but either he is even more diminished than we feared, or he is playing a long and canny game.

I am concerned that Stephen's illness is so ... convenient.

(How quickly we fall into suspicion of each other. ~~I still cannot believe something so banal could overcome~~)

Did think to nose about our other tender fledgelings again now that the shock has had a chance to ease. No other warning bells of alarm. They were, if possible, even less complimentary about Higgs than even Dominic was.

I suppose I ought join you -- my stamina is, thankfully, much recovered from where it was six months ago, but the me of twelve months past would turn up his nose at the me of this week. I am grown entirely too old for week-long campaigns, and potions can only take one so far.

I will not scoff at your suspicions, my dearest of brothers, any more than you have scoffed at mine throughout the years. But

whatever is causing it is visible only in the spaces it leaves behind it, and I do not think we have sufficient information to identify the shape of those spaces from the shadows they cast.

2013-05-31 03:34:00

Private Message to L Malfoy

L.

Must meet.

T's.

As soon as you've read this. Whatever time.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-31 12:21:08**

(no subject)

Assume you've been diverted by other business.

Att. to find you on way in. Obv failed.

Still must speak with you ASAP.

Do NOT write or speak with Selwyn, L.

Do NOT be seen w him. Utmost importance.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2013-05-31 12:33:41**

(no subject)

BTW. Just down from Comms. Had to explain to Plympton that his group will be required in Transport until Lucius Malfoy says they are not.

If he keeps whingeing--or attempts to re-enter Comms again before then--he may find they are no longer required anywhere.

Think he took all layers of my point.

2013-05-31 10:28:00

Private message to Ron

So, are you all ready for Siz and Raz's big night? Do your dress robes still fit? It would have been a bit more useful if I'd asked you that a week or two ago but distracting you from your OWLs seemed like a bad idea. It would make Mum cross, even if you didn't mind.




 [alt_ginny](#)

I was talking with Honoria about wedding gifts, do you know what you're getting for them? Harrods has loads of nice things, Honoria's parents just picked something out for her to give but honestly I wouldn't want Mum to pick out a gift for me to give even if -- well. You know Mum.

Although if I had to have a family member pick out a gift for me to send to newlyweds, better Mum than Percy! He'd want to give them a desk planner or something.

I was thinking maybe a set of charmed teacups that keep your tea warm for you indefinitely, there's a set with stars on it, do you think they'd already have something like that? It's a lot harder to pick presents for a couple than it is to pick presents for just one person.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-05-31 15:40:15**
(no subject)

Heh.

Yeah, no kidding. And when the couple are a couple of teachers who live at the castle and eat in the great hall...

Sally Anne and I went in together on some kind of pepper thinger... a grinder that's got spells on to make it... actually, I'm not sure. She thought it was a good idea, and I didn't have any better ones.

Yeah. Mum would knit her oven mitts or summat.

Harrods is sort of expensive, though, Gin. Don't you think?




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2013-05-31 15:46:40](#)
(no subject)

I suppose you're right about Harrod's. But I've still got the money from modeling and my favourite thing about having spare galleons is buying presents, and Siz and Raz won't get all tetchy about it.

Knitted oven mitts wouldn't be so bad for a bride who was going to be doing her own cooking. Maybe as part of a basket full of useful little things for the kitchen. If Percy and Penny had got married, that would have been a pretty good gift, actually. It just wouldn't be useful to Siz.

What do you suppose happened there anyway? I mean I didn't much care for Penny but I was still surprised when he dropped her like he did.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-31 15:52:04](#)
(no subject)

Er, I never really cared much for her, either. And she totally didn't like me.

They were just suited for each other cause they've both got such giant sticks up their arses, yeah? And maybe that got to Perce in the end. I mean, he doesn't like anyone getting shirty at him. He's the only one allowed to get shirty with everybody.

That's his number one rule.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2013-05-31 15:56:21](#)
(no subject)

Too right!

And I suppose I just assumed he dropped her, it might have been the other way around. I mean I love Percy and he's my brother but if I ever had a boyfriend who bossed me the way Percy does, I'd wear out my wand hexing him.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-31 16:43:41](#)
(no subject)

Heh. You would, too.

I think Percy's the one nobody's going to ever marry. Don't you? I bet he hasn't got any witch to go for a date since Penny.

(I reckon you're right she dropped him. I mean, really.)




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2013-05-31 19:11:12](#)
(no subject)

Well, he's got a promising career, that might attract someone, maybe?

But then, Bill has an even more promising career! and he hasn't found anyone yet. Though maybe he's not looking. For that matter, maybe he prefers blokes? I mean we've always just ASSUMED he'd be looking for girls.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2013-05-31 15:49:21](#)
(no subject)

I mean if they hadn't broken up, maybe they'd be getting married this summer.

Wouldn't that be odd? Imagine a wedding at the Burrow.

It would have been rather fun to be a bridesmaid. Do you suppose Bill or Charlie will EVER get married?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-31 16:41:03](#)
(no subject)

Bill, maybe.

Are there married dragon handlers? I mean, I think there might've been a couple up there, yeah? But if you're not already married when they move up there, it doesn't seem like they've got much time to get together with anyone on

the outside. I'm mean, they're so far away from everything up at Stornoway.

I dunno. It's funny neither of them ever talks about witches they're seeing. Have you noticed?

Maybe they just don't want us taking the piss about it, though.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2013-05-31 19:13:45](#)

(no subject)

Well you didn't exactly ANNOUNCE it to the rest of us when you were seeing Daphne.

2013-05-31 10:49:00

Private message to Yaxley

Controlling MLE was YOUR job and you seemed to believe you could manage it.

Don't think for one instant you can fool anyone into believing you're not part of my faction. Stand your ground, or you'll be as lost as the rest of us.



 [alt_selwyn](#)

2013-05-31 10:57:00

Private message to Lucius Malfoy

I need to see you.

In person.

There's something I need to tell you.



 **alt_selwyn**



 **alt_lucius** at **2013-05-31 18:05:39**

(no subject)

Dominic,

Apologies: Has been far too hectic a day for individual meetings.

If this is regarding the statement, there is a problem with the language in paragraph seven. Sent new copy via your clerk.

Am I mistaken or has B Weasley been enlisted for damage control?

2013-05-31 11:50:00

Private Message to N. Desai and M. Travers



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Not what you may have meant when you said you were ready for any task, but we need fresh eyes in Communications, monitoring PMs. Pennifold wasn't making sense when I stepped in there last. And Malfoy's clerk, Weasley, was looking overtaxed.

Desai. Assume LS-P won't mind taking a turn so Pennifold and the others can sleep a few hours. And tell them to use the floor of Plympton's office. (Better if none of them leave the Department.)

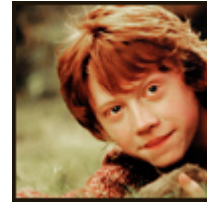
You know how to reach me if anything interesting crosses the page.

2013-05-31 12:03:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up to No Good

So. Who's up for some flying after Charms?


Or, um, whatever the rest of you lot've got this afternoon?



 [alt_ron](#)

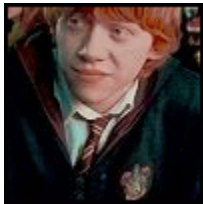
Harry. What about you?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-31 17:22:56](#)
(no subject)

Not today.

Sorry.

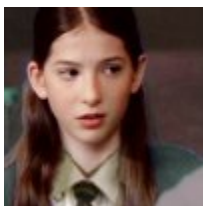


 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-31 17:36:14](#)
(no subject)

Yeah.

All right, then.


If you change your mind, just come out and find us. I mean, the sun's gorgeous out there and the wind's just right!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-31 19:15:50](#)
Private message to Harry

Is everything okay?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2013-05-31 19:24:19](#)
Re: Private message to Harry

No.

I don't know.

It's going to be okay. I think.

I can't talk about it right now though.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-31 19:15:10](#)
(no subject)

Me!!!

I keep getting that horrible anxious OUGHT TO BE DOING SOMETHING IMPORTANT feeling and then remembering that OWLs are DONE. DONE DONE DONE.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2013-05-31 19:28:28](#)
(no subject)

Well, come on out!

And. NOTHING'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN FLYING TODAY!!!!

heh



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2013-05-31 19:33:53](#)
(no subject)

NOTHING NOTHING NOTHING

because NEWTs aren't for TWO WHOLE YEARS. Almost two whole years. Whatever.

2013-05-31 12:19:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco and Hermione



 [alt_harry](#)

I still

I can't think.

I shouldn't be

The prophecy

Raz wouldn't have told me unless they were really sure. And the Order knows too. So. I guess it's real.


I don't know what I'm supposed to do any more. I thought that was what I was supposed to do, you know? Like that was the reason I was born. And the reason my parents died. The reason for everything. But there wasn't any reason to it after all.

I thought I'd feel it, if it happened. Like I'd be able to tell. But I didn't feel anything.

And now he's saying that I have to be careful and that if anyone except Mr Malfoy or Professor Dolohov writes me or comes up to me I need to go and get him right away, and I don't know what he thinks is going to happen but maybe they'll try to kill me too? Or something? It's not like I can tell them that it's all a mistake, and I wasn't supposed to be chosen for anything.

I just don't know anything. About anything. I don't even know how I'm supposed to feel about this. Because it's everything all at the same time.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2013-05-31 20:09:37**
(no subject)

He's dead though.

Which is good.

I mean, it's good for everybody.

It's a good thing.

2013-05-31 15:32:00

Private message to Magnus Derrick

Where are you? Respond in-journal, or report to my office immediately.

I am concerned about your safety.



 **alt_selwyn**

2013-05-31 16:38:00


Private message to Bill Weasley

Come to my office, please, there's a message I need someone to hand-deliver.



 [alt_selwyn](#)



 [alt_selwyn](#) at **2013-05-31 21:56:59**

(no subject)

Remember what I said, DON'T LINGER. I don't want you caught in the line of fire. Just give him the message and get out.

2013-05-31 17:24:00

Private Message to Bellatrix Lestrange

Have collected the valuables.

In perfect condition.

Eager for this evening's work to begin.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

2013-05-31 17:29:00

Private Message to A Dolohov and Rabastan Lestrangle




All in order for this evening.

Batya. Would be glad for your company if you're able to come. Have promised to deliver parcel in best condition, but believe it could use some preparatory work.

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

Raz. Plan remains as discussed. Bring yours direct to L. H. No point arriving early, but don't be late.



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2013-05-31 23:23:03**
(no subject)

You know you've my company, and my aid, whenever you've need.

Even if

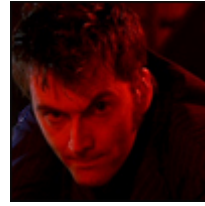
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*Private Message to A Rookwood and
Rod Lestrangle*

Rookwood. Plan as discussed. Bring yours
direct to L. H. Be strict as to time.

Understand Rod's agreed to assist you. If you
need further support, reply. Could send
Travers or Desai.

All is ready.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

2013-05-31 17:53:00

Private Message to Dominic Selwyn

Dominic,

Have time for you within the next seven minutes (prior to 6 pm, in other words). Engaged at six o'clock.



 [alt_lucius](#)

Am using Bella's office for the moment. Come there at once to tell me whatever your urgent news was.



 [alt_selwyn](#) at **2013-05-31 21:59:16**
(no subject)

Bella's office? Do you really think that's

On my way.

2013-05-31 18:06:00

Order Only

Well, I've stepped into a rat's nest thrown my lot in with a charming group of compatriots and no mistake.



 **alt_bill**

Selwyn gave me a task this afternoon: take a message to Parnassus Glendower, with an interesting caveat: get the hell out of his way before he reads it. I don't know what the message contains, but Selwyn DID tell me it's meant to be provocative, to *provoke* Glendower, into, get this, going after Barty Crouch. Selwyn seems to hope he'll try to kill him.




 **alt_severus** at **2013-06-01 00:38:49**
(no subject)

If circumstances have changed such that Selwyn is attempting to do away with Crouch -- when they have been near, if not on, the same side for so long -- then the Dark Lord's death must be producing even more upheaval than we'd thought.

Minerva? Any thoughts on which other alliances might be disintegrating?



 **alt_alice** at **2013-06-01 04:16:27**
(no subject)

I agree, that's difficult to pick apart. Bill, be careful. I know Selwyn as an ally is a potentially good move, but Crouch as an enemy makes me nervous.




 **alt_hermione** at **2013-06-01 03:15:26**
(no subject)

Be careful, though. Something's happening. Professor Lestrage just came and collected Harry and he's taking him somewhere. Somewhere not New London.

And it's not related to the wedding, either, because he muttered as they were walking out that he just hoped they'd be back in time for things tomorrow or Professor Sinistra would be really upset.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:12:41](#)**
(no subject)


Merlin.

I'm just reading this now.

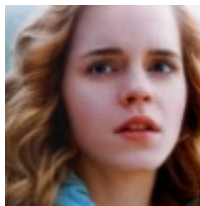
Why is he taking Harry away from Hogwarts?

Minerva, any ideas?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:36:45](#)**
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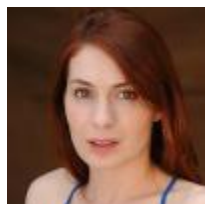
Hermione, any word on Harry?




 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:45:17](#)**
(no subject)

Professor Lestrangle came a few minutes ago to tell me to get Harry's toilet kit and his pyjamas and things and bring them to the Hospital Wing, that he'd already taken him up there and he didn't want him to have to see anyone in the dormitories. Professor Lestrangle didn't say anything about what happened except that Harry's not hurt. But he looked like he needed--well, like he needed a strong drink, to be honest.

I'm going up to see Harry. Madam Pomfrey, will you let me sit with him if I come?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:45:57](#)**
(no subject)

That doesn't bode well.

At all.

Poppy, please let us know what's happened.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-06-01 04:48:34](#)
(no subject)

Yes, please.



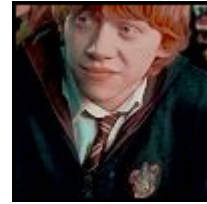
 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-06-01 03:15:34](#)
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Well, it sounds as if either way we'll be down one Death Eater, which is ... good news? But watch your back.

2013-05-31 21:46:00

Friday Flying!!

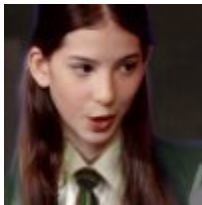
We totally need to start back up with Friday Flying this summer. We could do more distance flights like last year, y'know?



 [alt_ron](#)

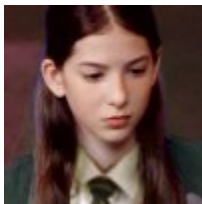
It was a perfect day for it today! Right, Perks? If you weren't outside doing something this afternoon, you really missed out!!


Mind you, I'm a bit bandy-legged still, and I should have remembered the charm to keep from getting sunburned. Oh, well. Too bad we're supposed to look our best tomorrow. Anybody know a charm for taking the red out?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-06-01 03:08:32**
(no subject)

You do realise we have a matron who is rather well versed in healing charms for things such as sunburns.

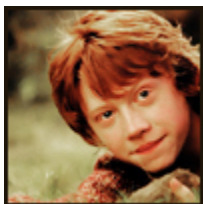



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2013-06-01 03:09:44**
Private message to Ron

I want to say

~~Have you ever~~

It was really fun today, I'm really glad you suggested it.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2013-06-01 03:18:08**
Re: Private message to Ron

Yeah, it was, wasn't it?!

And, yeah. If it's not better in the morning, I'll get Madam P to look at my sunburn. That's clever.

2013-05-31 23:14:00

I Solemnly Swear That I Am Up To No Good: Private Message to Draco and Hermione

Raz is taking me somewhere I don't know where but I can't take this or my wand and there isn't any time.

tell Sirius.

Good bye.



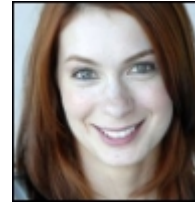
 [alt_harry](#)

2013-05-31 23:43:00

ORDER ONLY

Things appear to be fairly stable for the time being.

We set up the notice-me-not field using the anchors, and managed to overtake the farm without any injuries. Cecelia had to carve the last of the runes herself on site to activate them, but it seems to have done the trick, at least for now. We'll see if they hold. Thank you for all your help, Remus. We couldn't have done it without you.



 [alt_alice](#)

Six wizard employees and the Aldrich family are being held securely off-site for the time being. We'll sort them out later.


There was one halfblooded wizard who worked there as an overseer, Norman Bell, and when we initially gathered all the wizards together, there was a general protest among the muggles there who didn't want him harmed in any way -- apparently he helped them as best as he could, and he was trusted by them.

We explained what a secret keeper was, and the general consensus was that Norman should take responsibility for it. He agreed to it as well, and the Fidelius went off smoothly, although it took some time for him to walk around the boundaries of the farm three times.

We gave a few wands to the handful of muggle born who were at the farm -- the nanny, and two other house servants. The muggles seemed a bit nervous about that -- there were murmurs of creating new overseers -- but Norman was rather insistent that wasn't going to happen on his watch.


I've asked them to come up with a list of things they are in need of. Kingsley will be back in a few days to check in on everyone and see what's needed most urgently. Poppy, can you get us the vitamin supplements by then?



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2013-06-01 04:16:04**
(no subject)

All Order missions should go this smoothly. We didn't suffer so much as a nosebleed, on either side.




 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:19:04](#)**
(no subject)

Are they still distracted? It sounded like they were, from what Bill said.

Maybe we should see if there's another farm like this we could take. In another part of the country. Maybe even on the coast itself.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:22:38](#)**
(no subject)

I agree.

It helps that we were able to find an internal candidate for secret-keeping, and that they knew we were coming in advance, which meant we could work from the inside.

There's the sheep farm in Scotland where we already have connections.

A coastal operation would be excessively useful, but difficult to ward around enough of the water so they could continue fishing operations on any sort of scale without being noticed.




 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:20:26](#)**
(no subject)

Alice:

I've been speaking with Norman, and a few of the others. I think it would be wise if we could bring Davidson in to meet with them, too. He can really help them with logistics, and we need to figure out inventory, and how our various groups can help one another. And Merlin knows he's an experienced hand at getting magical and muggle folk to work together in common cause.

What if we suggest a meeting here tomorrow, as we help continue to sort things out?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:24:31](#)**
(no subject)

That sounds like it would work well, yes. Lucinda and the Lees can come along too.


Would you mind staying for the night? Just in case anything immediate comes up? If that'd be all right with them, of course.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:25:37](#)**
(no subject)

I don't mind staying, of course. And I think it would be best.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2013-06-01 04:29:43](#)**
(no subject)

Thank goodness. I'm glad it went so well.

2013-05-31 23:56:00

Order Only

Merlin, Bill. Where are you? I hope you see this!



I've just overheard something. Director Selwyn's dead! I'm serious. And Crouch is still alive. I just heard Mr Yaxley talking about it to someone else, someone I don't know.

 **alt_nymphadora**

Bill: Voldemort's alive. Gods.

Wherever you are, you've got to go right now and find Auror Crouch and tell him what you know! Otherwise, you're going to end up arrested! You have to get to him first and look like you've been looking for him all night!

If I knew where you were-


Wait. I'm sending a patronus, too.

But.

Merlin, I hope you're alone when it gets there.


I'm sorry! Just. Hurry and find Crouch!



 **alt_bill** at **2013-06-01 05:01:32**
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I just got the patronus--WHAT?!



 **alt_bill** at **2013-06-01 05:02:12**
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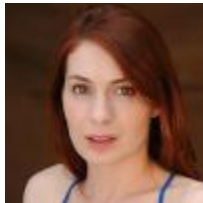
Shite




 [alt_bill](#) at [2013-06-01 05:03:11](#)
(no subject)

Shite!!


What the FUCK can I tell him?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-06-01 05:05:24](#)
(no subject)

Tell him about Glendower. Tell him what Selwyn offered you in terms of a job.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2013-06-01 05:03:25](#)
(no subject)

Hurry.



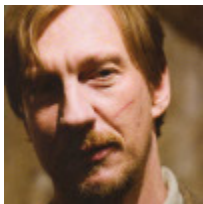
 [alt_frank](#) at [2013-06-01 05:02:36](#)
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bugger.

he ought to write crouch right away.

get it on record that he's trying to find him.

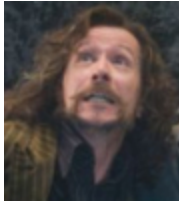
keep your head, bill. write him, and then find him and tell him everything selwyn told you.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-06-01 05:03:57](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Use the journal.

Hell, if you can tell him everything Selwyn told you in the journal and avoid being in the same room with him, so much the better.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2013-06-01 05:10:00](#)
(no subject)

No, I'm Sirius.

But forget trying to find him. Just send him a Private Message, Bill. Do it right away, and volunteer that Selwyn approached you only after Voldemort's 'death' (or whatever). Prove loyal and do it quickly. Distance yourself from the losing side, that's for sure.

Circe. How did he survive? Or do you reckon he faked his death to draw out treason in his own ranks?




 [alt_alice](#) at [2013-06-01 05:11:36](#)
(no subject)

That was my thought too. That it was some sort of test.

Merlin. I have no idea what he put Harry through, but we can't let him go off like that again.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2013-06-01 05:17:22](#)
(no subject)

Oh, Merlin.

Bill's hand on the clock is now at Mortal Peril.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2013-06-01 05:19:13](#)
(no subject)

Did it move there AFTER he wrote the note to Crouch?

Get out. Fast. Come to 12GP, both of you.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-01 05:21:34](#)**
(no subject)

No idea when it moved there. But it hasn't budged yet.

Right. We're flooding now.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-01 05:24:48](#)**
(no subject)

And thank you, Tonks. Thank you.


I owe you, seriously, big time.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2013-06-01 05:33:12](#)**
(no subject)

Merlin. Where did you overhear this--at the Ministry?
Who did you hear speaking?



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-01 05:34:14](#)**
(no subject)


She said she heard Yaxley. And someone she didn't know.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2013-06-01 05:48:27](#)**
(no subject)

Normally I'd let her answer for herself but she's on shift right now. (She traded shifts with someone.)
And given that the Ministry is crawling with anxious Death Eaters I imagine she's trying to look busy.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2013-06-01 06:05:22](#)**
(no subject)

Good lord.

Now Selwyn is posting.

Could we possibly keep straight, just for one minute, who's supposed to be actually dead around here?!




 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2013-06-01 06:10:08](#)**
(no subject)

Someone else could very well be using it. MLE springs to mind.

Especially given the theory that this week's events may have been a plan to smoke out traitors.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2013-06-01 07:17:34](#)**
(no subject)

I don't care who else is dead as long as it's not YOU.