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Private message to Daphne Greengrass

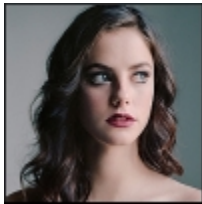



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)**

You have an interesting methodology for "preparing" your extended family, as you put it. Had I not been indisposed with other projects yesterday I would have surely heard sooner of your bold and enterprising public relations manoeuvre. Since you appear to have gone to the trouble of sparing me the role of the villain in your piece, I almost feel I should thank you for your efforts - this despite the fact that they were executed without my input or foreknowledge.

From here on out I am certain that you will be showered with attention from both admirers and the idly curious - and a few detractors as well, no doubt. In moving forward, please permit this bit of advice: your words and actions now reflect on the Lestrangle name, even if you do decide to keep the "Greengrass." I see no reason not to trust you to bear this privilege in mind with the honour and respect it deserves.

Your Uncle,
Rodolphus



 **[alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-01 23:17:37](#)**
(no subject)

I'm eighteen years old and Head Girl, *Uncle* Uncle, and quite accustomed to speaking up for myself and, when appropriate, for others, as well. And of course I wouldn't paint you the villain of the piece. All that's happened has nothing to do with you - though I am curious as to why you decided to pursue your inquiry in the first place. Financial gain seems beneath your interest, and you have no need of it, besides. If I'm legally entitled to anything special from your brother's estate then you're more than welcome to it, I'm sure.




 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2014-12-01 23:20:32](#)
(no subject)

There are some holdings I prefer to keep in the bloodline, yes, though in the larger sense it's the bloodline itself that motivates my inquiry.

You're familiar with the Sacred Twenty-Eight, yes?



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-01 23:22:07](#)
(no subject)

Of course. The Greengrasses are part of the Sacred. So are the Lestranges, the Blacks, the Bulstrodes, the Weasleys, the Malfoys, and many others.



 [alt_rodolphus](#) at [2014-12-01 23:48:43](#)
(no subject)

The Sacred is an outdated concept based on research conducted almost one-hundred years ago. In my free time I've been compiling my own research on blood purity, driven mostly by the knowledge that the Lestrangle line itself nearly went extinct four generations ago. Poor breeding practices led to a plague of squibs that was only relieved when the bloodline crossed out the Sacred and co-mingled with the Strangeweale and Jugson lines (located on the second and third tier of blood purity - but never mind that, it's details from my own research).

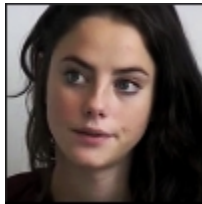
When I married my wife, I had some concern that the union of Lestrangle with Black (two of the Sacred) would result in squibs once more. In truth, quite the opposite occurred and we were given two children who possess remarkable and rare magic. Hydra is a legilimens like her mother before her, possibly even stronger in skill - and Bella is very, very skilled. Rigel has a form of magic that has never been seen before; its scope and power may in fact surpass that of all written knowledge available on rare magics.


However, neither child came to us easily. My wife had several miscarriages, which in large part accounts for the age difference

between Hydra and her brother.

All that aside, what is more significant is that in the last few years, several of the Sacred bloodlines, the great wizarding legacy families, (or tier 1, as I term them) have gone extinct, or will soon. Carrow and Nott: recently extinct, completely and fully. Slughorn, Parkinson, Rosier, Malfoy, Black: soon to go extinct on the paternal side. True, Bella's one surviving traitor cousin could be out there bearing children, but since they will never end up on the tapestry, they do not matter. Stephen Rosier and Horace Slughorn are too old to have children, Lucius Malfoy is unlikely to sire more, and Tony Parkinson didn't live long enough to have more than his one daughter.

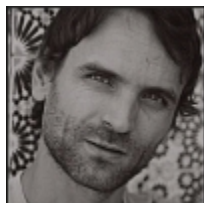
In short, my research led me to embark upon the inquiry into Raz's liaisons and whether or not they produced any offspring. So far, the only one to surface is you.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2014-12-01 23:52:20](#)**
(no subject)

How fascinating. And yet it seems tragic that in the Protectorate era so many pure bloodlines have begun to taper off. One would think the opposite would be the case.

Your children may possess rare and remarkable magic, but I'm afraid I'm just an ordinary witch. A skilled one, mind you, but thoroughly ordinary.



 **[alt_rodolphus](#)** at **[2014-12-01 23:54:35](#)**
(no subject)

Incorrect - you're a Lestrangle. You never need think yourself ordinary again.

I understand that it will take some time for the cognitive dissonance to pass, but trust that in time, it will.

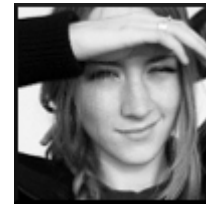
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Order Only Private Message to Daphne

Alright?


Daft question, but it's an impulse, I suppose.

Daddy isn't cross with you, is he?



 [alt_hydra](#)




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-02 00:02:54](#)
(no subject)

He's not cross; he even seems a bit admiring, though mostly he's boasting about you and your brother, and possibly himself.

Do you know about all this research he does into different "tiers" of purebloods?




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-02 00:10:46](#)
(no subject)

Oh that. He's been working on that for ages, whenever he has a bit of spare time. It's a big research project into all the pureblood families of Great Britain, and he divides them up into tiers depending on how long they've been in Britain and how closely they've held pureblood values in behaviour and breeding practices. So if you're a really old British family like the Blacks, who blast blood traitors off the tapestry, they you're in tier one. If you're a family who hasn't been in Britain quite as long but still have "good" values, then you're in tier two. The Sandovals are in tier two. So are the Montagues, actually. And Zabini, Drumgoole, plus others. Tier three are old British families who are *mostly* pureblood but are "lax" when it comes to pureblood values, like Diggory and Weasley and Moon and such.

There are other tiers, too, but the ones below three don't interest him as much.

Why, did he go on about it to you?



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-02 00:14:54](#)
(no subject)


More than a bit, yes.

He didn't say, but I wonder - because of how he brought it up - if he's concerned that tier one is getting weaker, or something. He mentioned that Nott and Carrow just went extinct, and a bunch of others are about to go extinct on the paternal side, like Malfoy, Parkinson, Black...

Seriously. Who cares? I hope they do!

Promise me that when this is all over, you'll marry Justin? And I don't know, I'll marry Terry Boot. No, I won't get married at all. I'll just be glamorous and unattainable forever.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-02 00:19:18](#)
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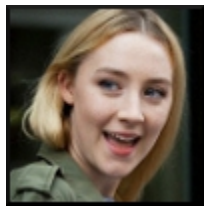
Justin and I aren't even dating anymore, though.


But it would be nice if, afterward, no one even kept track of blood. There would just be people who can do magic, and people who can't, and neither is better than the other.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-02 00:20:28](#)
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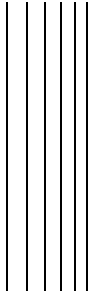
Maybe you should just be glamorous and unattainable forever, too.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-02 00:21:37](#)
(no subject)

I'm not glamorous at all, though.

Well, I can fake it. Not nearly so well as you, though - with you it isn't fakery.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-02 00:23:12](#)
(no subject)

Of course it's fakery. Glamour is always fakery!
That's why it's called *glamour*.

Good you can't tell, though.

2014-12-01 17:31:00

Private Message to Barty



 **alt_rookwood**

I hear you've been deployed to Ireland. How are you handling the transition? The various couriers I've tried to use have all been whingers and overstated the symptoms, even with the protections we provided. One went so far as to find a sympathetic Healer at St Mungo's and got himself declared "unable to do useful work" and "incapable of handling a broom." The last potion regime that was tried on a witch was unsuccessful. After that debacle, the new team went back to the start to create new options. It appears that Our Lord declared their animal trials acceptable and offered it to you. I wasn't ready to approve wizarding trials, and would not have started with one of my brothers, as the homing pigeon trials have been only intermittently successful to date. Given the insightful researcher Our Lord is, if he deemed the runs successful enough to move to wizarding trials, they were ready to be moved to wizarding trials. Since you are still doing your duty, he was right and I was wrong. When you have the chance, I would appreciate a detailed and thorough description of the level of success at suppressing the difficulties with crossing the wards and any side effects you may have been experiencing. A report from someone who I know is not shirking his duties, would be a very helpful point of comparison. Hopefully your analysis will help me to the insight that allowed Our Lord to move forward with this project.

As you are the ranking representative in Ireland at the moment I ought to inform you that we had to contain an incident at a research station over the weekend. Even you don't need the full details, but the site needed to be purged. As a precaution we also purged the nearby village, Cappoquin. It's a score or so miles northeast of Cork. They should have taken out everyone involved and those closely related. ~~or potentially exposed~~ Given the usual precautions taken I don't think it should stir up much unrest, but since you are over on that Merlin-damned island I thought you should be informed.

Yours in Service,
Augustus



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-02 05:50:32](#)
(no subject)

WOULD NOT REPORT TRIAL A SUCCESS.

WARD SICKNESS MORE SEVERE THAN ANTICIPATED.

FULL REPORT ON RETURN. EXPECT SUMMONS.

CORK. MADE NEWS HERE. DONT SUPPOSE YOU REQUIRE DETAILS OF MAYHEM.

GOOD TO KNOW WHO TO THANK IF IT INTERFERES WOUR LORDS BUSINESS.

AND YES. FOXE DEAD. AM NOW RANKING AGENT.

2014-12-01 20:44:00

Order Only: Private message to Hydra Lestrage, Mr Snape, Sirius Black, and Auror Brodie




 [alt_sally_anne](#)

I've been thinking about the spell Bellatrix Lestrage used to kill Dorcas Meadows. It's what Benjy Fenwick died of as well, wasn't it? And Sirius almost did.

Auror Brodie, do you know how to cast that spell? Or are there other Aurors who do?

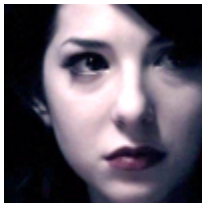


 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-02 04:41:38](#)

(no subject)

No, I don't. I don't know of anyone who can cast that spell other than Bellatrix.

It's possible she's taught it to a few people, but it's a very closely guarded secret.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-02 04:42:30](#)

(no subject)

Mr Snape, if you knew HOW it was cast do you think you'd have a better chance at working out how to reverse it?

Hydra, do you think she'd teach it to you?




 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-02 05:49:30](#)

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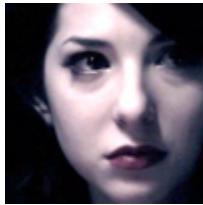
If I knew the incantation, there is a much better chance I could develop a counterspell, yes. I obviously cannot guarantee anything — particularly since Bellatrix's mind has always worked in twists and turns I find unfathomable — but it would at least increase the odds.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-02 05:51:54](#)
(no subject)

The Black curse? That's what she called it, last I knew. Rachel's right, she doesn't teach it to anyone. Or very few. I'm not even sure if Daddy knows it.

It's hard for me to imagine her as willing to teach it to me. If I asked, she'd say I have to earn it, and then probably make it impossible to do so.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-02 19:31:48](#)
(no subject)

Black because she was Bellatrix Black before she married?

I wonder if it would help if you -- I don't know, told her you think of yourself as more of a Black than a Lestrangle. Your father's sufficiently obsessed with his own family name to track down Daphne and make her one of them, is she like that with the Blacks?

I don't know, maybe there's no way to convince her. You'd know better than I would. ~~You're definitely the only person in the Order who's got a chance~~

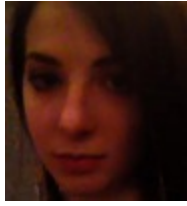


 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-02 20:07:51](#)
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She developed it when she was still Bellatrix Black. When she was still in school, actually. The first version of it, anyway. I think she's refined it over the years.

She and Daddy seem to be pursuing their own agendas these days, it's true. She feels that her legacy lies solely with the Lord Protector, and my Father, well, he thinks bigger than that, I suppose. She expects me to serve the Lord Protector as loyally as she does. Maybe if I said I needed to know it in order to serve him...

She's never been someone I can predict, is the thing.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-02 21:10:59](#)
(no subject)

Yeah.

Obviously I'm not going to try to predict her, either. I guess -- if you're ever close by when someone gets away, or if you might have been there -- of course, she might just use that as an excuse to abuse you. I don't know. If something happens that gives you a reason she might go along with.

She developed it *in school*. Maybe you could tell her you're trying to follow in her footsteps and you just want to know where she started. See if you could at least get some information out of her that way.

I just

~~it's a shame she's basically the worst person ever. You know?
Because she must have been her generation's Hermione.~~

2014-12-01 22:30:00

Private Message to Ned Pennifold

Neds, how went it at the auction Saturday afternoon? Did you and your father manage to outbid Bobolis for either of the pieces he was after? I suppose you were both high with the cut-throat bidding. And, no, I can't pretend I'd rather have been there than marking essays! You can have all the auctions. All I ask is that you find the odd grimoire or interesting gem for me to balance out what you spend on your old carriages and carpets.



 [alt_lana](#)

I saw that Puddlemere won on Sunday. Wretched weather for it, though. Did you really stay for the whole thing?

I'm firm for Friday this week. We could go for a nice, quiet supper, don't you think? At the Rookery, maybe. Or, oh, how about Full Fathom Five? Sarah says it's perfectly romantic with only a few tables, and all nestled into alcoves and round corners, so it's snug and private. I'll make a reservation, shall I? We could go early and have more time later at home, just the two of us.

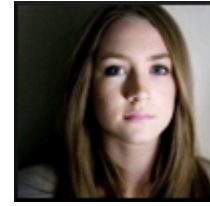
I've ordered something special to wear, too. For afters.


[2014-12-02 12:14:00](#)

Private message to Auror Crouch

Just an update:

I've improved my time on the course, and I've finally taken care of that left blind spot.



 [alt_hydra](#)

Will you be able to come out on the next Hogsmeade Day?

I know that the Headmaster is worried about you. I hope that you're doing well.

From,
Hydra



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-03 05:24:23](#)

(no subject)

AM FINE. NOW.

SUSPECT YOU KNOW WHERE I AM IF YOU'VE GLEANED SO MUCH OF TOSHA'S THOUGHTS. CANNOT PROMISE RE HOGSMEADE BUT WILL COME IF ABLE, SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

KEEP AT IT. SOLID SKILLS AREN'T MASTERED IN WEEKS.

[2014-12-02 15:42:00](#)

Upcoming Geminids

The Geminid meteor showers should begin on Thursday and peak around the 13th and 14th. Fifth years, remember that you must observe them for an hour on two different days during the shower for your assignment. Everyone else, the combination of a relatively late moonrise that weekend, an early astronomical twilight, and hopefully some clear weather make them particularly good viewing. Tables for direction and altitude are posted outside my office.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)**

I expect to have the tower open on Saturday night after supper until around midnight on the 13th (moonrise is at 11:23pm) and Sunday night on the 14th (moonrise is after midnight) for those observations. Friday night (the 12th), I'll open the observing space after supper, but won't be available for assistance. (Also, moonrise is 10:16, so there's rather less time.) Fifth years, you can arrange your other observing time independently but I recommend doing the first observation earlier than later - both more interesting to write up, and less risk of having bad weather.

Heads of House, I'll arrange that anyone younger than fifth year is back by curfew, but please let me know if you have concerns about any of the older students.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2014-12-02 21:10:33](#)**

Order Only - Private message to Daphne Greengrass

Thank you again for how you handled telling me - having a few days notice did help.

I spoke to Healer Fletcher at some length on Saturday (with the assistance of our headmaster, so I am reasonably sure what he eventually said is accurate.) Fletcher says that two and a half years ago, he gave Raz the results he thought Raz wanted, at least in part because Fletcher thought I might leave Raz over it. He says Raz didn't ask for it, it was just - what Fletcher thought was best. ~~Idiotic patronising man.~~

I don't even know where to start with that, except to say that while Raz did a number of foolish things in his life, that is not the one I'd ever have blamed him for. That you are who you are, with the parents

you have, is complicated, but fussing over it at this late date seems vastly more foolish. (And I said as much to him then.)

I'm very sorry we didn't confirm further then. That Raz never knew. Then, he was

There are some practical things. I'm quite sure Raz would have handled his will differently if he'd known you were his daughter, but it'll take me a little to work through the details, especially since he went to some lengths to hide his legacy to Harry.

However, I was in New London on Sunday, and added you to the wards at Spencer House - in truth, I'm thinking as much of the benefit to the Order as anything else. But it's not like I'm there much, and if you wanted space of your own at any time, there's certainly plenty of room. Harry and my mother are the other two people who can get past the foyer right now (and there's some additional access that would require you being with me when I did it, but we could do that over hols if you wish.)

Finally, people had so many assumptions about Raz. If you ever want to hear what he was like when the world wasn't watching, I would be glad to talk about him. If you'd rather not and keep to the memories of him as a teacher and quidditcher, like you said in the interview, I understand that as well. I'll leave further conversations on any of this up to you, but please do let me know if there's anything I can do that would be a help.



 [alt_daphne](#) at 2014-12-02 23:54:11

Re: Order Only - Private message to Daphne Greengrass

I wonder

I really don't know if I want to hear or talk about anything real just yet. Maybe later, when I've finished spinning the story for everyone else.

If Rodolphus wants a Lestrangle, he'll have one. I'll have full access to any social circle I desire, and without the unpleasant business of being a council witch. Have you heard of Mata Hari? Grandmother had a book on her. Of course, she was working for the bad side.

Oh, and I chose Sophia because she and I have grown a bit chummy

and I knew that she'd be tactful and not ask questions like "Have your father forgiven you mother?" or "Does Rabastan's widow know and how is she taking it?"

Rodolphus hasn't really mentioned you at all. And now that I've been treated to his thoughts on the value or bloodlines, I know why. I think the Sinistras would be below the third tier.



 **alt_sinistra** at 2014-12-03 00:24:56

Re: Order Only - Private message to Daphne Greengrass

I quite understand not wanting more in your head right now, when everyone's asking. I just wanted to make it clear it wouldn't upset me if you did ask.

Open offer, anyway.

I think you'd be able to do some very good things in those circles. Someone should, really. I've heard of Mata Hari in passing, in a book about Aphra Behn (also possibly of interest to you, actually.) A hard role, but you've the knack for being present without making a conversation all about you that Raz also had. People say all kinds of things in those sorts of conversations sometimes.

I have had the usual round of letters from people wanting my opinion. I've mostly just been replying that you're obviously an accomplished witch, a credit to your parents, and that while I wish Raz had had a chance to know, the rest is really a private family matter. Just enough, I hope, to make it clear I'm not upset and certainly not with you.

Not surprised about Rodolphus at all. And I do know how he and others think of my family. Mum is a Smith by birth, but a very cadet branch indeed, and Dad's side were farmers until much more recently than some of my family like to admit. We're pureblood mostly by chance in his direct line, and there's a thing no one can document about 6 generations back. (And more earlier, of course.)

Anyway. It was always quite clear that most of that extended clan considered Raz marrying me better than Raz not marrying at all (which seemed to be the other going option), but they'd rather he'd found someone of much better breeding. I'd offer to help if

he's being difficult, but I'd expect Hydra could give rather better advice there.



alt_sinistra at **2014-12-02 21:44:13**

Order only - Private message to Pansy and Alice

Sorry, not up for a big conversation with everyone right now.

Pansy, about the food, something Mum said when she firecalled last night ~~to check on me~~ makes sense now. (Dad was with her, so she couldn't be clear.) She mentioned that Temp - that's my youngest sister, who's working her way up to being a chef - has gone on about a couple of restaurants over the past few years that focused exclusively on seasonal food.

There's a lot of waste possible if your business involves things only in the height of their harvest, y'know? But with stasis charms and some careful record keeping, you could probably make a lot of that 'waste' disappear without comment. Mum can be more help than I can, she's heard more details from Temp, but she's having trouble getting free for long enough to write or anything just now.

Alice, I also got to thinking about the collective that runs the Archetype Cafe - they run their own farms, and I've started wondering if that's partly so they can make some food go missing easily.

The collective's openly about providing opportunity to witches, and building a sustainable community, but I've had a couple of conversations with Tamsin, who runs the cafe part, that make me think they might have some common cause with the Order. (Nothing obvious, just hints, y'know? They're the kind of place that has muggleborn workers so they can treat them well, though.) I don't know if I'm the right person to sound her out, but I do have a voting share in the collective.

But beside that, it did occur to me that having an aboveboard business, doing farm to table, might be a way to hide more food, longer term. Takes a lot of set-up, though maybe there'd be something like buying an existing farm.

Also, Mum should be writing eventually, but via friends of the family, she's gotten her hands on a few spare sheep. They're Clun Forest -

very hardy breed, do milk, meat, and wool - five ewes and a ram, not closely related to each other so a good starter flock somewhere. (We've kept Herdwicks and Frieslands for ages, but having any of those go missing would get Dad and the rest of the family noticing.) She can keep them until getting them somewhere else is sorted.

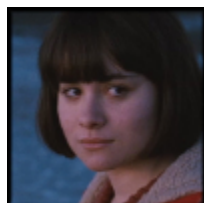


 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2014-12-02 23:04:11**

Re: Order only - Private message to Pansy and Alice

I might have to conveniently stop by for tea when your mum is visiting over hols or somesuch.

Perhaps I could ultimately end up deciding that I ought to set up an exclusive wine and beer establishment that has a seasonal menu. I think setting up the wine and beer production would be easier to do right away, for winter, but once I get it off the ground, then yes, I could see building to that.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2014-12-02 23:05:19**

Re: Order only - Private message to Pansy and Alice

And for what it's worth, I know this hasn't been a particularly pleasant week for you, and I'm sorry.

Let me know if you want a tea with someone who can talk your ear off about anything except for recent gossip. I'm rather good at that.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2014-12-02 23:21:46**

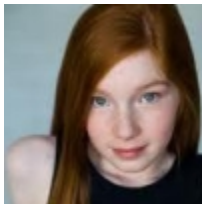
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I gather vines for wine take rather a long time to get going (couple of years) and of course the wine itself. Beer's much faster, or hard cider, or mead, if you can get enough honey.

Mum can talk your ear off about mead, actually. We use it for some of the family magics.

And we can certainly manage tea over hols. Right now, it's mostly that Dad's fussing and she can't explain why she wants to talk privately. For that matter, we could invite Temp for part of it, and you could talk to her yourself about the food supply side.

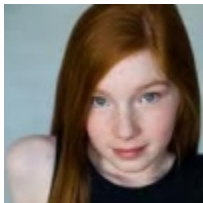
As to tea and conversation about anything other than gossip, I'd like that. It's one of your particular gifts, you know, and sometimes just the necessary thing. (Though honestly, better now. Took a bit of sorting through some things in my head and tracking a conversation from a couple of years ago back to its roots.)




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-02 23:14:34](#)

Private Message to Professor Sinistra

Fitz and I were thinking of camping out a bit on the 13th to catch the showers properly. Would it be all right if we stayed late?



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-02 23:15:01](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra: ORDER ONLY

And please do let me know if there's anything I can help with.

Anything at all.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-02 23:26:23](#)

Re: Private Message to Professor Sinistra

Absolutely, on my end.

(If your Head of House has concerns, I'm sure she'll tell me, but it's rather handy the Geminids are peaking on a Saturday, really.)



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-03 14:38:23](#)

Private message to Auri

Acton would not cease bending my ear at supper last night for me to ask: did you get a chance to talk to Miss Greengrass about our discoveries this weekend? Not that I think she would react poorly -- she is a sensible girl -- but one does fret. (Particularly when one has been doing nothing but fretting for far too long.)

I'd offer to be a go-between between her and Rod, if Rod is being

overwhelming, but I doubt my intervention would be helpful. Still, if she has any questions about ~~dealing with the den of serpents~~ interacting with her newfound relatives, and you find yourself unable to answer, do let her know I am happy to speak with her if she wishes. It can be a difficult transition to make.

On an unrelated note, now that we are nearing the end of term, it is time to start making our lists of "supplies we are desperately in need of", "supplies it would be nice to have", and "supplies we would order with an infinite budget". I'll be dropping in (quite informally) on everyone at some point over the next two or three weeks; if there's a particular evening you'd find more suited, let me know. (You have the right of first crack at the schedule. Although this meeting will not involve vodka; I think I am still hung over, even four days later.)



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-03 15:49:56](#)

Re: Private message to Auri

It was rather a lot of vodka, yes. Very helpful, mind. (And even more so, you helping with Fletcher, for which I cannot thank you enough. Still furious at him.)

I did get a chance to talk to Daphne, yes, and told her what we sorted out.

Rod is being - well, Rod. Apparently rather going on about his theories of bloodlines at some length (you can likely fill that in as quickly as I did.) But she seems to be handling him as well as possible. I said I rather thought Hydra could be more help than I could, but I'd be glad to help if there was anything.

On the more pleasantly routine, of course I have lists for you, though mine are rather the first and last categories, and not the middle. In the first, there's a new producer of the large sheets I use for charts - the price is a bit more per sheet, but they take the erasing charms much better, so there's probably less waste for student use. A few other things like that.

And then I do have some thoughts about improvements to the school telescopes, which are decidedly more in the infinite budget end of things, but a couple that are likely more a priority than others, in the sense of 'next few years'. Much easier to show you what I mean, though. Pity I can't just say 'next clear night'.

Thursdays tend to be easiest for me, and I know you dislike the day anyway, so perhaps one of those, and if it's not clear, you can stop up some night it is?

2014-12-02 23:25:00


Private Message to Aurora Sinistra and Pomona Sprout



 **alt_poppy**

Aurora, my dear, if your work permits, we'd be pleased if you'd join us for tea on Sunday afternoon. We're planning to taste a bit of this year's vintage--the damson gin, particularly--to see whether it's worthy of gift giving. We can always use another opinion!



 **alt_poppy** at **2014-12-03 05:32:59**

Order Only Private Message to Aurora

Have been thinking about you.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2014-12-03 15:27:01**

Re: Order Only Private Message to Aurora

Not my brightest week, no. Doing better now I've finally settled everything in my head. And Mum and Dad have both been fussing over me.

Daphne's a very composed and capable young woman, and really, this is vastly easier having seen her handle things in the Order, you know?

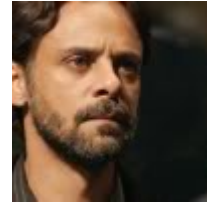
You're sure Pomona's all right with Sunday? She's been distant since that last argument about the punishments. Not unkind or rude, I don't think she has it in her, but I haven't want to push. (And not to reopen it, but - well, I still can't figure out if she and you and the others are right, or I am, and there's no good way to find out that wouldn't end horribly for someone.)

Anyway. I'll try and catch Pomona at lunch, and make sure. I don't have plans for Sunday.

2014-12-03 00:52:00

Private message to Antonin Dolohov

I, having been kept from my altar, do write this prayer as though this were my altar, and may our honoured dead be witness to this prayer as they have been witness to all the prayers that have come before and will be witness to all the prayers that will come after.



 [alt_antonin](#)

It is not me who says this but Isis, Aset, Ast, fiercely-bright one, she who knows Ra by His own name, bringer of flame, maker of the sunrise, mother of the king and of all the gods, She-who-Avenges. If my son, the Great One of Magic, bone-breaker, Lord of Faces, is not safely returned to me, I will stop the sun in the sky, I will destroy the bodies of the gods, I will break the circle of the sky. If my son, the Enchanter, the Falcon upon the ramparts of the house of him of the hidden name, He who is Above, is returned to me safely, I will offer a black bull, free of blemish, to any of the gods and our honoured dead who may spare him.

It is not me who says this but he before whom the sky shakes, the black boar who swallows the moon, the bringer of storms, lord of the red places. I am the lord of death, who embodies death, who defends life by summoning death, as befits the natural order of that which is and will ever be. I cast out the serpent, he who was spat out, encircler of the world, the great undying destroyer, the lord-of-undeath. I abjure thee. I abjure thee. I abjure thee. I will not let your breath touch the body of my son; I will not let your bau persecute him further.

I say this as I have said every night since my son was taken from me and will say until he is returned unto me: may the Seven Arrows of Sekhmet, lady of the place before the beginning of time, be turned from him and strike his enemies; may Amon-Ra, he who listens to prayers, shield him and seal him so no evil may come to him; may his enemies be under the soles of his feet; may Wepwawet, he who separates heaven and earth, open the way to victory and clear his passage home.

May all the gods and saints and all our honoured dead shelter and guide me and mine always and eternally, now and ever and to the ages of ages, amen. Sanctus Deus, Sanctus Fortis, Sanctus Immortalis, miserere nobis. Άγιος ό Θεός, Άγιος ισχυρός, Άγιος άθάνατος,

ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us, both now and ever and to the ages of ages, amen.

2014-12-03 06:42:00

Order Only Private message to Alice, Hermione, and Poppy



 **alt_severus**


Alice: I must apologise for having been so little available these past few weeks; as you might surmise, I have been working on the Sleeper antidote.

We are as confident as we can be that the current formulation is ready for testing. Unless you object, I plan on making the first attempt this week.

I must caution you against too much expectation; the most likely outcome is that nothing will happen at all. However, if you wish to be present, I will not object.

Poppy: as you are unlikely to be able to win free from the castle to attend, I would appreciate it if you would take a moment to lay out a course of treatment for a newly-awakened individual, on the exceedingly unlikely chance that our first attempt should be successful.




 **alt_alice** at **2014-12-03 19:56:02**
(no subject)

Thank you, Severus.

I appreciate all the work you and Hermione both have put into this.



 **alt_poppy** at **2014-12-04 07:28:00**
(no subject)

As it happens, I've heard what they did to treat those they awoke as replacement labour during the epidemic several years ago. It was an example cited in one of my summer courses. I've incorporated those recommendations here, but we can surely be more humane than the Ministry healers bothered to be.

Medicinals you must absolutely have on hand:

Chocolate (Medicinal grade)

Blood-replenishing potions

Hydration broth to be delivered orally before and again after waking. (Ask if you are not familiar with the charms for administering to an unconscious patient. You must guard against filling the lungs instead of the alimentary system.)

VitaMite--it fortifies the blood, boosts energy and strength after a long sickness or during chronic illness. Use it proactively in the first day after waking.

Preparations to have if at all possible:

Dyspeptic draught in case a patient is not able to keep anything down. That symptom can become quite severe and difficult to reverse if allowed to take hold.

Fever Break

Nettleforth's Neuralgia potion is the very best of its kind. Antonin Dolohov was taking it when he first arrived here--for serious curse damage, in his case. There are other brands, and recipes for brewing. I trust you to decide which will best serve your needs, but you will likely need a neuralgia treatment.

Tincture of Time to speed healing

Dr Goddard's drops to restore the balance of fluids in the internal organs if a patient shows signs of suffering dropsy

Wit-Sharpening potion if the patient continues to be difficult to rouse or seems unable to comprehend the waking world.

In-Vigour (Hopgood's, preferably) helps raise the spirits in cases of melancholy and traumatic stress. I'd anticipate an extended period of disorientation and distress in these patients.

Veturbius' Aqua Vitae (or, really, some good firewhiskey) I trust you'll know if that's what's called for.

Treatment Priorities:

HEAT

Warm the room in preparation and use a warming charm on the patient prior to rousing her. (I've no idea what process the Ministry team used for breaking the Sleeping enchantment, that was not shared on my course. And naturally I've no idea whether your method is like the one they were using. If your process creates significant heat in the room or in the body, then you may need to cool the patient instead. And, in any case, it is entirely possible that the patient's temperature may fluctuate wildly during the period after waking. Be alert for fever, and be prepared to treat it.)

HYDRATION

Prior to waking, you must do your best to re-hydrate the body, and you must continue treating for dehydration after waking.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

Even if there are no acute ailments to throw your treatment into crisis, someone waking after such prolonged stasis is bound to suffer pain of many types. Be alert to this, and humane in offering palliative care.

NOURISHMENT

Clear broth first. Know that you may well need to give an anti-emetic. Push liquids and use dietary supplements to provide necessary nutrition until your patient is capable of taking soft and then solid foods.

Let me know if there are any of medicinals you cannot source yourself, and I will find a way to get you what you require. I will, of course, be most interested to hear what comes of your attempt. I'll hope for the best.

2014-12-03 22:58:00

PRIVATE MESSAGE TO A DOLOHOV



BATYA

AM FINE

HAVE THREE RABBITS IN SACK--PETRIFIED
AND IN STASIS--MINT CONDITION

 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

NEAR MINT

HEARD INTERESTING RUMOUR TODAY RE A CERTAIN EX AUROR
OF MUTUAL ACQ

NOT ON O L'S LIST BUT WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT BONUS

IF I CAN TRACK THE WARY OLD BASTARD

NOT SETTING ASIDE CURRENT BUSINESS BUT KEEPING EARS
AND EYES KEEN FOR SIGNS

YOU HEARING ANYTHING OVER THERE ABOUT UNREST ON THIS
SIDE? MORE OF R'S UNINTENDED CONSEQs

A COMPLICATION, TBS, BUT ATTEMPTING TO USE IT AS COVER
FOR MY WORK

HEARD FROM R HIMSELF--WARD SICKNESS POTION USELESS IN
FIRST TRIALS (A 'DEBACLE' ACC TO R)

WAS INTERESTED TO HEAR THAT I'D SURVIVED CURRENT VERSN

CLAIMS HE'D NOT AUTHORISED USE

(AND YET O L HAD IT TO DISPENSE)

(MAY DRAW OWN CONCLs)

ALL WELL THERE?



alt_antonin at [2014-12-05 04:31:58](#)
(no subject)

Gus told Him the potion was not ready and He sent you with it anyway?

~~This is too far, all of this is too far, you have given Him nothing less than your best devotions for years, and all for what? For an untested potion to cross the wards He put up out of spite and to cower in His palace instead of letting us put down the unrest once and for all, for an assignment any reasonably competent person could handle on a patch of land with no strategic value, and there you are sick as a dog with no one there to help you and if you die there I may not even know for weeks, much less be able to lay you to rest in such a way as to secure your life after life, and the only consolation I have is that if you die on that gods-forsaken hellhole, He will not even be able to contemplate turning you into one of those fucking abominations we have been forced to~~

I can't

~~I have been forcing myself for so long to not see the cracks but they keep getting wider and wider, and it hasn't gotten better. It's not going to get better. He is a fool and a madman and yet I am sworn to him, and I believe, *вярвам*, I believe, I have to believe, but he doesn't and I'm starting to think he never has, and it is worth being counted oathbreaker in this world and the world beyond when the one you have sworn to has broken the oaths first. We have been played for fools for far too long and there's nothing I can do to save you, or Lucius, or Narcissa, and it's too late for Raz and Dominic and Regulus and so many of our poor doomed brightest lights. I can't lose you, too. I will burn the world to ashes if you don't come back to me and I don't care what it will cost me, because if I lose you I will have lost the only thing I have ever had worth anything at all~~

I'm sorry, *lapushka*, I'm having trouble putting words together properly tonight.

It's been quiet here. Some action around Sherwood -- a few nests of vipers burned out -- but nothing that has required us for. I've been working with the abominations in every spare moment I have; he has me staging object lessons in cooperation for the mountain giants this week. (Giant-sized abominations are no less recalcitrant than the standard size, as should surprise you not in the least.) Honestly, I am

doing very little more than spinning my wheels. Preparing for end of term and the usual budgetary woes; I'm poking through everyone's expenditures in the hopes something suspicious will come clear. I still have not forgot there are almost certainly others on staff who sympathised with Minerva. I've lost my appetite for digging too deeply

If you are still in Ireland once term ends, I will petition Our Lord to join you, unless you feel I would be more of a hindrance than a help. ~~Even then, I would rather~~ Otherwise I will keep the home fires burning for you. I have every faith you will emerge victorious, but please, *solnyshko*, don't strain yourself. The old bastard will keep; he is not worth your staying there a minute longer than you must, not when you're so ill. Even if you are feeling better. (And I am so very glad to see that you are.)

I am praying for you, every night; I have made all the sacrifices and offerings to our ancestors to beseech them to guide your wand and your steps. May your enemies be under the soles of your feet; may he who separates heaven and earth open the way to your victory and clear your passage home; may he who was spat out, the encircler of the world, turn his face away from you and may you be unseen.

I love you; do not ever forget that.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-05 05:40:10](#)

(no subject)

GIANTS? WHAT IN GIANTS? ~~YOU COULD BE C~~
~~YOU'VE BET BATYA EXPLAIN YOU'VE TOO MUCH~~
ELSE

GIANTS. SERIOUSLY? IF IT COULD BE CONTROLLED, COULD
HAVE USED ONE HERE

HAD SPORT TODAY

FIVE RABBITS

NOT WITHOUT DIFFICULTY

HATE BEING W-WINDED, OFF FORM

STILL. BAGGED TWO MORE. TWO CLOSER TO HOME.

EVEN DOZEN IS THE ASSIGNMENT.

PROMISE YOU- PROMISED N- WILL NOT WASTE TIME (HOW IS SHE?)

H ONESTLY WANT TO BE DONE AS MUCH AS YOU WISH IT,
BATYA


DO YOU REMEMBER LAST CHRISTMAS? WOKE LAST NIGHT,
SMELLING CHESTNUTS. ~~THOUGHT SOMEONE HAD~~
CAN'T REMEMBER THE DREAM, BUT MADE ME THINK OF
COTTESMORE

YOU'VE OTHER WORRIES MORE PRESENT--DON'T LOSE SLEEP
FOR ME

AM FINALLY BEING USEFUL, PROVING MYSELF

KEEP WELL



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-05 06:21:07](#)
(no subject)

Son of my heart, there is nothing you need to prove that you have not already done so, long since. You are a credit to the family that bore you and the family that you have been welcomed into and the heavens themselves will bear witness to your worth.

I am fine. Narcissa is recovering. Do not worry about us; keep yourself safe. I do not care how long your task takes as long as you come home whole and hale at the end of it.

If you miss Christmas, we'll simply have ours in January; it wouldn't hurt us to keep the old calendar for a year. Hunt well, dear heart.

[2014-12-05 13:27:00](#)

Order Only



 [alt_rachel](#)

Making this a public post (well, a full-Order post). At Alice's request, I arranged this week to get a list of who exactly is in Azkaban. Alice, I can get you the full list, including the names, ages, crimes, and cell locations of every person in there, but here are the ones that struck me as persons of possible interest to the Order.

Anders Kinlan

Was in the Crimson Company. Convicted of 'sedition,' which is a little surprising, but if it were 'treason' he'd be dead. I imagine a bribe might have been involved, or else a lot of willing cooperation with MLE. Or both.

James Prescott

Was convicted of helping to run a resistance network with the intention of overthrowing the Protectorate. Couldn't have been a very successful one, given that he got a life sentence in Azkaban and didn't end up in the Vale. Former coworker of Arthur Weasley, I think.

Anna Lexington

Former Healer's apprentice, in for selling black-market potions. Timing is the same as Prescott's, and when I looked back in the journals I saw Arthur had mentioned her. Almost certainly a trumped-up charge.

Keith Falkonrath

Black marketeer. Serving a ten-year sentence, he's about halfway through. Former coworker of Bill's -- was friendly, then suddenly really stand-offish, because he had a feeling he was being watched. So yeah, Bill, you were right, he's in there.

Astra Morgansen

You all might remember her name; she wrote the "Pure Hunger" books.

Dedalus Diggle

Sirius, you told me about him, didn't you? He's one of yours ours?

Jeanette Bigglesby

Sedition. Got locked up for saying the wrong thing in front of the

wrong person while teaching at a village school, six or seven years ago.

Antigone Cantwell

Former Healer, in for 'violating confidentiality of sensitive information' but I don't get the impression that she was blabbing patient's secrets. Given that she was locked up in January of 1994, I think this might have something to do with that sickness they all blamed on Sirius.

Maghnus Derrick

I was shocked he was in there, I thought surely he was dead. He was Dominic Selwyn's clerk and *surely* involved in the plot against Voldemort. Convicted of 'extortion,' which is really odd. I think someone probably got bribed to make a clerical error to keep him alive. Or maybe he had a spare vial of Felix Felicis.

Melinda Wood, Eric Wood, Catrin Yates, Bronwyn Maddox, Jonas Perkins

They are all in for violation of purity ordinances regarding muggleborns. I don't know if you remember this bust, but a few years ago every wizard in this one little settlement in Wales got arrested because they had a load of muggles and muggleborns who were ostensibly servants but actually being treated as family members. A few wound up in Azkaban rather than being killed out of hand.

Cynthia Braith, Radhika Chandar, Saul Atkinson, Ellen Monroe, Jed Murray, Keith Sangster, Eleanor Levi

All of these people were journalists. Their crimes vary but I'm pretty sure most of them went to Azkaban for asking too many of the wrong sorts of questions.

Maisie and Rutherford Skeates, and Doria Hibblings

Arrested during the Doughty Conduit raid -- they were at the party but they definitely weren't regulars. I imagine they knew absolutely nothing. By rights they should've been released, but I guess they're lucky to be alive.

Cassiopeia Fawley

This is another sort of surprising one. She was a rising artist a few years back and a very big deal -- did exhibitions at a bunch of regional seasonal faires and was getting invited to all the right sorts of parties. And then one day in 1992 she just disappeared and her studio burned and people stopped talking about her as if she'd never existed. I liked her art because it had all these odd little hints of subversion in it, it was like she was trying to see how close to the line she could walk.


Well, she stepped over it. I assumed she was dead, but she's in Azkaban. For 'Artistic Indecency.'

Lucius Malfoy

If you're wondering what his records say -- he's listed as being held 'at Our Lord's pleasure.'

Anyway, those are the ones that jumped out at me. There are also loads of people in there for actual crimes -- Salatius Smethley's in there for running a reducing spa that used Imperius (I guess they weren't properly licensed), Cassian Winborn for embezzling as Adur muggle camp administrator (he was underfeeding the muggles and directing 25% of the food budget into his personal vault), various individuals who were caught with illicit potions. Rowena Robbins is in there, for murdering Young Glendower. There are about twenty in for truly heinous crimes -- well, starving muggles is heinous, but I mean, there are twenty who are in for things like kidnapping strangers to torture them and then dismember their bodies and send the pieces by owl in neatly wrapped boxes to randomly selected strangers.

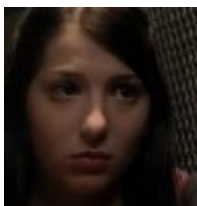


 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-05 21:23:31](#)

(no subject)

The Woods are remembered. It's odd, even in the locker rooms if Oliver comes up people will talk about his on pitch performance, but try to talk about him personally or his contract no one has anything to say.

We're all a gossipy bunch, willing to grouse about anyone's contract and every last little detail of how our rivals are paid. But he's just poison, because everyone wonders if he got a special deal for selling out his family, no one can know and no one can ask because then you're questioning the Protectorate.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-05 21:40:27](#)

(no subject)


The Woods were my foster family one summer.

Melinda is Oliver Woods' mother. Eric is his brother.

Catrin Yates, Bronwyn Maddox, and Jonas Perkins also lived in the Vale. I remember thinking they were ancient crusty grown-ups but they couldn't have been all that much older than you and Bill.


They were very careful to pretend in front of me that all the muggles and muggleborns got treated like inferiors.



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-05 21:41:34](#)**
(no subject)

Miss Bigglesby? She was my teacher! At the village school! Before Mum pulled me out and taught me at home with Luna.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-05 23:59:02](#)**
(no subject)

Well, yeah, but, Gin. It wasn't Miss Bigglesby that made Mum pull you out of school, though. Mum liked her.

It was the one they hired to replace her. (You probably didn't hear what Mum had to say about him. I don't think I was supposed to hear it.)

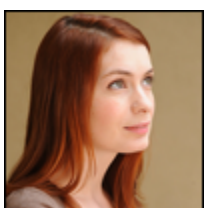



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-05 22:27:26](#)**
(no subject)

I was afraid of that. For Antigone Cantwell.

And James Prescott. Poor Arthur. He felt so terrible when Prescott was taken.

Do we really think there's a chance of breaking into and out of that prison?




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-06 00:17:49](#)**
(no subject)

The good news on that front is that from what I'm aware of, the security measures are mostly meant to keep people inside from getting out, rather than people from the outside gaining access.

Also, the people in the current regime who'd be concerned with security measures are rather notorious for having difficulty with

patronus casting, which can lead to several blind spots in their analyses.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-06 04:10:21](#)

(no subject)

Yes, but we'd not only like to get people from the outside in. We'd like to get them out again afterwards.

That's the more difficult part to plan for.



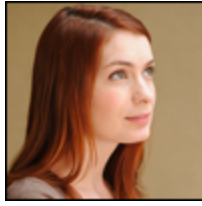
 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-06 21:23:54](#)


(no subject)

There are very few human guards on the island; the prisoners are so broken down by the presence of the Dementors they're not really needed, and it's one of the least desirable jobs in the

Protectorate. From what I understand, there are times of day that the Dementors withdraw a bit and the guards go into the prison to give the prisoners food and scourgify their cells. In fact, it might be best to go at one of those times, because I think the guards would be fairly easy to overpower and would sap our energies less than Dementors. (The guards can summon them, obviously, but I think they are probably very reluctant to do that -- once the Dementors arrive for the alert, the guards are very nearly at as much risk as the intruders. So we'll be working from a position of strength in multiple ways.)


We'll need a way to get on and off, of course. Large portions of the island are warded against apparition, precisely to defend against rescue attempts. (And apparition would be a perfectly reasonable way to rescue a single prisoner, but multiple trips back and forth over that distance is toying with a splinch.) We could use a boat, or flying carpets, or even brooms, though Azkaban prisoners may be in no real shape to fly. We could arrive in a boat to avoid attracting attention, but have flying carpets on board so that we could scatter in multiple directions as we made our escape.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-06 23:23:05](#)**
(no subject)

We have one rather large flying carpet on hand already, and am sure we could scrounge up some others. And there are two boats at our disposal, so we could have one standing by at a distance, or come in after the other one's already landed.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-06 00:04:28](#)**
(no subject)


Merlin.

Dedalus.

...Merlin.


Yes, he's one of ours.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-07 06:06:07](#)**
(no subject)


I definitely think Astra Morgensen is worth springing if we're going to get loads of people out. She'd be brill at writing propoganda, and really, any artists or reporters we can get out would be wonderful, I think.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2014-12-07 06:06:52](#)**
(no subject)

(I don't suppose Luna's dad was on the list of prisoners, then?)



 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-07 06:40:39](#)**
(no subject)

He was not in the files.

[2014-12-05 15:23:00](#)

Hogwarts lecture series

The final lecture of the fall term's lecture series will be held this Sunday, 7 December. Beatrice Marks, the author of several books including *Who Rules Florence Must Be Strong*, will be speaking on the history of the wizarding Medici family branches and their contributions to wizarding history.



 **[alt_antonin](#)**

The lecture will begin at 7:30PM in the Hogwarts library. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Great Hall. It is open to any citizen of the Protectorate who wishes to attend, not simply students and their parents.

Our lecture series will resume after Christmas hols on 18 January.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-06 07:33:29](#)**

Private message to Diggory

I may need to be absent from the castle on Monday -- I will not know until then -- but I've left plenty of work on your desk, I'm afraid.

- The second set of addresses for Christmas greetings is in a folder on top of the other cards you've been working on. This set is the collection of international greetings; if you do not recall the procedure for sending those from last year, it involves delivering them to International Magical Relations for the next diplomatic pouch to go through the wards. Pontner's clerk should be expecting them, but if he gives you trouble, let me know and I will make the trouble go away. Everyone on that list gets the standard card with the regular range of personal greetings. (Your impression of my handwriting is getting eerily good; I found one of the cards you wrote last week and could not realise why I did not remember writing it.)

- Also in that folder are thirteen longer letters, already written, sealed, and addressed; they will also need to go through IMR for delivery.

- There is a box on your chair containing several parcels, all of which are (are you sensing a pattern?) sealed, addressed, and must go through IMR for delivery. Be warned, the one addressed to Marja

Brouard is exceptionally heavy (books, and of the sort that do not take well to having magic cast upon them) -- it is clearly labelled with the warnings, but when you hand them over, do let Pontner's clerk know that it requires special handling. Likewise, the package addressed in both English and Arabic to Sayyid M. 'Aamir ibn Āzar al-Rashid al-Masri al-Sadiq c/o the Cairo Conclave is marked as 'fragile' and must not be shaken or dropped. The other parcels do not require special treatment.

- I've read through the cards that have come in so far; they can be filed. I am assuming you are keeping a list of who has sent them, so that they can be added to my list if they are not already on it. (Not that I believe there will be anyone of consequence who was left off -- my list has its genesis in my mother's of old, which could always have doubled as a guide to the best and brightest in Britain -- but one does like to be completist about these things, and if Mother finds me failing to return a Christmas card she will ~~rise up out of her grave~~ and return from the world-after expressly for the purpose of reminding me how only ill-bred heathens fail to reciprocate the season's greetings.)

- I've gone through the slew of Christmas parcels, tokens of esteem, gifts from parents, etcetera, and selected the things I am most covetous of; the remainder is set out on the sideboard in the receiving room. Help yourself to whatever you'd like -- I will be letting Professor Sandoval-Pennifold know to do the same. Once she's had her pick, please have the house-elves distribute the food evenly among the common rooms, and send anything else along to the charity shop.

- Professors Sprout, Babbling, and Gimlet have yet to turn in their departmental accountings for the term. (I believe Gimlet was waiting until the end of classes today to see what he needed to reorder for exams, so he may bring by his ledgers on Monday.) If you've a moment or you need to stretch your legs, can you drop by with each of them and casually inquire? Emphasis on 'casual' -- I am certain they have simply overlooked the request in the pressures of exam preparation, and I do not wish to breathe down their necks, but I will need to get the budgetary requests in to the Governors next week, and I'd like to have some time to compile the final figures so I know what I am asking for.

- Gringotts floo-called me earlier today, but I was in the middle of a meeting with one of the fifth-years and returning the call slipped my mind. If you would, please contact them and let them know the

donation to St M's should come out of my mother's charitable trust, not my personal vault. Then, call St M's and let Healer Acton know that it's been straightened out, and that I appreciate her flexibility in the scheduling.

- While you are on the floo with Gringotts, likewise let them know that the donation to the New London Philharmonic comes out of the personal vault, and confirm with them that the last installment is set for payment on the 15th. Then, contact the head office of the Philharmonic and ask them what the deadline is for the phrasing of the dedication notice to be placed in the programme. (Have I remembered to tell you about that? I have commissioned a performance of Всенощное бдѣніе Рахмáнинова -- sorry, Rachmaninov's All-Night Vigil -- for 24th December to honour our many losses over the past few years; however, I have not decided whether I will make that explicit or whether I will be comfortably vague about the purpose, nor have I decided if I will take credit for the commissioning or remain an anonymous benefactor. I suspect I will not decide until the day of the deadline.)

There was at least one other thing I wanted you to do, but of course now I cannot remember it. I'm certain that will be plenty to keep you busy, however.



 [alt_cedric](#) at 2014-12-07 19:07:37

Re: Private message to Diggory

The cards, letters and parcels have been delivered. Except for the one going to Sayyid, with fragile packages there are a range of charms they typically use and he asked whether any would be problematic for the contents. I have until half nine tonight to get it to him with that answered. Is it particularly magically sensitive?

On the filing, how do you want to handle the Greengrass family given recent revelations?

I had nice conversation with Professor Sprout, she promised it would be submitted 'shortly', even before I brought it up. Professor Babbling may need to be prodded on the urgency, you would think after all these years she'd understand the academic calender's perpetual grind. And if I didn't know better I'd swear Professor Gimlet was avoiding me so as not to discuss it. I'm sure I'm imagining things however.

Gringotts has been advised on the payments. A second goblin inserted themselves into the conversation to demand a conversation with you concerning "the provenance of an item in your vaults." He refused to discuss it any further with me, but I believe that he was implying that it was of goblin manufacture. Your calendar looked clear, so I managed to schedule a floo call on Monday the 22nd at half ten. I said you would call them as I didn't know where you would be that day. If that time is a problem, or you don't wish to discuss it with them, I'll reschedule or put them off. Grindlepoke was the goblin's name, he gave no title, but the clerk I'd been talking to allowed the interruption, so he must be relatively highly placed. I'll figure out his title and position in the next week so you can be more prepared for the floo call.

The Philharmonic indicated that the programs could be corrected as late as the end of the week and an insert could be prepared for inclusion as late as 20th with no difficulties. If you wished your name or particular information on the banners and outside advertising, it's far far too late.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-06 07:59:15](#)**

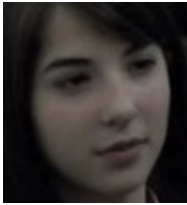
Private message to Miss Perks

I recognise this is short notice -- I apologise; it has taken me this long to receive final confirmation of the schedule -- but the dates that St Mungo's will be offering their next first-responder and emergency aid certification class happen to coincide with the Hogwarts holidays. (Specifically, 26-30 December, five full days from Friday to Tuesday inclusive.)

As we'll be beginning the process of arranging your admission to the Healer training programme within the next few months or so, it occurred to me that adding that certification would show your dedication -- Ekaterina Petrovna's recommendation will carry significant weight, of course, and I flatter myself to think that my sponsorship will likewise not hurt, but sacrificing some of your Christmas hols to yet another classroom would emphasise that you are quite serious about your calling.

It is entirely up to you, of course, but if you are interested, send an owl to St M's registration and certification department to enroll, and I will arrange for your registration fees to be handled.

(Meanwhile, I've a new delivery in from my set-aside shelf at the bookshop, and there are one or two in there I think you might enjoy. I will not have time to read them for quite some time; if you'd like to borrow them for holiday reading, I will not miss them. Stop in whenever you have time; I will let you browse to your heart's content.)



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-06 21:10:05](#)

Re: Private message to Miss Perks

Oh! Yes, please, I would be very interested in doing that. I'll send the owl this afternoon.

And I'll come up today or tomorrow, if that's all right.
(And you're sure you won't have time to read them yourself.)

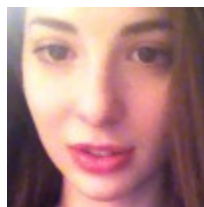


 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-07 01:54:57](#)

Re: Private message to Miss Perks

I'm sorry, my dear; I didn't see this until just now. I'm out of the castle today, but if you'd like to stop up tomorrow, I should be back an hour or so before supper.

And no, you will not be depriving me! My stack of things to be read is at least as tall as I am, and my time for leisure reading has decreased drastically. I will not miss whatever you take with you. Books ought to be read, after all.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-07 02:28:17](#)

Re: Private message to Miss Perks

I'll stop up tomorrow late afternoon, then. Thank you.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-06 08:12:55](#)

Private message to Narcissa

I tried flooing you earlier tonight, but the elf said you were napping and I would not let it disturb you. How are you doing, milaya? And are you ready for visitors,

or would you prefer to still be left alone? If you are willing to break your seclusion, I would like to stop by. Saturday evening, perhaps, or Sunday afternoon?

The latest news from Barty, meanwhile: he is much improved. He cannot speculate as to how much longer his task will take, but his handwriting no longer looks so miserably ill, for instance, and he sounds much more like himself. (His latest note even included assurances that he was fine. Whether true or not, the fact he made the assertion eases my mind somewhat.)

If he's not back by Christmas, I've promised him we will hold Christmas at Cottesmore for him whenever he does return. I hope you'll be able to join us, either way, milenkaya. And if there are any traditions you would like to add to the mix, you have but to say.

2014-12-05 22:46:00

ORDER ONLY

Trouble near Cork.

Bloody mess.

There's a village on the map that doesn't exist any more and no witnesses to speak of.

Unsure whether due to contamination, poisoning, plague, massive crackdown, etc.

IMA missing some key players too.

One of their top people disappeared despite a security detail, some missing from Cork too, may be connected.

O'Connor heads of household surprisingly quiet about the whole business.

Possibly gone to ground.

Or worse.

Instigator most likely an outside force as the administrators in Ireland who haven't been assassinated are either too bloody incompetent to wipe their own arses or are too afraid to go out of doors.

Magical residue evidence at IMA leader residence suggests Crouch as possibility.

Site at Cork too hot to trace anything worth a damn and no other direct evidence but this smells like him.

Add'l rumours that travel from England difficult, backup unlikely.

Looking at a powderkeg scenario.

No promising leads on missing persons.


Focusing energies elsewhere at the moment.

Constant vigilance.



 [alt_moody](#)



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2014-12-06 21:28:10**

(no subject)

Crouch? There?

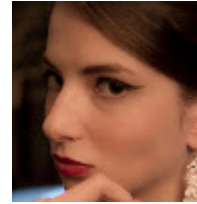
Goodness.

I'd say better there than here, but I don't wish that on you. Still, I'd like to think we're to have a real break from his turning up for supper with us at the Head table. It rather puts one off one's appetite.

Do take care, in any case. It sounds as though things are shifting around you.

2014-12-06 20:28:00

Order Only: Private message to Madam Pomfrey, Mrs Longbottom, Pansy, and Ron




 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Headmaster Dolohov let me know that St Mungo's is offering a first-responder and emergency aid certification class over the holiday -- 26-30 December, five full days from Friday to Tuesday including the weekend.

I've already sent in my application. (And let them know that my gracious patron and mentor Headmaster Dolohov had suggested I enroll.)

Anyway, I wanted to let you know. It's clearly going to be useful, he thinks it will show my dedication when I apply for the Healer training programme, and also it means I won't be available those days if anything's going on. ~~Like if you decide to break people out of~~ Like if there's Defence lessons at 12GP I won't be able to come those days. (I think it'll be worth it, though.)




 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-07 05:59:52**
(no subject)

Well-done, Sally-Anne.

We'll certainly keep that in mind.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-07 06:01:35**
(no subject)

Ace.

It'll *totally* be worth it.

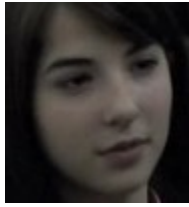


 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-07 06:04:12**
Private Message to Sally-Anne and Ron

Let me know if there are any fees or nonsense like that.

And you'll be able to visit with your mum for

Christmas, and for a few days before hols end if you wanted, I'd imagine.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2014-12-07 06:39:33**

Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne and Ron

There's a fee, but Dolohov already said he'd take care of it.



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2014-12-07 20:39:06**

Private Message to Miss Perks

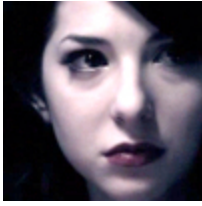
I'm very pleased the Headmaster knew to call this to your attention. I wasn't aware of it, myself, which is interesting.

I mean to say, this sort of course is not traditionally offered this time of year. I did some checking, and it seems that a recent, quite significant benevolence to the hospital carried with it a request that this course be offered this December during the Hogwarts holidays. My source could not say who had made this significant and peculiarly encumbered gift, but I have an inkling, and I suspect you might, as well.

There will be expenses beyond the tuition--for supplies, training attire, and the like. If you would like to avoid being beholden to the Headmaster for all of that, do please let me know, and I would be very happy to assist. That said, I realise you may see it as a calculated advantage to allow him to fancy you so entirely in his debt. I leave that to your discretion.

I am pleased for you. This is an unexpected opportunity, and as he no doubt intends, it will serve you well in your application for Healer's training. I am, naturally assuming that Dolohov will see to it you are accepted for both, and I suppose him capable of orchestrating it.

I trust you do, in fact, wish to do this and aren't feeling strong-armed into it?



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2014-12-08 01:31:33**

Re: Private Message to Miss Perks

Oh. I knew he was going to make sure I was able to get in -- he made that quite clear -- but I didn't realise he'd arranged for it to be OFFERED so I could take it.

I have some money saved up (I even opened my own vault last summer) and I've checked on the price of supplies; I have enough to manage the necessary kit and clothing, as long as I buy the simplest options. And Pansy's also offered to pay for things for me.

And, of course I want to do this; it could be incredibly useful to the Order. Although it probably does mean that the next time something happens, I'll be going along with Dolohov, and not staying here.

[2014-12-07 08:11:00](#)

Private Message to Seamus

Seamus, have you read this morning's paper? All of it, I mean?



 **[alt_padma](#)**

There's an item in the Commerce pages saying that Sharrow Bay on Ullswater's been closed. Sharrow Bay, isn't that where Pavs said she went for Inderpal just two weeks ago? I remember her saying she thought it was so odd that he sent her all the way there for their steamed mussels when they can get perfectly fine food in New London. And now the paper says the owner went missing sometime last week so they've had to shut down.

The thing is, Pavs sent me an owl this morning, too--with something similar. Her note says that a few months back, he recommended a jeweller in Yardley and she really liked her stock. So she went back last week hoping to find some presents, but it was gone. Burned down.

I think I'm going to write her for a list of places he's sent her. Madam Pince keeps the old *Prophets* for a while. Maybe it's worth looking into how many shops he frequents that aren't around anymore.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-07 17:11:59](#)**

(no subject)

That's really odd. It could be a coincidence -- but only if things are getting a lot dodgier in general than the paper's letting on.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-07 17:12:47](#)**

(no subject)

I'll help you go through the old papers. Do you want to start by making a list of the places Parvati's mentioned in letters?

2014-12-07 10:24:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Grimmauld




 **alt_nymphadora**

At the moment, the portrait situation is slightly delicate. I'm working on a system of rewards and punishments, and it needs to be consistent to work. Just don't provoke it for now, and if it does start talking, don't engage.

Sirius, are you attached at all to that really ugly china? Just wondering.

Also, I've managed to sort out the last of the boggarts. Nasty little things.




 **alt_sirius** at **2014-12-07 18:36:41**

(no subject)

Which ugly china? The silver-rimmed ones with that florid rose pattern? Or the one with the hunting motif?



 **alt_sirius** at **2014-12-07 20:45:12**

(no subject)

Or do you mean the silver rim with the family crest on?

And, er, why?




 **alt_nymphadora** at **2014-12-07 22:29:14**

(no subject)

Really, any of them. Although I suppose Draco ought to have a say in the crest china. So just the hunting and the rose ones for now.


I was going to try breaking them in front of it when it starts yelling.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-07 23:28:01](#)
(no subject)


Oh. Well, personally I think the hunting ones are hideous but I was always rather partial to the rose pattern. Or I suppose I should say I preferred them to the other two. But for your purpose the crest would work best. I say have at.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2014-12-08 01:35:53](#)
(no subject)

I think you should start with the hunting ones, and then escalate to the family crest if that doesn't work. My only request is that you set aside the sugar bowl and cream pitcher from the family crest ones, they're the perfect size and I like them. But they're not with the others in the china cabinet, anyway, I keep them in the kitchen with my tea since I use them.



 [alt_lupin](#) at [2014-12-08 01:36:45](#)
(no subject)

Do you suppose it might be extra effective if you invited Hermione to help you smash things? (Only if you'd want to, of course, Hermione!)



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-08 05:35:49](#)
(no subject)

I'd be all for it. Care for a crockery smash party, Hermione luv?

And noted about the tea things.


Draco, let me know if you'd like to keep any of the crest around.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-08 06:09:47](#)
(no subject)


Yes, I would very much like to break the crockery. And if it upsets Mrs Black's portrait I may just shriek right back at her.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-08 09:11:21](#)
(no subject)

If there is crockery smashing to be done, I would like to also volunteer. A brief spate of mindless destruction sounds remarkably therapeutic at the moment.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-08 18:37:35](#)
(no subject)

Do what you like with it. I don't care much.

[2014-12-07 23:46:00](#)

Order Only: Private message to Alice and Hermione



 **[alt_severus](#)**

I regret to inform you that Miss Granger and I have finished testing the last of the candidate antidotes on our guests, and none of them have been successful. The only piece of fortunate news is that although our attempts were unsuccessful, they were likewise not fatal: they simply had no effect.

Miss Granger: at this point you are likely as frustrated as I. I propose we take several weeks to catch up with the workhorse brewing that has been neglected lately, and return to the task in the new year in the hopes a rest will produce a breakthrough. If you or I have that breakthrough before the schedule calls for it, we can return to our work, but I believe we are at the point where we are not seeing the forest for the trees. I will finish my bench notes by tomorrow; kindly do the same with yours by the end of the week while your observations are still fresh in your mind.



 **[alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-08 05:58:16](#)**

Private message to Alice

We should not be failing. We should not. I have been studying this problem for what, three years now? Two years of having a sample of the potion to study. For at least a year, I have been able to produce a version of the Sleeper potion, based upon the sample we obtained, that is bioidentical to that sample in every way. The last twelve candidates in the sequence should have produced some response, even if not full awakening. The last four candidates in the sequence worked to fully reawaken the rats I have tried my version of the Sleeper potion on. I had a rat I sent into and out of sleeper-stasis a dozen times before it expired of the stress.

None of our guests so much as twitched.

I am missing something here. I am missing something immense.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-08 05:58:37](#)

Re: Private message to Alice

I am so tired of failing, Alice.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-08 06:04:07](#)

Re: Private message to Alice

Two decades ago it would have been unthinkable that I could not undo Rookwood's work, even when he was at his most arcane. Two decades ago it would have been impossible for Bellatrix to produce a curse I could not unravel eventually.

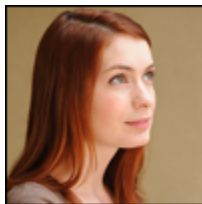
If I know I have lost that much, what did Azkaban take from me that I cannot even remember I once had?




 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-08 06:05:46](#)

Re: Private message to Alice

What are we missing?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-08 06:47:36](#)

Re: Private message to Alice

We're functioning with only a very small portion of the puzzle. It's like trying to solve a murder case that's a decade old with only the barest of evidence remaining at hand.

What you've been able to accomplish with so little to work from is a marvel.

Yes, we're clearly missing something. And we can start chipping away at it, especially since we didn't know it was missing until now.

It'll come. It'll take a little longer than it would otherwise,

because you're working with next to no resources, and we keep interrupting your work with various fires that need putting out which can't help. But you'll get it sorted. You will. I have every faith.

The sheer amount of energy that it took to put all those people to sleep in the first place is nearly unimaginable. We're dealing with things on a massive scale, things we've never encountered before.

We're also dealing with a paranoid, secretive lot who tend to create all sorts of modifications on things that make it difficult to replicate. They want control. They want it exclusive. That suggests they set it up to use materials only they can access, but the materials have to be plentiful enough to wake a few thousand people on fairly short notice. Or that it's a truly obscure solution that only a handful of people would have knowledge of to begin with.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-08 07:36:14](#)

Re: Private message to Alice

I am well aware of the nature of our opponents. You forget that two decades ago I was one of the paranoid, secretive lot working to safeguard the advances I had made. (As to that, it occurs to me that since my cover has well and truly been blown, there are a number of curses and useful support spells that I may now teach you without raising uncomfortable questions: Miss Perks reminded me several months ago that my potions are still in use among the Death Eaters, and I do not doubt that my charms and curses are, as well. We will simply need to be careful that the children do not learn them in such a way as to raise questions, as many of them are quite distinctive.)

I suppose it is the discussion of Azkaban, this week, that has me in such a strop. For all that I have told you nearly everything of my late, lamented career as Albus's double agent, I was still vague about the circumstances under which I was commended there: the Dark Lord told me He wished to bait Albus into staging a breakout, that having been rescued from durance vile it should quiet the last of Albus's doubts about my true loyalties; it was His plan, or so He told me, that He would arrange just enough weakness in Azkaban's defenses to allow

Albus and the Order to stage a rescue. For all I believed — and still do believe — He had not realised in which direction my true double-agent hood ran, my techniques of shielding my mind meant it took far too long for the Dementors to eat away the hope that in that, at least, He had not been lying.

Part of me wishes to champion the idea of an assault on the fortress immediately — no one ought be forced to spend one more day in there than we can help — and part of me, the small and petty part I do not wish to acknowledge, wants to know why Lucius Malfoy is worth freeing while I was not.

...It appears I have not forgiven Albus as much as I told you that I have. My apologies; I do not mean to make you into my agony aunt unprompted. (Do not, under any circumstance, apologise to me again. That none of you knew the arrangements Albus and I had made is in no way your fault; we kept it secret for a reason.)

I have been working under the assumption that it is the obscure solution, rather than the obscure materials — for the very reason you name, that they did not have any trouble waking a collection at short notice. Perhaps it is time to re-examine my entire collection of premises from the very beginning.



 [alt_alice](#) at 2014-12-08 15:20:55

Re: Private message to Alice

Dedalus Diggle is there right now. Sturgis was for slightly longer than you were, and was recaptured and Kissed. I assumed they'd both died in the war, and the thought

When I learned of Sturgis, it kept me up for days.

And it is deeply unsettling that Dedalus should be there still, and that this entire time, he's been suffering as we mourn his death.

I am uncertain if we could've realistically mounted an escape at the time, but Merlin, Severus, if we'd have known there were three of our people in there

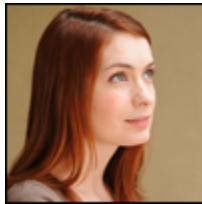
three.


When he fled, Albus left us all rudderless, without any knowledge of how to proceed. He kept key pieces of information to himself, and he abandoned us. We were left to attempt to survive as wanted fugitives, and the fact that we were able to not only survive, and it took us *years* to get to this point, where we have the ability to even *start* mounting a credible offence.

Make no mistake, I am bloody furious that Narcissa Malfoy has put us in this position, and am attempting to make the best use of it as possible. And the more I learn of Albus, the more grateful I am that he is no longer in charge.

That man.

That... that *man*.



 [alt_alice at 2014-12-08 06:59:20](#)

Re: Private message to Alice

If it's not the potion, is it the method of stasis?



 [alt_severus at 2014-12-08 07:51:03](#)

Re: Private message to Alice

Either way, I refuse to believe Augustus bloody Rookwood capable of concocting a potion I cannot reverse-engineer.

And yet, clearly he has.

2014-12-08 11:39:00

A Day of Remembrance

Students:


Please join the Head Boy and me at the lake shore this Saturday at sundown, following the Hogsmeade outing. Having attained the Headmaster's permission, we will be holding a student-only Day of Remembrance ceremony, to honour and preserve the memory of those who are no longer with us. December 13th is also St. Lucia's Day, the festival of light, and we will be floating lanterns across the lake's surface in a gesture of hope intended to see us through the long and dark winter.



 **alt_daphne**

See you there.



 **alt_harry** at **2014-12-09 02:46:06**

(no subject)

I'll be there. I hope others will come, too.



 **alt_daphne** at **2014-12-10 02:06:10**

Order Only - Private message to Harry and Justin

I plan on waiting until the very last minute to tell Padma and Seamus that as council members, their attendance will not be required (I'll tell them that Hydra's isn't, either, though we of course know that's not true). I was thinking just after the Prefect's meeting before everyone leaves for Hogsmeade.

I was thinking it may be a good idea to have you and Justin there when I tell them, just to be on the safe side.



 **alt_harry** at **2014-12-10 04:57:39**

Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry and Justin

Good idea. Do you want me to say anything, or just stand there and try to look a little menacing?




 **[alt_daphne](#) at 2014-12-10 05:36:26**

Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry and Justin

Oh - no, nothing like that. Neither respond well to intimidation! Be casual. I plan to tell them that the Day of Remembrance is a tonne of trifling work that would be a waste of their valuable time, and make it seem I'm doing a favour to them. Oh, and I'll say that I've got you and Justin minding some of the lesser details - they should like that, especially if you seem a little unenthusiastic about it.



 **[alt_linus](#) at 2014-12-09 18:00:26**


(no subject)

As our esteemed Head Girl has said, this will indeed be an event of honouring memories and expressing hope. No matter how much revising one has yet to do, it will certainly be salubrious to take a bit of time for the -- dare I say it? -- poetic and contemplative ceremony planned.

Lest any of you be disappointed, there will not be any actual poetry involved. I refer merely to the sight of floating lanterns on the lake, the flames borne up in so many individual floating lanterns, separately making their way and yet united by one light, as it were.

(Well, and it ought to be rather pretty, poetry and metaphor aside. In any case, do come, all!)




 **[alt_ron](#) at 2014-12-09 22:57:20**

(no subject)

Oh, well. As long as you promise no poetry, I'm in.




 **[alt_ron](#) at 2014-12-09 22:58:04**

(no subject)

I'll be there, Daphne.

Remembering's good.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-09 23:50:30](#)**
(no subject)

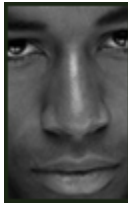
Yes. It is.


I love the idea of the lanterns, too. Please let me know if you need help making them.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2014-12-10 02:03:02](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I've nearly finished. There's a nift charm that I discovered that makes them so much more simple. Thank you for offering, though!




 **[alt_blaize](#)** at **[2014-12-09 23:09:23](#)**
Private Message to Daphs

I plan to wear the cloak clasp Draco gave me. And I'll light a candle for him, of course.

Happy to help in advance, if there's anything you'd like extra hands for.

Whatever you need.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2014-12-10 02:08:48](#)**
Re: Private Message to Daphs

I'm so pleased to hear it, Blaise. He would be, too.

You've no idea how carefully I had to ask Dolohov for this. I told him that it was important to remember the traitors, because so many of them were once just like us, and we needed to think back on them to understand why they made the decisions they did.

Oh, and Padma, Seamus, and Hydra are *not* welcome. I told Hydra already and she understands, but I'm waiting 'til the last moment to spring it on Padma and Seamus. Keep it under your cloak for me?

[2014-12-08 19:31:00](#)

Order Only Private message to Tonks

Still going stir-crazy, love?

I'm free on Wednesday, and I was thinking, we can't exactly go tromping off on one of our adventures (and it's not like the weather's on our side there even if you weren't restricted from apparating), but if you want a bit of a change, I could pack up a hamper and we could have a picnic in the library. If we do a bit of charm-work it might be like being somewhere else. Or we could have a little contest to see which one of us could come up with the most ridiculous scenery charms.



 **[alt_charlie](#)**

Or we could just curl up on the sofa and listen to the wireless while I rub your feet, if that sounds better!

I think I've narrowed it down to my final five, by the way. Bit of a combination of yours and mine: Gabriel, Benjamin, Christopher, Adam, and Daniel. Although I kept dithering between 'Simon' and 'Daniel' and I might change my mind again before the deadline. I forget, we said Christmas for the absolute, final, no-more-changes lists, yeah?



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2014-12-09 01:53:06](#)**
(no subject)


Can we have picnics and foot rubbing? That sounds really quite marvellous.

Simon is lovely. I might put in a bid to keep it around.

And yes to Christmas for settling on our final list. It seems ages and ages away. Time has a way of slowing down when you've got so little to keep you busy, really. I'm used to running around until my feet are aching, and now all I've got on my plate are tea parties with Bea.

I've taken to redecorating. I've re-covered all the chairs in the library, and am in the process of training the portrait. It involves smashing china in front of it if it yells. It's quite theraputic.



 **alt_charlie** at [2014-12-09 02:10:41](#)
(no subject)

You can have anything you want, luv. I'd say that wanted fugitives get to pick the activity, but in that house, that doesn't really eliminate anyone, does it? So instead I'll say she who's seven months pregnant gets anything she wants that I can give her, and we can go from there.

I do like Simon, yeah, but I think Daniel sounds better with the middle names. Or at least I do today. I might change my mind tomorrow. I think Adam might be winning overall, though. Until I change my mind again!

2014-12-09 10:51:00

*Order Only: Private Message to Mr
Snape*




 **alt_hermione**

It's worse than we thought. Subject 2A was dead this morning when I came in. The body was cold. Subjects 3A and 4A are barely hanging on, it looks like. I've put them back in stasis to try to keep them alive while we figure out what's happening.

I knew one of us should have stayed here overnight. I'm sorry. I should have been here instead of breaking plates and cups and bowls and things.



 **alt_severus** at **2014-12-09 18:19:10**
(no subject)

I see. Thank you for telling me.

I will come as soon as this cauldron is not at a delicate part of the process to see what I can do for Mr Heller and our unknown John Smith, and consult with Poppy about the prospect of an autopsy for Mrs Smith in the hopes she might be able to tell us what in particular killed her.

Do not blame yourself. There is no experimental protocol extant that calls for unbroken monitoring after the first 24 hours. For a reaction to take that long

...could be because of the potion-induced metabolic suspension, yes. My apologies. I ought not to have missed that. Still: the fault is mine, not yours.

2014-12-09 13:19:00

Order Only: Private message to Alice, Poppy, and Hermione




 [alt_severus](#)

I regret to inform that one of our guests died overnight; Miss Granger found her this morning. Two others are not doing well.

I will be examining them to discover whatever I can. Poppy: if you are able to win free at any time in the next week or so, you will undoubtedly be able to help me conduct a far more thorough autopsy than I could on my own.




 [alt_poppy](#) at **2014-12-09 22:51:30**
(no subject)

I expect you've put a stasis charm on the remains? I'm afraid it's unlikely I'll be able to join you until the holidays begin. End of term here is both busy and unpredictable. If I were to win free, it would be very late one night and without much warning.

I know you must be keen to have the autopsy results so you can gauge what changes might be warranted. I'll see what I can manage.



 [alt_severus](#) at **2014-12-10 01:10:46**
(no subject)


We have lost another subject — Mr Heller expired approximately an hour ago, despite my attempts to neutralise the potion in his system.

I have done some basic diagnostic work, but nothing more; this is the first such incident I have encountered in my career, and while I am competent to diagnose cause of death and required adjustment from rodent fatalities, human fatalities are beyond me. I will preserve the bodies for you to inspect whenever you have the time. There is no true rush; Miss Granger and I will be putting our work on hold until the New Year in the hopes a pause will prompt a breakthrough. Over hols will suffice.

According to every single one of the key indicators of potion


development this should not have happened. I am at a loss to explain it.



 **alt_poppy** at [2014-12-11 02:00:19](#)
(no subject)

How is the last of your subjects faring, Severus? Is there cause for hope?



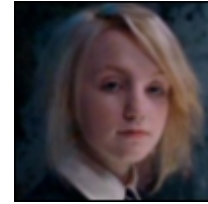
 **alt_severus** at [2014-12-11 15:24:06](#)
(no subject)

No change so far. John Smith, our fourth subject, is still showing signs of distress, but thus far he has not yet succumbed. Patients 1 and 5 (as far as we can tell, Mr Robert Smith and Miss Victoria Barnes) have not reacted poorly to the potion, but likewise have not shown any signs of awakening.

I am most vexed. This should have worked.

2014-12-09 19:57:00

Order Only: Private message to Colin Creevey



 [alt_luna](#)

Thank you for asking Auror Brodie about my daddy. I couldn't quite bring myself to ask the question. I wondered whether it was better...

oh, of course it's better to know. It was always only the faintest of hopes anyway.


Colin, I know about Dennis, of course, but do you know if you have any other family, somewhere out there? Has the Order been able to find out anything?

If you know that none are left, is that easier, to really *know* that you're alone, so that you quit hoping?

Forgive me. I suppose that wasn't a very fair question to ask.

I really wish I could stop this welling up with tears at the most inappropriate moments.



 [alt_frank](#) at **2014-12-10 05:04:17**
(no subject)

(My mum died about two years after having Dennis. She was sick, you see, so wanted to keep him as long as she could, and he ended up getting taken away after she died.

My dad, he works in a dairy in Eastbourne. When Mr Weasley was around, we'd exchange letters every Christmas (or close enough to). He's got one of those buttons now, though. It's strictly for business, of course, camp reports and things, but Tim makes sure to let me know every time he's checked in, and gave him word that I was doing all right. Which is something, hey?

I was so little when the Longbottoms got me out of the camps, and a picture and a handful of letters is all I have, really. I know he's family, and I want to meet him someday, but until I do, it's more that he's a person who happens to be my father.

But I do hope that I'll get to see him one day, and that when I do, we can be a family of sorts. Never quite what we would've had if he'd raised me, but something worth holding out for.

Hope is never a bad thing, Luna.

We read a poem by Emily Dickinson once, she sort of reminds me of you, actually, and she said

Well, hang on, let me copy it down.

“Hope” is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chillest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me.

I always liked that bit about it existing everywhere, even when things are at their worst.)

[2014-12-09 20:17:00](#)

Order Only: Private message to Alice Longbottom and Remus Lupin



 **[alt_molly](#)**

I haven't said anything until now, because I know you have to carefully consider all the pros and cons and security ramifications and so on, but oh, if there is *any* way we can get into Azkaban to rescue anyone, *surely* we could try to rescue James Prescott, too?

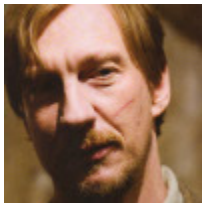
It was one of Arthur's greatest regrets, that he didn't manage to approach James in time to align him with the Order. I know that Azkaban changes people, but Arthur always said that James' moral compass was pointed unerringly in the right direction.


I know, I know. Trying to infiltrate Azkaban is fraught with danger, and the worth of the prisoners has to be weighed carefully against the feasibility. But oh, James Prescott was worth more than anyone in his whole department, when he was at the Ministry.

I should also warn you...the twins have been exchanging constant owl messages with Fu, and I managed to get a peek at one of them. The contents baffled me, and rather worried me.

Have you ever heard of--I think it was something like a soobmyrrine? I gather that it a muggle version of a Bubblehead charm that allows muggles to travel underwater. Be warned: the twins think that breaking into Azkaban is an *excellent* idea. I have been extremely firm with them about the necessity of not moving forward without orders, but you know the twins and you know Fu. I have never seen such a maniacal gleam in their eyes.

I'm afraid the greater the challenge, the more the appeal.



 **[alt_lupin](#) at [2014-12-10 04:54:19](#)**

(no subject)


Molly, I don't know if we're going to do it or not.

But if we go in there, we're getting James Prescott. And Astra Morgansen. And your children's old teacher. And Antigone Cantwell, and the Woods, and poor Miss

Hibblings, and obviously Dedalus.

If I have anything to say about it, we are not leaving *any* of those people behind.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-10 05:05:42](#)**
(no subject)

Yes. Agreed on all counts.

2014-12-09 21:03:00

Order Only: Private message to Charlie Weasley



 **alt_bill**


Has Mum been driving Tonks mad? I hope not.

She had three sets of knitting needles working during dinner on Sunday, making stuff for the baby. At least the new arrival will be kitted out in the latest of babywear, if not perhaps the most stylish.

All kidding aside, I will say there has been one benefit: Mum's so busy with thoughts of the baby that I don't think she's moping nearly as much as she was last year with thoughts about the anniversary of Dad's death.

How are *you* holding up?




 **alt_charlie** at **2014-12-10 04:15:17**
(no subject)

She's been ace. Or, well, if she hasn't been, I haven't heard anything, and I think Tonks is grumpy enough by now, being cooped up and all, that if Mum were getting on her tits I'd've heard about it.

Tonks hasn't really said anything, but I think she's a little worried about the delivery. I mean, women have been having babies all on their own for thousands of years, but if anything goes wrong, it's not like they can bundle off to St M's, you know? So I think the thought of having Mum there to keep a weather eye on things is a bit of a relief.


And I'm glad she's looking forward, instead of looking back. I mean, that wasn't entirely why we told her, but I won't lie, it was an influence for me, at least.



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2014-12-10 04:20:06](#)**
(no subject)

And I'm all right. Nervous, mostly. And a lot excited.
And nervous.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2014-12-10 04:31:17](#)**
(no subject)

You're going to be a brilliant dad, you know?

If you're worried, just think of it this way: anyone who can handle a fire-breathing dragon should be able to handle a baby.




 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2014-12-10 04:54:55](#)**
(no subject)

I'm hoping that I will be, and I've certainly had the best role model in the world, but -- well, you know. Midnight fears. There's a lot of ways I can screw this kid up and a lot of ways the world we live in can, and I don't want to think about any of them, you know?


And I think it might be easier to handle a dragon than it is a baby. The dragon never grows up and decides it wants to become a Death Eater. Sure, if you ever forget for a minute what it is, it'll kill you, but still.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2014-12-10 15:39:59](#)**
(no subject)


I can't reassure you that it'll never happen, after Percy. Still. That's one silver lining about Sirius, Remus and Tonks all being underground now: *they* will be in charge of Bea and Little Bean's education. The kids won't have Hogwarts--well, unless we can manage the overthrow in the next few years. But they won't be joining the bloody YPL, either.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-11 15:43:20](#)
(no subject)

Merlin, I hope we're not still fighting this war by that point.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2014-12-10 04:29:15](#)
(no subject)

Poppy's hoping to have a look-in over the hols, too, isn't she? That will help reassure her.


I ran across an old spell in a book from a used book shop I could send to Tonks. It might help with the cabin fever. She'll have to check with Sirius, to make sure it won't interfere with any spells laid throughout the house, but anyway, it's a charm you can put on a window, and you can set it to any scenery you like. (Bea might like it, too, come to think of it: Tonks could set it on an African veldt and they can spend an afternoon watching lions or zebras. Or maybe she'd prefer a wildflower meadow or, I dunno, a Norwegian fjord). I thought it might be fun for her to change the view around, if she's getting bored with tinkering with the colour of her own hair or the shape of her nose.

Would she like some books?

Hell, if it helps, we could also send over a bunch of crockery to chuck against the wall. The noise might be therapeutic!

Would probably upset Kreacher, though.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-10 04:59:26](#)
(no subject)


That spells sounds lovely. I'm sure she'd love it if you sent her the book (and Miss Bea could certainly use the distraction -- she's having a bit of trouble understanding what happened and why they can't go out anymore except to Moddey).

Books-wise, I think she has a pile of old and mouldering ones in the library at Grimmauld, but if you have anything fun and escapist, that might do. Although she's mostly grumbling about not

having anything to do, so sitting around and reading might make her even more itchy. I'm guessing the minute she's cleared to Apparate again, she's going to pop across half the country just to say that she did.

Yeah, Poppy's going to be taking a look over hols. But Tonks is due in February, you know, and it's not certain at all that Poppy will be able to get away when it's time. That's what we're most worried about.



 **alt_bill** at [2014-12-10 15:36:25](#)
(no subject)

I'll hand off the book to Tonks, with my compliments. Hope it helps.


Maybe there's an experienced midwife with Sherwood or Aldrich or something who could be imported for the occasion?

Will you be able to get time off? It may be tough to arrange for something in advance, because as I understand it, babies have their own mysterious arrival schedules without much bloody consideration for the rest of humanity.

Maybe we can set up some kind of unspecified family emergency so you can take off at a moment's notice and be gone for three days? Do your supervisors scrutinise the reasons for that sort of thing very closely? I have very professional forgers who can concoct a very convincing note from St Mungo's if need be.

I'd suggest an excuse like an explosion at Mum's building (with the twins, that'd be *believable*) except I'm afraid that would bring the building inspectors down on our necks.



 **alt_charlie** at [2014-12-11 15:42:07](#)
(no subject)

Dree said something to me in passing that made me think she'll be willing to cover for me. (Did I tell you about that? She saw the notice in the Prophet about how the Ponds were dangerous fugitives now, and of course she'd been friendly with Tonks for a while -- she likes to meet my other girlfriends, Em doesn't care

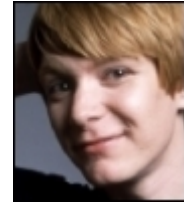
but she likes making sure they know everything's on the up and up -- and liked her, and she said to me what nonsense the Prophet prints and tossed it in the fire. And then a little while later she said that she was surprised I wasn't a wreck over not being able to see my kid when he was born, and I said I would be but I had this strange sense everything was going to work out just fine, and she gave me that little smile of hers and said, well, if there's anything they can do to help me get through this difficult time, I just had to say and they'd do it.)

But I was thinking, yeah, maybe Mum can be horribly ill. Or one of the twins. The kind of 'horribly ill' that doesn't involve having to stay in St M's, more the kind that means your family has to come and help you out with everything because you're too tired to get out of bed.

It depends, on how closely your emergencies get scrutinised. Mostly on how much goodwill you've got built up with the people who'll have to take your shifts instead, and how much of an arse you've been or not been to people lately. I've been stockpiling favours for a bit, and I think I'll be okay. It'll all depend on how much notice the Bap gives us.

2014-12-09 22:05:00

Order Only: Private message to Pansy Parkinson



 [alt_george](#)


I have astonished Madam Malkin with a very un-Weasley order: a set of spiffin' formal wizard robes, delivery expected next week.

You aren't regretting asking me, I hope? I'm rather looking forward to it, if only to show a bunch of toffs that we Weasleys clean up as well as any sniffy bloke with tapestry ties to every single branch of the sacred twenty-eight.

What's more, I'll be bloody proud to walk in with one of the loveliest (AND brilliant) ladies on my arm.

Hitty told me privately that coppery robes with an emerald green cumberbund would match what you have in mind. (Now you'd better stick to your choice, or she'll be so disappointed she'll probably iron her hands. That would be bad; we need her help packing boxes for the Christmas rush.)



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-10 05:12:09**

(no subject)

There is no-one in the world I would rather be with.

And yes, that would be perfect. She does have an eye for colour.

We will have marvellous fun, and I will show you off properly, and anyone who gets stuffy about it can ride a broom bare-arsed and suffer the splinters, because life is short, and I love you.



 [alt_george](#) at **2014-12-10 15:24:31**

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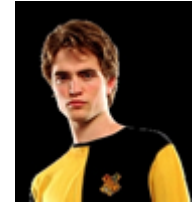
Love you, too. To the moon and back.

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Private Message to Linus

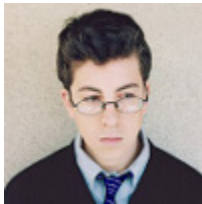
I saw you dropping off one of your famous analysis projects. What does he have you digging into this time?


Did you continue with the Quiditch analysis or has that been abandoned under the weight of NEWTS, Head Boy duties and a girlfriend?



 [alt_cedric](#)

Speaking of Head Boy, how's the year going? I'm sure it's been good working with Daphne.



 [alt_linus](#) at **[2014-12-10 22:35:52](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, Daphne's a brick. An absolute brick. She's taken the lead in organising things like the Remembrance ceremony and all.


I actually haven't a clue what the project actually concerns. Professor Dolohov set this one up with the use of several anonymising and masking charms, rendering it a glorious exercise of pure analysis, untrammelled by any assumptions or foreknowledge that might impede the use of rigorous Arithmantic technique. (The one inference I might possibly draw from some of the behaviour of the data is that what's being looked at is cyclical in some way, though whether it's the number and type of parchments used and/or spoiled within Hogwarts by centuries up to the present, or the precise distribution of seasonal fancy hair-do cantrips among fashion magazines for the past few years, I could not possibly begin to guess. Perhaps it's the excuses given for not having revising done, broken down by subject, House, and year.)

It's actually quite exhilarating to work on a puzzle of this scope. It's similar to the delightful exercises with which Madam Vector used to reward me when I had done particularly diligent work, not that I have had much time for those since beginning to be of use to Professor Dolohov. My relief at finishing this one is actually equal to the exhilaration, I must confess, as Lavender has been most patient with me, and yet. Actually, I probably should say Lavender has been most patient without me, given how often I've had to plead work rather than fritter time happily away in her company. Fortunately, that can now be remedied before her patience is completely

exhausted. It does not do to neglect a beautiful woman, Diggory, not though all the delights of Arithmancy beckon -- which is rather a long way of saying that my Quidditch work has been shelved for the moment, though I have hopes of beginning again, with new schema, at some future date.

Any news on your own prospects, there, speaking of the grand game?




 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-10 23:13:27](#)
(no subject)

Interesting. Given my current job, one of the goals is figuring out how he's thinking and trying to anticipate. I'm going over my mental list of 'things Antonin is interested in' trying to pick out what might have that volume of data and be cyclical in nature. Hogwarts related? Unrest in the Protectorate? Academic publishing? If it were Astronomy related I'd have to assume Siz would be involve and I don't see signs of that. I'll have to ponder some more. How many years or cycles did it look like? Lots or just a few? He is taking a close look at Hogwarts administration these days, I think he wants to bludger the Board in to seeing things his way. Well bludger through a Slytherin lens. Maybe it has to do with that.

The Cannons are pushing me to increase my hours, but aren't offering me a full contract. I can't really afford to increase my hours on pitch & traveling with them and drop this job, unless it's a full contract. I can't do this job justice if they increase my hours much more, so we're discussing (or depending on your point of view, arguing about) details. I'm hopeful they'll make some sort of offer for next year. Either a contract assuming bench and substitution play or finally give Dralworth the heave-ho and make it a full starting contract. The other two practice squad Chasers are acceptable players, but their's no spark of on field genius nor do they fit together like a nicely composes runic layout.

I hope that you and Lavender can find the common ground on what you need and expectations of the future, as odd as those are in these days. That's where several of my relationships have crashed and burned.



 **alt_linus** at **2014-12-11 00:11:44**
(no subject)


Well, I do hope the Cannons stir while the potion is bubbling, as far as offering you a proper contract. I'm sure ~~Anto~~ Profess Dolohov would not begrudge the loss of his temporary clerk to follow his truest aspirations.

As to the analysis, my general assumption is that Antonin Dolohov is interested in nearly everything nearly all of the time, so I'm afraid I couldn't possibly narrow it down.

If it is administration or governance, I would think the most fruitful area of inquiry would be on decisions made by the Governors regarding curricula and staff as they may correlate with periods of prosperity and the ascendancy of various families, et cetera. In fact, that's rather a good thought, and I shall mention it to my Father. Bludgering should not be necessary, I trust! With Governors like my Father, the Headmaster has only to lay out a clear and sensible plan to win the support of those who matter. I am certain that he will have wholehearted success with whatever he has in mind for enhancing what I understand the Governors are lately referring to as the Hogwarts experience. Indeed, should he choose to increase staff in certain key areas, I would not be a bit surprised.

Speaking of staff, I have quite changed my mind on Professor Marwick. I regret my decision to continue with so many subjects, as Herbology necessitates my presence in class, and it is opposite History. Had it still been Professor Binns, it would have been fine in skipping lectures entirely, but alas, the best-laid plans gang oft a-gley. Professor Sprout has been kind enough to let me absent myself twice so as to catch a bit of Professor Marwick's lecturing on the establishment of the Protectorate. Riveting, absolutely riveting.




 **[alt_cedric](#)** at **[2014-12-11 02:19:57](#)**
(no subject)

Generally your father is not one of those giving Antonin problems on the board, it's those who think nothing should ever change. Those smarting over the introduction of tutors for all students and such.

I do not look back fondly on the juggling of classes. Though it may be that it did prepare me somewhat for trying to decide which of the nearly infinite options being an adult offers.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2014-12-11 03:42:06](#)**
(no subject)

I believe my Father thinks that those who oppose the availability of tutors for all are quite possibly doing an unwitting disservice to the Protectorate. I have heard him say that those students of unfortunately lesser background who have been admitted to Hogwarts should be trained up to the absolute limit of their abilities, without any distinction or hindrance that might lead to challenging them less and thus developing their abilities less keenly. If it is every citizen's duty to serve the Protectorate the best they can, if we are building the future, then blunting any of the tools is, in some lights, stealing from the Protectorate!

I must admit that I quite agree. Clearly Marvolo thinks along such lines himself, or he wouldn't have been so encouraging about some of us offering help to the halfbloods before OWLs.

2014-12-10 17:22:00

Private Message to Miss Brown and Miss Longbottom, Gryffindor Prefects

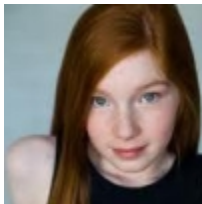



 [alt_poppy](#)

If one of you could stop in this evening, I have biscuits and a tisane you may safely give Miss Bawsley, who has, I gather, continued to suffer nocturnal difficulties.

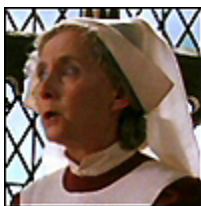
While the elves are able to accommodate with dry sheets and night clothes, this situation cannot be allowed to continue through end of term when there are simple and effective remedies available.


I'm aware that Miss Bawsley has refused all offers and entreaties to return to me for care, so for your sakes and her dormitory mates', as well as her own, I propose a bit of obfuscation in this matter: you might offer her the Dry Dreams tisane and the biscuits as though they were merely kindnesses of your own, lest she refuse them, knowing they came from my hand.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 01:03:57](#)
(no subject)

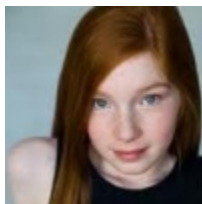
I'll come and fetch them, ma'am. And yes, I'll be discrete.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 02:29:59](#)
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Do you happen to know whether Miss Brown has been able to read this?

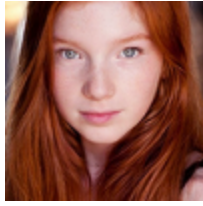
Or whether anyone else (everyone?) can see it unprotected? Could you check discreetly?




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 02:35:10](#)
(no subject)

I'll see if I can track her down, ma'am.

I've just arrived in the common room, I can ask around quietly.




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 02:50:52](#)
(no subject)

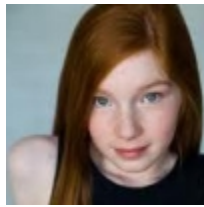
Right. I asked Kitty and Honoria, and neither could see the message.


I'm still trying to track down Lavender. I think she's in the library?



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 03:05:24](#)
(no subject)


Well, that's a comfort, at least. I was concerned lest Miss Bawsley's situation had been broadcast far and wide.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 03:08:10](#)
(no subject)

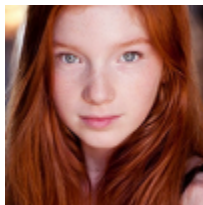
I think it's just the prefects. Just the Gryffindor prefects, even.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 03:14:40](#)
(no subject)

Well, given that Miss Bawsley's bed-wetting is no concern of any other House's Prefects, I hope it is an accommodation of the magic to allow those most at need of the information--and only those--to receive the message.


Still, it's an unprecedented change in the way things work in these books, is it not?



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 03:07:30](#)
(no subject)


Brendan and Ed can both see it, and I asked a few other Gryffs and none of them can. I'll double-check about Lavender once I see her.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-11 03:10:14](#)**
(no subject)


How extremely odd! I can't imagine how that could be so.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-11 02:06:45](#)**
(no subject)

Ma'am, I can see this. I'm not sure why.




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-11 02:24:10](#)**
Private Message to Mr Finnigan

My.

Oh, dear.

I can't see that I misspelled anything in the Private Message. Bless. I hope it's not gone out as a public missive. That would quite undo my intent as pertains to Miss Bawsley. Not to mention that it would violate her privacy in an appalling way.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-11 03:50:43](#)**
Re: Private Message to Mr Finnigan

Well, you can trust me not to spread it around; I quite understand why you preferred to keep this just to Evelyn Longbottom and Lavender Brown.

However, just so you know, Edward Bones and Brendan Mackrell can also see this. I've instructed them to treat this information as inviolate, just as they would if it had come to them intentionally and not accidentally. In the meantime, something's clearly gone very odd with the PMs; I've contacted the Headmaster. It may be something as simple as changes that hadn't been announced yet.



 **alt_poppy at 2014-12-11 03:59:04**

Re: Private Message to Mr Finnigan

Thank you for your discretion. I regret to have been the one to inform all of the Prefects if this was not already known amongst the six of you.

While I have you. How is Mr Gupta faring? Not sleepwalking still, I hope?




 **alt_seamus at 2014-12-11 05:36:08**

Re: Private Message to Mr Finnigan

He is sleepwalking still, I'm sorry to say. Should I send him to see you?



 **alt_poppy at 2014-12-11 06:45:23**

Re: Private Message to Mr Finnigan

Yes, indeed, send him.

When he is awake. Or accompany him if there's another episode and you find him wandering out of bed. I trust Professor Sandoval-Pennifold has instructed the Pink Lady not to allow him past her portal after curfew?




 **alt_seamus at 2014-12-11 06:50:59**

Re: Private Message to Mr Finnigan

I don't know if she has or not.



 **alt_poppy at 2014-12-11 07:28:44**

Re: Private Message to Mr Finnigan

I will send a message to the Pink Lady, asking her to have a care not to allow him past tonight, and tomorrow I'll have a word with your Head of House.

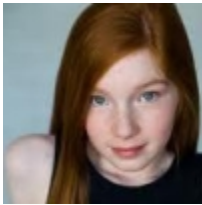



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 02:32:30](#)

Private Message to Mr Finnigan

Perhaps... but that would be most perverse of the magic... perhaps it took it that I'd addressed more than two persons (Miss Brown, Miss Longbottom, and Gryffindor's Prefects in general?), but if that's the case, it took two at random.

In that case, I expect Miss Brown is unable to see the message.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 02:40:18](#)

(no subject)

And just in case there was question, I can see your writing.

We'll get it sorted, but it is quite odd, isn't it?

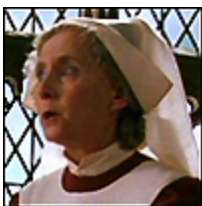


 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 02:53:10](#)

ORDER ONLY

I'll cover all the bases, so it's clear it's the rest of the Gryffindor Prefects too. At least I think that's the case.

What else do you think we should do? Are you going to go to the Headmaster and tell him?




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 03:01:18](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

No, I don't believe I will go out of my way to call it to his attention. We'll see what Mr Finnigan chooses to do with the knowledge when he realises. And the others. I'm not sure what advantage students might try to take of this situation, but if there is advantage to be had before it becomes widely known, then I shouldn't like to have eliminated that chance.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-11 03:54:57](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

Oh, poor Alexa. She's having an utterly wretched term. I know the other girls were teasing her a few months ago about not having gotten her monthly yet, but I thought I'd gotten them to leave her alone.




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 04:12:59](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

What do you think we can do?

I barely got her to take the tisane Madame P gave me.



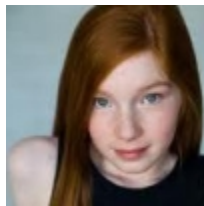
 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 04:17:55](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

She did take it, then?

That's very good. Perhaps you'll be able to make it a nightly ritual if she manages to sleep well tonight.

That's my hope, in any case.




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 04:22:24](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

I can stay on top of it, Madame P.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 04:39:48](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

Thank you, my dear.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 04:13:33](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

Somehow she's got the notion that it would be shameful or a weakness to come to the hospital wing. You might try changing her mind about that, if you can manage to steer her gently in a new direction.

Young minds do sometimes take the oddest notions and hold them fast as though Styx would spill its banks and wash us all away were they to be swayed.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-11 03:55:51](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

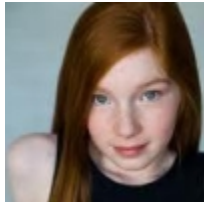
Oh, and it looks like Finnigan wrote to Dolohov, did you see?



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 04:09:04](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

I did see. Well, that's that, then.




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-11 04:13:36](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

And now everyone can see that a councilmember has written a PM to three people.

I wonder what'll happen next?




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-11 04:38:56](#)

Re: ORDER ONLY

A great deal or nothing at all. People are sometimes watching just as some subtle hint of some kind comes into view, and other times they all miss a giant flag, waving in plain sight.



 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2014-12-11 03:11:45**

Re: ORDER ONLY

And thank you. You are doing a lovely job of it.

[2014-12-10 18:35:00](#)

Private message to Poppy




 **[alt_antonin](#)**

If you have a chance, can you let me know which ingredients in this infirmery-supplies ledger absolutely must come from a particular supplier? (Not prepared potions -- those I know are non-substitutable -- but I'm sure there are individual ingredients that certain houses do better than others.) Likewise, if there are any houses that have been unable to fill your orders in the past, or have provided substandard ingredients and ought not be trusted.

Earlier in the month I caught an irregularity in what one of the NL apothecary providers was charging us for restocking the Potions storehouse before term began, and further poking into the matter shows that between the infirmery, the Potions programme, and the Herbology greenhouses, we're using nine different suppliers under fourteen different contracts, the terms of which vary wildly from "favourable" to "laughably bad". I can undoubtedly save us a not-inconsiderable amount of Galleons by switching us over to another distributor next year, or switching to growing more in-house. I'll be putting the contract out for tender as a starting place to see what sort of nibbles we get, but you will know more than I about who should not be trusted with the bid.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-11 01:10:18](#)**
(no subject)


Yes, of course. It may take several uninterrupted hours to collect the information for a complete history, but you're quite right that we have spread our orders widely about and that a review might prove beneficial.

I can say at the start that the matter resists simple solutions: import restrictions and licensing mean that no one supplier is able to offer all we need. I'm certain this makes sense at some administrative level on the Ministry's side, but from this side of the marketplace, it means ordering piecemeal from many providers.

Lest you think I'm grunching about regulations and restrictions, I must admit that in the year of the epidemic, our peculiarly wide net of sources proved an unexpected advantage: several of our regular

contracts were broken, and it was well that we had so many established connections to turn to when one or another faced sudden staffing or sourcing calamities. (One hopes never to face so dire a situation as we did that year, but it does merit consideration.)




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-11 01:54:17](#)**
(no subject)

Hm. And, yes, I can certainly give you a list of those not to be trusted as suppliers.

I'm afraid that any number of would-be business partners have imagined the school a cash cow to be milked for rich cream.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-11 13:46:45](#)**
(no subject)

I hadn't thought of the side benefits. I'll keep a weather eye towards keeping relationships, even at reduced volumes, to hedge against future calamity.

As to the restrictions -- well. Being on the Council can occasionally work to one's advantage; I see no reason why this cannot be one of those times. Trading favours for favours is a venerable tradition, after all.

And you needn't worry about us being taken advantage of. More than one person has imagined me an easy mark at the negotiating table; I take a certain gleeful pleasure in proving them wrong. I will not allow Hogwarts to be exploited, not while she is mine to take care of.

[2014-12-10 19:44:00](#)

Winding up chores in the greenhouses

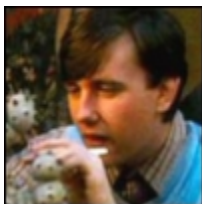
I had a melancholy realisation today as I was puttering around Greenhouse 4, finishing putting the last of the fall experimental harvest to bed: for the Herbology NEWT students, *now* is pretty much the end of our time at Hogwarts, as far as our own research, I mean. I'll help plant seeds and set out flats in the spring, but I won't be here next autumn to take note of which crossbreeds thrived the most through the growing season (good thing, I suppose, because after six and a half years, my garden notebook is so stuffed with sketches and notes that the only thing holding it together is a charm and Spell-O tape.)



 [alt_neville](#)

I love the greenhouses in the winter, though, even though the season's work is mostly done, and the holiday greens have been taken up to the castle to deck the Great Hall. It's always warm, for one thing, which is nice. But it's quiet, and the colours are more muted (except for the tropical section, of course). It's not as busy as the library, right before exams, which makes it an excellent place to revise. I've spent so much time here doing chores (watering, turning the compost pile, and recording observations) that Professor Sprout has let me carve out my own niche at one of the rickety tables with cupboards above them at the back of Greenhouse 4, so I don't have to carry my tools back and forth a lot.

Merlin. I have months to go, but already I'm getting nostalgic. But I've learned so much here, so I guess I'm feeling grateful. I've figured out what I want to do with my life: developing plants that'll make better potions. And I'm quite proud of the Memorial Garden. It's nice to think that's something that'll continue to thrive and grow after I leave school.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-11 02:17:45](#)

Order Only: Private message to Professor Sprout and Mr Snape

Mr Snape,

We had a bit better luck with the *Daemonorops draco* this year. You were right, it is really finicky about temperature, but I've rigged a warming charm over the bed that keeps it at a constant 36 C. I have several plants about ready to harvest. I know it's best to

do it at the dark of the moon, but that's a few days after we leave school. Will it still be as effective in the potions if it's harvested three days early? If so, I can do it and hand it off to you during the hols. If it has to be the dark of the moon *exactly*, well, then I guess Professor Sprout will have to do it.

Also: I remembered something you said over the Easter hols lessons about the trouble potion makers had working with lionwort. I've been tinkering, and I have a new strain that should tolerate being boiled for up to five minutes without losing its efficacy. Would that be useful to you? I can drop a sample off with you during the hols, if you'd like to give it a try?



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-11 15:31:57](#)


Re: Order Only: Private message to Professor Sprout and Mr Snape

D. draco is remarkably cold-intolerant, yes. I am surprised you were able to get this far with it. In warmer climes it is often useful as a substitute for dragon's blood when dragon's blood is unavailable; the folk-name for the plant's resins, in fact, is "dragon's blood". (I believe the conceit is that the flowers look like dragon's heads from the proper angle, and the deep colour of the resin reminds people of blood.)

I do not have utterly high hopes for its use as substitute in the Sleeper antidote — the arithmancy does not work out in promising fashion — but given the frustrations and setbacks we have been experiencing with that project, it is worth a try. It is fairly forgiving about harvesting-time, perhaps to make up for its uncompromising insistence on steady temperature: as long as the resin is harvested under a waning moon, it should suffice. Three days early ought not cause a problem.

If you have produced a strain of lionwort that is more forgiving of higher temperatures, you will have potions masters worldwide praising your name. At least part of the difficulty in brewing Wolfsbane is the exacting, split-second nature of the necessary timing; a five-minute window would ease the burden considerably. I look forward to your samples. Very well done indeed.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-12 01:39:43](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Professor Sprout and Mr Snape

I do hope the samples will measure up to my promises--and my analysis. (And thank you, sir. You've been an excellent teacher and I know you don't give out commendations carelessly, so I'm very chuffed at your praise.)



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-12 05:01:23](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Professor Sprout and Mr Snape

Experimentation inherently involves failure after failure. Even if your first attempt is one of those failures, I have confidence you will achieve success eventually.

Mind you, I am well aware that the process of suffering through those failures is excruciating at times, and it is easy to lose hope that you will ever succeed. But if it can be done, I am certain you will do it.



 [alt_pomona](#) at [2014-12-11 18:05:27](#)

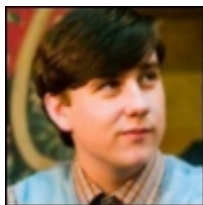
Re: Order Only: Private message to Professor Sprout and Mr Snape


I am certainly glad to do the harvesting on the *Daemonorops draco*, and to ensure it gets to Severus promptly afterwards. I haven't much in the way of plans for the holidays other than keeping up the greenhouse tasks, seeing Tilda, and some consulting with Regina and the others as time allows.

The rest of your work is, I need hardly say, excellent. I've particularly appreciated your patience in trying things over and over again, to test that an effect can be reliably duplicated. It's a knack remarkably few people have, that patience, but it's one all the best herbologists share.

Remind me, I've a few books you might find interesting over hols.

Relevant to several of the magical hybridisation projects you've been working on.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-12 01:41:02](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Professor Sprout and Mr Snape

Thank you, ma'am. I'll look forward to seeing the books.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-12 01:46:58](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Professor Sprout

And I really *have* found what I want to do. Since I've become so interested in the subject, I hoped you would be pleased with my work, and I'm glad to know that you are. I was so sorry I couldn't join the YPL, and I was afraid I'd never have such an opportunity to learn things that would be useful to the Order. But this feels perfect. It's a great feeling to know that I'll be able to make a real difference to the war effort: keeping people fed, and using what I've learned from my studies to make the rarer potions available to our side.

Thank you for being so patient with me, even the first year when I was all thumbs and kept misreading the instructions. I'm happy it's actually paid off.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-11 02:19:05](#)

Order Only: Private message to Neville

Have you changed your mind about the Memorial Garden? About girding all the trees and sowing the ground with salt when you leave school?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-11 02:25:08](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Neville

I'm going to gird the trees under the soil surface at least, yeah. Well, except for Pansy's father's tree. Maybe. Dunno if it would sort of point a finger at her, you know, if I spare that one. I need to think about that some more.

Justin objected to sowing the ground with salt, when I first talked about the idea, and after thinking it over, I have to admit his reasons did make sense. Frankly, I'm undecided about that.

Wish I could chop the Carrows' trees down. Into bits. And then burn them with Fiendfyre.

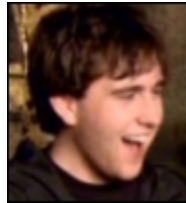



 [alt_terry at 2014-12-11 02:26:19](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Neville

Yeah.

I'd turn into the Professor and piddle on the ashes.



 [alt_neville at 2014-12-11 02:28:19](#)


Re: Order Only: Private message to Neville

That would be brilliant!

Have you seen Hannah's tree at Moddey Dhoo lately? It's really grown a lot in the last year.

Wish we didn't have so many trees in *that* garden.




 [alt_terry at 2014-12-11 02:30:06](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Neville

You still think about her, don't you?

I'm sorry, Neville.



 [alt_neville at 2014-12-11 02:30:59](#)

Re: Order Only: Private message to Neville

Yeah, I do.

I suppose I always will.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-11 04:07:50](#)**


ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Neville

We're very much looking forward to you putting all that good work to use over hols, son.

Regina and Lisa have a wish list a mile and a half long, and we've got two new sites for you to visit along with the rest of them. We're very much hoping that your winter potatoes will do what they're supposed to!

And of course, I'll try very hard not to monopolise your time, but I'm very much looking forward to seeing you as much as possible.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2014-12-12 01:51:37](#)**

Re: ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Neville

I'm looking forward to mucking around in the greenhouse at Moddey Dhoo, too, believe me. Do tell Mrs Lee-Wilson I've really appreciated that book she lent me this summer about introductory plant genetics. It helped a LOT with my cross-breeds this year (don't worry, I left it at home after I finished it, and to be extra careful, I charmed it to look like a standard Herbology textbook).

I look forward to seeing the new sites, but more than that, it'll be splendid to see you and Dad and Kevin. I hope Terry can spend at least part of the hols with us?




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-11 21:35:27](#)**

(no subject)

Congratulations on figuring out what you want to do with your life, mate. Maybe you could give a hand to the rest of us who still haven't figured it out!

In all seriousness, your passion for herbology really shines through--I often wish I could see the greenhouses the way you do, but I've still got a black thumb.




 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2014-12-12 01:54:10](#)**
(no subject)

Well, if everyone could raise plants, they wouldn't bother buying them from us that can do it, would they? Works out well for us green thumbs!

Do you have any ideas of what you might do when you leave school?
Any at all?



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-12 03:32:01](#)**
(no subject)

True! Well...as grateful as I was for the opportunity this summer--I'm pretty sure I don't want to work in an owl shop full-time!

I love to fly but I'm not exactly Cannons material...so I guess the answer to your question is pretty much no.

2014-12-10 21:34:00

Private Message to Ned Pennifold

So Friday? You did tell Baddock you won't be available to be called in until Saturday afternoon at least. And, honestly, do you really still need to be running in there at all hours? I don't see why it should be either of you having to cover a graveyard shift. That's what you've got hirelings for, isn't it?



 [alt_lana](#)

Anyway, Friday. I've got us booked for a carriage ride in Richmond. Just the two of us and warm lap robes and foot-warming charms and a carafe of spiked chocolate.

And we'll have supper in Twickenham at the Partridge and Pear. They're roasting suckling pig, and you know what everyone says about their pastries. So. How's that for romantic? You're in charge of brunch for the morning. I want to sleep in and be completely indolent. Won't that be lovely?

2014-12-10 21:44:00

Private message to Padma Patil, Hydra Lestranger, and Antonin Dolohov




 **alt_seamus**

Sir, if you can see this, I think something's gone very odd with the private messages. Or possibly they just made some changes they haven't announced yet in the Communications department at the Ministry -- do you know?

Madam Pomfrey sent a message that was intended to go just to Evelyn Longbottom and Lavender Brown, but all the Gryffindor Prefects can see it. No one else can.




 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-11 13:18:17**
(no subject)

Yes, I can see it. Thank you for the notice; the appropriate people are aware of the issue.

Please do ask your fellow prefects to be discreet about what they have discovered.



 **alt_seamus** at **2014-12-11 16:19:05**
(no subject)

About the third-year girl with bedwet problems? I already did.

2014-12-11 01:29:00

Private Message to Ned Pennifold

Yes, I've seen. Or rather, I was woken from a dead sleep *in order* to be shown.



Bugger, bugger, fuck, fucking bugger.

 [alt_ptolemy](#)

I've sent a messenger round to that whoreson cocksucker of a supposed arithmantic genius to get his arse back to the Ministry with or without the rest of him in the next fifteen minutes or I'm coming round to collect him *MYSELF*. And there's slim to no chance his house will still be standing fifteen minutes after *that* if I have to go there.

Then we'll see how he likes fixing the problem he said he'd fixed months ago when his wife and children are bleeding out in front of him. That fucking charlatan. Fixed, Merlin's left big toe!

Bugger ALL.

Told Karo to put plans on hold for now, Christmas parties or not. Trust you'll inform Lana of the same.

2014-12-11 10:54:00

Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov




Sir,

I know this time of year is quite busy for you, but I wanted to make sure and stop by for a last meeting before I leave, and go over the latest translation pieces you've given me to work on.

 **alt_evelyn**

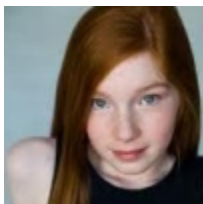
When might be a good time for you? If you're too wrapped up, I can always drop the pieces by your office and we can go over them once we get back, of course. I'd also very much appreciate any suggestions you might have for titles I might be able to track down over hols, as well.




 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-12 02:00:37**
(no subject)

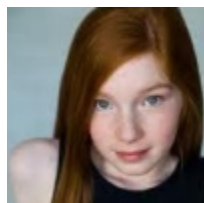
This weekend would be just fine, or if you'd prefer Hogsmeade to your old Headmaster's company, any time after supper next week.


I'm afraid I've never had much luck trying to find books ?????????? in the shops of the Protectorate, save for the shop that will deliberately go looking for them for me, but if you'd like something to work through over hols, I can duplicate you a copy of one of my old books of folk-tales -- it would be slightly beyond your current level, but hopefully a pleasant challenge rather than a frustration.



 **alt_evelyn** at **2014-12-12 17:54:30**
(no subject)

This weekend would be just fine by me, sir. And that book sounds absolutely lovely, thank you.



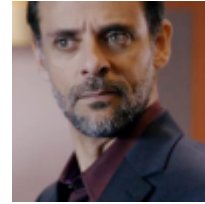
 **alt_evelyn** at **2014-12-12 19:01:31**
(no subject)

Or, I should say, ?????? ?????

[2014-12-11 22:39:00](#)

Private message to Linus Moon

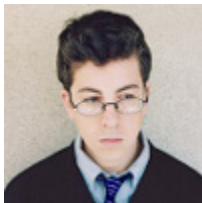
Your work is excellent as always, my dear boy. Thank you for all the time you've spent on it; I know it has been a significant amount of effort, and you have risen remarkably to the occasion.




 **[alt_antonin](#)**

I am working through the results, and there is one thing I wanted to clarify with you, before continuing. On the final page where you highlight the inconsistencies, is column 14 a numeral 1 or a numeral 7? The spell to unredact the contents assumed 7, which produced some rather odd and illogical results at the other end of the process, so I manually overrode it and ran it again assigning that value as 1 -- which caused the whole gestalt to collapse so firmly it could not unredact anything.

I am prepared to assume the first results are correct, however illogical, but I wanted to confirm that my charm-work and I were not misreading your writing before acting upon anything contained within.




 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2014-12-12 05:13:27](#)**
(no subject)

Highlighted with the glitter charm? A seven, sir.

I hope the glitter charms at the end did not inconvenience you. I had run out of annotation colours, and Lav and I had been working together on some amusing charms which include glitter, so I used them. There was another charm with a rather more pulsing effect, but it seemed unnecessarily distracting, so I restricted it to the glitter.

If there's anything else you need clarified, I am of course at your service, or will be as soon as I get back down from Astronomy Tower. Professor Siz and I were discussing Guild news and notes. It is very good of her to keep me up on current doings, though I don't know whether or not I'll be available for further work for Guild Master Bright in the near future. NEWTs, and all that, and of course you have first claim on my remaining free time.




 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-12 05:25:29](#)**
(no subject)

No, the glitter charms did not inconvenience me -- I will confess, I laughed. (As to the running-out-of-colours problem, I believe i can solve that for you, or at least mitigate it somewhat; I've just sent in an owl order to Scribere et Manu for a set of their highest quality and most varied Arithmancer's inks. Use them with my compliments.)

And thank you for clarifying. I rather thought that was the case, but I didn't want to assume.

I do have another round of data for you (and several other collections that are of a lesser priority), but with luck they ought not be enough work to keep you occupied for an entire term's worth again; I expect that you will sail through your NEWTs with little difficulty, but I still would not want to distract you. That having been said, though, I imagine I will always have something for you to work on if you do have time.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2014-12-12 05:30:44](#)**
(no subject)

Scribere et Manu? Oh! Rapture! Thank you, more than I can say. I look forward to putting them to use on those smaller projects.

I suspect that Lav will not mind awfully if I am slightly less busy for a bit, though of course she would never breathe a word of reproach.

[2014-12-12 15:38:00](#)

Hogsmeade tomorrow!

It's about time, too. Christmas shopping, all that. Should be brill.



 [alt_ernie](#)




 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-12 23:58:46](#)

Private Message to Zach and Justin

You going to the thing on Saturday night?

And what'd you think Finnigan was about, writing to three people like that?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 00:52:10](#)

Private Message to Ernie

It'll be grand to get out of the castle for a bit. And hopefully the 4th and 5th years will shake off revision nerves enough so that things will be a little calmer around here!



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-13 01:09:17](#)

Re: Private Message to Ernie

I'll here you there. At least we don't have to keep an extra eye out on the 5ths in our house this time around, hey?




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 01:16:58](#)

Re: Private Message to Ernie

Yeah...I don't think we have anyone at risk of being a school-leaver in this group. Although one or two of the girls have said their mums are already talking about betrothals...so you never know.

Have you decided what you're getting Megs yet? Don't worry--I won't tell!




 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-13 01:20:23](#)

Re: Private Message to Ernie

I was thinking earrings?

Those charm-bracelet things were last year, yeah?



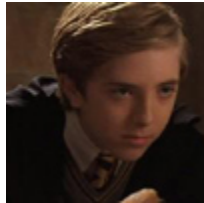
 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 01:24:05](#)

Re: Private Message to Ernie

I'm honestly not the best person to ask about jewelry--but those sound pretty snitch!

Oh--did Professor Sprout give you the evening rounds schedule for next week yet? I was going to ask her about it at dinner but I didn't see her.

I'm on tomorrow night after Hogsmeade--more's the pity!



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-13 02:04:39](#)

Re: Private Message to Ernie

Nope, don't have it.

Do you know, is silver all right for that sort of thing, or does it pretty much have to be gold?




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:41:07](#)

Re: Private Message to Ernie

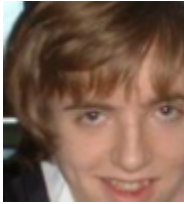
Gold would be lovely but I think silver with gold accents would be fine.


Sorry--went back to the sett since I was really just faffing around in the library rather than properly revising.



 **[alt_megan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:42:25](#)**
(no subject)

It should be absolutely brill!



 **[alt_ernie](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:37:06](#)**
(no subject)

Can't wait.

2014-12-12 17:11:00

Attention Hogwarts Students

The stresses of end of term appear to be overtaking our collective good sense.



I should very much like to see you all off for the holidays in as fine condition as when you arrived for the start of term in September. That end would be more likely achieved if you would all desist from casting the inexplicably popular 'Egg-Head Curse'.

 [alt_poppy](#)

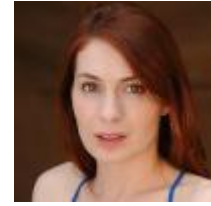
(For you information, Professor Sandoval-Pennifold begs to differ with those who have averred that its use was assigned for her Fourth Year course. I would advise you all to consider carefully before telling such fables in future.)

If you should come upon someone suffering the effects of this curse, do, please, be careful in transporting them here for treatment. It is exceedingly tedious to piece together shattered bits of shell, as must, of course, be done prior to reversing the enchantment.

2014-12-12 17:30:00

ORDER ONLY: Alert at Hogwarts


Pomona's being interviewed in the headmaster's office, and he's just asked Cedric to fetch Bellatrix.



 [alt_alice](#)


Hydra -- be ready in case she asks for your assistance. This is an evolving situation. We are not certain what's happened, but everyone currently at Hogwarts needs to be prepared if this continues to escalate.



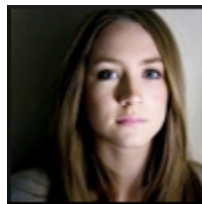
 [alt_hydra](#) at **2014-12-13 01:38:33**
(no subject)


Alright.



 [alt_rachel](#) at **2014-12-13 01:47:17**
Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

How good is Pomona at occlumency?

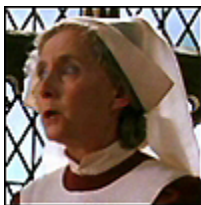



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2014-12-13 01:52:19**
Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle

Quite passable, I'd say.

But no one really knows how good they are at occlumency until they have to use it against my


mother.



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2014-12-13 01:39:01**
(no subject)


Bellatrix?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:39:44](#)**
(no subject)


Without using journals. He wants this quiet.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:43:09](#)**
(no subject)


Pomona.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:40:12](#)**
(no subject)


Do you want us to create a distraction?



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:42:35](#)**
(no subject)

No. I want you prepared to leave the building. All of you, if necessary.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:44:13](#)**
(no subject)

Including the galleon holders?

Some of them don't know about the Order.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:55:36](#)**
(no subject)

It's not an evacuation scenario yet.

In the event that it becomes a full rout, than I want to prioritise Order members, but yes, you


can attempt to bring those students with you who would suffer under closer questioning.



 **[alt_albus](#) at 2014-12-13 01:41:23**
(no subject)

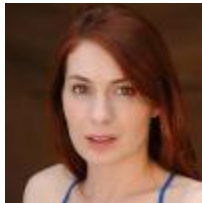
In my rooms.




 **[alt_ron](#) at 2014-12-13 01:56:05**
Private Message to Professor Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom

I'm ready. For anything you say.

Sir, do you want me to do anything?




 **[alt_alice](#) at 2014-12-13 01:58:41**
Re: Private Message to Professor Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom

You know more about the protections on the Headmaster's office than I, Ron.

Can you get into that room without it registering your presence?
Can we slip you into Hydra's pocket?




 **[alt_albus](#) at 2014-12-13 02:00:41**
Re: Private Message to Professor Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom

I had Mr Weasley test whether the Head's office would admit him, and it will not.

It will admit me, but that is rather more obvious.

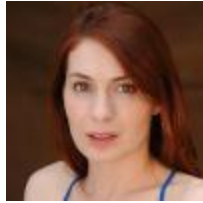



 **[alt_ron](#) at 2014-12-13 02:05:27**
Re: Private Message to Professor Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom

In Hydra's pocket, sure. If she's called in.

But not sure what good I'd do in her pocket. I mean, if Hydra's there, would you need me? And if they don't call her, then. Well.

I could head up there, anyway. Somewhere close to the Headmaster's door. Just to be there, in case.




 **[alt_alice](#) at 2014-12-13 02:18:16**

Re: Private Message to Professor Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom

I'm not sure either, but having you listening in and then be able to get away and let us know would be very helpful -- Hydra can certainly listen, but may not have the freedom to write what's happened as easily.

Albus -- you're certain?



 **[alt_albus](#) at 2014-12-13 02:22:43**


Re: Private Message to Professor Dumbledore and Alice Longbottom

I tested in September, with an excuse if I were caught.

I have not tested since, but I am relatively certain.


I do have a few tricks up my sleeve, dear lady.



 **[alt_cedric](#) at 2014-12-13 01:42:15**
(no subject)

We don't know anything yet. I have my Gal




 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2014-12-13 01:45:13**
(no subject)

Read.

Pomona




 **[alt_cedric](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:47:12](#)**
(no subject)

I have my Galleon. Bella's in his office now.

Don't do anything yet. I'm the only one who knows anything officially and we don't actually know what they are discussing.

Everything budget related has been routine. The only odd thing this week is Linus dropped off on of his famous giant stacks of analysis, all I could get out of him was that it was 'cyclical' and dealt with numbers. He didn't know what it was, just arithmetic analysis.




 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:51:13](#)**
(no subject)

You don't bring Bellatrix Lestrange in for an audit unless you've turned up something criminal. Or treasonous.

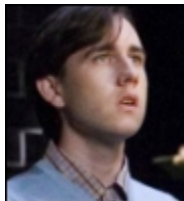
What's Pomona been growing for you? There isn't still fluxweed at the school, is there?




 **[alt_cedric](#)** at **[2014-12-13 01:55:57](#)**
(no subject)

There's a huge difference between just budget problems, even if he thinks she's skimming and Order Of The Phoenix.


MLE might not call her in on a whim, but Dolohov might.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:18:58](#)**
(no subject)


There's no fluxweed. Professor Sprout and I took it out months ago.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 01:48:16](#)
(no subject)

In library now. Going back to Hpuff to get broom-- won't be susp. as I fly loads. Will in-person warn any Order ppl I can cross paths with.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-13 01:50:23](#)
(no subject)

Waiting your instructions.

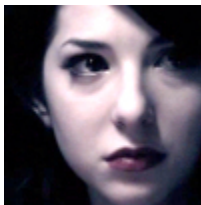
Any students who wish to come to the ward to be ready for a Floo departure may. Though if there's really something dire afoot, they'll close it off. Still open for now, however.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-13 01:52:36](#)
(no subject)

Merlin.


Standing by. All us Gryffs are.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-13 01:56:13](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, Pansy and I are reading, too.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 01:52:40](#)
Private Message to Alice & Neville & Poppy

Does someone need to prepare to go burn the greenhouses?




 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-13 01:56:32](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice & Neville & Poppy

At this point, we're not sure how much has been compromised. Burning them would only increase the circle of suspicion.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 01:58:29](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice & Neville & Poppy

But having Neville and someone else down there so they'd be ready to?

Nervous thinking, I guess. Jittery.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-13 01:57:19](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice & Neville & Poppy

That's too big an admission of guilt, if she can extract herself, if her occlumency holds.

Oh, Merlin.

But I don't think there is anything that could pin her--

I don't *think* so.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2014-12-13 01:59:51](#)

(no subject)

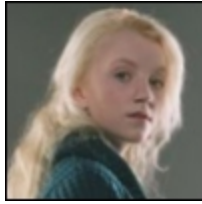
I'm watching, too.




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-13 02:02:11](#)

(no subject)


And Artie's with you? Make sure he knows, please, Luna.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:05:55](#)**
(no subject)


Yes, he's with me; he knows.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:01:29](#)**
(no subject)


I'm roaming the corridors but I can be somewhere quickly if I'm needed.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:03:36](#)**
(no subject)

Can you get to the Quidditch shed, and extract some brooms and put them somewhere out of the way, if we need them in a hurry?




 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:05:59](#)**
(no subject)

Erm, where's that, exactly?


If anyone's going to make that kind of move, they should use Harry's invisibility cloak.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:06:24](#)**
(no subject)

Sue might be able to get away with it.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:11:17](#)**
(no subject)

I'll just go do it. Steal a pile of brooms and leave them right outside the front door.

Daphne's right, we can't let anyone be seen doing it. In case we don't have to evacuate.




 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 02:12:41](#)
(no subject)

I have mine in the office. As always.

Room is still silent. Obviously magically silenced.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:19:13](#)
(no subject)

Just saw this! Would be happy to go but sounds like Harry's got it in hand.

Going to tell Carrie Pete's ill & she's to take him to Matron right away. Is that all right Madame P?

Looking for FF too on pretext of doing some revision; will also keep eye out for John



 [alt_molly](#) at [2014-12-13 02:02:24](#)
Private message to Alice

Alice:

I'm standing here watching the clock. Ginny and Ron's hands still say 'at School,' no twitch toward 'Mortal Peril.' I would guess that means that the students for now are safe. I will let you know the second I see their hands move in that direction.


(Oh, *Pomona*.)



 [alt_jeremy](#) at [2014-12-13 02:03:07](#)
(no subject)


Just saw this. If there's anything someone can do from outside, let me know. Will be standing by.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:07:31](#)**
(no subject)

Mum sent me a patronus. Standing by, too.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:23:34](#)**
Private message to Ron and Ginny

I'm at the Burrow now, with Mum, Fred and George.

There's no sign from the clock that you (and presumably the other students) are in any danger.

Yet. Will inform you immediately if that changes.



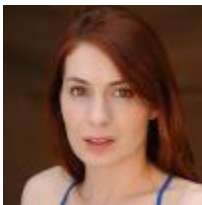
 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:45:49](#)**
Re: Private message to Ron and Ginny


I'm watching the journals. With everyone else.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:26:50](#)**
Private message to Alice

Alice, if we DO have a mass evacuation, where do you want them to go? We're a little low on safe houses at the moment, but we should have a place in mind for rendezvous, if we're extracting a bunch of kids, including galleon holders.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:28:44](#)**
Re: Private message to Alice

The safehouse by Hogsmeade is immediately secure, and close. We can fill that to bursting with our people from Hogwarts, and then sort out where to go from there.

[2014-12-12 19:57:00](#)

Order Only: Private message to the Juniors

Right. If we have to evacuate, we are not leaving behind anyone with a galleon if we can help it. Unless they choose to stay.



 [alt_harry](#)

Hufflepuffs
Caroline Bones
John Summers

Gryffindors
Edward Bones
Honorio Sandoval


Ravenclaws
Mandy Brocklehurst
Elizabeth Corner
Michael Corner
Katrina Fitzgibbon
Philip Stretton

Slytherins
Coinneach Donovan

Did I forget anyone? That's a lot of Ravenclaws, and not a lot of Ravenclaw members to talk to them. Luna, do you think you and Artie will be able to persuade people to come, if you have to?

Justin, will you be able to get John Summers? Ginny, can you bring Honorio? Pansy, will Coinneach come with you, do you think, if he has to?




 [alt_susan](#) at **[2014-12-13 02:07:29](#)**
(no subject)

I'm going to tell Carrie in no uncertain terms that Pete looks peaky and she's to take him to Matron immediately.


Hope that's all right Madame P!



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:12:11](#)**
(no subject)


Blast she can't see this! All right stay calm.



 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:14:12](#)**
(no subject)


If you send them down, she'll know why well enough.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:21:47](#)**
(no subject)


Ev--can you keep an eye out for Ed?



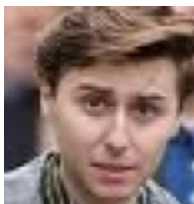
 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:26:04](#)**
(no subject)


Yes.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:36:56](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:13:40](#)**
(no subject)


Harry,

Yes, I can tell John to get to safety. I can also go up to Ravenclaw if need be; it's just answering a question to

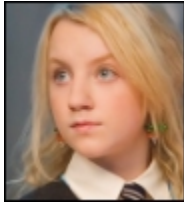
get in, what.


-Justin



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:20:08](#)
(no subject)

Oh there you are thank Merlin! Getting worried when you didn't show.




 [alt_luna](#) at [2014-12-13 02:13:56](#)
(no subject)

Ugh. Um...

Harry, I *think* we could get them to go, if you send a galleon message to them--to the Ravenclaws, I mean--telling them to follow Artie and me, that it's urgent, and don't let the staff see you.




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-13 02:15:58](#)
(no subject)

If you tell Fitz that I'm part of it, I think that'd help, Lunes.


But yes, Harry, I think you'd help even more.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-13 02:17:53](#)
(no subject)


If we have to evacuate, I definitely will do that.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 02:18:05](#)
(no subject)


If the worst happens, I'm first in line, might be able to galleon but not journal. Harry, if it does is it alright for me to use your initials?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-13 02:20:33](#)
(no subject)


Yeah, do it. But remember I'm HM not HP on the Galleon.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 02:25:06](#)
(no subject)


If it's a full evacuation, have a prefect grab Jaspar, tell him 'this is what Cedric was talking about when he said "If bad things happen trust your prefects"'



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:43:47](#)
(no subject)


He's in the sett playing Exploding Snap with his friends last I saw a minute ago. I'll think of something Perfectly if I have to.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 02:46:49](#)
(no subject)


Just tell him what I quoted and he'll do whatever you tell him to do.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:50:13](#)
(no subject)

Got it.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-13 02:42:59](#)
(no subject)

I'm the secret-keeper for the safe house in Hogsmeade we set up.

I think I've given the secret to all the Order members at

Hogwarts but the galleon holders don't have it. I can write it down, give you notes to show them, maybe.

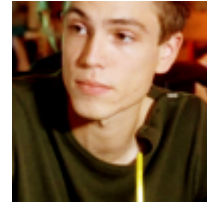


 **alt_ginny** at **2014-12-13 02:46:34**
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I'll bring Honoria.

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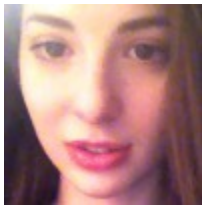
Order Only: private message to Sally-Anne



 [alt_jeremy](#)

If you do evacuate all the Galleon holders, give me a shout so I can come look after Philip? If Alice doesn't have me somewhere else, I mean.

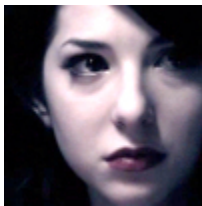
And stay safe yourself, yeah?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-13 02:22:46**
(no subject)

Jeremy, I will not leave Philip behind.


Because if we have to evacuate the school, we will ALL have to go into hiding. You included.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-13 02:24:06**
(no subject)


And yeah. I'll let you know so you can come look after him.



 [alt_jeremy](#) at **2014-12-13 02:30:40**
(no subject)

Thank you.



 [alt_jeremy](#) at **2014-12-13 02:32:53**
(no subject)

If it comes to that, I'm getting Gemma and then going wherever Philip is. Can't do anything for the folks, really, but Gemma would come with no fuss if I tell her we're coming to meet you somewhere as a surprise and she has to be quiet.

Eh. We'll handle that bludger if it comes at us.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:35:59](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.

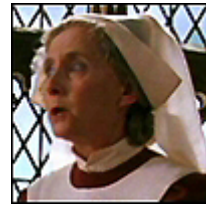
You know what? If it comes to that? Tell her you've found Maureen.

2014-12-12 20:16:00

Order Only: Hogwarts Floos CLOSED

This is becoming truly serious.

I do not want anyone going prematurely, but we DO all need to be ready.



 [alt_poppy](#)

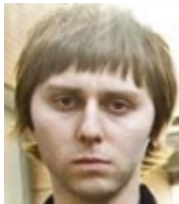
Cedric: are you able to tell us anything at all?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-13 02:18:36**
(no subject)

There's still the portkey, right? in the trophy room?

How many people can the portkey take, if it has to?



 [alt_justin](#) at **2014-12-13 02:21:16**
(no subject)

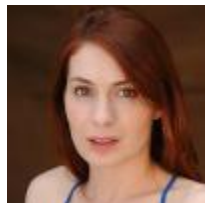
Sally-Anne,


I've been thinking about that portkey, what. It belonged to Ellie, didn't it? From before Laszlo's Limited was raided.

I'm not sure we ought to use it. MLE might have redirected it by now.

But I say, does everyone know the route to the newest safehouse?

-Justin




 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-13 02:24:23**
(no subject)

Yes. I would avoid the portkey.

Keep in mind there is the passage to the Shack as well.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-13 02:26:06](#)
(no subject)

Either way, you've got to cross the grounds somehow.

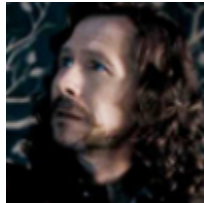
Harry, do you have your cloak?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-13 02:27:58](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, I have my cloak. But it's not like I can hide everyone in the Order and all the galleon holders under it.

I've been trying to get to the quidditch sheds to nick the brooms there and put them near the front door but I keep getting delayed.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-13 02:34:49](#)
(no subject)

No, but a few at a time, to the tunnel entrance, could be managed.

Use the cloak and get the brooms. I'd put them near the door at the base of the hospital wing stairs, that way if someone can't get to the tunnels there's still a broom nearby.


And be careful. Please.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-13 02:39:30](#)
(no subject)


I put three there already but I'll get the rest. Summoning them will be obvious if anyone's looking, though. And carrying them six at a time will be slow.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-13 02:26:20](#)
(no subject)

Do not use that portkey. If you're lucky, it's just been de-activated. If you're not, it'll take you straight into a trap.




 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 02:19:04](#)
(no subject)

One closed, obviously magically silenced door.


Nothing. No word.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-13 02:23:25](#)
(no subject)


Thank you.



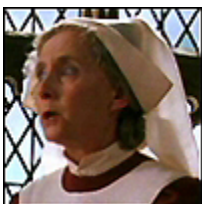
 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:24:37](#)
(no subject)


Bloody hell.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:30:42](#)
(no subject)

Is there another escape route from the infirmary?
Pete & Carrie are already on their way to you!




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-13 02:38:47](#)
(no subject)

Yes, we'll slip down my stairs. And out through the grounds.


And, look, Mr Marvolo has brought us brooms, so as many as can, may use those.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:46:10](#)
(no subject)


Who else is with you?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 02:55:11](#)
(no subject)

Besides my sibs I mean.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-13 02:33:01](#)
(no subject)

Okay.

Just so you know, I've put three brooms from the broom shed at the bottom of the stairs leading down from the infirmary. And I'm putting three more by the front door. That was all I could carry. I put the rest outside the shed, though, so if you can do a summoning charm you could probably get one to come to you.

Honestly if we have to evacuate we should probably take everyone to the quidditch shed, we'll be a lot faster on brooms than we would be running.

2014-12-12 20:22:00


*Order Only Private Message to Alice,
Remus & Pomona*

Still at work. Dolohov & Pomona have been closeted in his office, he has just stepped out and asked me to floo call Bella to have her come to Hogwarts "immediately, don't use the journals, where people can see". He's back inside, couldn't see Pomona.



 [alt_cedric](#)



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-13 01:24:37**

(no subject)

Bellatrix?

That can't be good.

Do you have any idea what's going on?




 [alt_cedric](#) at **2014-12-13 01:26:15**

(no subject)

Thought they were discussing Hogwarts future budget. Been doing that with all professors. Hadn't discussed with Pomona yet.

He gave no indication why.




 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-13 01:26:09**

(no subject)

Can you delay? Deliberately firecall her assistant (does she have an assistant?) or ... I don't know.




 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-13 01:27:22**

(no subject)

Call her home first.




 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 01:27:59](#)
(no subject)

Not long. I've got the floo active, will have to call someone momentarily.


Might be able to say elf put me off, but it'd be a lie, but might get me a look in the door.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-13 01:30:13](#)
(no subject)


She won't be at home. She'll be at work. Call her at home first, and then contact MLE, with luck, it'll be an underling who'll have to track her down -- especially if you stress no journals.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 01:34:42](#)
(no subject)

She's not at home. Of course. Will firecall MLE in a moment and see. Maybe she's in the field.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 01:39:39](#)
(no subject)

MLE is looking for her, I have the floo open. Told D through door. Could only see P shoulder, sitting in chair.

2014-12-12 20:29:00

Private message to Auri

I'm sorry, dear heart -- I'm running late, as you undoubtedly could guess. I'll be a little while, still.



 **alt_antonin**

Since it's my turn to host, feel free to let yourself into my quarters and wait -- there's a stack of books I have set aside for you, on the sideboard, if you need the amusement.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2014-12-13 02:45:40**

(no subject)

Currently under cats.

Write when you do get free, and I'll dislodge them then?



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-13 02:53:33**

(no subject)

It is the time of year when they try to spend as much time as possible on top of us, yes. Perhaps they're trying to tell us that we don't keep the castle warm enough!

I'm free now, though. Ten minutes?

2014-12-12 20:57:00

Private message to Hydra Lestrange


At once:

Write to Mafalda Hopkirk and have enforcers sent through the Headmaster's floo. Enough to detain all Hogwarts staff and teachers.



 [alt_bellatrix](#)



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2014-12-13 03:06:58**

(no subject)

Yes Mummy.

Do you need me for anything else?




 [alt_bellatrix](#) at **2014-12-13 03:07:56**

(no subject)

No.

If I did, I would have written as much.



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2014-12-13 03:09:35**

(no subject)

Of course.

2014-12-12 20:59:00

GRYFFINDORS

I want the noise in that Common Room to stop immediately! It's absolutely impossible to concentrate in my quarters.

Surely you've got studying to do and essays to write.

Don't make me come in there and silence you!

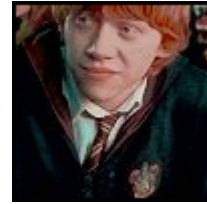


 [alt_lana](#)

2014-12-12 21:08:00

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Auror LeStrange just wrote Hydra to tell her to alert Hopkirk to send enforcers up here. Enough of them to detain all Hogwarts staff and teachers. They're coming through Dolohov's Floo.



 [alt_ron](#)

The rest of the Floos are really locked down and being watched, then. Nobody try using them!



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-13 03:11:23**

(no subject)

Right. Poppy, Albus, Cedric, Aurora. Get out any way you can.



 [alt_cedric](#) at **2014-12-13 03:14:43**

(no subject)

What do we do about Pomona? We can't leave her like this.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-13 03:16:12**

(no subject)

There is nothing you can do to help Pomona. Just GET OUT.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **2014-12-13 03:15:11**

(no subject)

Going.

Plan is broom off the tower, apparate to Moddey Dhoo, hope I can do the distance.

If anything goes wrong, no regrets.




 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2014-12-13 03:16:09](#)**
(no subject)

The clock here at the Burrow still just says 'School' for Ron and Ginny. Whatever suspicion there is, it hasn't spread to the students yet. Or at least not...

Oh Merlin. Merlin.

Poppy, Albus, all of you...*LET US KNOW WHEN YOU'RE SAFELY AWAY.*




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-13 03:18:01](#)**
(no subject)

Then I think we're staying.

If we go into hiding, I don't think anyone in the Order will be left on the outside. Because if Ron and Ginny do, your whole family will have to. Jeremy will have to.

If the clock changes, though, Mrs Weasley, let us know.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2014-12-13 03:20:19](#)**
(no subject)

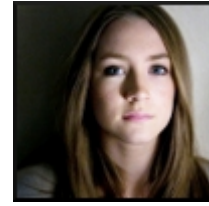
I HAVEN'T STOPPED WATCHING IT FOR A SINGLE SECOND.

2014-12-12 21:13:00

Private message to Hopkirk

My mother needs enforcers at the school straight away. Send them through the Headmaster's floo. Enough to secure all teachers and staff.

From,
Hydra



 **alt_hydra**

2014-12-12 21:22:00

(no subject)

ENFORCERS IN THE CORRIDORS SHOULD WE
STALL THEM ???



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-12 21:23:00

(no subject)

No. Dont draw attention to yourself. -HM



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-12 21:34:00

Private message to Antosha

My dear, what exactly is going on? And surely I would be more useful to you at your side than under the supervision of my own department's Enforcers, polite though they've been?



 **alt_savitha**



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-13 03:44:50**

(no subject)

I'm sorry, my dear, things have escalated so quickly I haven't had a moment.

I discovered that the Herbology ledgers not only do not balance, but they show evidence of significant diversion of materials and falsification of inventory. When questioning Pomona it became clear that she has been supplying some black market operation somewhere. Bella is here, and has broken Pomona's occlumency sufficiently that we have some additional leads, but we're still attempting to discover the extent of things.

You would be very useful, yes. For obvious reasons Bella and I are choosing to clear no one without a brief interrogation via legilimency, but she and I agree you ought to be among the first to be cleared; she will be there in a moment.



 **alt_savitha** at **2014-12-13 03:46:28**

(no subject)

I welcome the opportunity to prove to my colleague that my loyalty to Our Lord is unwavering and unhesitating.



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-13 03:48:36**

(no subject)

Of that, I have no doubt.

Lana is next on the list after you -- I've let her know to expect you and Bella, and you can coordinate further with the Enforcers.

[2014-12-12 21:37:00](#)

Order Only

The message is saying that Tasha the Headmaster he is delayed, and would I come down and let myself into his rooms and wait.




 **[alt_sinistra](#)**

Which. If I didn't know.

Cedric, there's nothing new?


It's his wards, they'll hold quite a bit. I have a broom and a plan up here. Not going down the stairs until we're sure it's safe.



 **[alt_cedric](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:43:13](#)**
(no subject)


Nothing.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:53:46](#)**
Private Message to Sinistra

Be prepared.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2014-12-13 02:59:36](#)**
(no subject)

And now he's said he's ready, and will I come down?

Which I will not, without

Well. Without.

Not stupid.



 **[alt_cedric](#) at 2014-12-13 03:02:23**

(no subject)

No. He's still in the office with Bella. He just told me to stay a while longer and then went back in. I saw & heard nothing through the door.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2014-12-13 03:04:01**

Private message to Mum

Mum.

I don't know what to tell you if this goes horribly wrong. I think I'd hold 'my daughter, crazed with grief' in your head, as hard as you can, as much as you can, and hope it holds. It might.

Alcor and Alde and Raz all taught me how to not panic right now. Enough. I hope. Between them.

Love you. Love Dad. Love everyone.

2014-12-12 21:44:00

Private message to Lana


Bella will be joining you in a moment or two -- please cooperate with her to the extent of your ability. You are not under suspicion, but we are being exceptionally careful.



 **alt_antonin**

Once she has, coordinate with Savitha and the Enforcers; we are trying to secure all the staff.



 **alt_lana** at **2014-12-13 03:48:10**
(no subject)

Oh, of course!

2014-12-12 21:46:00

(no subject)

BELLATRIX LESTRANGE IS HERE. JUST SAW
HER



 [alt_galleon](#)

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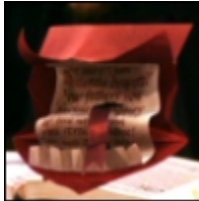
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Aurora, Poppy, Albus, Cedric.

Please check in when you are able.



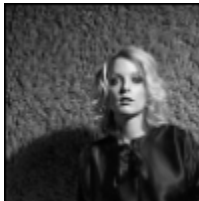
 [alt_lupin](#)



 [alt_molly](#) at [2014-12-13 03:54:33](#)

(no subject)

OH, WHY DIDN'T I PUT FIFTY HANDS ON THAT CLOCK!



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-13 04:00:53](#)


(no subject)

At Moddey Dhoo. Beach.

Didn't splinch. I think.

Not up for walking yet.

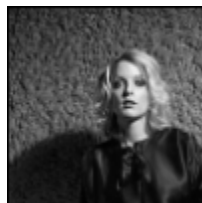


 [alt_lupin](#) at [2014-12-13 04:16:11](#)

(no subject)

What did you write to your mother? Should we send someone for her?

Someone should warn Tilda.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-13 04:20:40](#)


Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

Don't know if Mum will go without Dad. Don't think so.

Told her to hold to me being crazed by grief if she gets questioned.

Severus, her occlumency. Good enough for that? Maybe?



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-13 04:23:45](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

She'll certainly be legitimised. Possibly given Veritaserum. I would recommend that she be encouraged, strongly, to go into hiding.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-13 04:30:08](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

I do not wish to give you false hope: I do not know. She could perhaps hold out against Penderyn or Forney, but I do not think she could hold out against Bella.

I agree with Auror Brodie: she should go.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-13 04:40:35](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

She's very stubborn.

We did talk about it. If. Just.

Loyal to Dad. Loyal to the land. Digging her claws in. Worried about my sibs, if she runs too.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-13 04:44:09](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

If she's interrogated and found to be a traitor, that will be far more dangerous to your father and siblings than if she goes missing.

We can make it look like she was kidnapped. Like she didn't come with us voluntarily.



 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2014-12-13 04:56:11**

Re: Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

Kidnap. Kidnap is good. Farm is outside of Windemere. Apparition coordinates 54.454, -2.950, elevation 438m, use the Lachman modular because of one of the nearby leys throwing things off and the lake effect.

It - the headmaster. He's written. "I am exceptionally limited in my possible responses here, and the longer you are missing, the more those choices close off until I will be left with only ones that neither of us want to happen. If you turn yourself in to me now, I will do whatever I can, for you and for your family."

I'm not answering yet.



 **[alt_rachel](#) at 2014-12-13 04:58:04**

Re: Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

I'm on it. Just your mother? Or do you think your father needs to come, as well?




 **[alt_sinistra](#) at 2014-12-13 05:02:13**

Re: Private message to Alice and Remus and Rachel and Severus

I really don't think she'll come without him. Tell him the risk to her, tell him I'm safe. Tell him it's the way to keep everyone else safer. And then make it look like kidnapping. Or - well. If you have to not just make it look right.

The coordinate'll put you on the hill I used for stargazing above the house. Only people living there now are Mum and Dad. One house elf, named Herdy. Late enough my sister and her husband wouldn't be over (they're a mile away, and you don't want to make them notice. Chiron's in Internal Affairs.) No dog anymore.



 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:01:27](#)**
(no subject)

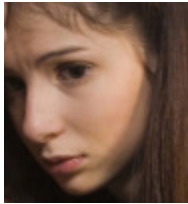
Oh, *Professor*.

I am

I don't

I am glad you are safe.


And your parents, too.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:41:39](#)**
Private message to Madam Pomfrey

Please be okay.



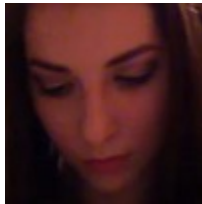
 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:24:27](#)**
Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey


I am safe.

Small mishap with my broom and cases. Nothing irreparable, but lost time. Needed to be sure I wasn't leaving anything behind to point the way here to the safe house.

I've gone through everything now, and it's all here.


Thank you for your help. Tonight and in the past. I'm sorry to have had to abandon you. Be wary and be safe.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:27:33](#)**
Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey

Oh thank goodness.




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-13 04:55:36](#)

Private message to Severus, Alice, Remus and Sirius

Aurora's mother: how much does she know about the Order? I haven't seen her using the journals; does she know about the Lock? Has she been reading?

If she could incriminate people who are staying on the outside -- even to the point of suggesting that there are students at the school who are members of the Order -- she cannot be allowed to fall into the hands of MLE. We should take her into protective custody. By force, if necessary.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-13 04:59:19](#)

Re: Private message to Severus, Alice, Remus and Sirius

Right. Aurora wants her mother kidnapped. Or at least, for us to make it look like a kidnapping.

Apparently Tosha is hinting at harm to her family.

'Farm is outside of Windemere. Apparition coordinates 54.454, -2.950, elevation 438m, use the Lachman modular because of one of the nearby leys throwing things off and the lake effect.'

Sirius, meet me?



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-13 05:00:54](#)

Re: Private message to Severus, Alice, Remus and Sirius

I'll come as well.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-13 05:01:49](#)


Re: Private message to Severus, Alice, Remus and Sirius

Of course.

Are we kidnapping one or two? Because surely Dolohov's not fool enough to think this is a coincidence.

And I know Bella's not.



 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:04:47](#)**

Re: Private message to Severus, Alice, Remus and Sirius

Two. She thinks they'll come willingly -- maybe. I'm not counting on it, but I think if we have to overpower an accountant and a recipe-pamphlet author we should be able to manage it without doing any permanent damage.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:14:37](#)**

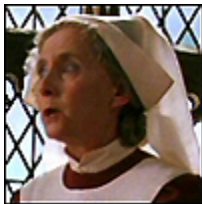
Private message to Mum


Mum -

There's at least one person coming to talk to you, who can help you sort out what needs to happen to stay safe. Please listen?

Please.

~~I wish they hadn't asked you~~



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:25:18](#)**

(no subject)

Remus.

I'm here at the safehouse outside Hogsmeade. Apologise for the delay in answering.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:02:20](#)**

(no subject)

Thank Merlin for that.

2014-12-12 21:49:00

Order Only

Dumbledore's still in the castle.

Well, Brutka. I'm in an alcove down the corridor from the Headmaster's door. He just went by me.



 [alt_ron](#)



 [alt_ron](#) at **2014-12-13 04:43:18**

(no subject)

And went into the Headmaster's door. It opened for him.

Dolohov and Lestrangle left the office a while ago. No sign of them since, but there's at least one Enforcer up in the Head's office: one came up the corridor from the other end and went in. There could be others up there, too, though. All of them must have come in through the Floo up there, because ten or twelve of them came down and fanned out through the castle earlier, but there could be some who stayed behind up there to guard Dolohov's rooms.



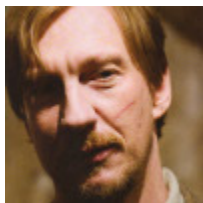
 [alt_cedric](#) at **2014-12-13 04:48:33**

(no subject)

Dumbledore has taken out the two enforcers and is looking at Pomona.

I have to leave now, no choice.

Can we try to steal the book?




 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-13 04:51:26**

(no subject)

Can't be done, or we'd have done it before. Take a last look, if you have time.




 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 04:53:56](#)
(no subject)

locked door

trashed front office my wand like I was defending


looking at book



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-13 04:46:12](#)
(no subject)


Could you see Professor Sprout? Is she...is she still alive?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-13 05:10:56](#)
(no subject)


Dunno.



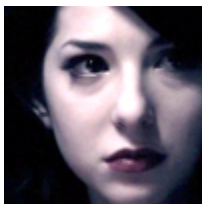
 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 05:06:04](#)
(no subject)

door being tried. fleeing.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-13 05:07:59](#)
(no subject)

It's Dolohov. Get out!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-13 05:57:48](#)
Private message to Ron

I think all the adults got out. Except Professor Sprout.

Where are you now? Did you go back to Gryffindor?

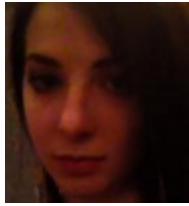


 **[alt_ron](#) at 2014-12-13 06:01:50**

Re: Private message to Ron

What went wrong that got Dolohov suspicious about Sprout?

And, no. I haven't made it back there yet. You still in the Hospital Wing?




 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2014-12-13 06:06:01**

Re: Private message to Ron

I don't know. Cedric said Dolohov's been going over the budget, and I heard a little about that, he wanted a list of the suppliers we order medicinal potions and potion ingredients from. So maybe it was something with that but Madam Pomfrey has always been so, so careful. Maybe Professor Sprout was less careful.

Anyway yeah. I'm still in the Hospital Wing. Maybe all night, I mean, I know for sure Madam Pomfrey isn't going to be back so unless Dolohov calls St M's and has them send someone over...



 **[alt_ron](#) at 2014-12-13 06:22:52**

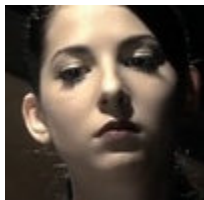
Re: Private message to Ron

I can't believe they're gone. Madam P and Dumbledore.

I mean. They can't come back.

Obviously.

Damn.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2014-12-13 06:29:51**

Re: Private message to Ron

It's just us now. I mean, just students.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-13 06:35:03](#)


Re: Private message to Ron

That's it.

We're on our own.

First Milland, and now the rest of them gone.



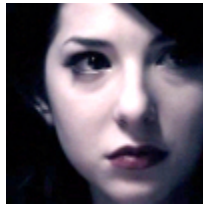
 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-13 06:38:58](#)

Re: Private message to Ron

I'll have more time now I won't be sneaking around for Dumbledore any more.

Unless he wants me to keep on with it. Or someone else asks me to.

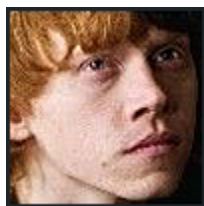
There's still Desai to do stuff for, but that's a whole different thing.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-13 06:33:07](#)

Re: Private message to Ron

Do you want to come to the hospital wing? You could turn into a snake and hang out in my pocket and keep me company.



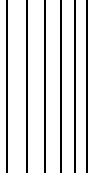
 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-13 06:42:05](#)

Re: Private message to Ron

Yeah.

If S-P was going to do a head count, she's already done it. Expect I'd best be in the hospital wing in a bed in the morning. Otherwise Finnicky'll make something of it.

So, yeah. I'll be there as soon as I can slither up there.



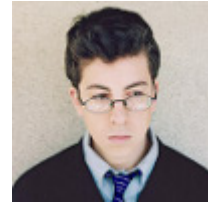
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-13 06:43:12](#)
Re: Private message to Ron

I'll see you soon.

2014-12-12 21:58:00

Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov

Sir, is there something in particular we Prefects might be doing to assist with whatever is being accomplished by the Enforcers in the castle this evening?



 [alt_linus](#)

Failing that, ought one or more of us head to the infirmary until the Matron returns?




 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-13 04:04:15**

(no subject)

Thank you, Mr Moon; I appreciate the offer. Please just send everyone to their dormitories and keep out of the way; the fewer people in the corridors, the better.



 [alt_linus](#) at **2014-12-13 04:12:05**

(no subject)

On it, sir.

2014-12-12 22:03:00

Private message to Antosha and Bellatrix

Poppy Pomfrey appears to have left the castle.

David Brutka is also missing.

No one has been able to penetrate the wards on Aurora Sinistra's tower.

All other staff are secured.



 [alt_savitha](#)

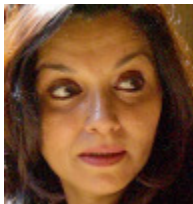


 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-13 04:10:21**

(no subject)

The wards on the tower are mine, damn it; I did them for her as a favour some time ago. If the Enforcers aren't able to get through I'll come down and break them. Hastings is here to keep an eye on Diggory and can also watch Pomona, but I'll send up the first person I pass to be his backup.

It is possible Pomfrey left the infirmary to see to a student. Start the search with the dormitories?



 [alt_savitha](#) at **2014-12-13 04:14:42**

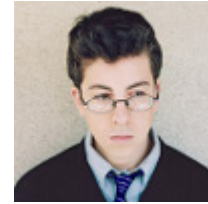
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We've done so. However, the Enforcers did speak with Perks, who was working in the Hospital Wing when they arrived, and she said Poppy hadn't mentioned going to see a student, she'd simply vanished.

2014-12-12 22:06:00


Private Message to All Prefects!

In order to facilitate the calmness and propriety appropriate to our dear Hogwarts, Headmaster Dolohov has charged all of us to clear all students out of the corridors and into the dormitories. Let us be about it at once.




 [alt_linus](#)



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 04:23:48](#)
(no subject)


Wot! You can do that?? Well that's handy!



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 04:26:41](#)
(no subject)


And yes of course--we'll start getting things in order post-haste.



 [alt_linus](#) at [2014-12-13 04:26:57](#)
(no subject)

Indeed it is, and it makes carrying out the Headmaster's orders considerably more efficient!

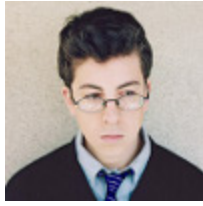



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-13 06:36:19](#)
(no subject)

I thought it was just for councilwizards.

Ace.

What's happened, then?



 **alt_linus** at **2014-12-13 06:42:58**
(no subject)

I'm quite sure the Headmaster will tell us anything we need to know, come morning. Until then, we have our instructions: keep everyone in the dormitories and out of trouble.

2014-12-12 22:18:00

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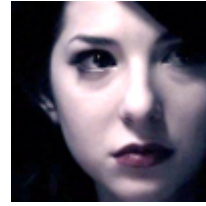
whats going on? what happened?



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-12 22:18:00

Private message to Headmaster Dolohov




Sir, just so you know, I'm in the Hospital Wing right now and from what I understand, Madam Pomfrey has disappeared.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

I will stay here if I'm needed but you should know I'm really not qualified to handle anything really serious. (Hopefully there won't be anything serious, and I can certainly give students Dry Dreams and calming potions and treat fevers and stomach trouble.)

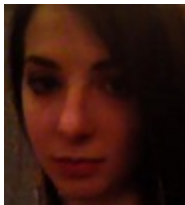
I'd ask if you were looking for her, but I'm sure you're doing everything you can. I can't imagine what would have taken her away from Hogwarts.



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-13 04:37:43**
(no subject)

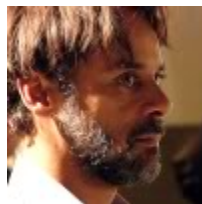
Thank you, Miss Perks. We are attempting to locate Madam Pomfrey to see what has happened.


Please do stay in the infirmary if you're able. I'm confident you will be able to handle the small things, and if anything larger does come up, let me know and I will call in someone.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-13 04:40:20**
(no subject)

Yes, sir. I will do that.



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-13 06:50:17**
(no subject)

I am exceptionally grateful for your willingness to help. I'll stop down in a few moments to check on things and to make sure everything is all right.

2014-12-12 22:25:00

(no subject)

especially if you're feeling ill and in the infirmary
sb



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-12 22:32:00

Private Message to Bawsley

Yes--PLEASE DO go see Matron and get more
potion. It's good to see you acting sensibly for
once.



 **alt_lavender**

[2014-12-12 22:38:00](#)

Private message to Auri

I know you aren't behind these wards.

I am exceptionally limited in my possible responses here, and the longer you are missing, the more those choices close off until I will be left with only ones that neither of us want to happen. If you turn yourself in to me now, I will do whatever I can, for you and for your family.



 **[alt_antonin](#)**

~~Please don't make me do this~~



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:07:22](#)**

(no subject)

I believe can still salvage this, but only if you don't

-- dammit.

Nevermind. Forget everything I have just said.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-13 07:57:06](#)**

(no subject)

Давным-давно I swore to you I would do everything in my power to keep you from making a mistake -- to guide you through all this, to see you safe upon the other shore to the best of my ability -- so long as it did not cross my other obligations.


We are past the point where I must take that vow back from you, sister. Your rooms say this was not a mistake; your preparations say this was not a misunderstanding. I can see no way to read the evidence other than a deliberate choice.

You have always known where my lines are, and the point past which I am no longer capable of having your best interests at heart. I hope you stepped over that line consciously and deliberately, because if you did so accidentally, this is all so much the worse.

If I see you again in this lifetime, it will be at wandpoint. The only

promise I can now make you is that should we arrive at that moment, I will try to kill you as quickly and painlessly as possible. And damn you for forcing me to the point where that is the only gift I have left to give.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-13 08:34:26](#)
(no subject)

Toshenka.

You have always been clear about your limits, your loyalties, the lines you will not cross, from the first. I am sorry it has come to this. I am sorry you are where you are.

Have you ever known me to be anything other than deliberate? I observe the constellations of the world, and do my best to make sense of them. And since June, I have no patience for lies, even ones meant to comfort.

You told me why you followed him. Back when. About wanting magic to be free. Not living in secret. But is Raz free to use his magic? Is Lucius free to use his magic? Is Regulus? Or all those others you've trained who've died?

We are free to do one thing, now, here. We are free to die.

I made a choice, when I married Raz (when we got permission, and we never thought we would. Like Barty didn't.) Knowing how many stories ended in death. Counting the notices from Court, the whispers, the gossip. Chloe Selwyn's broken body. A dozen other things, a hundred.

This is not better, this world we have. This is worse. It is killing our students, and killing our friends. Needlessly. Pointlessly. Brutally. Again and again and again. It is killing the families we were born to, the families we made, the families we might make. ~~The family I wanted with Raz~~

I want a world where we are free to choose. Who we love. How we live. What we learn. Who we marry. Why we marry. Where who learns is about interest and desire, not blood or power. A world that is not living under a sky of fear, our loyalty battered and broken.

The people I'm with don't want me writing to you after this, Toshenka. And I understand why. But I promise that what you write, where I can see it, I will read, and think about. That as long as I live, I will remember you, and all your gifts and thank you for them. Even the final one, if it comes to that.

[2014-12-12 22:56:00](#)

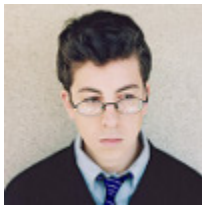
Private Message to Linus Moon and Daphne Greengrass




 **[alt_lavender](#)**

Do either of you have any idea what in the name of Merlin is going on? Alexa Bawsley just came running back into our Common Room in tears. Which wouldn't be out of the ordinary-- except that she was shouting something about MLE Enforcers in the corridors and how she swears she's loyal to Our Lord.


And to put the cherry on it all: I let her go out to see Matron even though it would normally be past her curfew and Madame Pomfrey wasn't even there! Perks was hanging about and gave Bawsley something at least. But this will probably set her back just when I thought she was starting to grow up a bit and be less of a wet blanket.



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2014-12-13 03:58:10](#)**
(no subject)

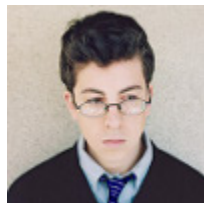
Dear me. I most certainly do not, but I shall enquire immediately, in case we Prefects are needed to promote order.




 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2014-12-13 03:59:51](#)**
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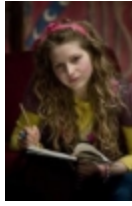
Thanks! Normally I'd speak to Professor Sandoval-Pennifold but I don't want to bother her in case Bawsley's got the wrong end of the wand and it's something trivial.

Professor S-P hasn't been in the best of humour tonight.



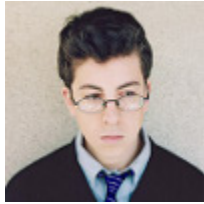
 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:03:57](#)**
(no subject)


Excellently reasoned, my dearest. It serves no one to trouble an already annoyed professor for nothing, after all.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:05:11](#)**
(no subject)


Right. I saw you PM'ed the Headmaster. Is there anything he wants us to do?



 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:06:31](#)**
(no subject)

He would like everyone to go to their dormitories and keep out of the way, he says. I shall pass the word to that effect immediately.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:17:34](#)**
(no subject)

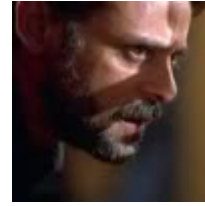
That I can do. But ugh--Bawsley's managed to get some of the more excitable younger ones going.

I'm going to be up to my ears all night in firsties having nightmares and wanting their mums and dramatic second year girls throwing wobblers.

2014-12-12 23:07:00

Private message to Bella and Savitha

Just got word from the castle wards: Sprout is dead. Meet me back in the office.



 **alt_antonin**



 **alt_savitha** at **2014-12-13 05:12:45**

(no subject)

Dead! Are you

I will be there immediately.



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-13 05:22:42**

(no subject)

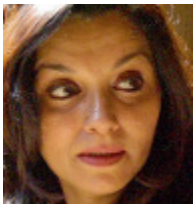
What an absolute clusterfuck.



 **alt_savitha** at **2014-12-13 05:23:51**

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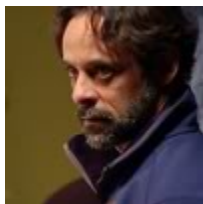
So Pomona was no mere common thief, but a traitor? Is that -- established? Or merely rumour among the Enforcers?



 **alt_savitha** at **2014-12-13 05:24:49**

(no subject)

Did she kill herself, to escape Truncheon's attentions?



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-13 05:34:15**


(no subject)

Not only rumour, no; Bella was not able to break her occlumency shield entirely, but there were one or two slips. Apparently it was not only Pomona,

but Aurora as well -- Bella reported a brief thought of Pomona regretting that she'd gotten Aurora involved in all this. And, from what happened afterward, one must presume Poppy and David were both involved as well. (I cannot make that much make sense. Poppy and Pomona were inseparable, of course, and Auri was close to them both, but David was never particularly part of their circle.)

We'll need to question everyone left. And talk to the students, as well. This is going to be miserable to clean up from.




 [alt_savitha](#) at [2014-12-13 05:42:19](#)
(no subject)

David's connection is certainly a puzzle. Did he have any close associates? He was always so amiable, it made it hard to remember how little he ever shared about himself.


And -- actual treason. Really? Not just a number of friends with access to Hogwarts purchasing budgets, lining their pockets?



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-13 05:50:54](#)
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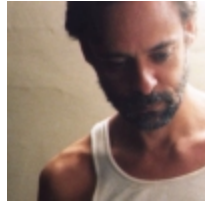
As near as we can tell, she was supplying Black and his crew.




 [alt_savitha](#) at [2014-12-13 05:53:38](#)
(no subject)

For how long?

And Tosha. That must be heartbreaking. I know you felt as if you could trust Aurora. She was married to one of our Brothers in Service. At least ... well.

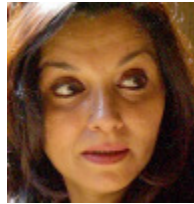



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:02:55](#)**
(no subject)

I don't

Well. Grief takes us all in different ways, but I never would have thought it could lead her that far astray. I cannot imagine what Raz must be thinking, in the worlds beyond.

We shall see what else turns up. At this point I will not be satisfied with anything less than a full legitimantic examination of the entire staff; we cannot afford to continue finding out these things in bits and pieces.

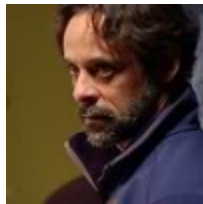



 **[alt_savitha](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:11:36](#)**
(no subject)

I think that's an excellent idea.

What about the students? That would take some time; there are quite a few more of them. But it could be done, given time...

Hmm. Tomorrow's supposed to be a Hogsmeade Day for the students, isn't it. Perhaps you should cancel it, as unhappy as it will make them. You don't want to make it *easy* for students who might wish to evade any questions about this evening's events.




 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:35:00](#)**
(no subject)

If Bella agrees, I may ask Hydra to sit in when I speak with those students who were particularly close to our birds who have flown the coop; Bella is tracking down other leads, and would undoubtedly balk at being asked to interview dozens of students, but Hydra ought to be willing.

And yes, good idea on Hogsmeade. I'll announce the cancellation at breakfast tomorrow when I make the announcement about tonight's events -- obviously I don't

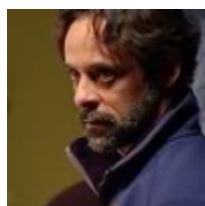
want to give them too much detail, but telling them nothing will only lead to mass panic.




 **alt_savitha** at **2014-12-13 06:38:32**
(no subject)

When one teacher who is also a Head of House is dead, and two others plus the matron have disappeared, and your clerk has been kidnapped, you can hardly tell them nothing.

How much of your affairs did Diggory know? Do you think they expect to be able to squeeze useful intelligence out of him?



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-13 07:07:16**
(no subject)


More than I'd like, but less than it could be. I keep Council business and Hogwarts business separate, at least, and the few times I've pressed him into service for the former it has been with as little information as possible.

I'm more concerned on his behalf. He's been recovering, but he's still not at full strength. If they treat him poorly --

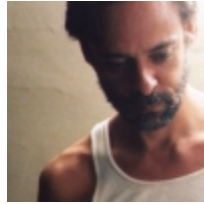
Well. For all that British culture concentrates upon the debt of someone whose life has been saved, to the person who did the saving, my upbringing adds the obligation the other way around, as well: once you save someone's life, you are responsible for safeguarding it in the future. If they have hurt him, or if they refuse to accept he does not know anything more useful to them, it will go exceptionally badly for them once I track them down.


I have some ideas for how we can avoid having the entire student population in hysterics. ~~At least it was not Our Lord's action this time; that gives me much more leeway.~~



 [alt_savitha](#) at [2014-12-13 07:09:51](#)
(no subject)

Well, you have all the support I can give you, of course.




 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-13 07:17:41](#)
(no subject)

I am counting on it. And I appreciate your support, immensely; I am so glad you agreed to come back to Hogwarts again.

(Oh, Salazar's scrotum, we're going to need to hire for those positions as soon as possible to minimise disruption to the students' education. I don't suppose you know anyone who'd suit.)




 [alt_savitha](#) at [2014-12-13 07:19:55](#)
(no subject)

Herbology, Transfiguration, and Astronomy? Well, and a Matron. I assume you'll call St Mungo's about that.

I might know someone who could teach Transfiguration.



 [alt_savitha](#) at [2014-12-13 07:22:20](#)
(no subject)

At least the timing is fortuitous; it's almost time to send the children home for the holidays. So at least you'll have a few weeks to consider candidates without anyone falling

behind.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-13 07:27:32](#)
(no subject)

Yes, that is the one small bright spot in all this mess. Fractional though it might be.

Let me know who you have in mind. I can appeal to St M's for names to consider for Matron, and the Astronomer's Guild for Astronomy, but Transfiguration and Herbology lack a centralised body; any leads will help.

2014-12-12 23:31:00

Order Only: Juniors Status Check

Just wanted to check in on where everyone is.

I'm in the sett Common Room projecting "calm cheerful Prefect everything's totally normal here" as hard as I have ever done in my life. And twitting Linus Moon because it amuses me.

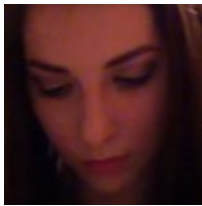


 [alt_susan](#)

Kelley Drumgoole was boasting about seeing the Enforcers so the cat is well out of the bag here. Letting the younger years stay up later and making a party of it--that'll make it much easier to grab Jaspar on my way out if I have to.

Sally Anne--how's everyone in the infirmary?

Obviously don't respond if compromised.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-13 04:38:17](#)
(no subject)

They have finally quit watching me.

Everyone here is on edge. Enforcers are taking down names of every student who shows up, which luckily has been overwhelmingly students who don't know anything. It's a good thing she just made a fresh batch of calming potion.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 04:42:41](#)
(no subject)

But they didn't question you or anyone there like they suspected anything?

I've been sitting here in agony thinking I might have led Carrie and Pete (not to mention the other Galleon kids) straight into a trap. Even though I know Madame P would never have left them if she thought they were in danger too.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-13 05:10:49](#)
(no subject)

I keep getting interrupted by students needing calming draughts. Funny thing, that.

Anyway they asked me a load of questions but they didn't seem to think I was in on anything with her. They just thought I might know where she was. I said she hadn't told me she was going anywhere and I hadn't even noticed she was missing until they showed up and asked, I assumed she was checking on people in beds or possibly in the loo.


They wanted to talk to the students who were in beds and I threw a little bit of a tantrum saying that ill students should not be disturbed and I was certain the Headmaster would agree with me and that actually worked, they searched the Hospital Wing but didn't ask anybody any questions.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 05:24:06](#)
(no subject)


Whew! You were brilliant. And we were lucky too.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-13 04:38:51](#)
(no subject)


I'm in our common room, and fine except that *everyone's* asking me how on earth Linus Moon was able to write all the prefects in one single private message.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 04:43:41](#)
(no subject)


Magic. Obviously!



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:41:39](#)**
(no subject)


Artie and I are in the Ravenclaw common room, pretending to revise and keeping an eye on our journals.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:42:18](#)**
(no subject)

All the Ravenclaws on the Galleons are in reach, if necessary, but we haven't said anything to them.




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:45:22](#)**
(no subject)

Good to know. Your lot's probably the ones who'd need to summon the brooms if it came to that.


I'm guessing anyway. Not really the strategist here by any means.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 04:52:05](#)**
(no subject)

It's killing me that there's nothing any of us can do right now but wait.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:03:01](#)**
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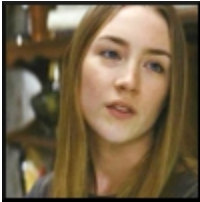
I'm keeping watch on the Headmaster's door. From a ways away and behind a good notice-me-not. So far that's done the trick.


Haven't heard or seen anything that makes it seem like they suspect students, but who knows.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:09:05](#)**
(no subject)


Stay safe mate.



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:05:31](#)**
(no subject)


I'm still keeping to the corridors. In case Mummy needs me, or anyone else, for that matter. It's quiet now. Everyone must be in the dormitories.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:08:04](#)**
(no subject)


You've got an ironclad excuse to be out and about if anyone does. I'm guessing she didn't tell you much?



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:08:59](#)**
(no subject)

I haven't even seen her, just some of the enforcers.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:15:57](#)**
(no subject)

Well you stay safe too. Which is a silly thing to say I guess--but I needed to say it.

[2014-12-12 23:32:00](#)

Order Only


I regret to inform you all that Pomona is dead.
There was no way to rescue her.



Cedric will recover, Poppy tells me.

 [alt_albus](#)



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-13 05:37:47](#)

(no subject)

no

no



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 05:39:30](#)

(no subject)

NO.

I hoped...I so hoped...

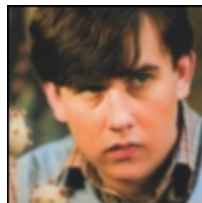


 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-13 05:50:11](#)

(no subject)

Oh, Neville.

I'm so very sorry, son.



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-13 11:17:01](#)

Private message to Mum and Dad


i'll surely be questioned. I was known to be one of her favourites, and I'd just done that post about how she'd set aside space for me in the greenhouses.

I'll keep my head down as much as I can. But, oh Mum, she was the best. She made me feel like I wasn't some thick, useless dunce because I wasn't in YPL, but that I was brilliant at something, and I could give that to the Order. Something real.

I've kept my curtains round my bed closed, but I've barely slept a wink. I mustn't let Seamus get any hint that I'm upset. Well, other than there was a traitor at Hogwarts.

Oh, *bugger*. There's the *Daemonorops draco*. And my lionwort. Professor Sprout can't harvest them now, but I don't dare set foot near the greenhouses.



 **[alt_neville](#) at 2014-12-13 14:22:10**

Re: Private message to Mum and Dad

I just realised...Madam Pomfrey said she failed to commit suicide. But she's still dead. I can't believe Bella Lestrange wouldn't have kept her alive a little while longer for questioning, especially if the


others fled.

Did an Enforcer kill her in the melee when Professor Dumbledore try to rescue her?

Or did *he* kill her?

Please. I have to know.

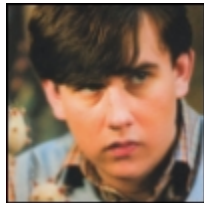


 **[alt_alice](#) at 2014-12-13 19:00:30**

Re: Private message to Mum and Dad

I've spoken to Albus, love.

She was barely alive, and bound in such a way that releasing her would've proven fatal. There was no time. He did what he could to ease her suffering.



 **[alt_neville](#) at 2014-12-13 19:19:33**

Re: Prad

I'm glad. Honest, I am. I'm glad that Hyda's mum couldn't torture her anymore. He made the right decision.

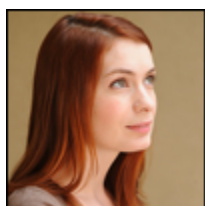
It's still my boggart, you know. That I'd do something that


would give me away--and in my case, it'd be something stupid--and I'd be forced into betraying the Order.

But Professor Sprout wasn't stupid. She was just--just kind, and clever and...and she was such a Hufflepuff. So loyal.

She didn't deserve this. I mean, I'm glad she isn't suffering any pain now, and wow, she was so strong, if she could keep the secrets of all the students involved, even under torture. But she didn't deserve this.

Was Professor Dumbledore able to take her body away, at least?



 **alt_alice** at **2014-12-13 21:05:15**

Re: Private message to Mum and Dad

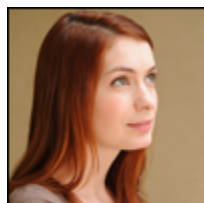
No. He wasn't. I could tell that weighed quite heavily on him.


She was a good, kind, decent human being, and she faced her enemy with the greatest strength she could muster.

And I know, it's a burden, son. You've spent years being careful. Years spent keeping our correspondence hidden from even your closest friends, training your mind, watching every reaction and word.

I hate that you've been put in that position, but I would hate your being kept in ignorance even more.

Regardless, this is what your reality has been ever since you turned twelve and we wrote you your first letter, and you've handled all of it marvellously, and will continue to do so, I have no doubt.



 **alt_alice** at **2014-12-13 19:10:30**

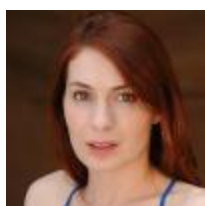
Re: Private message to Mum and Dad


I know there needs to be time to process, time to sort all this out, but oh, sweet heart, she thought the world of you.

Whenever we'd get together, she'd go on and on about your work.

I'll never forget, this past summer, when we were talking about your NEWTs, she looked at me square in the eye and said, 'I can hold off retirement for five years or so, which should give him plenty of time.'

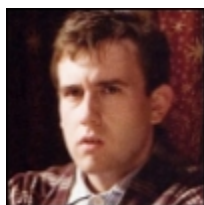
You *are* brilliant. And I am so sorry that you've lost such an important person in your life, but I am so very glad that you had the opportunity to work with someone who could recognise your worth, and who cared so very much for your future and well-being.



 [alt_alice](#) at 2014-12-13 19:13:06

Re: Private message to Mum and Dad

And son, I know all the work you've done is calling out to you, and that it is important. But don't try to rescue any of it. Not a single cutting. Are we clear?




 [alt_neville](#) at 2014-12-13 20:04:03

Re: Private message to Mum and Dad

Yes, ma'am. I'll obey that as an order from my superior officer AND my Mum, I promise. I am going to be *quietly* indignant that there was a traitor in our ranks, but will show loyalty and willingness to be of any help possible. And I'll keep my head down and act ever so slightly thick.

During our occlumency lessons, Mr Snape and I also talked about the best demeanor for me to assume, if suspicion's ever getting close to me.




 [alt_neville](#) at 2014-12-13 20:11:07

Re: Private message to Mum and Dad

Wow. Thank you for telling me that.

Bugger. Have to go up to my room and duck behind the bed curtains again. If Seamus asks, I'll him I have something in my eye.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2014-12-13 21:10:15](#)**

Re: Private message to Mum and Dad


hey, kiddo. just one more week, and you'll be home for hols.

we'll have to be careful, mind, but merlin, I'm looking forward to seeing you and your sister.

remember, they won't be on the lookout for more traitors. they'll be looking into her, not you.

and do me a favour, make sure you get a chance to go on a nice long walk with a mate in the next day or two so you don't have to keep it all bottled up, all right?




 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:38:56](#)**

(no subject)

Damn.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:07:52](#)**

(no subject)

Merlin. Pomona. Damn is right.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:08:56](#)**


Private Message to Moony

Mind if I stay here til morning?

Even if I could get back, I think it's better if someone's here to explain to the Sinistras more properly what's happened.

There wasn't much time.




 [alt_lupin](#) at [2014-12-13 06:13:45](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

Stay.

Were you able to explain...much at all, before you took them to safety?



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-13 06:20:35](#)

Re: Private Message to Moony

Barely. I do believe they understood that Aurora's been compromised, along with a great many others, and that Dolohov had threatened to come after them to get to her. But Rachel and Snape stunned them at the first hint that they wanted to gather up *anything* to take with them - quite right, too, that's the first thing MLE would have looked for! - so we just brought them away.

They went back to transfigure something - sheep, I think, there were some on the land - and make the place look as if they were forcibly taken. I think Snape mentioned the Dark Mark, even.

I just - every one of our adult members at Hogwarts. All at once. I suppose we're lucky the Juniors weren't found out, too.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-13 05:40:33](#)

(no subject)

She tried to kill herself. We shared a charm to signal if either of us used our failsafes.

It failed her, though.

There are no failsafes with Bellatrix Lestrange.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-13 05:48:21](#)

Private message to Madam Pomfrey

What did she -- I mean

What did she plan to do? That didn't work.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-13 05:54:12](#)

Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey

She kept poison in a hollow in one of her back teeth. It required intention as well as grinding down on the tooth with sufficient force.

It was fast-acting poison, but Auror Lestrangle's bezoar must have been quicker still.

A lesson to the rest of us.

There are no absolutely unstoppable ways to suicide.



 [alt_jeremy](#) at [2014-12-13 05:41:46](#)

(no subject)

Merlin.

Are the students safe where they are?



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-13 05:48:35](#)

(no subject)

It seems like we're all right for now. But I wonder how closely they're going to question us.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-13 05:54:59](#)

(no subject)

Sally-Anne, Neville, Evelyn, you might expect to be questioned due your close involvement. Ron, if your trips to Albus were noticed, you might also.


I anticipate it'll be about whether you noticed anything odd. If we're very lucky, they'll ask Hydra to oversee things.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:00:09](#)**
(no subject)

Justin and I should probably brace for it too since she was our Head of House and Professor Siz & Cedric are of the sett as well.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:24:56](#)**
(no subject)

Yes.

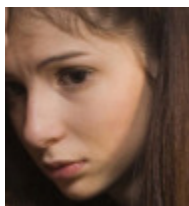
Keep the hearth fires burning, Susan, and take care. I cannot imagine how difficult the next few days will be for the sett.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:32:15](#)**
(no subject)

Morgana knows who they'll put in as our Head of House. At least Umbridge isn't available--that's something.

It's going to be hard--especially not being able to grieve and having to cut it off if I see it.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:01:48](#)**
(no subject)

Yes. I've been thinking about what I'll say. Obviously, I never noticed anything. All Madam Pomfrey and I ever discussed was Healing.


Hopefully it'll be Hydra. If it's not, I'll do my best.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-13 06:30:02](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah. I'll just say that she seemed like a good Head of House--kind & efficient & etc--but nothing unusual.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:49:39](#)**
(no subject)

For now, I believe so, yes.

It appears to have been limited to faculty and staff only.


Keep a close eye, however.



 **[alt_albus](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:50:02](#)**
(no subject)


I do not know.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:47:43](#)**
(no subject)


Aurora is at Moddey. In a bit of shock, but otherwise unharmed.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-13 05:57:19](#)**
(no subject)

We've got the Sinistras at Bedford. Rachel and Snape have gone back to ... to make the scene look more appropriate.




 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-13 06:43:02](#)
(no subject)

To an outside observer, the Sinistras are now dead in their home with the Dark Mark overhead. I did what I could to mimic the sort of scene that lot likes to leave, though I do not know enough of the current factions and their fracture-lines to be able to choose the style of one in particular to counterfeit. With luck, MLE will believe it was the result of Council infighting.

Aurora: it is vital that you impress upon your parents that they must not under any circumstances attempt to contact any of their other children. We barely made it out successfully; MLE were apparating in as we were leaving. Everyone connected to your family will be under significant suspicion for quite some time to come.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-13 07:03:04](#)
(no subject)


Thank you. For managing it.

Knowing MLE was -

I'll talk to them. Tomorrow. When we can get in the same place.


Just. Thank you. For figuring out a way it might not be even more horrible.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 13:34:14](#)
(no subject)

I am physically fine as well




 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-13 13:35:52](#)
Private Message to the Weasleys

Could someone check on my family that enforcers didn't show up in the middle of the night while I slept like the at the Sinistra house

Please




 **[alt_cedric](#)** at **[2014-12-13 13:37:02](#)**

Private Message to Hufflepuff Prefects

Please let me know immediately if anything happens to Jaspar

please



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-13 18:02:59](#)**

(no subject)

In the announcement this morning, Dolohov made it sound like you'd been kidnapped. It looked like he believed it, too.

2014-12-12 23:43:00

(no subject)

Students of Hogwarts: I must thank you for your cooperation during this evening's events. Further announcements will follow at breakfast; in the meantime, please give your full cooperation to any requests made by a member of MLE or Professors Desai and Sandoval-Pennifold.




 [alt_antonin](#)
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Third and seventh year students, astronomy lessons are cancelled for the evening. Please remain in your dormitories until morning.

If anyone has any information that may be of use to MLE, please write at your earliest convenience, or see one of us after the announcements at breakfast.



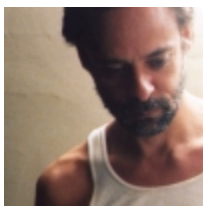
 [alt_justin](#) at **2014-12-13 05:54:30**

Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov

????,

I know it's terribly late, and of course you've Diggory at your side, but do you need any sort of assistance?

-Finch-Fletchley

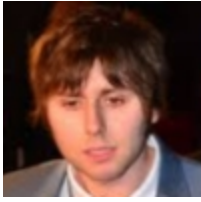



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-13 06:06:07**

Re: Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov

Thank you for the offer -- I will almost certainly take you up on it tomorrow; we are still sorting out what has happened, but it will undoubtedly involve a great deal of work.

It's best for you to get some sleep now, though. Tomorrow after breakfast, if you are still willing to help, come see me.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-13 06:14:22](#)

Re: Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov

Yes, of course, sir. I understand. And you may count on me tomorrow--and for however long you may need me.

It's only--I do beg your pardon, what, but there are rumours circulating round the sett, as neither Professor Sprout nor Professor Sinistra have been seen this evening. I say, is there anything you would like me to tell the other Hufflepuffs to--to keep them calm tonight? I daresay the last thing we need is for half the House to invade the Hospital Wing.

-F-F



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-13 06:26:48](#)

Re: Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov

I'm afraid that whatever rumours are circulating, the truth is almost certainly worse. I'd like to avoid feeding the rumour mill as much as possible, however; I shall make an announcement at breakfast, once I can sort through everything and attempt to find the truth behind.

Please do assure the children that despite the confusion of the evening, they are safe, everything is under control, and there will be more information in the morning. I have faith in your ability to be suitably reassuring.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-13 06:29:43](#)

Re: Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov

Just as you say, quite.

-F-F

2014-12-13 00:22:00

(no subject)

mle killed sprout, madam p, brutka, and cedric diggory.



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-13 00:24:00

(no subject)

No no that's wrong. They only killed Sprout. The others ran away.



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-13 00:24:00

(no subject)

WHAT?



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-13 00:25:00

(no subject)

SPROUT IS DEAD BUT THE OTHERS GOT
AWAY. -HM



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-13 00:26:00

(no subject)

IS IT TRUE THEY CRUCIATED DESAI AND SANDOVAL?



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-13 00:27:00

(no subject)

No. Well I suppose maybe. But I think no.



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-13 00:27:00

(no subject)

siz left too.

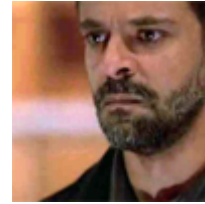


 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-13 04:15:00

Private message to Barty

Benevolent gods and all the saints have mercy upon me, this has been a *fucking awful day*.



 [alt_antonin](#)

I don't want to distract you while you're in the middle of your mission; I should say that up front. Don't spend a minute worrying about me.

I am fine, only heartbroken. And so damnably tired. ~~And praying for whatever grace I may have earned that Our Lord does not take his temper out on me when he hears~~

You remember the summer spent going through Hogwarts' ledgers bit by bit, and how I could not untangle the rat's nest of layers they had accumulated throughout the years? I gave them to my analyst-in-training, the arithmantic genius. Redacted, of course; he's good enough to do the calculation without any of the details, and naive enough to never draw the lines between his reports and what might happen after he hands them over to me. It's a good thing, too; he would be heartbroken if he realised what he'd uncovered, and what it led to.

Pomona Sprout has apparently been supplying Black and the Order of the Phoenix from Hogwarts' greenhouses. I don't know for how long in all, but the last few years, at very least. I called her in this evening to discuss it, thinking she was only trading on the black market, but realised quickly there was something more sinister going on. I brought Bella in to question her, and although she tried to occlude, she slipped just enough, Bella reported, to think her regrets that she brought Auri in on it before getting caught.

This was apparently enough to trigger a mass exodus of those who had been lying in wait. When the dust cleared -- yes, I am summarising considerably -- Pomona was dead, and Poppy and Auri had fled the castle, David Brutka along with them. And according to the portraits, Brutka came into my office (where we had left Pomona under guard by two Enforcers), overcame my clerk, and escaped with him as hostage. I am left with one dead professor and Head of House, two escaped professors and one escaped matron, a missing clerk who knows far too much of my business and is undoubtedly in the hands of my enemies, a student body that was already traumatised enough, and far too many unanswered questions.

Why must this damnable vow hanging around my neck like a millstone force me to destroy everything I have built? He has driven so many good people to desperate straits and carved us into his pawns along the way, and nothing amuses him more than to force each of us to sacrifice every last scrap of what we've built for ourselves, one by one, and feed it to the fire in front of him so he can watch it burn. Auri was the only person remaining in this damned castle with whom I could let down my guard even slightly, and all I can give her now is as much warning as I can without endangering myself and the gift of a clean death when it comes to that. I owe Poppy my life, and that debt still hangs over me and I cannot now discharge it, and I know that if he realises he will take glee in making me be the one to kill her. And I have Savitha standing behind me and watching for the smallest sign of weakness, and Lana may value what I can give her but I do not believe for a moment she would hesitate to sacrifice me for the smallest advantage should it come to that point, and you are hundreds of miles away and the gods only know if you will make it back to me alive and I

The worst part is how I cannot disagree with a single word Auri wrote to me, and yet there is still nothing I can do about it. I can serve and obey him, or I can die, sacrificing whatever tiny scraps of influence I might have otherwise had, and if I die having broken the oath I made, I will have lost not only this life but any hope of the next. And I cannot ever say any of this to you openly, even when we are in our library behind every privacy ward I know to cast. I will not make you choose between your love for me and your own sworn vows, because I know your answer would be me and I refuse to lead you into that temptation. I will not force you into having to choose between being the one who denounces me or the one who shares my fate. One of us needs to get through this alive.

If Diggory should attempt to contact you in any fashion, let me know as quickly as possible; I do not know what they will try to get him to do. I will be spending the next week, at the very least, going through the remaining staff and questioning everyone in excruciating detail, and I will have to spend at least part of that time questioning the students our traitors were closest to to see how far the rot has spread.

I pray with all the breath left in my body that your mission is going far, far better than mine is at the moment. May the Seven Arrows of the lady of the place before the beginning of time turn away from you and strike your enemies down; may he who separates heaven and earth open your way to victory and clear your passage home. May you be free of the poisons of the encircler of the world, he who was spat

out, the great undying destroyer, scourge of all that is right and true. There is nothing I would not do to free you from him if I thought it was ever possible

I love you, my son, and I will swear so to the gods themselves.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-13 10:59:00](#)

Private message to Pomona Sprout

Sanctus Deus, Sanctus Fortis, Sanctus Immortalis, miserere nobis, amen. Άγιος ό Θεός, Άγιος ισχυρός, Άγιος άθάνατος, έλέησον ήμάς. Holy God, Holy Almighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us, both now and ever and to the ages of ages, amen. Blessed are our Gods, always, now and forever and to the ages of ages, amen.

With the saints give rest, O Christ, to the souls of Your departed servant Pomona, where there is no pain, nor sorrow, nor suffering, but life everlasting, abiding there forever without corruption. Though bearing the scars of her transgressions, let her way be opened to the halls of Osiris, let the underworld be opened unto her, let her be established as a dweller in the halls of the shining ones. O you who unclothe the ways and open the roads to beneficent souls in the house of Osiris, unclothe the ways and open the roads to the souls of Pomona who has now entered unto you. Let her enter boldly and come forth in peace at the house of Osiris, without hindrance and without repulse. Let her souls enter at her pleasure and go forth at her will, triumphantly with you, and let that be executed which she shall order, in the house of Osiris; let it be done to her even as she were the God Osiris.

Eternal rest grant unto her, Lord, and perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. May her souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, amen.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-13 15:56:52](#)

(no subject)

BATYA
DONT GO TO CRT TODAY
WAIT FR ME
NEAR DONE

TOMRW

PROMISE

PROMISE ME



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-13 17:06:17](#)**

(no subject)

Oh, lapushka.

I swear to you, I will not volunteer myself as a target unless I am explicitly summoned. ~~I am neither stupid nor suicidal.~~ Bella has already taken the task of notifying Our Lord of the basics, and I do not yet have any information she did not; all I could do at the moment is remind him of my failures.

If I am summoned -- Well. If I am summoned, I will comply.

2014-12-13 09:42:00

Order Only Private message to Harry and Justin




 **alt_daphne**

Since Dolohov made a point of *not* canceling the Remembrance Day even though Hogsmeade is scratched, I think the show must go on.

However, given all that's happened I think it would be a bad idea to try to keep Padma and Seamus from attending. They're in high alert mode, no doubt, and I don't want to give them a reason to believe that anything's amiss. So forget what I said about helping me to keep them at bay.

And I spoke with Hydra and she still believes it will be a good opportunity for her to get a feel of what the other students are thinking about regarding recent events, and so on.



 **alt_justin** at **2014-12-13 17:42:00**
(no subject)

Daphne,

Just as well, I think. I've been offering my services to Professor Dolohov today, what, and I don't think it shall be quite as effective to serve as his right arm while simultaneously appearing less than fully supportive to Finnigan and Patil. Though one can only imagine how they are reacting to this morning's announcements.

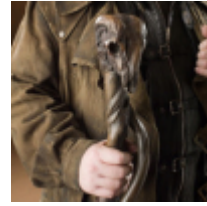
-Justin

2014-12-13 12:47:00

ORDER ONLY


O'Connor elders missing, presumed dead.
At least ten IMA leaders missing, presumed dead.
It'll take months to rebuild.
We're losing our momentum, damn it.
And we're losing good people in the process.
Trying to catch up, slippery bastard works too fast.

Think I've got a promising lead.
We'll see what comes of it.
For what its worth, people you can trust:
Killian O'Connor
David O'Connor (junior)
Siobhan Malone
Eadaoin O'Bierne
Laura Cavanagh
Matthew Boyle
Bridget Delaney
The last four know Finnigan's important.



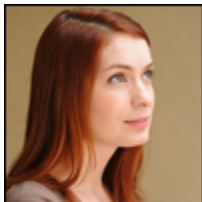
 [alt_moody](#)




 [alt_frank](#) at **2014-12-13 21:25:28**
(no subject)

quick feet, wand up, don't let the son of a bitch get higher ground.

good hunting, mate.

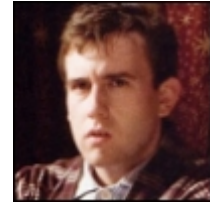


 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-14 08:21:05**
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Godspeed, Moody.

[2014-12-13 19:07:00](#)

*Order Only: Private message to Susan
Bones and Justin Finch-Fletchley*



 **[alt_neville](#)**


I hope no one is doubting Cedric's loyalty at all. Well, I'm sure they wouldn't in Hufflepuff. I haven't heard anything malicious about him in Gryffindor, anyway, so it looks like the cover story is holding. For now, anyway.

I'm so sorry about Professor Sprout. Honest, I'm just gutted about it. I know you'll all miss her so much, and I will, too.

I can't remember if I ever mentioned to you, the Hat thought for a long time about putting me in Hufflepuff. Don't know why it put me in Gryffindor, really. I certainly felt a lot closer to your Head of House than mine.

I keep thinking about what sort of tree we should plant for her in the Memorial Garden. I wanted to get your opinion, to see if you had any suggestions. Was there a particular tree she ever mentioned to you that she really liked, that she thought represented Hufflepuff? Or sometimes I choose whatever tree the person's wand came from. What was hers made of, do you know? I *thought* it looked like apple, and I was thinking of an apple tree, maybe. It's beautiful in the spring, with the flowers, and I bet she'd like it that it would produce fruit that the kids at Moddey Dhoo could eat.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-14 02:13:14](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks for asking. I don't think I'll know how I'm doing truly until later--while I'm performing "shocked and betrayed" for the Headmaster and the sett I can't think of anything else.

But it's going to hit like a tonne of castle bricks when I've half a minute to myself.

I'm not absolutely certain about her wand core but an apple tree sounds lovely and I think she'd love it too. She taught me so much

about over the years about managing and working with people--but plants were her passion and it meant so much to her to have you to share that with.



 **alt_justin** at [2014-12-14 04:49:24](#)

(no subject)

Neville,

The sett is, rather predictably, quite overwhelmed by all that's happened.

I say, it seems I'm the one who should be consoling *you* over Professor Sprout. Of course, she was always a kind, gentle soul, and I jolly well appreciated her leadership of the House, but perhaps I'm not the best Hufflepuff when it comes to it; we were never all that close, what. It's quite a shame, naturally, and I'm heartily sorry for the Order that so many of our adult members had to flee.

On the other hand, the fact that I'm *not* particularly aggrieved has been somewhat helpful today, what. I've been doing my best to become indispensable to the Headmaster, you see. Having lost Cedric and one of his favourite colleagues, he is sorely in need of someone he feels he can trust.

-Justin



 **alt_susan** at [2014-12-14 06:20:58](#)


(no subject)

You're a perfectly fine Hufflepuff! I mean--sometimes I think you'd have done all right in any House--but we're happy to have you.

It probably is a good thing in a way that you weren't close--I think I've played my part well enough but I don't think I could play yours.

Speaking of--does it really seem as though he thinks Ced's innocent?



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-14 06:32:20](#)
(no subject)

Sue,

I say, I don't think I should have got on well in Slytherin, what, and I'm not half so brave as some. But thank you for not disowning me, all the same.

As for Cedric--yes, I think he's well clear of suspicion. It's not at all like when Draco fled and it became more-or-less clear that he'd shifted his loyalties. In Cedric's case, all the evidence (or 'evidence') points to him having been well and truly kidnapped. The Headmaster's current fear is that the Order are trying to force Cedric to give up secrets. I gather that Professor Sinistra answered him in such a way as to confirm that she's now on our side, and that has hurt him a great deal. I say, I'm doing my best to be in the right place when he's ready to unburden himself but I'm...not sure he will do. He's been rather frustratingly scrupulous, what, as I'm still a student, albeit a favoured one.

-Justin

2014-12-13 20:59:00

Private message to Antosha

I've been giving some thought to the question of instructors and I've thought of a few who might be qualified.



 **alt_savitha**

Neave Cavanaugh and Jove Bobolis were in school at around the same time as Gwendolyn. (And the Carrows.) Cavanaugh's a Herbologist -- had a book come out for the popular market a year or two back, I think, someone gave it to me as a birthday gift for some reason. I'm not sure why; I loathe gardening. She was also a Hufflepuff, which would be convenient. Jove Bobolis was noted at being exceptional at Transfiguration and I think he was either a Hufflepuff or a Gryffindor -- if the latter, I'm sure Lana would not object in the slightest to passing off that responsibility.

Of course, I have no idea if either is suited to teaching. Which is why I thought I'd also mention Xerxes Glozeman. He taught Charms for a few years, once we'd removed that loathsome little goblin who taught it before the war. Xerxes was certainly more talented at Charms than any other area, but he was a thoroughly talented wizard, and he was a fine teacher.



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-14 05:42:43**

(no subject)

I've had a look at the records -- Bobolis was a Hufflepuff, not a Gryffindor. Sadly for Lana. (She ought to have realised that apprentices get the worst of it.)

And I didn't know Xerxes taught for a while after the war, actually. I've always found him to be a fine wizard. I don't know if he'd be willing to spend a few years back here, but if he would, it would be a relief to have at least one potential hire there will be no doubt can pass a thorough security screening.

I'll talk to him, and feel out Cavanaugh and Bobolis as well. There's no hope we'll be able to hire replacements before the end of term, of course -- particularly not with the screening and background checks I will be insisting upon -- but at least it's only exams next week, and thankfully all of our former colleagues had already filed copies of their planned exams, albeit without answer keys in some cases. (And

Lord knows I am not qualified to mark half of them.) At least the students won't be too badly penalised. And we can work out who will proctor what, tomorrow. If I have to call in favours, I will.

Guildmaster Bright has let me know he has someone in mind for Astronomy, and after a long discussion with St M's, we've worked out a temporary bargain there; they'll be adding Hogwarts as a station on their ward rotations. Which means a different person each shift, and we may run into some issues with continuity of care, but it will get us through the next week while we look for a more long-term solution, at least. And does not impose upon Miss Perks any further.

This is beginning to seem less insurmountable than it seemed this morning, at least.

[2014-12-13 22:52:00](#)

Private message to Padma

Sprout. Sinistra. Brutka. *The Matron*.


How do that many traitors infiltrate a single school?



 **[alt_seamus](#)**

Greengrass's 'Day of Recollection' was supposed to be about remembering Draco and Raz and Hooch and the rest, but mostly I was remembering Herbology and Transfiguration and Astronomy classes and wondering what they were thinking, that whole time. Whether they were trying to slip us treason with our lessons.




 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2014-12-14 05:08:11](#)**
(no subject)

I know *just* what you mean. I mean, I think it's got to be significant that practically everyone they favoured--by which I mean Longbottom, Parkinson, Weasley, Perks--they're all people we've never liked. Did you notice?

But it also makes you wonder... I mean, Razzer and Doves. They both thought Sinistra was so perfect. Imagine that she had to have been deceiving them, the whole time! Or do you think some of them were corrupted by someone else who'd been a traitor for a long time? Like, for example, Professor Brutka came here because of the Protectorate, but do you think maybe once he got here, he changed? And someone like Professor Sprout preyed on him and recruited him for Black's cause?

It's utterly unfathomable. But at least we know *we're* not traitors and never will be.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-14 05:16:33](#)**
(no subject)

I wonder if Sinistra wasn't just deceiving them but trying to recruit them?

You could be right about Brutka. Maybe he thought


he had an idea of what it would be like here, and then once he arrived he realised it just wasn't what he thought? So he turned? Because if he was against us all along, why would he have even come here?

Though maybe it'll turn out to be something like Milland, and the real David Brutka's been hidden in a closet this whole time.

Sprout, though. She's been teaching at Hogwarts since -- I heard someone say today 1968? *years* before the war. She taught most of our parents! Maybe she recruited the others.

How many students do you suppose they recruited? Because surely you wouldn't have that many people in your organisation teaching at Hogwarts unless that was the goal.




 **alt_padma** at **2014-12-14 05:21:14**
(no subject)

Probably as many as possible, I would think. They'd have to be sneaky about it, wouldn't they, because it's not as if they can hold a competition like Our

Lord did.

You don't suppose.... No, it *can't* be that Headmaster Doves is only asking for information, instead of actually *questioning* people, because Sinistra *did* corrupt him?




 **alt_seamus** at **2014-12-14 05:30:38**
(no subject)

That can't be possible. Our Lord would surely know, if the Headmaster were compromised.


I expect it's more that he knows it'll take time to question everybody, and he doesn't want to frighten anyone into fleeing. (And he's taking sensible steps, like cancelling the Hogsmeade trip today.)



 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-14 05:36:09](#)
(no subject)

Right. Well, I didn't think so, really, it was just a horrid idea that occurred to me. But he's still going to need help to figure out who's really involved. I mean, the people who *have* been convinced to join Black surely aren't going to just step forward and say, 'Oh, yes, I know where they've gone!' or anything ridiculous like that. And even if they're questioned, they're just going to deny everything. They've probably all learned Occlumency, too, so people like Hydra can't properly *tell* whether they're lying or not.




 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-14 05:42:41](#)
(no subject)

He definitely needs our help. He's lost his clerk; he's lost Siz, who was basically his best friend at the school; he's lost three teachers and the matron. Even if he wants to investigate, he's also got three teachers to hire and a matron to replace (and a clerk).

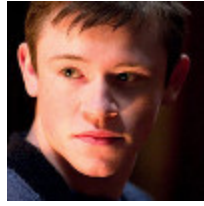
There are two Aurors who are currently teaching here, but they've got their own responsibilities. And no one else from MLE is likely to find out anything as loads of people are terrified of Aurors (that much was clear just from things people said at the ceremony this afternoon).




 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-14 05:44:59](#)
(no subject)

Right. Besides, it's our duty as Councilwizards, isn't it.

So, who else do you think we should look out for?



 **alt_seamus** at [2014-12-14 06:00:34](#)
(no subject)

Ginny Weasley and Evelyn Longbottom, because obviously. And Artemus Ross, since he's Evelyn's boyfriend.

Justin Finch-Fletchley, because he'd certainly be worth recruiting. Though he's another one who came from somewhere else, and he COULD have just gone back if he didn't like it here.

Andie Haley -- she's Siz's niece.


Zach Smith, because he's full of the wrong ideas.

Honorita Sandoval -- mates with Ginny Weasley and I've never seen her NOT on the wrong side of her sister.

Romilda Vane

Megan Jones




 **alt_padma** at [2014-12-14 06:06:09](#)
(no subject)

Jones? What a laugh. Who'd want her?

Finch-Fletchley would probably join *anything* because he wouldn't know how to say no!

How about Remy Jugson? Or Darius Warrington--he's been ever so odd since his father died. Oh, and Katrina Bundy, Weasley's always mating about with her.




 **alt_seamus** at [2014-12-14 06:11:17](#)
(no subject)

No one would *want* her but a bunch of muggle-lovers and mudblood-lovers might not tell her to take herself off, either.

Any seditious organisation that would recruit someone like Remy would have been devoured by Dementors years ago out of sheer incompetence. If you're not clever enough NOT to recruit the biggest gossips in the entire school, you're definitely not clever enough to run a seditious organisation. Same goes for Midgen!




 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-14 05:19:07](#)
(no subject)

Oh, and yeah.

Parkinson's always been one of Sinistra's favourites. (And Harry, I suppose.) Perks was Pomfrey's pet; she's supposedly 'apprenticing.' Brutka had Weasley running to his office all the time, and I wondered once if Sprout was thinking about adopting Longbottom.

And none of them ever much cared for either of us. Though Madam Pomfrey's always been decent to me, but I suppose she'd have got in trouble if she hadn't been.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-14 05:27:01](#)
(no subject)

Exactly. I bet *anything* they're all secretly traitors, too. Well, maybe not Harry. Or Hydra--and Sinistra was *always* trying to make nice to them, too, only I think that was on account of wanting to impress Rizzer. And *Cedric*, let's not forget, but before she married Raz (which, WOW, now I know what was really happening!), I was pretty sure she might have just been waiting for Diggory to finish school so they could have an affair, you know?

And as for Madam Pomfrey, she's a Healer. They do have to follow rules about treating people equally no matter what. I mean, Haruman has to treat half-bloods all the time.




 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-14 05:35:07](#)
(no subject)

Hydra being one of them is a little too terrifying to contemplate. Though it does make me wonder how she never noticed *any* of these people were traitors? Maybe she's not as good at reading minds as everyone assumes she is. Or, they'd all learned to keep her out. (I suppose if you're going to be a traitor while teaching at Hogwarts, you'd better learn occlumency.)

Anyway, I definitely think we should keep our eyes and ears open.

I can keep an eye on Longbottom and Weasley -- I always do, but I mean, more closely. Do you think you could talk Greengrass into keeping an eye on her roommates for us? Or -- Bulstrode's thick, but she definitely knows she's the odd one out in that dorm. You could try being nice to her and seeing if she'd turn anything up for you.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-14 05:38:47](#)
(no subject)

You know, Greengrass thinks she's completely above reproach, especially now that she's revealed how she's really the daughter of a Councilwizard.


Bulstrode's an excellent notion. I'm sure she'd like nothing better than to show up Parkinson and Perks the Pet.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-14 05:44:05](#)
(no subject)

Oh, of course she does. I still can't believe they named her Head Girl. (And Moon, I'm sorry, I know you like him, but he is the worst joke of a Head Boy I've ever seen. If it wasn't going to be me -- and they almost never name half-bloods to the position -- it should've been MacMillan, he'd have done a perfectly competent job that wouldn't have involved disciplining people by demanding they memorise poetry!)



 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-14 05:48:42](#)
(no subject)

Ugh. Do NOT remind me about Lines. Honestly, I'm not sure *what* Lav sees in continuing with him. I'm sure it was flattering for a while to have poetry written or recited in one's honour but I'd have thought the novelty would have worn off long before now.

He can't be that good at snogging. It's pathetic.

Anyway, I'll talk to Bulstrode. So long as I'm not asking her to

||||| spy on Daphs (and really, who'd bother to recruit *her?*), I bet she'll be eager to help.

2014-12-14 12:34:00

Order Only - Private message to Cedric

Should have asked much earlier.

How are you doing?



 **alt_sinistra**



 **alt_cedric** at **2014-12-14 18:46:08**

(no subject)

I'm fine. Physically recovered, but I'm going to do whatever I can to avoid transfigured apparation in the future.

I don't know what to do with myself though. All my plans for helping the Order were for being on the outside. If I thought my shields would stand under the questioning I'd say we should Obliviate me and drop me somewhere.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2014-12-14 19:00:58**

(no subject)

Is that how you got out? No one's told me about half of it.


Still amazed I didn't splinch horribly.

No matter how determined you were, they'd break you. Eventually. Or at least make so you could never do anything to help us ever again. Out here, there's at least things you could do, right?

(That's what I'm telling myself, anyway. And Mum and Dad. Maybe if I say it some more, it will stick.)

Have you heard anything about your parents?




 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-14 20:16:05](#)
(no subject)

After Dolohov left the office, Dumbledore overpowered the remaining enforcer, we were tossing the outer office to make it look like I'd resisted when a second enforcer came in, also defeated quickly. He went to see if we could rescue Professor Sprout while I finished in the outer office. She was... do you want any details? I'll just say it was impossible to bring her out. He transfigured me into a rodent, transformed into some sort of raptor, picked me up, flew to the apparation boarder and popped to the safehouse in Hogsmeade. The linger effects from the curse meant that it completely wiped me out, the worst after effects since the first attempts to apparate me as I was recovering.

I know they would, it's why I don't propose it, even though all the reports out of Hogwarts are that my disappearance is being called a kidnapping. I hope that will protect my family, but I'm worried they'll threaten them or take them into 'protective' custody such that I can't do anything as myself in the coming war without putting them at risk. If I thought we could save them all, especially my siblings and Jenny, I'd charge in. My parents are who they are, I wouldn't trust my mother with a secret about a Christmas present let alone rebellion. My father has always made his loyalty obvious, and he would have to be a prisoner. If that would save my siblings, I'd propose it. If anyone has checked on them, no one has said anything to me yet, but no one has reported that anything has happened to Jasparr so I they are either playing along with the kidnapping theory or the MLE actually believes it.

I just have to figure out what to do Out Here. Quidditch is obviously out, no more spying, can't go to work for the Twins. Maybe teaching flying in Moddey? Work with people on developing arms and armor? I must start doing something as soon as possible or I'm going to go barmy trapped in a safehouse. Whatever I do I have to conceal my identity to protect my family.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2014-12-14 20:48:09**
(no subject)

No details needed, please. No point in adding nightmares.

Hypatia. It all hit me last night, that she's gone, what that means. And we'd been She'd just - always been there, you know? All through school, all through now, stable and reliable and solid. Even when I was frustrated with her, she was good-hearted and caring, and - well. Her.

I'm so worried about my family too. Storm, most of all. And they all - they all must be so hurt. Thinking Mum and Dad are dead like that. What they think of me, I've no idea. And then whatever questioning they get.

All we can do is go forward. Hope we're doing the right thing.

Out Here. Well. Alice and I talked last night. There's things I can teach here. Mostly not astronomy, likely, but there's some practical bits that would help, the locational magics. And I keep thinking about the wards, the first ones, and how they did them. Things like that.

I got most of my library out. The telescope and book trunk. (They're both being very difficult right now, the shrinking charms seem to have done something odd, but they're here.) So at least I've got charts and ways to do research that might help.

And the cats. Who are not helpful to the research at all, but in other ways. And Alice found me a room that's all mine, so I can leave things out while I'm working on them. It's something.

Right. Things you could do. The kind of thing you were working on a few years ago, the masks, things like that. Charming objects. Even if you can't go work with the twins, they could come here, maybe?

2014-12-14 15:16:00

Order Only Names in the Book

These are the names as I remember them. I sealed the hiding place back up as normal.



Samantha Morgenstern in Camp Carlisle. It might have been Sandra or Savitha, definitely started with Sa.

 [alt_cedric](#)

Ian Macdougall in Camp Strathclyde. Mostly sure about this one.

Justine (or Justin?) Allanson in Camp Llyanfyn.

Raz Cadwallader in in Bristol. I don't think this one said Bristol Camp. In the city proper? I know Cadwallader is a wizarding name as well, but I'm pretty sure this one is a muggleborn. And I know I have this name right.

Rachel (or Roselin or something that started with R and had an L in it) Smith of Dorset. This one will be difficult, but it's all I remember. Sorry.

I wish I'd written them down, but there was no time.



 [alt_severus](#) at **2014-12-14 21:29:13**

(no subject)

If you looked closely enough at the page, there might be sufficient memory of it to be extracted via legilimency, though it is not always possible. I will call upon you shortly to ascertain whether that is the case.




 [alt_cedric](#) at **2014-12-14 21:35:15**

(no subject)


Certainly, I'm still at the safehouse in Hogsmeade.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-15 00:43:43](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you both.



 **[alt_cedric](#)** at **[2014-12-15 06:51:39](#)**
(no subject)

After working with Severus, we are mostly sure that it is Sarah Morgenstern, that it is Camp Llanfyllin rather than Llyanfyn and that it definitely says Bristol not Camp Bristol. The rest remained cloudy and jittery to my

memory.

2014-12-14 17:16:00

Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov



 [alt_evelyn](#)

Sir,

~~I am still trying to~~

~~It is~~

I apologise.

I realise this is a very difficult time for Hogwarts. As a Prefect, I hope you know that you can depend on me or any of my fellows to give you whatever aid you require.

As a student who has spent many hours studying Astronomy with Professor Sinistra, I understand your pressing and immediate need to sort out what's happened. I am still quite at a loss as to what to think, but if you need to interview me, I will of course be entirely at your disposal. The enormity of it all is quite overwhelming.


And sir, I have had experiences with safely storing the telescope equipment, and as I believe there are no NEWT level students who are Prefects besides Daphne, Seamus, and Linus, and they have quite enough on their plates at the moment, I would like to volunteer my time to help prepare the equipment so that it will not be damaged over winter hols as a result of being exposed to the elements. If access to the tower is not possible, or you require a chaperone or supervisor, I completely understand.

Lastly, I cannot imagine you'll have a spare moment between now and hols to meet for trivial reasons, and I know your time is very precious. Please know that the thought of meeting after hols gives me something to look forward to, which is something to be treasured in times like these.

Most sincerely and with all respect,

Evelyn Longbottom




 **alt_antonin** at [2014-12-15 16:05:58](#)
(no subject)

I'm sorry I couldn't reply to this last night; I had something urgently pressing come up. Yes, I hadn't thought of the equipment. I'll ask Mr Finnigan to give you a hand winterising the tower, after class today.

The two of you together ought to be able to get things settled, but if you need an additional pair of hands, let me know and I'll add Mr Moon.

I am deeply sorry for what has happened this week, and for the sense of confusion and betrayal you must be feeling right now. You're correct in that I likely won't have a free moment between now and the end of term -- to my great regret; half an hour discussing the idaafa right now would be quite the balm -- but before this situation escalated so quickly, I had duplicated the book I promised you. I'll have the house elves leave it for you. It was a favourite of mine when I was younger, and I hope you'll likewise enjoy it.



 **alt_evelyn** at [2014-12-15 18:39:48](#)
(no subject)

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I've come up with a list, we'll see how far we get this afternoon and evening. Between the two of us, I'd imagine it ought to go quite smoothly.

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I know it's not quite right. Regardless.

I'll have them take up my work in return, and I am sure I'll enjoy the book. It's like a puzzle, and I very much like puzzles, and this one has a story at the end of it.



 **alt_antonin** at [2014-12-15 19:17:52](#)

(no subject)

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And a number of stories, actually. It's based on the tales told by the court wizard of Aafaq al-Aziz, during the thirteenth century. Not very well known here -- the Thousand Nights and a Night are more widely read -- but I do prefer these.

Common condolences upon a death are ?????? ?????? ?????? if one knew the deceased and wishes to express sympathy for both the deceased and the listener, or ?????? ?? or ?????? ?? ??????? if one is more concerned for the well-being of the listener in his or her period of mourning. Rest assured, however, I shall take the sentiment as given, however ungrammatically it is expressed.

2014-12-14 17:48:00

ORDER ONLY

It was a quiet affair at the lake yesterday. Lots of small groups, but no-one really talking much. Hydra, were you able to pick up anything?



 [alt_pansy](#)

The lanterns looked beautiful, and I caught quite a few Hufflepuffs with wet eyes.


What an awful day.

Cedric, everything still seems to point to a kidnapping. There was a story in the Prophet today, and they've quoted your parents as calling for your safe return. I'm so sorry things have turned out the way they have.

I haven't heard anything about MLE coming in for questioning. Does anyone else know what's in store?

As far as I know, the exams are planned to go on as scheduled, and we're to have quiet revision sessions during the times when classes would otherwise meet for Herbology, Transfiguration and Astronomy. No-one has access to the greenhouses and astronomy tower yet, from what I've overheard.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-15 02:00:58**

Private Message to Siz

I am so very sorry for what's happened.

All of it.

I'll be visiting often over hols, if you're up for it, that is.

What do you need that I can bring with?



 [alt_sinistra](#) at **2014-12-15 03:39:41**

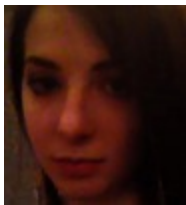
Re: Private Message to Siz

I got most of the important things out. Cats, books, telescope, photos. Me.

I talked to Alice about how to be useful yesterday, and that's helping a little. Figuring out what I can do that helps, even while I'm still not really doing well talking to people.

I'd like to see you, though. If you can.

Mostly not things. Though - I don't know. Mum and Dad had to leave everything, so if you could find spare robes or all the little personal things that'd help, without being noticed, that'd be a kindness.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-15 02:42:27](#)
(no subject)

Dolohov has these rotating Healers coming in from St Mungo's right now. It's created a bit of a mess and I'm spending a lot of time in the Hospital Wing just making sure they don't hopelessly rearrange the potions so no one can find anything, or give someone a calming potion when what they really need is Dry Dreams.

But, this also has given me an excellent excuse to play Matron and check on Hufflepuffs just like I did with Gryffindors, after Hooch.


Cedric, your brother is fine. He's terribly upset about you, of course, and I can't tell him, 'don't worry, he's just fine.' The other Hufflepuff firsties are being very kind to him. No one thinks you're a traitor; they all think you're a victim.

Professor Sinistra, Andie is holding up. Rebecca Mackrell went after her -- she is the absolute WORST, I'm sorry. I think the line was, 'there's never just one rotten fish in a barrel,' so, basically, 'your aunt is a traitor so you must be, too.' Caroline Bones hexed her so badly she wound up in the Hospital Wing. (I mean, she hexed Mackrell. She's mates with Andie.)

Jeremy, Philip is -- I guess I'd just say he's unsettled. Professor Sprout was one of his favourite teachers and he's utterly furious and can't really say who at. I want to think he's furious at MLE, at the regime, at everything Sprout was standing against, but ... it's kind of coming out as fury at Sprout, and I can't tell whether that's because he can't safely say that he thinks she was right, or because he really feels that way.

Was there anyone else people wanted checked on?



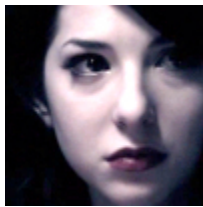
 **alt_sinistra** at **2014-12-15 03:20:53**
(no subject)

Thank you. Knowing helps a little.

How's she taking the news about Mum and Dad? Or Dal (he's a Ravenclaw second. Probably hiding with a book right now.) They always spent a lot of time going back and forth - my sister found a house a mile away from Mum and Dad's when she married, and it was more like one family, two locations.

(Mum was also fretting horribly about her orchard and the bees and the garden, but I suppose there's no way to know anything about that. If anything's left)

As to Miss Mackrell, rather a lot of people are likely going to be very horrible, I suspect.




 **alt_sally_anne** at **2014-12-15 03:36:58**
(no subject)

Oh, right, I should've mentioned him. Dal -- okay, this was a little odd. He guessed the truth. I mean, that your parents aren't really dead. He says he thinks they were also traitors and ran and are safe and the bodies are fake. His mates think he's deluding himself because it's too awful that his aunt's a traitor AND his Nan and Grandad got killed.

Andie, well, I'm not sure what she thinks about it. She's old enough to know better than to say it out loud, if she thinks their deaths were faked.

I don't think anyone needs to worry about Dal? I mean, he's a second year and no one's likely to listen to him. And telling him to be quiet about it will only make him more certain. I'm not sure if that's good, or bad. (Not like he's shouting it to the rooftops, anyway. Philip heard his mates talking about him, it was one of the things that had them a little bit worried.)

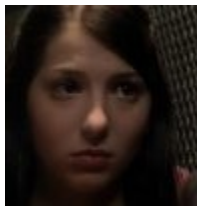


 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2014-12-15 03:48:45](#)**
(no subject)

If someone can tell Andie that, she'll manage him, I think.

He's a good kid, Dal, but he's not very aware of how things get heard. She is. (I keep thinking they got opposite bits of their parent's personalities.) I'm not so worried about what he says at school, but his father's in Internal Affairs and savvy about investigation.


The line that often works on Hufflepuff families - it's rotten, but it does - is "It will upset your parents if they hear you saying things like that."



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-15 05:09:09](#)**
(no subject)

Someone should probably tell that to Andie. Maybe Justin? I'm a little afraid that I wouldn't lie as effectively about this as I should, if Andie asked me if I thought maybe it *was* true.




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-15 15:14:13](#)**
(no subject)

I'll talk to Andie. And Carrie too for that matter-- she shouldn't have lost her head enough to hex Mackrell.

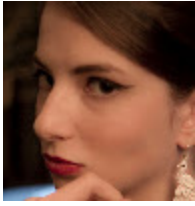
Not that I don't completely understand her feelings!



 **[alt_jeremy](#)** at **[2014-12-15 03:28:52](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks.

Perhaps I'll put together some sort of brothers' expedition during hols. Not to talk to him about anything. But I can listen.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-15 05:32:20](#)
(no subject)

I think that would be a good idea.

I think we should recruit him, eventually. Just not yet, I mean, he's only thirteen. Though when I was thirteen I knew the Order existed. (I didn't know it was called the Order, we called them the Wand Smugglers.) That seems awfully young now, though.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-15 03:37:40](#)
(no subject)

Thank you so very much.

I'm very glad that the story is holding up. For all their sakes.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2014-12-15 18:02:36](#)
Private message to Cedric Diggory

Ced,

How are you holding up? We know, (or at least we have a pretty good idea) that it sucks dragon's arse to have your future scrambled this way, but we want you to be sure you know you *have* a future. The Order can use your flying skills; you can be an off-site consultant with our business, and Fu has enough projects dreamed up to keep you busy for months. There are all the sanctuaries, too. Lee might want some help with the radio station, although of course you can't take the risk of going on air as long as the cover story is holding.

It's all be a shock, but sometimes the best thing for a shock is getting busy again. And the Order is big enough and varied enough that you can both take the time you need to figure things out, if that's the best thing you for right now, or you plunge into any number of projects.

We also wanted to say *thank you*. You helped save three people from torture and death by giving them warning. And with that last

glance at the book, you may save yet more. Remember that, if you are mulling over the price you had to pay.



 [alt_cedric](#) at 2014-12-16 05:59:26

Re: Private message to Cedric Diggory

I'm fine. My world is upended but I'm fine. I've moved from the safehouse to Moddey and we'll see what I find to do here. I think I ought to talk to Draco about a spot of raiding as I escaped with my work robes and my wand. Ransacking my apartment wouldn't have fit with the kidnapping story and nothing there is was important enough to risk my family for.

I'll definitely be doing something with flying and I need to discuss what sort of active role I can take that involves no apparation. Any project you want to bring by to have me look and help with, I'd be happy to assist. I absolutely need things to do, just two days at the safe house, one of them still not feeling particularly well and I was already going barmy. I'll have more time to work with Frank & Fu & Davidson. More than just the occasional weekend. I could do quidditch drills and general conditioning around Hogsmeade, but I couldn't exactly do old Auror or combat drills where others might see. I hope I can find some running partners in the early morning. I got in the habit last year with Antonin Dolohov & Justin which just continued with my work with the Cannons.

~~Whatever I did that may save kids pales next to standing guard outside the door while my Head of House was tortured to death. Her pain-filled eyes looking out of her unmovable body will haunt me for~~ Thank you for saying that. I hope it helps me get It is a consolation for all we lost. I pray that I sealed it up properly

Do come by. I'd like to talk with you about combat flying, Davidson doesn't have a clue, and it's just not anybody else's first idea when we talk tactics. I'd like to get the younger quidditchers together and see what we can cobble together from quidditch & their tactics to change the field next time we're going after MLE.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2014-12-16 13:17:04](#)

Re: Private message to Cedric Diggory

One of us will come out to Moddey Dhoo today--George, probably--while the other runs the shop. We can put heads together with you and Fu and discuss his research. Then we'll both be there tonight and yeah, we can talk about combat flying. That's a brilliant idea. You should buttonhole Charlie about that, too: he's a brilliant flyer, and he can tell you about the drills the dragon tenders do all the time.



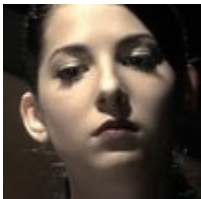
 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-15 04:16:37](#)

(no subject)

I'm sorry to think of your being left in the care of a St Mungo's rota.

I'm sorry to think of your being left. Full stop.

But I'm pleased to think that the students have you to turn to, at least, and perhaps that will give you opportunities to influence some of them. Not that I'm advocating your taking risks that I wouldn't have taken--did not take--myself.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-15 05:10:54](#)

(no subject)

Well, we'll be going home for the holidays soon, and I'm sure the Headmaster will have found a replacement before we come back, and it won't be Luxovius Kerr or anyone dreadful like that. He's asked me to let him know if any of our rota seem particularly good or particularly bad at the job. I've been making notes.

2014-12-15 01:15:00

Private message to Barty




 **alt_antonin**

You're asleep now, and I'll confess to lying: no, I have not gone back to Hogwarts yet. I'm down in the library, and will shortly be going down to the workroom. I won't fuss anymore, but I'm not leaving you in the house with just Berry tonight. ~~Not when you look as though you might not make it through the night~~ I'll go back in time for breakfast, but I'm staying here tonight.

You look awful. And wonderful. And awful. My agreement not to call Fletcher or St M's is conditional on you holding up your end of the bargain: don't die, beloved.

...Actually. Nevermind. I will be at Hogwarts after all. In the infirmary, if you need me. I'll come back before breakfast with potions to treat the dehydration and the lack of nutrition, at the very least, but -- well. I don't want to get your hopes up without cause.



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-15 13:33:45**
(no subject)

No luck so far, but at least Berry hasn't come to fetch me to tell me you've gotten worse. (No, don't try telling her not to. I was most emphatic in my orders.)

I'll give it fifteen more minutes of searching, and then come deliver the potions. If you're asleep when I get there, and I dearly hope you are, I'll leave them with Berry. Do not, under any circumstances, give her trouble about taking them, or I'll ... think of a more effective threat.

2014-12-15 12:00:00

Order Only: Private message to Alice Longbottom, Remus Lupin, and Madam Pomfrey



 [alt_sally_anne](#)

This isn't something I'd normally tell anyone but it might be important for the Order to know, so I thought I'd better.

I went to the Hospital Wing this morning to check on things and the Healer on duty told me Dolohov had arrived during the night and was going through all the potions. I thought maybe he was inventorying things, which seemed really odd, but he was actually trying to find a load of potions for a patient he couldn't persuade to access treatment. I'm fairly certain it's Barty Crouch.

He wanted potions for dehydration and malnutrition, as well as generally restoring strength. Here's what I ended up sending with him:

Hydration broth
VitaMite
Dyspeptic draught
Quincy's General-Purpose Restorative
Mistress Plumpwell's Anti-Wasting Remedy

I asked if curse damage was involved. He was sort of evasive about that one. He said there was damage surely and it might be something LIKE curse damage. And then he thought about it and said that possibly there were curses involved, after all, he hadn't really had time to assess. Anyway, I sent Nettleforth's Neuralgia potion with him as well. (He recognised that one.)

And, I gave him the recipe for infirmery custard. I thought his elf could probably prepare it.

I also offered to come examine the patient myself and he said he'd hold that in reserve for now.

Anyway. Usually the situation of a patient is supposed to be held in strict confidence. But, technically I guess this person isn't actually my patient anyway as I haven't examined him. So, if Crouch was in Ireland, like Rudy thought, he's back. And alive. But really sick. I think he's at the Headmaster's house, not in his personal quarters, because

I think if he were really close by he'd have gone to check on him again to get answers to my questions about dropsy, rather than just trying to remember how his legs looked.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-15 18:12:57](#)

Private message to Madam Pomfrey

How do you decide what's okay to tell the Order? Or what's important enough? Or


If you were here and hadn't known all this I'd have just told you. And I suppose I could have just told you. Maybe I should have done that, and let you decide whether to tell Mrs Longbottom or not?

If he takes me to try to treat Auror Crouch I'm going to do my honest best. If he's my patient I'm supposed to see him as 'nothing other than my fellow creature in pain,' if that makes me a terrible Order member then so be it.

But I think I'm going to tell Mrs Longbottom afterward and if there's some potion I gave him that has some dreadful side effect that the Order can exploit -- well, good, I guess.

This is hard.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-16 00:38:16](#)


Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey

You're managing just fine.

Confidentiality is a tricky thing, and there are certainly times when I have stretched its boundaries if I felt the Order needed to know something about a patient of mine. In general, I would say that the imperative to be discrete is not of the same magnitude as the imperative to treat those who present themselves for our healing care.

Or so I have told myself on occasion.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-15 22:38:02](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, Sally-Anne.

It's good to know Crouch is back, and I am glad Dolohov has such confidence in you.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-15 23:03:31](#)**
(no subject)

Dolohov is looking for the cinnabaris.

He described it to me, and asked if I'd ever seen it. I told him I couldn't remember a potion like this offhand, but I'd think about it to see if anything came back to me.

Did you take it with you? Or did you leave it here since it's about to expire, anyway?




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-15 23:16:11](#)**
(no subject)

We only had the two doses, I believe, and Dorcas was given the second.

Poppy, I don't suppose we have any more?




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-15 23:28:43](#)**
(no subject)

Back in June Charlie got three vials of dragon's blood and I thought those all three became Cinnabaris? I know she tried it on Dorcas but I can't remember if she used it on anyone else. Though I might not necessarily know.

Anyway. If you do have more, I'm sure you don't want to give it to Barty Crouch UNLESS it's about to expire and no one in the Order has any use for it, in which case it might possibly be worth giving it to him to make Dolohov feel like he's terribly in my debt for finding it. (I'm not sure if that would ever be useful? But it might be more useful than a vial of expired cinnabaris.)



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-16 00:49:56](#)**
(no subject)

I did take with me two vials of Cinnabaris. Still effective and not available for Auror Crouch's treatment. If he's not already dead of whatever affliction he's suffering, it's not the sort of injury or ailment likely to be helped by this potion.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-15 23:30:38](#)**
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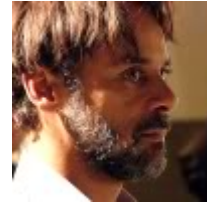
But I really mean 'about to expire,' like, I don't know, day after tomorrow.

If it's good for a month or two yet, the Order might need it.

2014-12-15 14:40:00

Private message to Narcissa

He's home. Desperately ill, but home. He's at Cottesmore now, with the elf looking after him when I can't be there, but I'm trying to convince him to recuperate in my quarters here at Hogwarts instead. (I am having about as much luck with that as I am with trying to convince him to be seen at St M's.)



 **alt_antonin**



 **alt_narcissa** at **2014-12-15 20:34:05**

(no subject)

Is he? Oh. Well, I am glad he is home, at least.

Do remove him to St M. I don't like the thought of him in the Hospital Wing without a trustworthy Healer on hand.

Give him my best regards, will you, please.



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-15 20:59:38**

(no subject)

Are you all right

I will. And if you need me for anything, milaya, just let me know.

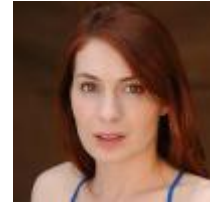
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ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Moody

Check in.

If you can.

Please.

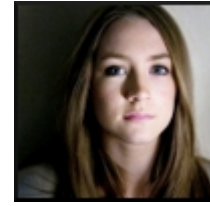


 [alt_alice](#)

2014-12-15 17:54:00

Order Only - Private message to Juniors

In her open entry to the Order Pansy asked me if I picked up anything at the Remembrance Day ceremony. I was going to answer there, but since it really only involves the junior members I decided to make a new entry in my journal about it.



 [alt_hydra](#)

It wasn't easy, with so many people there, and for most of them, their emotional state was making their thoughts more erratic than usual. I had a bit of a headache after, actually.

I did pick up on general thoughts of horror, anxiety, and even outrage from some people I wouldn't normally have expected it from, but it would be impossible to say if these are just thoughts that occurred in the heat of recent events, or if they suggest a more permanent change of mind and heart.

The ones I took note of are:

Zach Smith - mostly bewilderment and growing fear, wondering when someone's going to put a stop to this, etc.

Pip Macmillan - similar.

Fintan McClaggen - very angry.

Maegara Featherstone - similar.

Su Li - disgusted, and wants to push Padma into the lake.

Effie Stevens and Marjoram Montague - were thinking about a private conversation they'd had earlier about how awful things have become.

Effie was also thinking about Samantha Montgomery and Sarah Fawcett.


Blaise Zabini - senses there's a big battle coming and is terrified he'll be on the losing side.

Delia Forney - thinking about her mother and all the times MLE has wronged her.

Astoria Greengrass - Herbology was one of her favourite lessons, and she thinks the Headmaster more or less had Professor Sprout killed.

Honorio Sandoval - less of a surprise, but she was having very clear fantasies about running away to join Sirius Black's secret army, but they were disrupted by flashes of fear, both of Lana and for her other relatives.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-16 03:29:41](#)
(no subject)


Hydra,

Thank you for this. I say, it's jolly well helpful. I could tell Smith's been rather more thoughtful than usual (for Smith, at any rate) but wasn't quite sure why. I might be able to talk with him in the next few days.

As for Astoria, it rather puts a conversation I had with her today into context, what.

-Justin




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-16 03:40:12](#)
(no subject)

Queenie was exceptionally upset about Professor Sprout, and that's no doubt colouring Astoria's reaction. Still, I suppose it's a sign of just how bad things have become if Astoria and Marjoram are troubled. It wasn't so long ago that silly Marjoram was charming her hair to look like a veela's in order to entice Viktor Krum.

Holda, but that does seem long ago...

What happened with you and Astoria today?




 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-16 03:47:19](#)
(no subject)

Daphne,

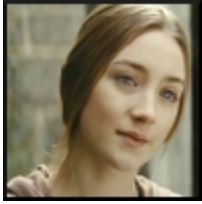
Oh, just a minor misunderstanding, what. I think we've cleared things up now, though. Or possibly she detests me for standing by the Headmaster. Either way, I believe it's for the best.


-Justin



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2014-12-16 03:50:14](#)**
(no subject)

Well, she'll have to detest me as well, then (not much of a change, that), since the Head Girl can't be seen actively opposing the Headmaster. Certainly not at this point, anyway.




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-16 03:53:31](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, and let us know how it goes, if you do?

I almost wrote down what I heard Lavender think, but really, it's probably nothing - oh, it almost made me laugh, though. She was wondering why horrid people like Lana couldn't ever be traitors instead of nice people like Siz.




 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2014-12-16 04:15:11](#)**
Private Message to Hydra

That's rather ironic, considering I've just been saying to Antø the Headmaster that I found Professor Sinistra a little too eager to be liked, rendering her somewhat unlikable.

The good news is, we are truly shut of Astoria Greengrass.


-J



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-16 04:18:25](#)**
Re: Private Message to Hydra

Why is that? Regarding Astoria, I mean, since it seems you're going to dish rather than be coy, like you were with Daphne.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-16 04:33:20](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

Well, no, I'm not going to tell Daphne. It's none of her business, is it? And I'm not keen to answer additional questions, should she ask them.

At any rate, poor Astoria must have been the fiftieth person today to try to offer me sympathies about Professors Sprout and Sinistra. And, well, you know how I feel about Professor Sinistra, plus of course she's not really lost, what, only lost to the school. As for Professor Sprout.... I say, it's dashed awful that she had to die to protect the rest of us. I know most of Hufflepuff feel her loss bally well tremendously. She was never anything but kind to me, apart from that business last year, which was hardly her fault. But I confess I'm not nearly as upset as some, other than the same grief anyone would feel at the loss of a good person, if you follow me.

In any case, she cornered me at the end of exams today. She tried to console me and I rather--lost my temper, I suppose. I told her for goodness' sake to simply leave me be, that I didn't fancy her and never would, no matter what the circumstances. And she fell to pieces on me. I say, at the time I thought I must have unintentionally raised my voice or snapped or something because she had such a strong reaction. I immediately apologised, of course, and told her I was on my way to see the Headmaster to offer my services while he tries to put the school back in order. I asked if she'd be all right if I excused myself, thinking she might prefer me to leave her. She began shouting at me, what, all sorts of things like, how could I be thinking of the Headmaster when he's the reason Hufflepuff no longer has its Head of House, and so on.

I thought she was merely lashing out because I'd rejected her so--so finally, what. I did think it a gross overreaction, but if she's truly upset about Professor Sprout, and blames Antø the Headmaster, that does explain things.

-Justin



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-16 04:47:31](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

Yes, I know what you mean, about Professor Sprout. It's awful and I hate that it happened but I wasn't close with her either. And anyway, if I allow myself to get upset or sad for too long it just complicates things.

Oh, she said all that? It's lucky no one else was nearby to overhear her. It sounds as if she doesn't fancy you now, though, so I suppose you won't have to dodge her any longer.

I don't know, it's a long way to go from disliking the Headmaster, or being sad about Professors Sprout and Siz, to thinking that blood purity is meaningless and muggleborns are equal. It makes me wonder if I'm making too much of the things I heard people thinking. But everyone has to start somewhere, don't they? Even if it starts with being afraid for yourself, or angry about having another person taken away from you.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-16 04:54:01](#)


Re: Private Message to Hydra

Yes, it's lucky no one else overheard. I very nearly blurted out to her that I wouldn't be free to fancy her even if I did do, and then I would have had to modify her memory, what!

And you might be making too much of some things. Su Li, for example: You said she was wishing she could push Patil into the lake, what, but they were just as chummy after our exam this morning as I've ever seen them. Though perhaps she's acting the part so as not to make Patil doubt her. But you're right that everyone starts with something, some wedge that separates one from what one's always been taught or told. It was small steps for you, too, remember.

If there's one thing about the Protectorate it's that it gives people ample opportunity to question the gap between propaganda and reality. If only more of them would examine the difference more closely!



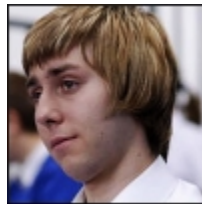
 **[alt_hydra](#) at 2014-12-16 05:08:10**


Re: Private Message to Hydra

I'm glad you managed to keep that bit bottled up, then. We've gone nearly six months with no one figuring out that we're married, and I'm rather impressed with the both of us.

I think a lot of Padma's friends are nice to her face. Even she and Daphne sort of carry on as if they're mates and we all know very well that they're not. And I think Su Li might know she's meant to be "grateful" just to have Padma's attention, but Padma does lord over her quite a bit, just the same. Well, she does that with a lot of people.

A lot of people cling to the belief that if they just follow the rules and remain loyal, nothing bad will happen to them. And even Padma and Seamus seem obsessed with showing their loyalty and proving themselves to Dolohov and Desai by finding traitors. I don't know what I can do to stop them... I think they may be perplexed as to how I haven't been able to find any traitors yet, seeing as I have legilimency at my disposal.



 **[alt_justin](#) at 2014-12-16 05:18:48**

Re: Private Message to Hydra

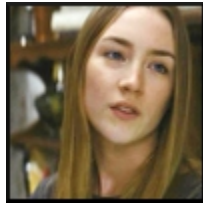
I do rather think we deserve some sort of reward for keeping it secret. Too bad we're unlikely to get an opportunity to collect, what.


No, you're absolutely right, most people do think if they merely toe the line they'll be all right. You've said before that it's frequently those closest to the centre of power are the ones who see first-hand how random and unfair Voldemort's reign is. One can hope that Patil and Finnigan will see for themselves, eventually, that no one is safe. I do think that's what shook Professor Sinistra, in the end, what, though part of me does wonder if she'd ever have come to that conclusion had your uncle not died.

But the other thing that perhaps Patil and Finnigan don't realise is that legilimency is not a precise science, is it. I say, if one hasn't a basic level of occlumency, what, it's still

difficult to tell a passing thought from a sincere one. And as we've said time and again, anyone joining the Order who isn't learning to occlude is jolly well foolish and a danger to our business. So even a natural legilimens might be hard-pressed to uncover traitors.

-J



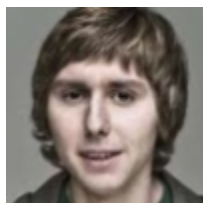
 **alt_hydra at 2014-12-16 05:43:28**

Re: Private Message to Hydra

We've found opportunities before, and we'll find them again.

It's no kind of science at all. If it were, Mummy would be arresting people every time she went out on the streets of New London. Even someone as hungry to catch traitors as she knows that a fleeting thought can mean most anything. That's what interrogation is for, to get at the truth rattling 'round the mind's maze.

Also, the same way Padma and Seamus don't go around thinking "Oh, hrm, I certainly am a no-good, priggish tosser," traitors don't go around thinking "Oh my, I certainly am disloyal and traitorous! Look at me go."



 **alt_justin at 2014-12-16 05:55:06**

Re: Private Message to Hydra


Ha, well, I know *I* certainly go about thinking how splendid it is to be working at treachery every day!

He didn't answer you, did he, Crouch, I mean? Perhaps, as it's holidays soon, we can find time, especially if he's still unavailable to oversee your every moment.

Oh, dash it! Holidays. I haven't even thought about where I shall stay.

-J



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-16 06:05:57](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra


Well Crouch does get invited to more parties and gatherings than I do, so there's always that to take advantage of.

I haven't thought about where I'm staying, either, probably because one or both of my parents will be there along with me. Only I shouldn't joke. Especially as Rigel needs checking on.

I suppose there'd be room for you at the Weasley's? Or 12 Grimmauld, though it's got to be a tight squeeze these days. And both places are far too crowded for any kind of privacy.

We should sleep on it, I suppose - hopefully with pleasant dreams to follow.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-16 06:18:12](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

Yes. And I'm sure Pansy would make the offer but there again, privacy.

Maybe I shall simply book into a hotel. It's only two weeks.

Sleeping does sound like a good idea, though.

Sweet dreams, my darling.

Your,

-J




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-16 04:03:24](#)

(no subject)


Which way is McLaggen's anger going? I mean, is he angry about traitors or angry at Dolohov and your mum?



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-16 04:08:14](#)
(no subject)


Sort of everything and everyone, but it did include Dolohov and my mother.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-16 04:20:13](#)
(no subject)


There wasn't anything about Dogstar, was there?
His brother's involved with them, isn't he?



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-16 04:27:29](#)
(no subject)

He was thinking about both of his brothers.
Nothing clear about Dogstar, though.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-16 04:31:20](#)
(no subject)

So what should our next step be?

We've got Darius, Archer, and Stein, too, and the people Ev's been thinking about. Weren't you chewing over Forney, Ev?

Should we approach some of them about the galleon? Start off small once we get back from school with a wider book exchange meeting? Test the waters over hols?




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-16 04:34:57](#)
(no subject)

Doing something over hols might be a good idea?
That's what we used to use Tea Appreciation for, sometimes.

I don't know where we'd go now, though.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-16 05:51:48](#)
(no subject)

We might have a bit of a party at Whizbangs?

2014-12-15 18:32:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Poppy



I'm still reeling from what's happened.

I've been thinking about how Pomona basically taught everyone who's gone to Hogwarts in the last fifty years. And you've tended to every sniffly nose and hurt stomach for just as long. Minerva'd been around for even longer than that, of course.

 [alt_nymphadora](#)


It's almost like as long as all three of you were there, well, it was *Hogwarts*. A constant despite all that'd happened. Like the North Star. And the three of you, there for such a long time, together

And here come the waterworks again.

I am so deeply sorry.

You *will* come by and visit, won't you? Not just to check up on Bap, but a real proper visit with tea?



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2014-12-16 04:26:04**
(no subject)

Thank you, my dear. For kind words, and for remembering Pomona so fondly. And for remembering me as if I were her age-mate rather than Minerva's! Mind you, you're right that Minerva was at the school before I was. I did other things first. Marriage and motherhood and supporting Albus's efforts. Even then.

It is hard to think of the school without us.

But we'll press on. And, of course, I'll for a proper visit if there's proper tea on offer!




 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-16 04:41:21](#)
(no subject)

I'd imagine there's quite a lot of people who agree with you. More than you'd think.

She always seemed so solid, and sturdy, and smelled like the colour green

And she always kept cookies in her pockets.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-16 05:29:27](#)
(no subject)

Yes, indeed. The colour green!

And quite right about the biscuits. Do you know, there was a summer when I managed to pry her away from her gardens for a course in Norwich on growing exotic spices here in the Protectorate--the United Kingdom, as it was then--and she was so taken with it that before you knew, she was harvesting her own ginger, turmeric, cardamom, galangal, nutmeg and mace, tamarind, clove and cinnamon. And, oh, the biscuits the elves made us then! And the curries!

She's still growing the flowering plants, but the tree spices fell foul of a horrendous student prank one winter, and that was that. By then, you couldn't import the trees and they were far too dear to buy domestically.



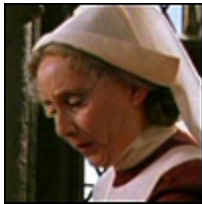
 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-16 05:49:51](#)
(no subject)


Oh, Merlin, I remember that prank. The air smelled like an Arabian bazaar for weeks and weeks. You could even catch a whiff of it in Hogsmeade if the air was right.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-16 04:41:57](#)
(no subject)

And yes, please, there will be so much proper tea. I'll make fancy sandwiches and everything.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-16 04:50:34](#)
(no subject)

How are you and the Bap coming along? Both getting to feel a bit cramped and trapped, I imagine.

I've been thinking of the time you came to Hogwarts to see me when Albia was on the way. You stayed with Tilda at her farm. I'm fretting a bit, wondering if she is alright or whether MLE have harassed her. Or worse. She won't have known it was coming, I imagine. I expect they turned up on her doorstep before she heard about Pomona from anyone else.

I almost went there directly, you know, but I worried they'd already have sent a squad of Enforcers, or that I might lead them there, and in either case, my going to her would have made things much worse for her.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-16 05:45:33](#)
(no subject)

We're both a touch stir-crazy, yes. Charlie and Molly come over to visit, which is lovely. I've completely recovered every chair in the library and am in the middle of deep-cleaning every room I can get to.

I cannot *wait* until I'm good to Apparate again.

And Tilda. Yes. It would've made things a great deal worse for her, I have no doubt.

It must've been quite a shock for her.

[2014-12-16 11:00:00](#)

Order Only - Private message to Siz

One of the elves from Spencer House firecalled me this morning to ask if I wanted any special preparations seen to before I returned home for the holidays. I was quite confused, of course, but then she called me "Mistress" and explained that the house belongs to me, now.



 **[alt_daphne](#)**

I wasn't expecting this, but in light of what's happened I suppose it's not entirely unsurprising. Anyway, I thought you should know before the others. I'm sure you have a number of personal belongings there; I don't know if they've been left behind or if the elves or Rodolphus did something with them... I'll find out for you when I get back to New London.



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2014-12-17 00:15:58](#)**

(no subject)

Oh.

Yes.

Better you than most people. Definitely better you than Rod. I'm curious whether Rod managed to get in, or just instructed the elves or what. The last round of major ward work Raz did was meant to keep Rod (and other people) out without an invitation.

What's there. Um. Not many personal things - I kept most of that in my book trunk. Dress robes, the really good jewelry, that kind of thing. Wedding presents, but not the things we used much.

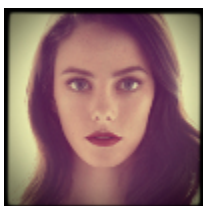
The master bedroom's on the first floor. I - the bed was a wedding present from my brother. If there's a way to store it, I don't know, for some future when I can set it up again, I'd like that. Left side was my dressing room, right side was Raz's. I hadn't packed anything away yet, I was only there for an afternoon this summer, and again the weekend the article came out. ~~I was going to do that~~

There's a well stocked potions cabinet, Poppy might find the contents helpful? There should be spare robes, ordinary things like that, and those'd be useful to someone here or Bedford or somewhere, more than hanging in the closet. Books in the library, and there's one on

the history of the house, which is very interesting.

Beyond that, the elves are very competent, and happier when they're busy. There's the garden, they know how to take care of it. (I know Severus wanted some of them for potion supplies, and the rose in the center is quite rare.) There's the duelling salon, it has a lot of different things in it and some of them aren't safe if you don't know what they do, but Harry could show you that.

Which - well. Raz really wanted Harry to have a place to be away from Buckingham, if he could. If there's a way to keep doing that that you're comfortable with, it'd be a kindness. That matters a lot more to me than things.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-17 04:16:46](#)

(no subject)

Oh, I see. That's all very helpful. And I'm sure I can find a room that suits me. If I even decide to stay there (I'll be at my parents for Christmas itself, of course). Seeing as it's bigger than 12 Grimmauld, maybe I'll just open it up to whomever needs a place to stay in New London for holiday. Harry included.

I haven't heard from Mr Lestrage at all, so I don't know how he arranged for this. Are we even certain he did? The house was a gift for service to the Protectorate, wasn't it? Whoever gave it to Raz in the first place may have taken it away after Friday's events, possibly before you or anyone else in the Order could perform the Fidelius charm on it. I guess that doesn't necessarily rule out Mr Lestrage, though.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-17 04:40:08](#)

(no subject)

I'd been wondering if we could Fidelius it, just because of the location. There's an absurd amount of space - you saw some of the public rooms, last spring. There should be three or four bedrooms set up for guests already, besides the one Harry used sometimes.

As to it being granted, yes. Given to Raz after the war, around the same time as Kensington went to the Malfoys, Marlborough to Barty Crouch, and St James to Bellatrix and Rod (mostly the

former). The last two are within a block, so mind your neighbours. There are good privacy charms on the garden and terrace, one of the elves can show you how they work.

Unlike most of them, though, it wasn't being used as a house or anything in the 80s - it was offices. (Very fancy offices). Between 85 and when I first saw it, the elves had been refitting it to the way it was when it was a house. Raz barely used any of it. We put in the duelling salle the summer we married, so some of that space was getting used regularly.

I thought it was immense and rather overwhelming the first time I saw it, but it grew on me, and I'm very glad you've got care of it rather than someone else. There's a room upstairs - the Painted Room - that I got very fond of. But it wasn't

Hogwarts was more home, for me. That's the one I'm aching over losing.

[2014-12-16 18:41:00](#)

Order Only

Alice, dear lady.


I have several phoenix feathers available.

I rather thought Mellisandra and her apprentices might make good use of them.



 **[alt_albus](#)**




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-17 00:38:49](#)**
(no subject)

Goodness yes.

Have you been hiding Fawkes in your back pocket this entire time, Albus?

I'd imagine that'd make certain times of the year rather uncomfortably warm for you.




 **[alt_albus](#)** at **[2014-12-17 00:47:00](#)**
(no subject)

I had thought Fawkes in America.

Apparently not.

He would have been rather noticeable had he been here earlier.




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-17 00:54:56](#)**
(no subject)

And we were only just talking about him!

I'm so glad.

I don't suppose he gave you an account of himself?




 **alt_albus** at [2014-12-17 01:06:00](#)
(no subject)

We were indeed, and perhaps that made the difference.

No account, but some strain, hence the moulting.


I will bring him for my promised visit to Moddey Dhoo on Sunday, though, and you may see for yourself.



 **alt_poppy** at [2014-12-17 01:31:50](#)
(no subject)

I should like that very much, as, I'm certain, will the young people here. It's not every day one has the privilege of meeting a phoenix!



 **alt_albus** at [2014-12-17 01:49:06](#)
(no subject)

No, indeed.

And he has not had his due number of admirers for far too many years.

2014-12-16 22:05:00

Private Message to Auror Lamont

Forgive the message at such a late hour; today was my sister's birthday. I've just returned from supper with her and my mother.




 [alt_narcissa](#)

I did wish to thank you for calling on me during my convalescence. It was quite kind of you. Since last we met, I had the opportunity to do a little shopping and found the present you were looking for. I took the liberty of purchasing it on your behalf as I didn't like to think the shop might run out before you had the time for the errand. Consequently, you may call again any day this week to collect it in time for Christmas giving.

-NCB Malfoy



 [alt_rachel](#) at **2014-12-17 04:26:25**
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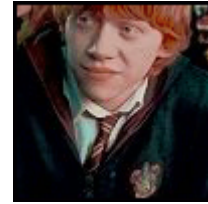
Oh, how lovely! Things have been ever so hectic at the office but if I can extract myself at a civilised hour I'll stop by tomorrow.

Thank you!

[2014-12-16 22:09:00](#)

Order Only Private Message to Harry Potter

Say. I'm down at the salle seeing what can be cleaned up. Want to come down and have a look? There's some serious residue down here.




 [alt_ron](#)

I mean, I really wish I'd been around to see that fight! As a fly on the wall, maybe. Though that could've been fatal, if it'd picked the wrong bit of wall to watch from.

Anywiz. Are you revising?

I've sort of decided I either know the material, or I don't, y'know?

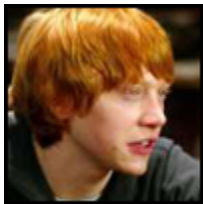



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-17 04:20:39](#)
(no subject)

I'm not revising.

I really can't concentrate on anything, anyway.

How bad is it down there? Did you have Sally-Anne check the hospital wing to see if anyone was missing limbs?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 04:24:05](#)
(no subject)

It was Doves and F-F. They're the ones who were signed in.

And it was epic.


I mean, dire.

Really, come down. It's sort of interesting seeing which spells left marks.

Speaking of- have you seen Justin at all?

Maybe you should stop in the hospital wing and check.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-17 04:29:40](#)
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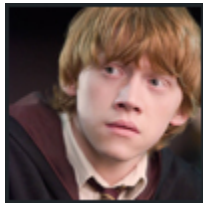
I haven't seen Justin but I've been up in the dorm. I mean, up in the Gryffindor dorm.


I just don't

I feel like

I feel like I failed everybody. I felt utterly useless the other night. The only thing I could think of to do was run around and fetch some brooms.

And Professor Sprout died.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 05:07:47](#)
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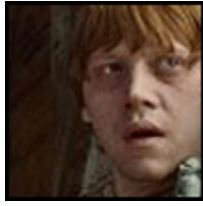
Oh.


Well, yeah. No one really knew what to do, did we? I mean, the thing is-

No, the thing is, so many of us are in this together, and if any of us steps wrong, then it could be last call for all of us. And then, when something happens like with Sprout the other night, or, y'know, like it did when everything went to bits in Saltash and we had to decide whether to stay or go help, the rules are different. It's not a matter of leaping into the thick of things and just fighting till you win or you drop, it's- you can't afford to jump too soon because that could bring everything crashing down on everyone.

So, I guess, I'm saying, well-

If you'd done something more or something too soon, we'd all either be dead or arrested or on the run. And it wouldn't just be all of us, but pretty much everyone else in the Order who's not already outlawed, y'know?




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-17 05:13:53](#)**
(no subject)

I mean, I know what you mean about feeling useless. I was just tucked up in an alcove in the headmaster's corridor, watching people come and go. Hiding as a snake most of the time.

But, well-

It's like my mum and that clock of hers- I've seen her when it shows that one of us is in danger and all she can do is sit and wait. There was a time when it was Bill, and he was working for Mulciber, and there was nothing she could do that wouldn't probably make things worse. Sometimes that's all we can do.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-17 05:17:15](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.

The thing is, there are so many things I can't do for the Order. Ever. Because I'm watched too closely. And places I can't go, because I'd just draw attention people can't afford.

If I'm supposed to be the Lord Protector's Son, you'd think I'd be able to use that for something useful once in a while. Instead of just being the one person who doesn't ever get cruciated even when all his friends are.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-17 05:18:27](#)**
(no subject)

I got a letter from 'Father' today. He made it sound like I should expect to be busy for the whole holiday. All sorts of public appearances.


So I won't even be able to go to whatever Pansy organises.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 05:20:08](#)
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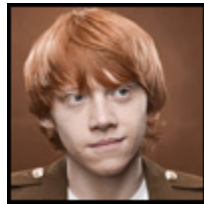
That reeks.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-17 05:23:53](#)
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What do you think would happen if I stood up at one of those appearances and said 'My father is a vicious, murderous tyrant who has never protected anyone other than himself. Down with Voldemort! I pledge my loyalty to Sirius Black and his army of heroes!'

Unfortunately I don't think it would go well.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 05:30:17](#)
(no subject)


Ha.

Erm.

Yeah, no. It wouldn't go well. So, um. If you don't want it to be your last ever after-supper speech, I think maybe you should think about something a little more complimentary.

Made me laugh out loud, though.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 05:36:48](#)
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And it would totally make a load of Council Wizards wet themselves. Or lose their suppers all over their shoes.

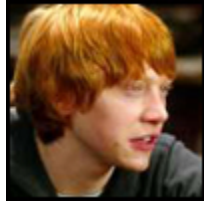
I mean, it'd redefine the notion of 'dead silence', wouldn't it?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-17 05:37:46](#)
(no subject)

Yeah.

I'll have to make absolutely sure Bellatrix is there. I particularly want to see her reaction.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 05:25:33](#)
(no subject)

I mean, I think being the Lord Protector's son means that you're a piece on our chess board that has a lot of potential, but doesn't get used (or risked) in every situation. That position and the access you've got to people and places, well, it's going to pay off in a huge way one of these days. And it could be any time.

It means you hear things and see things no one else can. That's already paid off, right?

So, who knows. Whatever He's got planned for hols, you'll be there. And that means we'll hear what happened. Maybe not right away, but when you're able to get us a message.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-17 05:36:54](#)
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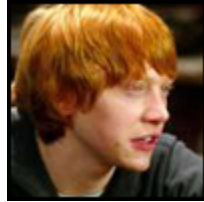
I feel like I ought to be the Queen. A piece that can protect itself against almost anyone else. That can go all over the board, that's useful.

And instead I feel like I'm the King. The one that gets protected at all costs, because once you lose it the game's over.

Because of the Prophecy. Because Sibyl Trelawney told Dumbledore years ago that I was the child who'd defeat Voldemort (or, you know, it could be Neville? since he was also born in July. Though, I guess Voldemort marked me as his equal by adopting me. And he never did that with Neville.)

It's utterly mad, you know. There's nothing about me that's out

of the ordinary. There's no reason at all that I should be able to defeat Voldemort instead of Justin, or you, or Hydra, or Sirius, or one of the former Aurors.



 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-17 05:47:09](#)

(no subject)


Well, except that you can walk in and out of Buckingham. You've got clearance to be places none of the rest of us can get.

And you've been smart about it. You know it's not a matter of taking the first chance to pull your wand on Him. Your strategy has to run right through the match to the endgame. And then when all the other pieces are in position, and when everyone's finished manoeuvring, then you'll make your move.

Okay. Enough with the chess examples.

I think the other thing that makes you special is what you said: He marked you as his equal. And it sure seems like He believes in that Prophecy, y'know? Or He wouldn't've kept you with Him so long. No way.



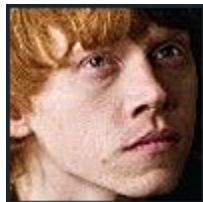
 **alt_harry** at [2014-12-17 05:51:59](#)

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Yeah

I guess.

I don't understand what he wants from me. I never have. He used to pretend I was his heir, but what do you even need an heir for if you're not going to die?



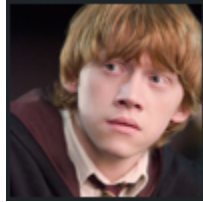
 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-17 06:03:28](#)


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Maybe He thinks He'll be able to get you to do all the ribbon cuttings and ground breakings

and building dedications and wotnot. And He can just hold Court. Or maybe He'll want you to do that, too. I mean, does it seem to you that He likes spending time with the Council? Because from what I've seen, He doesn't have all that much use for them. I mean I remember your telling me that sometimes He just wants to spend weeks working on experiments and creating spells or devices or whatever it is He does.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 06:03:54](#)

(no subject)

The not-dying part is creepy, though, isn't it?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-17 06:07:49](#)

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I will admit that my friends not-dying sounds really appealing.

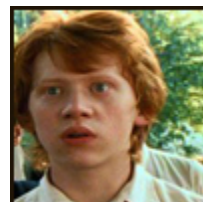
But Voldemort not dying, ever? That's creepy.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-17 06:08:50](#)

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Are you still down in the salle? I could come meet you. You've probably got it cleaned up by now, though.



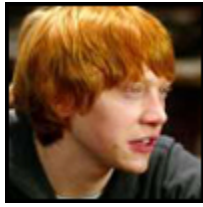
 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-17 06:15:21](#)


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I've done most of what I can do. I think Doves and Desai are going to have to come in and put it back together.

Actually, you really should come down just to see it. I mean, it'll give you serious second thoughts about F-F. And Dolohov. I've been measuring curse scars. And the depth of slashing hexes. In stone walls.


They had one seriously evil fight in here.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-17 06:16:18](#)**
(no subject)

Definitely come down if you're stuck up there with Finnick.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-17 06:30:06](#)**
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Coming.

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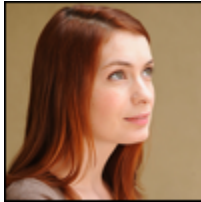
Order Only: Private message to Alice

Heard from Narcissa.

She's got the hair.



 [alt_rachel](#)



 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-17 04:43:11**

(no subject)

Good.

Thank you.

I believe we're ready to launch sometime between Christmas and New Years, depending on the weather and the outcome of some explosive tests we're running early next week. (Thick walls, wet and windy conditions.)

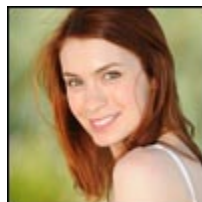
It's your call as to whether to suggest to Narcissa that this might end up making a louder splash than what she had in mind. It's your cover that's on the line here. I believe there'll be enough of a buffer to prevent her from feeling too exposed, but she might feel differently.




 [alt_rachel](#) at **2014-12-17 07:16:05**

(no subject)

She can find out after. I don't want her to get any ideas about giving us directions.



 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-17 07:32:06**

(no subject)

Too right.

2014-12-16 22:53:00

Order Only: Private Message to Remus


Well, even if Bea was the one who played with them most tonight, I do love my presents. Inappropriate, unintentional humour and all.



 [alt_sirius](#)

And look, given how Dora's quest is going with my mother's portrait, buying a new sugar and cream set wasn't all that daft an idea.




 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-17 05:25:17**
(no subject)

I swear it did NOT look like that in the catalog.

I mean, it looked like a cow. And a boy with a spoon. The picture didn't show the cow having inappropriate relations with your teacup.




 [alt_sirius](#) at **2014-12-17 05:27:30**
(no subject)

It's hilarious. They both are.

You're going to have to show me the catalog, now. I have an overpowering curiosity about what other completely unsuitable tableware they sell!



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-17 05:48:58**
(no subject)

Of course now I can't find it. Probably Kreacher threw it out. Or 'put it somewhere safe.'

There was also an elephant that could sprinkle salt on your food out of its trunk. I should've ordered it for Bea for Christmas, clearly.

2014-12-17 12:27:00

Order Only: Private Message to Cedric Diggory



 [alt_justin](#)

Cedric,

How are you getting on, old man?

It should come as no surprise that I've put myself into Antonin's service in the wake of your 'kidnap.' You'll be pleased to know he has no suspicion that you left voluntarily, what. Meanwhile, he's asked me to go through your desk and see where things stand. The remaining holiday cards were simple enough; it looked like there was some marking for the 6th-year N.E.W.T.s and a copy of their exam; of course, I returned the copy of the 7th-years' exam to him as soon as I saw what it was.


I spent the better part of the last two days answering parents' concerns about Professor Sprout and the other members of staff who had to flee. But I expect to move along from that very soon.

Are there any items you'd like me to remove for you? And have you any particular system other than what's obvious among your trays and such? I'll be sure to ask his input on the invitations, what, but the more seamlessly I can slip into place, the more he'll rely on my help in future.

I say, I'm sorry about all this. It must be a wrench to think how your family are taking the news. I do wish there were some message one could risk sending them but--well, perhaps it's better they think your kidnappers are treating you humanely. Still, I'd be jolly well willing to try, if you think there's something they ought to hear. I could say you'd scribbled a note or something, and that I found it among your papers, what.

-Justin



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-17 23:28:07](#)
(no subject)

I've moved to Moddey and am finding things to do. There are so many little kids here, even coming from my family that can be a bit overwhelming.

My desk should be mostly obvious, no special tricks to my organization. His organization on the other hand is beyond idiosyncratic. Good luck with it, he is patient as you learn it though. The Greengrass card filing issue was unresolved when I left. Given Daphne and therefore the family's change in status, discuss it with him.

The only thing in the office is the family photographs, you could give them to Jasper in the sett. If MLE doesn't still have my apartment locked down, at some appropriate point, maybe during the holidays the similar effects there could be returned to them as well. If you are absolutely positive they've stopped watching the house and won't be taking inventory after you leave, there are some older defense books and a few on 'concentration and the focus of mind magics' that if they were already suspicious might push them further, but shouldn't raise suspicion by themselves. They aren't contraband, just potentially suspicious. Please get those out and into Order hands for someone else to study. There are also a couple of books from the Hogwarts library if you could return them to Madam Pince, thank you. There are also two notebooks with sliced out pages one labelled "Quidditch" the other "Meditation with AD". The only remaining page in both have some initials and numbers, they ought to pass inspection, but if Dolohov or the coaches looked at them too closely, it'd be possible to notice a few that don't lineup with what we were studying. Burn them to be safe. None of this is a priority and I'm probably just being paranoid. My lease is paid through the end of January, if someone could clean it out before then that would be good, Rosmerta should be able to let it out to someone new. I won't give special instructions on any of it to avoid raising suspicions. Do as you think best with any individual item, knowing my mother, anything returned to my family will be reused by the littles, eventually, or saved against my return.

Thank you for your concern and offer. It's hard being separated from family and sett, but we live with our actions and will work through it. We're Badgers and we are doing what's right so we'll bear the cost.

[2014-12-17 23:49:00](#)

Order Only: Private message to Sinistra


It occurs to me that — having now had several days for the reality of matters to sink in — you might be in need, or at least in want, of someone with whom to speak about your recent paradigm shift. I cannot pretend to be adept at matters of emotional comfort, but having lost Hogwarts myself, I can at least offer a listening ear and freedom from inane platitudes.



 **[alt_severus](#)**

Alternately, if you would simply prefer distraction: Miss Granger and I are at yet another impasse with the progress of the Sleeper antidote. I think best aloud; were you to sit and listen to me explain our efforts so far, it might prompt a breakthrough. (It does not matter what your level of skill in Potions is; we are well past the point where even a talented specialist could contribute. Explaining it to someone else, however, may force me to realise something I have not yet tried.)



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2014-12-18 15:30:07](#)**
(no subject)


Thank you. It's - well.

I have been told I am particularly good at that kind of listening, actually. Even on subjects I know little about. (Which includes Potions, yes. I barely passed the OWL and beyond that just have the bits my field touches on.)

I'm sitting in on classes with the children here right now, to figure out how I might help with teaching.


Four, this afternoon? Or after supper?



 **[alt_severus](#)** at **[2014-12-18 15:51:40](#)**
(no subject)

This afternoon would be fine; I am brewing, but only the community's needs, nothing experimental.



 [alt_sinistra](#) at [2014-12-19 05:42:57](#)
(no subject)

Severus -

~~It felt almost normal for a while.~~ Thank you for asking, quite willing again if it's any help to you. I couldn't stop thinking, after, but the good kind of thinking. Lack of platitudes, also helpful.

Is it possible there's something unusual about the year the Sleeper potion was made? Something you said half-reminded me of an article I had to read for my Mastery, and I managed to rummage and find it.

It's in particularly convoluted academic German, on how the 1883 eruption of Krakatoa affected various magics. Some were more obvious, weather effects like warmer or cooler seasons and the potency of different plants. But there's also a whole section about using events of that kind as a marker in time, as well (like tree rings, if I'm getting this right, a particular magical signature) and some arithmantical calculations for modelling that effect.

Anyway, I remember when I read it, Alde had me work through the calculations for another eruption. I want to say it was in 1980, but maybe it was 82 or 83, somewhere in the Americas. Not nearly so big, but there were effects here. I can't get at the arithmancy shelf right now, so I can't check.

The article is exceedingly dense, and the calculations are particularly complex arithmancy, but I'd be glad to make a copy or try a translation for you if you think it's worth exploring. There's other references too, and I have a third or so of them. And I may just be casting around aimlessly, but it seemed at least worth telling you.

[2014-12-18 11:30:00](#)

Private message to Padma Patil

Have you managed to get anything out of Bullstrode?




Longbottom and Weasley barely talk in front of me. (That's been true for years, but even more so this year.) They always lock their trunks and ward all their stuff. I'll keep trying, obviously, it's just hard.

 **[alt_seamus](#)**

I think Harry thinks he's keeping an eye on them, too, but I really think he's relying on Hydra, and if we're right they've learned how to block her out -- and the teachers must have, right? So they could have taught their favourite students how to do it, too.



 **[alt_padma](#)** at **[2014-12-18 17:41:38](#)**
(no subject)


Yes. Besides, Harry's far too matey with Weasley to really be spying on him, you know?

But you'd better get a move on, I mean, we've only today and tomorrow before holidays, and they're bound to take anything home that could land them in hot water.

I've spoken to Milli, yes. She seemed eager to tell me all sorts of annoying, inconsequential details about how often Perks brushes her hair or how many times that rat of hers has upset Milli's cat, or where Parkinson keeps all the silly little products that the Weasel twins keep sending her. But nothing *important*. Yet.

Anyway. You're a Prefect. Just go through their things and if they object, tell them you're looking for someone's missing pet or something.




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-18 17:45:12](#)**
(no subject)

I can't go through their things. I'm serious, they ward EVERYTHING. Or lock it. I guess in theory I could ask Professor Sandoval-Pennifold to help me make them take down their wards, but it gets

complicated because Weasley is Desai's pet. Anyway, I don't want them to know I'm suspicious; if it turns out they're hiding things other places, they'll be ten times more careful if they know I've been through their trunks.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-18 17:51:49](#)
(no subject)

Ugh, see, this is why it's just so frustrating that I'm not Head Girl. I could simply issue an instruction for everyone to take down their personal wards, or to turn out their pockets or whatever. That's why I said use being a Prefect. If you break through their wards, you can just tell them you were looking for something else and they can't say anything about it. Besides, they can hardly be *more* suspicious than they already are!

But all right.


How hard would it be to distract Longbottom just when he's trying to put up his wards, so he'll forget he hasn't done them?



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-18 17:53:45](#)
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That's a good idea. Distracting Longbottom, I mean. I'll try it.



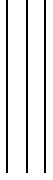
 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-18 17:46:20](#)
(no subject)


And try asking Bullstrode to pay attention to their conversations. Why would you even care about Perks' hair brushing? Let alone her stupid rat.



 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-18 17:47:58](#)
(no subject)

I did but she says she can barely understand their conversations. I guess tuna fish, black, red and whatever else are all beyond her ability to codebreak.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-18 17:53:13](#)**
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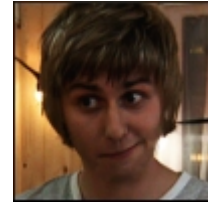
I suppose that's not surprising.

2014-12-18 21:00:00

Private Message to Ron Weasley

Ron,

I say, you're certain I shan't be imposing on a family holiday? Daphne's offered Spenser House, what, and Antonin reminded me this evening that I could simply stay at Hogwarts over the break.




 [alt_justin](#)

One prefers to be among friends, of course. But if you're sure.... Well, I should be delighted.

-Justin



 [alt_ron](#) at **2014-12-19 03:19:36**
(no subject)

Sure as sure! Mum loves that she'll have a full house. She's already baking!

[2014-12-19 12:39:00](#)

Order Only

I started out making this private journal post private to Alice, Remus, Cedric, Aurora and Rachel, but I think it should be opened up further. Some of the students may have heard something that will answer this question (especially Hydra or Justin), and any of you may have some ideas.



 **[alt_bill](#)**

I've been thinking, and poring over the journal entries the night the staff left Hogwarts. This is what we badly need to know: what, exactly, tipped Dolohov off? I gather from a comment Cedric wrote that it had something to do with some arithmetic calculations done by Linus-- that's Linus Moon, right? The Head Boy? Was the information Dolohov used to move against Aurora from those same arithmetic calculations or was it provided by Sprout under torture? If the former, where ELSE could those calculations lead Dolohov?

Alice and Remus, what more did you learn by debriefing those who fled that night? Aurora and Cedric, I gather you had more interaction with Dolohov that night than Poppy did, and Pomona, unfortunately, can tell us nothing more. Can you add anything? Anything he wrote to you, Aurora, or anything you overheard, Cedric?

Rachel, have you gleaned anything from MLE's side?

We need to figure out as much as we can, to gauge the danger to our remaining Order members at Hogwarts.



 **[alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-19 19:26:25](#)**


(no subject)

Money. It all comes back to money. Forgive me for speaking ill of the dead, but he has been working hard at cleaning up mess that Headmistress McGonagall's inattention left Hogwarts's finances in. Even in his short time in charge, he's had several fights with the Board about the budget. In his bargaining with them, he got the money for the new lecturers and tutors in exchange for a thorough review of all departmental finances to look for 'waste'. He'd been interviewing all professors and thoroughly going over the last several years worth of departmental and House budgets. Looking back, I think that he gave Linus Moon that data with the identifying information obscured. Why

chose to use Linus rather than to some goblins or a professional auditing firm, I don't know. He has used Linus in the past to analyse several other data sets. I've worked with Linus on Quidditch analysis. Linus is brilliant, but utterly naive and easily lead.

Something in Linus's analysis tipped him off. He called Pomona up to chat with her after supper and he'd asked me to stay later than normal that evening, earlier in the day. In hindsight, he was more concerned about that interview than the others. At the time I attributed it to his continuing Council & personal concerns. But if I had to describe how worried he was I'd have said 'concerned about misbehaviour' not 'Investigating Treason!'. I think, but could not prove, that he thought she was skimming, either to directly line her pocket with galleons or sell products from the greenhouses to black marketeers. Something in his initial interview with her made him so concerned that he called Bella in. Whether this was because he now thought a much larger sum of money was involved or that it was a criminal money laundering conspiracy, or something else, I don't know. But I'd describe him at the time as upset and disappointed not angry or fearful. When she arrived they did not immediately lock the castle down, call in reinforcements or start trying to isolate any of our other members. Again, I think but cannot prove that it wasn't until they were both talking to her and with the aid of Bella's legilimency, that treason was discovered. The first move was against Siz, so I assume it was something related to her. ~~I'd only been called in to stand guard while she was interrogated & then tortured. If he hadn't trusted me to keep him safe, I wouldn't have even been there~~ Standing guard, I heard nothing, if something remotely sensitive was going on he always silenced his door.



 **alt_sinistra** at **2014-12-19 23:37:45**
(no subject)

I think I've already said most of the relevant parts.


There'd have been nothing in my own budgets - the books I got Moddey Dhoo in November were my own funds, and done through half a dozen sources. The Astronomy budget has always been one part prosaic - parchments suitable for star charts - and then occasional pleas for things like specialised telescopes. (I'd put a proposal forward to make the most of some new charm designs, not that it matters now, but it wasn't urgent and wasn't hiding anything.)

Why Linus - well. Two years ago, the sleeveless duelling club, Linus was taking notes. Very detailed analytical notes. Saved at least three lives, maybe more, because his notes meant they could undo the long-term damage after everything came out. Anyway, for his punishment, Linus did detention with Tosha and with me. (I had him on a project to track down bad research in my own Guild.)

Linus is horrible with people, or conversations or anything like that, but give him things in tables on parchment, and he'll spot the problems quickly and reliably, and love doing it besides. I knew he was working on something for Tosha, but all he told me was that the data was entirely anonymised, and he had no idea what it was for. It could have been Council matters, it could have been school. I just know it was huge - he'd been working on it since September, and I know how fast he works.

As to what Tosha said. Um. Let me take a few to look through again.



 **alt_rachel** at **2014-12-19 23:50:26**
(no subject)

It's such a shame they make the MEU recruits go through the same Auror training as everyone else. Moon's not remotely suited to the duelling and so on but he's exactly what Gauge wishes he could find

more of.


When I go in to investigate an office where the dealings are under a bit of suspicion, one of the things I do is compare the various sets of records. At Hogwarts, I would expect there to be records from Pomona about what was being grown where and when. I'd also expect Poppy's records to show what was coming in from the Hogwarts gardens and greenhouses as opposed to what she was purchasing from other suppliers; Slughorn no doubt had a comparable set of records for his potions ingredients; the Elves would have a set for the kitchens. With that many records, that many directions the magical herbs might be going, analysing all the records is an enormous hassle. Unless I'm very suspicious, I would stick with spot checks on the most valuable items to see if any are going astray, and I imagine Pomona was much more careful with those.

Of course, if you're assigning it to Linus as a puzzle, you can have him check everything, I suppose.

Pomona should have pointed the finger at Slughorn. Every now and then he'd ask her as a special favour to grow certain items and keep them out of the records, and she didn't ask questions because he was much better connected than her, and she was afraid of him. He'd have believed that, I think.


Molly, do you have books that might need to stand up to scrutiny at some point? How about the Wheezes? You should have me take a look and see if there's anything someone might notice.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-20 00:33:58](#)
(no subject)


I'm *definitely* going to be running some things by you over hols, if you don't mind.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-20 01:41:25](#)
(no subject)

As soon as possible. You must realise you're in the circle of suspicion, simply for being an older student at a school where treason was clearly taking place.




 [alt_molly](#) at [2014-12-20 15:42:15](#)
(no subject)

I would be most grateful if you could check the Burrow over, yes. And the boys' shop. We've tried to be extremely careful, of course, and actually, the Burrow's already been searched once and we scraped through that without any suspicion. But that was awhile ago, and we don't know what MLE looks for, of course. It would greatly set my mind at ease if you could do an inspection and point out anything you think might be problematic.

Would you like to come for dinner on Sunday, and you can look at the Burrow then?




 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-20 17:47:59](#)**
(no subject)

Sure. I can tell you what sorts of things I would be looking for, and what sorts of explanations will get you in the least amount of trouble.

I'll note that household books and inventories are rather expected to be sloppy. It's the businesses you're involved in that really need to be clean. (Still and all, if you wind up answering questions, telling them you're a stupid housewife who's never understood any of this will at least buy you time.)



 **[alt_sinistra](#)** at **[2014-12-20 00:16:33](#)**
(no subject)

First note: He was going to be late for our usual Friday evening, I should come down and wait. Exactly what he'd have said if it was a normal night, but I knew it wasn't. Twenty minutes after the first - I'd said I was under the cats to delay, which was true, just they were in stasis in a bag on my lap - there was a "Come down now?" I didn't answer that one.

Second note, initial: He knew I wasn't in the tower. The longer I was gone, the less he could do for me. That if I turned myself in, he'd do whatever he could for me and my family.

Second note, first comment: That he could salvage this, but only if I didn't - something. He cut that off, said to forget everything he'd said.

Second note, second comment: Much later. The complicated one. That he knew, looking at my rooms, that it wasn't just me being scared. That it was deliberate. That he hoped it *was* deliberate, because it'd be worse if it was accidental. That I'd gone somewhere he couldn't keep his promises to me. That if he sees me again this life, it will be at wandpoint, and the only gift he can give me is making it quick and painless. If he can.

Alice said I could write him back once, to say good bye. I tried to do what I could. Talked about other conversations, about how he'd wanted magic to be free. No longer secret.

And then about how we aren't free, any of us. Raz isn't. Lucius isn't. Regulus and all the others he trained who've died aren't. That this is killing our families and our friends and our students over and over again and it keeps getting worse, not better.

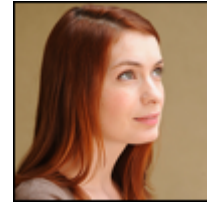
There's a couple of things I didn't say, and maybe I should have. But I did my best to pick things that he couldn't argue with. And then I said that the people I was with didn't want me writing again, and I understood why, but that anything he wrote to me, that I could see, I'd read and think about. (Because I will.)

It's not impossible he'll write again. What he says - he knows people can read, people are tracking, he's not stupid, even if Ptolemy and Ned have their own reasons to maybe not to report anything that's not obvious. And I'll - if people need to see it, then I'll do that.

2014-12-19 16:14:00

ORDER ONLY

We have experienced deep and profound loss this past week, on the heels of several other difficult losses in this past year. We are bruised and mourning, and several of us are now facing a radical change of scene.



 [alt_alice](#)

This is the time of year when things seem darkest and coldest. It can be hard to keep the candle burning in the window. When we were at our lowest and most fragile point so many years ago, it was as if we were utterly alone and facing an impossible task - there were barely more than a dozen of us, more than half of us fugitives, and it felt like the entire country had gone mad and turned against reason and decency. Any notion of a hopeful future seemed utterly impossible.

In the last few years, though, so much has changed. Several of us are in a position of great risk, and we have lost good people along the way, but at the same time, we are closer than we ever have been to creating real, lasting change in a way that I could only dream of for the longest time.

We are not alone. We have more than doubled our immediate circle of members, and have cultivated allies whose numbers are growing every day - people from nearly every imaginable background and species who are ready and willing to work together.

We have freed hundreds of people who have established their own self-governing and sustainable communities, confirming that it is possible for magical and non-magical people live side by side as equals.

We are reaching thousands more people through the radio, the button network, and our other propaganda efforts, and they are listening.

We are working steadily to gain control of the warding system, are inches (frustrating although it may be) away from determining how to wake the Sleepers, have discovered how to cheat Voldemort at his attempts of immortality, and continue to work from within the regime in key tactical positions.

This is something that we can do. It is massive, and overwhelming, but it is possible in a way it has never been before.

Remus and I have been meeting regularly with Davidson, and we have put together a rather ambitious plan that I believe we can move forward with as soon as September. It will take an enormous amount of work between now and then to pull it off, but it is within our reach and will turn the tide. In the mean time, we must continue our vital research work, feed and arm ourselves, and hold the ground we have fought and bled for. Despite recent setbacks, we are still more than capable of achieving our goals.

I have a few things that require our immediate attention. First, we are planning our break-in at Azkaban to take place between Christmas and New Years, which is fast approaching. We've been testing (and re-testing) our planned method of entry, and paying close attention to the weather. We'll need strong fliers who can take a rider with them, and who can cast a full Patronus. We're also working on bottling as many Patronuses as we can, on the off-chance it'll give us an advantage in a pinch - thanks to Molly for supplying the extra glass jars. Anyone interested in taking part can meet for a debriefing and planning session on the evening of the 23rd. We'll be tentatively having our holiday party at Grimmauld on Boxing day.


Harry, Draco, Hermione, I'd like you to put your heads together about the possibility of Harry's scoping out Buckingham, the Tower, and other places he may have greater access to than most in case a Horcrux turns up. The device Dumbledore passed along may prove useful.

Likewise, it is absolutely vital we track down wherever Dolores Umbridge's plate has ended up, as she may have one in her possession. Justin, you're particularly close to Dolohov, if you could try to make progress on that front, it would be much appreciated. I also want to talk with you about our options regarding your Mr Pontner and his knowledge of Prince William, and how we might move forward given our proposed timeline.

I understand that several of you are continuing to identify potential recruits, and will be working towards that over hols among other things. Thank you. If any of you who are leaving Hogwarts this upcoming spring wish to discuss what sort of work would be useful over the summer months and beyond, you are more than welcome to stop by and chat about it. We'll also be offering regular training sessions in Occlumency and Defence for anyone who wants to brush up on skills.

Keep the candle burning, all.




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-20 00:56:22](#)**
(no subject)

I would like to offer my services to the Azkaban mission. Not, perhaps, as one of those going in. I'm afraid I would be vulnerable to the Dementors at the moment, and I'm likely unable to conjure a Patronus, for the same reasons.

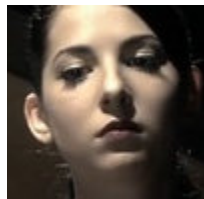
At the very least, however, I can stand by wherever the fliers will be bringing the escapees. I feel certain that many if not all will need a Healer's care.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-20 03:24:26](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, undoubtedly. I'm anticipating they will be quite unsteady and weak, and may be a rather dead weight on the broom, as it were. We'll try to put the unsteadiest and heaviest in the boats and on the carpet, if possible.

And we'll need as much chocolate as we can possibly track down, too, of course.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-20 05:29:17](#)**
(no subject)

Do you know what time of day?

I have my St Mungo's training right after Christmas. But it's done by 6 p.m. every day. So if you go at night, I can come help.

I can conjure a Patronus and I can fly and a half-trained healer who's there on site won't be a bad thing to have in addition to a real healer wherever people will evacuate to.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 05:45:16](#)
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The current plan is evening, yes.


You'll need to have a solid alibi, and a very good disguise charm.



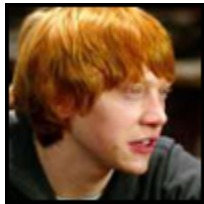
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-20 05:52:05](#)
(no subject)


I'm staying at Pansy's over hols. What sort of alibi do you mean? Do you think someone needs to actually see us go out, or would Pansy vouching for me be enough?



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 06:00:20](#)
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I think between Pansy and Hitty, you ought to have things covered.

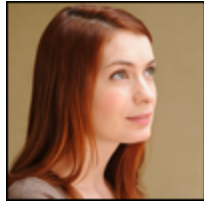



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-20 06:10:37](#)
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I can't volunteer for Azkaban, I'm sorry. I just told Desai I'd definitely help her over hols. The way she asked, there was no saying No. Know what I mean?

Maybe if we're lucky I'll hear something and know when/if MLE gets called up. And maybe I'll be able to warn you in time.


But that that's best case. Worse case, I'll end up getting called out, and we'll be opposite sides of it. (Well, actually, worst case, I get caught tipping you off. That wouldn't go well, so I'll do my best to see that doesn't happen.)



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-20 06:16:03](#)**
(no subject)


Yes, I was figuring as much. I'm less sure as to whether Hydra or Justin will be called in, depending on how much resources they plan on throwing into the manhunt, but I'd imagine your call would come earlier if you're working more directly with MLE.



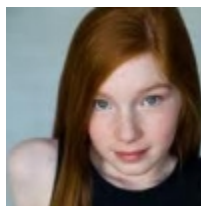
 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2014-12-20 15:25:28](#)**
(no subject)


I'm utterly pants on a broom. But I'd like to be part of this if I can. I could assist Madam Pomfrey at the evacuation point, too, especially if it turns out that any potions need to be brewed. And I may not be a healer, but I reckon I can hand out blankets and chocolate as well as anybody.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-20 18:16:42](#)**
(no subject)

That would be most useful. Thank you, Mr Longbottom.




 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-20 21:49:28](#)**
(no subject)

I have a decent seat, but I'd be worried about controlling things if whoever I need to carry is too much heavier than I am.


Count me in as well, Madame P.



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2014-12-20 15:32:53](#)**
(no subject)


I can't fly a broom. Don't even have one. ~~don't think I could manage a patre~~ But I've already received permission to offer medical assistance, if you can use me, too, Madam Pomfrey.



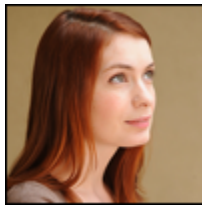
 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-20 17:44:37](#)
(no subject)


If there's anyone whose presence would be helpful but who needs a solid alibi, you could potentially disguise yourself as them (with polyjuice, I mean), then be seen somewhere public.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-20 19:26:28](#)
(no subject)

I'd be more than willing to do that, too.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 21:51:15](#)
(no subject)

We might have you as a floater, on hand to help, but ready to take off in case someone needs to be seen publicly.


We can get some samples for polyjuice purposes at the planning meeting.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-21 02:48:42](#)
(no subject)

Terry, if you don't mind, I'd be happy to offer myself as a Polyjuice candidate. I'm solid on flying and charms, but I'd need a good alibi.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-20 18:17:59](#)
(no subject)

And, thank you, my dear, I'd be most pleased to have your assistance.




 **[alt_alice](#) at 2014-12-20 01:06:35**

Private Message to Sirius

I believe this'd be right up Hagrid's alley. What do you think?

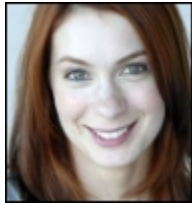



 **[alt_sirius](#) at 2014-12-20 06:03:01**

Re: Private Message to Sirius

Well, we'll have one bitch of a time disguising him, if you want him disguised. On the other hand, if you don't care, then yes. He could use my bike and sidecar for at least one of the evacuees.

He'll be dead chuffed to be considered a proper part of the Order again.



 **[alt_alice](#) at 2014-12-20 06:07:44**

Re: Private Message to Sirius

Yes, I was thinking of the motorcycle.

I don't think a disguise would be necessary. It's really only vital for our people in public. And you might need one, perhaps. You do tend to cause a bit of a fuss when you show up. Swooning, autographs, that sort of thing.



 **[alt_nymphadora](#) at 2014-12-20 01:16:53**

Private Message to Alice

Sure you can't hold off a few months?

Kidding, kidding.

I can help Snape and Poppy prepare, and we'll put some jars together here too.

And you'd better believe I'll be ready by September.



 **alt_alice** at [2014-12-20 03:22:18](#)


Re: Private Message to Alice

Good. Very good.

And yes, I know how it feels. Women like us aren't meant to put up our feet and wait. But right now, you and your little one are important, and I'm not saying that because of what could happen to the wards. We're doing this for a better future for all our children.

You take care of yourself, love.



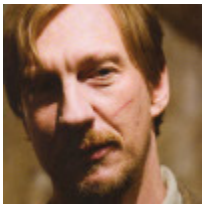
 **alt_alice** at [2014-12-20 03:28:51](#)

Private Message to Remus, Kingsley, and Albus

Naturally, part of this plan necessitates that we have as many people as possible prepared to cast the modified Fidelius. (I know, they'll be looking for it, but it's still the best shot we have at protecting the camps, and it is absolutely the best possible chance of bloodlessly taking over the Ministry.)

Kingsley, I know you've been testing the more experienced casters in the free zones, and have some likely candidates. I'd like you to continue rooting around for likely people. Albus, I know your time is precious, but I would like you to meet with each of the candidates we've found, and provide them some additional training exercises. Frank can come along if that would be at all helpful.

I'd like similar additional training for our own people, too -- the ones who would most likely qualify, of course.

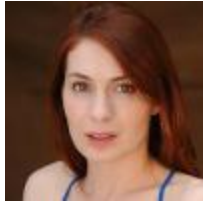


 **alt_lupin** at [2014-12-20 05:23:18](#)

Re: Private Message to Remus, Kingsley, and Albus

I think Sirius and I can both be there for the Azkaban raid, especially as Tonks can't be. (She'll be back in the thick of things soon enough.)

I think you should train both of us in the modified Fidelius.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 05:47:30](#)

Re: Private Message to Remus, Kingsley, and Albus

Right.

And yes, I know she's kicking at her broom, but she'll be in the match again soon enough.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-20 05:25:17](#)

Private message to Alice Longbottom

I'll do what I can to look for horcruxes over the holiday.

I'd like to come on the Azkaban raid, if I can slip away. I don't think it's likely I'll be able to, but if I can, I want

to come.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 05:38:54](#)


Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom

Thank you.

Hydra, Ron, and Justin may be called in to assist with the ensuing manhunt. Would you be in a similar position? Depending on how soon we are discovered, it may prove tricky.

I admit to being more cautious than usual -- this talk of the patterns used to discover Pomona makes me over-think what sort of trail we are leaving for someone to find.

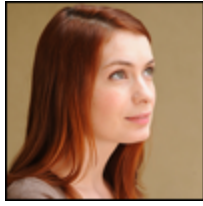


 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-20 06:02:33](#)

Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom

No, I won't. They won't call me in.

They took Justin and Ron and Hydra along to deal with the aftermath of the Sherwood ambush. And Finnigan and Patil. I don't think anyone considered bringing me even for a minute. That's not what any of them think I'm for.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 06:04:57](#)


Re: Private message to Alice Longbottom

Have a good disguise, then.

And make sure you cover your tracks well.

I might have some activities that could be adapted for the long-distance flying club as well, depending.




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-20 05:30:36](#)

Private message to Alice and Bill

I've put in for time off that week. If they grant it, I'll be able to come help. I'll need a dead good disguise charm, though. So will Bill.



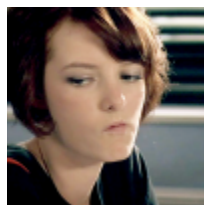
 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 05:40:02](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Bill

Yes.

Certainly.

We need to review what you think will happen after the break-in is discovered. Would you be called in right away, do you think?




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-20 05:44:55](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Bill

Unlikely. MEU aurors aren't pulled in all that often for this sort of thing. If they do try to track me down, they won't find me because I'll be on some lovely romantic getaway, strolling across the moors, with Bill, which is also why no one will be able to find Bill. (Work for you, Bill?)



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 05:45:56](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Bill

Good.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2014-12-20 15:22:40](#)

Re: Private message to Alice and Bill

Works for me. I've put in for time off, too.

(Actually, I think that pulling off a prison breakout is about as romantic as it can get. Although I'm sure MLE doesn't share that opinion.)




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2014-12-20 15:30:16](#)

(no subject)

We're in. Both excellent flyers, if we do say so ourselves.

And we have a stash of black market chocolate and cocoa powder which we had set aside for new product testing, but we'll be happy to donate it to this cause instead.




 [alt_luna](#) at [2014-12-20 15:35:15](#)

(no subject)

I can do a patronus quite easily, but I'm afraid I'm not a very strong flyer. And I think explaining my absence to the Browns would be difficult.

Mrs Brown often does baking with chocolate right before the holidays. I'll owl you all the chocolate biscuits I can.



 [alt_luna](#) at [2014-12-20 15:37:23](#)


(no subject)

Oh! I just thought.

The Browns would probably allow me to spend a day with Mrs Weasley. As I said, I *can* cast a Patronus.


Perhaps I might join you for a day, Mrs Weasley, and we can bottle some more of them?



 **alt_molly** at [2014-12-20 15:38:42](#)
(no subject)

That's an excellent idea, dear. I'll Floo your foster mother and ask if you can spend a day with me.




 **alt_cedric** at [2014-12-20 20:23:16](#)
(no subject)

I would like to be included as well. I can certainly fly. I used to can reliably cast my Patronus. it doesn't sound like we are planning to be using apparation other than as an emergency escape. I'll just need to make sure that my identity remains concealed. I've been trying to improve the masks I made before in a couple of different ways and I could add some charms on my person underneath that.

Speaking of the masks, do we want it to be obvious that the Order of the Phoenix is attacking or do we want to go for pure personal concealment?




 **alt_cedric** at [2014-12-20 20:34:00](#)
Private Message to Alice & Remus

We should discuss what our plans are for protecting my family & protecting me from them being used as leverage against me and the Order.

I think that at this point the kidnapping story has held up. They haven't been arrested and it's still the rumour at Hogwarts. But what happens if in the future my identity is compromised on some action? I can't sit on my wand and do nothing because of fear or they are already being used against me. They don't know what I've been doing ~~and only some of them would come willingly if we tried to save them~~ and I don't know how they would react to the truth. If we could get Jasper & my other siblings out I think my mother would come, but with Jasper under the thumb of Dolohov, Desai, Sandoval, Patil, Finnigan & Lestrangle... I don't think she would come willingly.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-20 21:48:34](#)

Re: Private Message to Alice & Remus

Yes. Of course.

Remus, we might meet up for a strategy session soon to discuss our options. I don't like the idea of having them punished as way to punish you should it come out that you haven't been kidnapped after all. At least for the time being there is no immediate danger.




 [alt_jeremy](#) at [2014-12-20 22:04:30](#)

(no subject)

Count me in if you can use another broom. Wherever, whatever.

Still sussing out some of the lads who might at some point be possible recruits. Taking it slow.

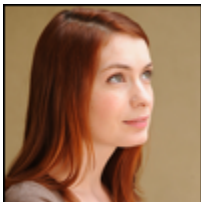


 [alt_jeremy](#) at [2014-12-20 22:09:37](#)

private message to Alice

Nearly every imaginable background and species -- additional progress on what you were telling me about quite a while back, then? Shoulder to shoulder with goblins and half-giants sounds like a storybook. They always leave out the uncomfortable bits in stories, though.

Oh, before I forget, I've had some ideas regarding economic sabotage as well as food supply manipulation. If we get some quiet time either before or after the big excursion, we can discuss, see if you think there's merit.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-21 02:41:09](#)

Re: private message to Alice

We've made very good progress with the goblins, although I am rather aware of the fact that they will certainly be functioning as independent agents rather than as a group we can give orders to.

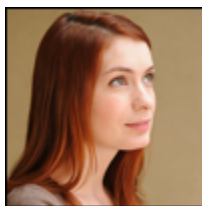
I think if we made sure they were in the know regarding upcoming activities, however, they would be able to accomplish quite a bit (independently, of course), and might be convinced to direct their attentions towards mutually beneficial targets.


The centaurs are always tricky. Unless there's conflict directly in their territory, I don't know if we can count on them to participate in any fighting. (Mer-people are in a similar position for more practical purposes.) However, the agreement we've come to regarding the Forest has been fruitful, and simply showing that we respect them is important.

We'll be looking tentatively at reaching out to the giant and werewolf communities in the coming months, but they are both difficult to access. The werewolves in particular appear to have two distinct castes -- one firmly in Voldemort's back pocket, the other with very little freedom or power who are being treated abominably. We do have some connections with the latter, but they are delicate indeed.

I hope that when push comes to shove, we'll have more friends than we realise -- and in the meantime, we must continue our efforts, and show through our actions that we are willing to treat all people -- human and otherwise -- with respect and dignity.

And regardless of how many friends we have during the fight, when the dust settles, they will all have a place at the table.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-21 02:43:38](#)

Re: private message to Alice

And Merlin, yes. We're going to need a multi-strategy approach. With over seven hundred extra mouths to feed that we weren't preparing for, it'll be a very difficult few months, no mistaking it.

And if things go to plan, we'll have many more mouths to feed by the time summer rolls around.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-21 02:52:21](#)**
(no subject)

Thanks for the offer of extra Occlumency lessons,
Mrs. L. I'll come out as often as possible.

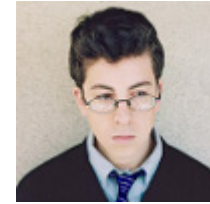
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Private Message to my sweetest Lavender

Dearest [Lavender](#)

Oh, these are [wonderful!](#)

Pardon, but I am trying out the [very fine](#) Arithmancer's Inks from [Scribere et Manu](#), which are [very useful](#) indeed!



 [alt_linus](#)

What I meant to say is this:

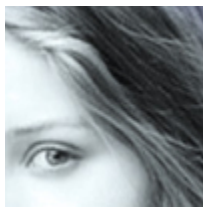
My dearest [Lavender](#), my most excellent [fierce](#) Queen of Beauty and Grace, I do hope you are not letting recent distressing events dim your spirits. Take [heart](#), for you and I, with clear [minds](#) and true [hearts](#) will weather all and win through to our [glorious future!](#)

You are managing all right, aren't you?

We shall manage to find some excellent amusements during hols to take your mind off everything, indeed we shall. I should very much like to spend as much time as possible seeing whatever entertainments you wish. (I am also given to understand that my Father is under a great deal of pressure just now, and getting out of the house would not go amiss.)

Say you will do me the [honour](#), dear one, and we will find [surcease](#) from [sorrows](#) and [stresses](#) in what [revels](#) there [may be](#).

(These are quite [splendid inks](#), are they [not](#)? It was so very generous of the Headmaster to give them to me!)



 [alt_lavender](#) at **2014-12-21 04:21:19**
(no subject)

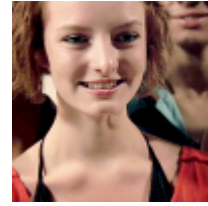
I don't suppose you're still awake, Linus dear. I seem to be having a rather difficult time falling asleep tonight.

But never mind about that.

We should definitely do something festive over hols. What did you have in mind?

2014-12-20 12:14:00

Private message to Lana Sandoval-Pennifold




 [alt_rachel](#)

So did they let all the staff go home for the holiday, along with the kids? Or are you tied up in staff meetings? (For, you know, the staff that are actually left...)

How's the investigation going? No one in the office seems to know what's going on. Are you and Auror Desai handling things yourselves?



 [alt_lana](#) at **2014-12-21 04:08:09**
(no subject)

I'm home now, yes. Thank Merlin.


If I'd had any idea how chaotic it would all be, I'd-- well, I'd have asked for a higher salary, for certain!

At least I wasn't expected to take the train home with them. Ugh. They were absolutely whirling with joy at being set free.

As for the investigation, I wanted to say, 'What investigation?', but that's not entirely fair. Dolohov's interviewed all the students who had particular ties to the traitors. The thing is, it was left entirely to him. I know Lestrage wanted Forney sent in to lead a thorough investigation, but that didn't happen. Desai's heard there was the usual trouble between Mulciber and Hopkirk, but she thinks there's more to it. She didn't say what, mind you, but if I had to guess, I'd say Mulciber thought he could make things hotter for Lestrage if he didn't sign off on Forney (or send anyone else). It would be like him to try to leverage this against her and Dolohov.


I doubt he's looking terribly forward to making his report to Our Lord, but at least he wasn't summoned immediately after it all happened. (So far as I'm aware, at least.)



 **alt_rachel** at [2014-12-21 05:46:48](#)
(no subject)

Well, of course they were. I remember being absolutely giddy on the December train home, when I was a student.



 **alt_rachel** at [2014-12-21 05:56:58](#)
(no subject)

About the investigation, though. I wonder if Mulciber scotched it because he reckons there IS at least one more traitor, and they'll do a runner during the holidays? And he's hoping Dolohov takes the fall for it? (Or Auror LeStrange does.) It's a bit of a risky game, not doing your job properly and hoping other people take the blame for your failures, though.

If Dolohov interviewed all the students who had ties to the traitors, that's something. I imagine these students aren't guilty of anything worse than excelling in Herbology. They might have seen something, but it's not as if they really need more proof against the teachers who ran.

Anyway. I don't suppose you'd have time to meet for lunch? Probably not this week, unless you're planning an afternoon out for shopping and want to rendezvous somewhere. Maybe after Christmas but before New Year's?

2014-12-20 14:22:00

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I have quite a bit of work to put in over hols if we're to start getting some supplies in during winter, when it'll be needed the most.




 [alt_pansy](#)

I want to set up an interview with Ken Towler and Jack Sloper as soon as possible to make sure they're on board. We need to spend hols looking over potential building sites, and starting to order equipment (and food, of course), and the sooner they're a part of it, the better off I'll be. Sue, George, Fred, I don't think I'll need backup, but I'd feel better if you were close at hand just in case, and I'd like to go over what I'm going to tell them too. (Mrs L, if you need to go over that part with me, let me know.)

Madame P, Mrs Sinistra, Jeremy, I'll need to meet with all three of you in order to thoroughly pick your brains. I have written up a proposal and budget projections, but there are still a few bits I'm struggling with and I would appreciate your help. Once things are a little more certain, I'll need Auror Brodie to look over everything, of course.

Steb, thank you for stepping up. You're an utter brick. I'll walk you through your part of the contract.




 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-21 03:35:00**
(no subject)

Just to make sure we're on the same page, yes. I'm sure you have the right balance in mind, of course, but seeing as how you have little time for finesse, I would like to go over it a touch. Breakfast at Moddey


tomorrow?



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-21 03:35:48**
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Excellent.



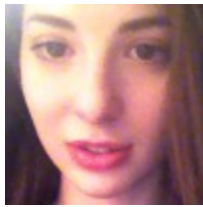
 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-21 03:45:59](#)**
(no subject)

Of course, I'll be happy to discuss this with you. I could join your breakfast or wait until you and Alice have finished. Or we could arrange another time, if that would be preferable.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-21 06:04:45](#)**
(no subject)


Oh, please do come. All at once is fine by me. The more the merrier. I'm bringing all sorts of goodies, and it'll be so good to see you.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-21 06:44:51](#)**
(no subject)

I'm coming, even though the only thing I have to say about the planned business venture is, 'try to make sure it's more than just turnips.' I want to see people. So, I'll see you, too.



 **[alt_jeremy](#)** at **[2014-12-21 05:11:58](#)**
(no subject)


Could manage tomorrow at Moddey. About due for a jam run. The Bad Jam cupboard's bursting.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-21 05:45:26](#)**
(no subject)

Who'd your parents find to deliver baskets? It occurred to me today that I DON'T HAVE TO DO IT THIS YEAR.




 **[alt_jeremy](#)** at **[2014-12-21 06:12:57](#)**
(no subject)

Jones. Of whom Gemma is oddly fond. Can't fathom it myself.


She does seem marginally less annoying this year.



 **[alt_jeremy](#)** at **[2014-12-21 06:15:44](#)**
(no subject)


Eh, and me, today. There are fewer deliveries tomorrow in any case. And I told them in no uncertain terms I would be out with my mates.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-21 06:05:09](#)**
(no subject)

See you then.

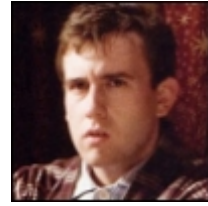


 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-22 03:31:28](#)**
(no subject)

I'd be happy to come along when you talk to Towler & Sloper; just let me know when.

2014-12-21 16:34:00

Order Only: Private message to Ron Weasley




 **alt_neville**

Did my garden notebook end up in your trunk somehow, in that last minute flurry of packing? You were grabbing stuff in a hurry; perhaps you swept that up, too, by mistake? Or maybe I just forgot it and left it in the sealed drawer of my bedside table instead.

Bugger all. I really wanted to show my notes to Mr Snape.

You remember what it looks like, yeah? Black leather, but really worn; the edges are grimy with dirt, and there's Spello-tape on the spine. You won't be able to open it, but I'd really appreciate it if you could let me know if you have it, and I'll come by and pick it up.



 **alt_ron** at **2014-12-21 22:59:41**
(no subject)

Sorry, mate.

I looked, but it's not in my things.

[2014-12-21 22:18:00](#)

Order Only: Private message to Hermione and Draco



I hate being in Buckingham.

I hate the smell, I hate the food, I hate my bed, I hate the way people tiptoe around because they're so terrified of my Father. Including me.

 **[alt_harry](#)**

Anyway, I spent today wandering around looking for horcruxes. What was the thing Mrs Longbottom mentioned, that Dumbledore gave you? Or gave her? If I can get to 12GP can you lend it to me?



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-22 04:41:41](#)**
(no subject)


We should meet, yes. The thing is a gem, it's about the size of a walnut, and it's sort of a...a dowsing rod, I guess.

Did you and Draco ever play hot/cold? It works a bit like that, only it doesn't get warm or anything, but it lets you know if you're close to a Dark Object that means a lot to someone.

I'm sorry you have to stay at Buckingham, though. Grimmauld hasn't been any particular picnic right now, you should know.

Maybe you should ask to go and stay with Daphne for a while, you know, to help her adjust to life as the daughter of a Councilwizard.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-22 04:47:11](#)**
(no subject)

I've been thinking about people I could visit. Pansy, Daphne, Ron. But I keep wondering, after Doughty Conduit, how carefully MLE is going to insist on checking someplace over if I'm going there. At best it's a hassle. At worst, I don't even want to think about it.

I could visit Blaise. He'd think that was brilliant and he's got nothing to hide, so far as I know.

Sorry Grimmauld's no picnic. Are Sirius and Remus and Tonks just there all the time, then? What do they do all day?

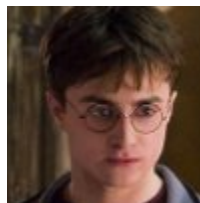



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 04:54:46](#)
(no subject)

Sirius and Remus can come and go, but Tonks is stuck because she can't Apparate and no one can risk using the Floo anymore. And Sirius tries not to go unless he has to do, since you know he gets sick when he Apparates.

And then a few days ago Mr Snape invited Professor Sinistra to the potions lab. I've absolutely no idea why. She's no skill at Potions and--well, it was just ever so irritating. We don't need her help.

(I'm not even sure what she's meant to do in the Order, now she's not teaching anymore. Or, well, I suppose she's going to teach at Moddey a little. But I hope she doesn't keep coming to watch us brewing or talk with us while we're brewing or whatever it was he wanted her to do. If she comes again, I'm going to Sherwood, even though Tim says it's getting more and more dangerous.)



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 05:01:00](#)
(no subject)

Didn't Professor Sinistra fail her Potions OWL? Or was it Herbology? I remember she told a story about it in class.

Anyway. She's probably trying to work out what she can do to be useful now she's on the run. But I'm sure you're better at brewing Potions than she is.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 05:09:15](#)
(no subject)

I think she said she 'barely passed' in Potions. And it's not like he wanted her to help us actually *brew*, he said something about how trying to explain it to her might help us realise something we'd overlooked.

I could understand that if we were talking it over with Sirius, he's actually very good at Potions. Or even the twins, they're always concocting something for the shop. I don't know why it vexed me so much. Maybe--no, I don't--

You know what it was. He was treating her...differently.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 05:17:00](#)
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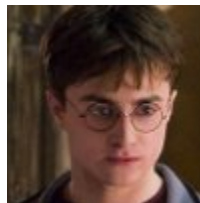
Differently, what do you mean? What kind of differently?




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 05:26:59](#)
(no subject)

Maybe not *too* differently.... I mean, it wasn't something most people would notice. He certainly didn't cluck over her like some people in the Order have done. And it's not as if he asked her anything personal, so I can't say he was being particularly nice to her. Though in some ways I think even asking her to talk about things that have nothing to do with her was an act of kindness (which is...not much different from how he's normally kind to people, you know, in that sort of backward way he has). Maybe I'm not even sure why he felt she *needed* that sort of attention.

Unless it's because she seems to need that sort of attention.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 05:35:11](#)
(no subject)

I think people wanted to fuss over you and Draco, last summer. The main reason they didn't is they were a little bit afraid if they tried, you'd remove their entrails through their nostrils.

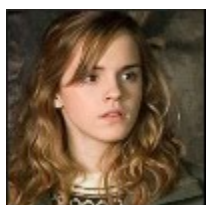
No one's the least bit frightened of Siz, though.

And, I think you're right that she likes being fussed over.
(More than you or Draco, anyway.)



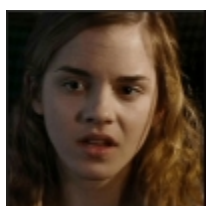
 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-22 05:18:15](#)**
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Do you think he fancies her? Is that what you're saying?



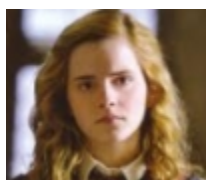
 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-22 05:31:04](#)**
(no subject)

What? No! No.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-22 05:32:03](#)**
(no subject)


I don't think so, anyway.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-22 05:32:32](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I hope not! Ew.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-22 05:39:28](#)**
(no subject)


Why? I mean she's widowed and he's ... I think he's hung up on my Mum. And really it's high time he got over her, don't you agree?



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-22 05:47:33](#)**
(no subject)

You say that now, but just imagine them *snogging* and you'll change your mind!



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 05:50:33](#)
(no subject)


I don't want to imagine any of the adults snogging but that doesn't mean I think that Sirius and Remus should break up. Or Mr and Mrs Longbottom.



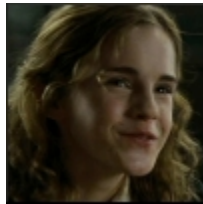
 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 05:59:57](#)
(no subject)

No, of course not! But. I don't know. It's just...disturbing to think about Mr *Snape* snogging. Anyone.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 06:02:04](#)
(no subject)

Well I definitely wouldn't want him to snog anyone where I could see!




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 06:07:43](#)
(no subject)

Exactly. And what if she's always in the Potions laboratory? Or if I walked in on them sometime?

I don't even want to *think* about it!



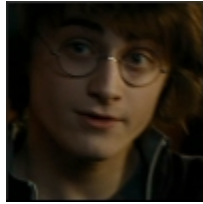
 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 06:15:19](#)
(no subject)


Well, if that ever happens, you look down your nose, try to imagine how one of the Slytherin girls would say this to a firstie, and say, 'don't you have a *room*, Mr Snape?'



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 06:28:08](#)
(no subject)


Ha, and then immediately cast a self-Obliviation!



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 05:59:23](#)
Private message to Hermione

So by the way how are things going with Tim?



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 06:06:17](#)
Re: Private message to Hermione


Tim?

Oh...all right, I suppose.

He's--well, sometimes I think he resents that I live here at Grimmauld, but he doesn't want to suggest I should have to rough it in Sherwood just because that's where he is. I think he dwells on it a bit too much. But then I think maybe it's because he really misses having a snug place to live, himself. And I wonder if I should ask if he wants to stay here. Only--I know he doesn't, really, and he doesn't really want me to give it up when there's no good reason to do.

Mostly we just don't talk about it.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 06:13:51](#)
Re: Private message to Hermione

That sounds difficult.

I mean, he had his reasons for leaving Moddey, right? He could have stayed there. But, you're more use to the Order living at 12GP than you would be in Sherwood. Loads more.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-22 06:27:10](#)


Re: Private message to Hermione

Moddey was never a good fit for him. I mean, he got on well there but, he's much happier in Sherwood. Mostly, of course--I mean, no one's exactly *happy* to live in the wild out of tents and with the threat of MLE breaking through the pickets at any moment, but--well, he can't very well make maps for people sitting at Grimmauld.

And I can't very well brew or help Mr Snape with the Sleepers or go with Draco looking for Horcruxes when I'm there, that's completely true.

I don't know. Maybe if we could be together all the time, we wouldn't be. Does that make sense?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-22 06:29:34](#)

Re: Private message to Hermione

It does make sense, actually. Perfect sense.

2014-12-21 22:22:00

Order Only: Private Message to Neville

Nev,

I hope I didn't overstep, but my mum teaches infant school and has worked with loads of children over the years, so I asked her about that dyslexia thing you think you might have. I didn't say who, just said it was for a friend.



 **alt_susan**

Anyhow, she said there are things you can do to help but she wanted to meet you in person to ask some questions. I guess she used to have to be careful, because some of the things you can do are derived from Muggle educational theory, but the person in charge of the infant school teachers now (Sarah Yaxley?) is really young and, in Mum's words, "wouldn't know educational theory from broomstick manufacturing" as long as they salute the Protectorate properly and sing the correct songs.

So I guess what I'm saying is...would you like to come over to mine for dinner and talk to my mum?



 **alt_neville** at **2014-12-22 16:33:35**

(no subject)

Blimey, that's not overstepping at all--I'm grateful, honest. Yes, I'd be pleased to accept your invitation to dinner. Thank you!



 **alt_susan** at **2014-12-22 19:22:41**

(no subject)

Oh, I'm so glad you're not cross about it. I didn't really think you would be, but when it's something quite personal...well, I just didn't know.

Is tonight good or would another day be better? I should probably let Mum know when to set an extra place.

2014-12-21 23:44:00

Order Only

Merlin, it's been a week.



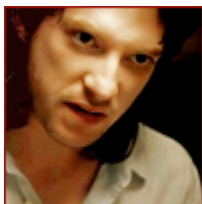
 [alt_charlie](#)

Remember how up until recently, the dragons have been anywhere from tetchy to out of control on the Solstices? Well, it's happened again. These past three days have been awful -- territory battles worse than any at mating time, and that's just the start. We lost at least three, and György -- the Horntail we hand-raised, the one I brought to Hogwarts a few months ago -- took down two buildings and half another before flying off.

None of us were permanently hurt, but I don't think there's a single handler up here who hasn't been in the infirmary at least twice and I'm going to be weeks growing back my hair and eyebrows. And it might be nothing, but it might be connected to everything else, so I thought I should report it.

(I tried seeing if I could salvage any dragon's blood or heartstring or anything else that might be useful, but I haven't had an unobserved moment -- we're going about in twos and threes -- and most of the bodies have been, well, not in any condition to salvage. I do have some blood I managed to lift out of my robes, though. Not much.)

Alice, I want to be part of the Azkaban raid, but if it stays like this up here, I'm not going to be able to get free.



 [alt_bill](#) at **2014-12-22 16:38:04**

(no subject)


Merlin, little brother, I'm sorry. I know it hurts everyone there when you lose a dragon.

Damn. We should have anticipated this, I expect. We always suspected the dragons were tied to the wards, especially around the time of the solstice. And since we've tinkered with things, adding to the Octoboros lineup...

Have you had any anxious or angry visitors from the Department of Mysteries?

Be careful. I know your hide's tough, but keep dodging fire, all right? And I hope you don't lose any more.



 **alt_charlie** at [2014-12-22 17:35:39](#)
(no subject)

Thanks. One of the three was one of the older ones who learned early on to be wary of humans -- never let us get too close. We hadn't even named him. But the other two were ones we'd been working with, had them good and used to us. Laila hatched the first year I was here, and Bedwyr the year after.

I just

It's one thing when we get hurt or die, you know? We made the choice to be doing this. But nobody asked the dragons. And we keep mucking around with things and

sorry. I'm dead on my feet right now. Not really making much sense.

There was a pair of visitors yesterday, I think two men. Might've been more than two, I didn't get a good look. That was right around when Robert crashed into the central square because he'd been sideswiped while he was trying to break up a fight and he made it back to the reserve but couldn't keep going for a stable landing, and we all came running to try to keep him stable until the Healer could finish making sure Sasha wouldn't lose the leg. (She won't, thankfully.) I didn't notice much, but they could've been Mysteries, yeah. I remember being annoyed that they looked like they didn't even think about trying to help, just went straight by us like nothing was happening.

Merlin, I'm tired.



 **alt_nymphadora** at [2014-12-22 17:51:23](#)
Private Message to Charlie

That sounds *utterly* wretched.

Dree and Em all right?



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-22 20:57:48](#)

Re: Private Message to Charlie

As all right as the rest of us, really. Em spent about half an hour under a bunch of rubble from the storeroom coming down on him -- he didn't want to risk apparating out blind, and Marcus, who found him, didn't want to risk levitating the beams off him until somebody else was free to help stabilise things. And Dree was off duty and on lunch prep when the barn went up, but she came running anyway, without having time to get her robes and the flameproof potion. So of course she got burned, not horridly but over a lot of her, and she didn't even notice until the adrenalin wore off. And I broke my left arm yesterday and my right ankle today, in addition to not noticing I was out of time on my flameproof. Which is how I lost the hair, and of course you can't take a hair regrowth potion while you're still using flameproof, so it'll have to grow out the long way.

But we're all patched up. And I just got the first three hours' sleep I've managed in two days or so. And I haven't looked outside yet, but thank Merlin, it sounds as though things are calming down a bit out there.

Still. It's been a bad few days. And we were really, really lucky. It could have been much worse.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-23 01:57:10](#)

Re: Private Message to Charlie

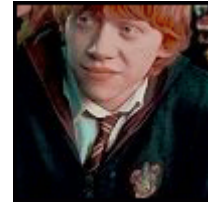
Too right.

Glad it's settled down some.

Merlin, Charlie.

2014-12-22 09:39:00

Order Only Private Message to Neville Longbottom, Harry Potter, and Justin Finch-Fletchley



 [alt_ron](#)


Say. I'm doing some stuff for Desai today in the department, but I was thinking maybe we could get together tonight. Mum's said she'll have enough for whoever turns up at the table.

We could meet at the Barmy Bailiff in Ottery St Catchpole, say half-five, and then be at the Burrow in time for supper.

What do you say?

Harry. I know you may be tied up, mate, but if you can come, that'd be snitch. If you can come, maybe I'll ask Malfoy, too, only then we shouldn't go down the pub. I expect Mrs L wouldn't think that's a good reason to use a dose of polyjuice, eh?



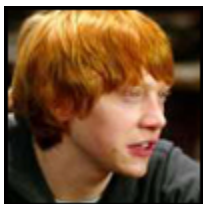
 [alt_justin](#) at **2014-12-22 18:30:12**
(no subject)


Ron,

I say, sounds perfect. I never realised your sister had so many questions about France, what!

After today, we can start going in together, if you like. Mr Pontner's asked me in as well. I say, I'm not sure why he didn't want me this morning, but no doubt I shall find out tomorrow.

-Justin




 [alt_ron](#) at **2014-12-22 19:22:53**
(no subject)

I'm leaving early tomorrow to meet Desai for sparring. You could come. I expect she'd be as happy to watch you kick my arse as do it herself.

Seriously, though, I always learn something when she's watching for form and flow.




 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-22 19:21:56](#)
(no subject)

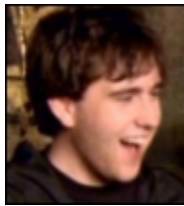
Oh, I'm sorry, Ron, but I won't be able to be there tonight. I've already accepted another dinner invitation.


I could maybe stop in at the Barmy Baliff to say hello first at least.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-22 19:24:35](#)
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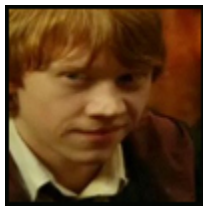
Got a better offer, eh?




 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-23 02:08:25](#)
(no subject)

I'm having dinner over at Susan Bones' home. I wouldn't say it's a *better* offer, but then I haven't tasted Mrs Bones' cooking yet. I already know your mum's a champ behind the stove.

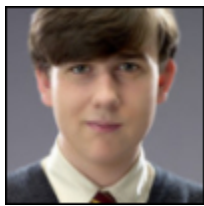
Anyway, I'll see you at the pub beforehand. You can tease me properly then.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-23 14:56:43](#)
(no subject)

So, how was it, last night with Bones?

I mean, she's not changing her mind about blokes, is she? Or maybe she just likes whoever she likes, yeah? So is that it? Are the two of you, y'know?



 [alt_neville](#) at [2014-12-23 15:37:55](#)
Private message to Ron

Oh, she had me come over so I could talk to her mum, mostly, about that muggle idea of what they call dyslexia. Muggles have studied it, it's something that happens in the brain that causes


learning problems. Like kids who have it see letters wrong: flipped around. I think Susan may be right, that it's something that I have. It would explain a lot. Why I misspell if I don't use a correcting quill, and why I'm such a slow reader.

We did have a nice talk afterwards. I think she likes just whoever she likes.

~~Define y'know.~~ I think she just likes me. And I like her. But nothing more serious than that. Not yet, anyway!


But maybe in the future. Too soon to tell.



 **alt_harry** at [2014-12-22 19:56:52](#)
(no subject)

I don't think I can come. I wish I could. They've hardly let me look out a window.




 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-22 20:05:35](#)
(no subject)

Oi. That reeks!

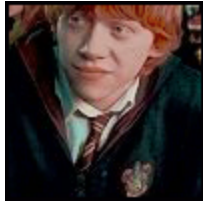
I was afraid of that since you haven't been saying much. What have they been having you do? I mean, ribbon cuttings and groundbreaking and boring luncheons? Or just a lot of nothing?




 **alt_harry** at [2014-12-22 20:21:24](#)
(no subject)

A whole lot of nothing.

I need to work out a way to get out and get that thing Mrs Longbottom mentioned, that Draco and Hermione have. It's supposed to make it easier to find things like Horcruxes.

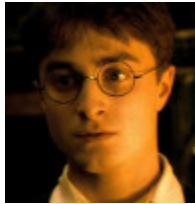



 **alt_ron** at **2014-12-22 20:32:08**
(no subject)

If you only had an invisibility cloak, you could sneak out without anyone seeing you... What's that? Oh, yeah! You do have!

Say. I heard this afternoon there's going to be some big thing after Christmas that's got to have all sorts of security. Kind of last minute, too, it seems like. Hopkirk was pulling people into a big meeting about it.

You know anything about that?



 **alt_harry** at **2014-12-22 20:51:48**
(no subject)

Yeah, okay. I need a time I won't be missed, but that's a good point.

Anyway yeah I heard just a little about that. I guess it's going to involve a parade.

2014-12-22 10:38:00

Order Only: Private message to Rachel Brodie



 [alt_molly](#)

Thank you for coming over for dinner yesterday. I wanted to send you a note to let you know how grateful I am for your willingness to look over the Burrow and offer some shrewd security suggestions, based upon your auror expertise. I've already put your suggestions into effect, and I know that Fred and George will take your advice seriously, too, once you have a chance to drop by the Emporium building.


But more than that, I wanted to--well, I wanted to apologise. I wasn't very warm or welcoming when we first met, to say the least. It's true that we all grieved Stephen's death, but I have come to see that your decision in the heat of the battle really was the best, both for him and for us. I hope you can understand my fears and prejudices, given your training, but I have to admit you showed much forbearance in bearing with them.

I am more grateful that I can say for what you've done for us since joining the Order. And I'm not speaking merely of the intelligence you have offered, mind. Thank you for keeping our attention focused on security, and thank you for keeping an eye out for Ron for me. I must confess it does relieve my anxieties--just a little--knowing that you are, although I do not deceive myself that he is free of risk of course. But at least knowing you are there amongst the other aurors helps me from letting my fears slop over on him, which would only irritate him, I know!

But most of all, it pleases me to see how happy Bill is when you are together. I don't wish to embarrass you, or make you feel awkward by making unwelcome assumptions about what this may mean for the two of you in the future. I have learned to keep at least *some* of my hopes to myself, to avoid embarrassing my sons.

Just for now, I want to tell you that it warms my heart to see how good you are for him, and to assure you that you are always welcome at the Burrow and at my table.



 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-22 20:04:44](#)**
(no subject)

You really don't have to apologise for anything.

But, thank you. It's good to hear I'm welcome.

2014-12-22 13:38:00


Private message to Padma Patil

Come over? I know, I'm sure you're busy with holiday stuff and seeing Parvati and so on but if you can find time? I want your help with something. Anyone else will think it's too silly to bother with.



 **alt_seamus**



 **alt_padma** at **2014-12-22 21:00:15**
(no subject)


Mum's expecting Parvati so we can finish full Indian dinner for the whole family--including Inderpal's.

I think Haruman may bring his lady friend, too.

What is it? If it's Council business I'll just tell her I have to go.

Or you know what? I'll just tell her that either way. The vindaloo can wait.



 **alt_seamus** at **2014-12-22 21:06:50**
(no subject)

I don't want to drag you away from vindaloo! It's -- well, it might be council business? Or maybe it's nothing, I don't know yet.

[2014-12-22 18:02:00](#)

ORDER ONLY

we've been making the rounds. the folks from erewash are settling in to temporary camps spread out around the free zone, and a fair number are raring for a fight, so they've joined the training ranks.




 **[alt_frank](#)**

we're still sorting out adjustments to our methods post-erewash. the evacuation was as close to perfect as you can get under battlefield conditions, but there were definite chinks in our armour, sometimes literally. we've come up with a few scenarios for additional distraction and cover in the event of future use of modified fidelius. I also have some drills I'd like to run for larger-scale situations with non-magical fighters. if we can muster as many wands as we can on the afternoon of the 30th, that'd be appreciated.

anyone up for general training can come to moddey at eight on mondays and wednesdays, and two on saturday and sunday. anyone who really wants to get some extra work in, we rotate around to the free zones nearly every afternoon during the week, you're more than welcome to come along.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2014-12-23 03:06:28](#)**

Private Message to Neville, Evelyn, and Terry

hey, kiddos.

it was good to see you all for sunday dinner.

remember, mum's the word, as they say.



 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-23 05:06:35](#)**

Re: Private Message to Neville, Evelyn, and Terry

Of course!

Gran and me are headed out tomorrow to wrap up the last of the Christmas shopping for you-know-who, and the last of the things you needed picked up for mum are on the list.



 **[alt_neville](#)** at **[2014-12-23 14:26:53](#)**

Re: Private Message to Neville, Evelyn, and Terry

It was great seeing you, too.

Gran started reading A Christmas Carol to us last night. Wish we could be with you Christmas Eve, when we finish up, but Ev and I are looking forward to seeing you Christmas Day. (Terry, you'll be there, too, right?)

And of course we'll leave the candle in the window in the evenings till then.



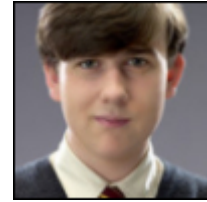
 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2014-12-23 14:28:12](#)**

Re: Private Message to Neville, Evelyn, and Terry

Yes, I'll be there! There are no scouting missions on Christmas day, just picket duty, and I'm not on that roster this week.

[2014-12-23 08:28:00](#)

Order Only: private message to Susan Bones




 **[alt_neville](#)**

Thanks so much for the invitation to dinner. It was fun meeting your mum and dad, and spending more time with your family. And thank your mum again for me, won't you? I was really astounded, but it all seems to fit, doesn't it? I don't know if you can really understand what a *relief* it is, to have an explanation for why I had trouble in school, why I was so slow at learning to read and telling my left from my right (I *still* get them mixed up, sometimes).

I was wondering...d'ye think you and your mum might be willing to come to have dinner at my place, sometime after Boxing Day? I think it'd really help if your mum could talk to Gran (she loves me, I know she does, but she's always been, I dunno, impatient. Like, 'you'd do better on your essays if you simply *tried*, young man!') I think your mum could explain it to her way better than I can.

I enjoyed our talk after dinner last night, too. I know you were a little embarrassed that Ed and Pete kept butting in, but don't worry about it. I thought it was funny, and I know that younger brothers always feel honour-bound to do that sort of thing.



 **[alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-23 17:24:44](#)**
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I'm so glad you enjoyed it, and that Mum's techniques were helpful! I'd never guessed that something as simple as charming your books to read in a different font could make such a difference.

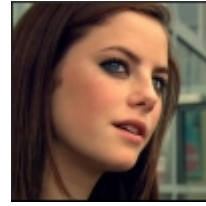
I'm glad Ed and Pete were amusing rather than annoying! Ed thinks he's clever (ha!) and he eggs Pete on rather. Actually, though, Pete's not usually that comfortable with people he doesn't know well--the fact that he felt comfortable enough to tease you means he thinks you're pretty snitch.

I'll ask Mum about visiting your Gran too; I'm sure she wouldn't mind at all, and I'd love to see more of you and Evelyn *especially* y.

2014-12-23 14:48:00

Private message to Auror Crouch

I do hope that the elf's visit wasn't too much of an intrusion, yesterday, as I did tell him to take care not to disturb you or the Headmaster. Since he returned with all of his limbs, I can only assume that he did his job as requested.



 **alt_daphne**

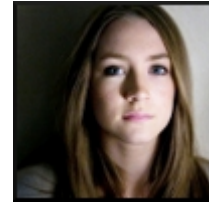
I've seen up close how much the Headmaster has endured this term, and while I know that he's more than capable to see to your every need, a little assistance on the road to recovery can never hurt. And besides, we're neighbours now. Or will be, should you ever take up residence at Marlborough House again.


And please, don't reply if you're unable! Just see if you can't be on your feet by the New Year.

Best,
Daphne


2014-12-23 15:12:00

Order Only



 **alt_hydra**



 **alt_lupin** at **2014-12-23 22:17:40**

(no subject)

Is everything all right, Hydra?




 **alt_draco** at **2014-12-23 22:24:28**

(no subject)

That's odd. Maybe she started to write and got interrupted.

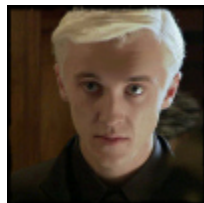
Does anyone know if she's staying at Saint James with her mother, or at L'Estrange Hill with Rodolphus?



 **alt_harry** at **2014-12-23 22:27:49**

(no subject)

She's staying at Saint James.




 **alt_draco** at **2014-12-23 22:30:49**

(no subject)

Maybe you should firecall and ask to speak to her? Even if you just get the elf, he might tell you what's going on - if something is going on, that is. Could be nothing.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-23 22:32:57](#)
(no subject)

I had the same thought.

I got the elf. Who said that Bellatrix and Hydra went for lunch with Mr Rosier and haven't gotten


back yet.



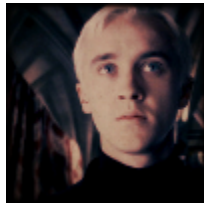
 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-23 22:33:32](#)
(no subject)


I'll try Rosier's, next.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-23 22:36:02](#)
(no subject)

Rosier's elf says that everyone left about an hour ago.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-23 22:39:59](#)
(no subject)

It isn't so unusual that they'd take lunch with Rosier. But Christmas is in a few days and there's always a big gathering at Nanella's. Wonder why it couldn't wait until then?

Maybe Bellatrix has decided to train Hydra herself and they went to Elysian, or something.


Or - something doesn't seem right. Hydra isn't careless. I don't think she'd leave a blank entry addressed to us on accident.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-23 22:43:34](#)**
(no subject)


I agree. Do you think I should write to Bellatrix, and tell her I want to talk to Hydra, or is there too much risk of making things worse, whatever's going on?



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-23 22:50:17](#)**
(no subject)

Hard to say. Did Hydra respond to your private message, at least?



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-23 22:51:05](#)**
(no subject)


No, she didn't.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-23 22:56:57](#)**
(no subject)


Bella sent a message to Dolohov. That typically doesn't bode well.



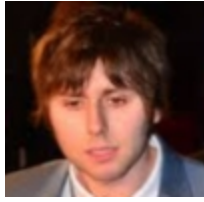
 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:09:20](#)**
(no subject)


No.



 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:29:10](#)**
(no subject)

Oh. No. It isn't. I very much hope she isn't in some sort of trouble.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-24 00:05:43](#)
(no subject)

Harry,

I'm sure she's all right, even if she is with her mother.

-Justin

2014-12-23 16:44:00

Private message to Hydra

Hey, Hydra. I wanted to talk to you this afternoon and tried firecalling. But you weren't at St James. The elf said you might be at the Rosier's but no one was home there, either.



 [alt_harry](#)

I know it's a bit ridiculous but I really, really, really want to talk to you for some advice about Christmas presents. Can you let me know where you are?

2014-12-23 16:50:00

Private message to Antosha Dolohov

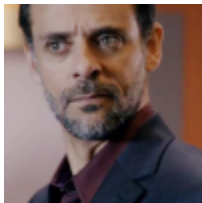
Quickly:


Anything noteworthy on the Longbottom's son that was included in your report.



 [alt_bellatrix](#)

Also - *Simmering Solutions*, a potions book, but not one I've heard of. Is it in fact extant?




 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-23 22:55:44**
(no subject)

Not one that I know, but Potions is not my forte.

Longbottom -- quiet, stubborn, a bit thick. One of Sprout's favourites. There ought be a report on your desk somewhere about my interviews of the children that includes more detail on him.



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-23 22:56:19**
(no subject)

Is there something I can help you with?




 [alt_bellatrix](#) at **2014-12-23 23:10:14**
(no subject)

In the future, send all reports to me directly. The department staff obviously cannot be trusted to prioritise parchmentwork appropriately, because I'm searching my desk and it is not here.

I've been interrogating him for the last hour. Someone's taught him to occlude effectively, but I have managed to extract enough information to suggest that he has been in contact with his parents (mental image presented them as aged; fantasy tends to reveal idealisation). The book that Rosier's ward brought to us also had a note: "check S.S." Subject's mental response to questions about S.S. provided me with a glimpse of Severus Snape - possibly

imagined - but verbal response was to insist that S.S. was a book called *Simmering Solutions*.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:16:07](#)**
(no subject)

I see. What book did Seamus bring you? And what else was in it? I laid claim to Snape's notes from before he went to Azkaban -- if you let me know the context, I can search for anything that

matches.

Snape was in the castle for quite some time; it's possible Longbottom could have seen him then.

Do you want another pair of hands?

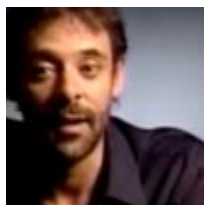



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:31:41](#)**
(no subject)

A notebook on herbology and gardening, which apparently garnered attention due to its heavy warding. "Check S.S." was written next to a list of ingredients, including a hool feather, graphorn horn, and - ah, lobalug venom, I believe. Hydra did not recognise it as anything from her Potions lessons.

We are well-appointed here. Hydra is in I-14 practising on him.

Yes, Snape was in the castle for quite some time, wasn't he? And so were all those others. So many others.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:36:09](#)**
(no subject)

That's the Cruciatus palliative, yes. Snape's version. ~~Damn~~ it


I'll take it you'll want to question the rest of the family next; did you pick them up as well when you picked up Longbottom?



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:41:31](#)**
(no subject)

This small one was the only one at home - said the others were out at the shops. They'll return home soon enough; I have enforcers standing by.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:44:45](#)**
(no subject)

If anyone saw you bring him in, they might have tipped off the rest of the family. And the longer they're out, the greater the chance for someone to blab.

The girl has been studying Arabic with me on an extracurricular basis; I'd intended to send her her next set of exercises in the next few days. I'll write her and tell her that I've brought them by the house and ask her to meet me there.



 **[alt_bellatrix](#)** at **[2014-12-23 23:47:13](#)**
(no subject)

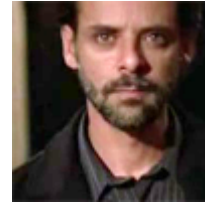
Ah. If you insist.

2014-12-23 17:44:00

Private Message to Miss Longbottom


Miss Longbottom,

I've stopped by your house to bring by the next set of exercises I promised you, but your brother has let me know that you are out shopping and aren't available for enquiries. Will you be returning soon? I would be happy to wait.



 **alt_antonin**



 **alt_evelyn** at **2014-12-23 23:54:41**
(no subject)

Oh.

Yes, of course.

I'll be a few minutes, sir.

2014-12-23 17:59:00

(no subject)

L



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-23 18:00:00


Order Only: Private message to Neville

Please. Write back. Are you all right? Please.



 **alt_evelyn**



 **alt_evelyn** at **2014-12-24 00:52:38**
(no subject)

Please, Pete. *Please*. Be all right.

2014-12-23 18:03:00

(no subject)

L, Nev



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-23 18:04:00

Order Only

Mum, dad, the Headmaster just wrote and what he was saying



He said he needed to drop off work, which is odd to begin with, but there wasn't any new work for me. Not until after hols.

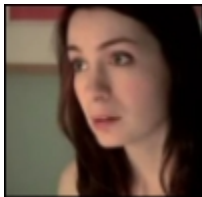
 [alt_evelyn](#)


It sounded just like what Professor Sinistra said he wrote when he was trying to get her to come down from the tower.

And Bellatrix Lestrange just wrote him.

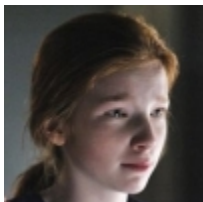
I've given Neville a warning on the Galleons, the code we came up with for there being something dangerous at home, really dangerous, and I wrote him in the journals too, and if he were all right, he'd write back right away to tell me, I know he would, and he hasn't, and I have


I have this awful feeling about it.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-24 00:08:57](#)
(no subject)


Come in. You and Augusta both. Come in now.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-24 00:10:34](#)
(no subject)

All right.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-24 00:12:04](#)
(no subject)

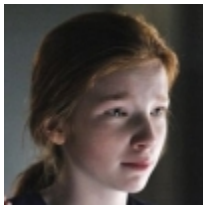
Evelyn,


Would it help if I thought up an excuse to write to him and see if I can find out what's going on?

I say, if Hydra's with her mother and she's mixed up with Neville...well, naturally Hydra will do her best to help him out of whatever misunderstanding has arisen, what.

Could they have more questions about Professor Sprout, perhaps?

-Justin




 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-24 00:40:48](#)**
(no subject)

I don't know! I don't know what's going on. I don't know what's the right thing to do. And now Mum and Dad are gone--

He would have answered me if he could, Justin.



 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2014-12-24 00:46:22](#)**
(no subject)

Let's not panic yet, what. He could be in a situation where he can't answer and yet not be in 'mortal peril,' as Mrs Weasley's clock puts it.

Professor Dolohov might be in a position to answer more easily, however.

-Justin




 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-24 01:10:56](#)**
(no subject)

No, Justin, don't.

I'm sorry but it's not a good idea. I mean, you wrote to him last time, didn't you? And while I'm sure you can make up a good excuse, it might just be too convenient, your always popping up just when there's a crisis, and in this case involving one of your mates. He might begin to suspect you've got a way to spy on him--or at the very least, some inside informaton.

I don't think you should risk it, really.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-24 01:14:29](#)
(no subject)


Hermione,

Yes, perhaps you're right. I was having trouble conceiving a credible reason to write just at this moment.

I say, it is maddening to do nothing, though.


-Justin



 [alt_frank](#) at [2014-12-24 00:16:59](#)
(no subject)


Fuck all. Alice and me are going out. To the house.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-24 00:21:42](#)
(no subject)


Frank, do you want help?



 [alt_frank](#) at [2014-12-24 00:27:05](#)
(no subject)


Yeah. No idea what we'll be walking into. But Dolohov's there, yeah, I want backup.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-24 00:28:51](#)
(no subject)


Right. On the way.



 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2014-12-24 00:37:14](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, Evelyn.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2014-12-24 00:46:19](#)**
(no subject)

Standing by, Alice, for whatever is needed.

2014-12-23 18:06:00

(no subject)

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 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-23 18:53:00

Order Only

I'm at Moddey Dhoo. I thought Evelyn might need--

Frank and Alice aren't back yet.



 [alt_molly](#)



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-24 01:25:40**

Private message to Molly, Sirius, Bill, Poppy, Rachel, and Hydra

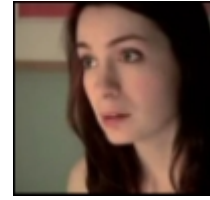
I talked Alice and Frank into withdrawing to Moddey Dhoo and not storming MLE headquarters by pointing out to Frank that Evelyn needs him.

Merlin. I wish Rachel would report in.

2014-12-23 18:56:00

Order Only: Urgent

My son is missing. There were five or six Aurors ransacking the house. Two got away. The rest were not able to provide us intel. We believe he may be at MLE headquarters.




 [alt_alice](#)

Rachel. Ron. Hydra. Report.


Consider this a high alert situation in case they have multiple targets.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 01:02:54](#)
(no subject)


I understand. I'll see what I can do.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-24 01:10:54](#)
Private message to Rachel Brodie

I understand, too.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-24 01:27:47](#)
(no subject)

What?! Neville and I talked on the journals just this morning, before I left for my afternoon shift. I'm just getting off.

Here for whatever you need, Mrs. L.

2014-12-23 19:39:00

Order Only

This isn't good news.

Neville was taken to MLE headquarters.
Interrogated.




 [alt_rachel](#)

Someone made a mistake. They took the cruciatus too far.

There's nothing we can do for him. The only comfort I can offer is that there's also nothing they can learn from him. Neville's gone, as gone as he would be if they'd killed him outright.

I'm sorry.




 [alt_rachel](#) at **2014-12-24 01:40:12**

Private message to Alice, Frank, Evelyn, and Terry

I'm so sorry.



 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-24 01:51:58**

Private message to Rachel Brodie

Oh god

did you do it? Is that why you're sure it's irreversible?



 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-24 01:52:17**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

Couldn't you have killed him instead?




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 01:53:27](#)

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

I would have.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 01:53:07](#)

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

No. It happened hours ago.

It wasn't me.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-24 01:46:25](#)

(no subject)

no

no

no

Dad, no

Can we find him?

Can we rescue him?

All the times I took cruciatus--

can it be reversed?



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 01:48:27](#)


(no subject)

No.

~~I can explain it, if that would help~~

It can't be reversed.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-24 01:55:02](#)
(no subject)

There's not even anything experimental that could be tried? Like the sort of thing Mr Snape does?



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2014-12-24 02:18:16](#)
(no subject)

Frank, Alice, Evelyn, Terry, Kevin.... we're so sorry.

(Terry, your commanding officer will release you from duty tonight, right? Are you going to Moddey Dhoo? We're a back up, if you want. We're going home to the Burrow. You can turn into the Professor and just

Hell.

Whatever you want. Whatever you need. We'll make sure you get it.)




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 01:46:39](#)
(no subject)

What? WHAT? Are you sure? HOW CAN YOU BE ACTING LIKE YOU'RE SURE. YOU CAN'T BE SURE. If we get him out, we can try, maybe he's faking, he's cleverer than people think he is, he'd think to fake it.


you're wrong



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 01:47:53](#)
(no subject)

You can't fake it with Bellatrix Lestrange.
She'd know.




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 01:57:12](#)
Private message to Rachel Brodie

Merlin.
Bugger.

~~How much did he spill~~ How long did he hold out? What's our exposure here, do you have any idea?




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 02:03:34](#)
Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

As far as I can tell, he revealed almost nothing. Just a few glimpses that made them sure he knew something, like his parents' faces. From what I could gather, they were trying to break through his occlumency.


I can tell you with 100% certainty that he didn't reveal me, or Ron, and with 95% certainty that he didn't reveal anyone who's not currently a fugitive. Because no one else has been arrested.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 02:27:51](#)
Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

Have you learned why he was picked up in the first place? Just because he was close to Pomona?

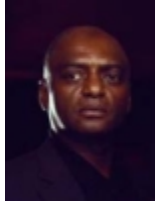


 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 02:35:10](#)

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

No.

Seamus Finnigan told them something, is what I heard.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 02:39:14](#)

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

Merlin.

And Ron rooms with him, too.



 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2014-12-24 02:26:35](#)

Private message to Sally-Anne

We think Ron's in shock. We'd ask you if we should dose him or something, but he's locked himself in his room and isn't answering our knocks.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 02:28:21](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-Anne

I'll come over.




 [alt_gredforge](#) at [2014-12-24 02:33:44](#)

Re: Private message to Sally-Anne

Good. You're what he needs right now.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-24 01:47:51](#)

(no subject)


NO



 **[alt_severus](#)** at **[2014-12-24 01:51:28](#)**
(no subject)

Alice, Frank, I will be there in a moment. ~~Do not do anything stupid~~




 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-24 01:55:21](#)**
Private message to Severus

Please believe I know what I'm talking about.

Tell them not to try to get him out. It would be pointless and they would die trying, if they were lucky, and wind up betraying all of us in that same interrogation room, if they weren't lucky.




 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-24 02:07:32](#)**
Private message to Severus

You taught him occlumency, didn't you?

He learned it really well.




 **[alt_severus](#)** at **[2014-12-24 02:37:26](#)**
Re: Private message to Severus

I did, yes. He was a most diligent student.

I will do my best to make Alice and Frank realise what must be done. Or what must not be done, as the case may be.



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-24 01:54:56](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, no.



 **[alt_bill](#) at 2014-12-24 02:00:26**

Private message to Rachel Brodie

Fuck, no.

That poor, poor kid. Kid, hell. That poor, brave man.

God, Frank and Alice....

Have you seen Hydra? Did she tell you anything?



 **[alt_rachel](#) at 2014-12-24 02:06:16**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

I haven't seen Hydra.



 **[alt_bill](#) at 2014-12-24 02:58:56**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

It was Hydra, wasn't it?

Rachel. I would understand if you want to be alone after...after having a narrow escape. A narrow escape for all of us.

But I think you should come here, and if you do, I'll do whatever you want. Just hold you through the night. If that's what you wish.




 **[alt_rachel](#) at 2014-12-24 03:04:20**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

I never want to be alone after narrow escapes.

There's nothing right now I want more than distraction. Any distraction.




 **[alt_bill](#) at 2014-12-24 03:08:18**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

Come home, love. I'll give you a slew to choose from.




 **[alt_rachel](#) at 2014-12-24 03:05:07**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

Frankly if I were a drinker I'd bring a bottle of firewhiskey. For myself. You'd have to provide your own.

I can't quite bring myself to drink myself pie-eyed, though. Too many ways that could get me killed.



 **[alt_bill](#) at 2014-12-24 03:19:29**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

I think at least one of us needs to be sober tonight. If you want it to be me, I have a very good potion for afterwards for you.




 **[alt_rachel](#) at 2014-12-24 03:21:53**

Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

Did you see what Hydra wrote? You want to rethink volunteering?



 **[alt_bill](#) at 2014-12-24 03:28:33**


Re: Private message to Rachel Brodie

No, I don't want to rethink it.

I want you. And I think you want me, too. At least to be with me.

Come, join me here. Let's be together tonight.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 02:44:12](#)**

Private message to Auror Brodie

How do you know there's nothing any of us can do for him? Are you just saying that because you think it's too dangerous?



 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-24 02:52:12](#)**

Re: Private message to Auror Brodie


No, I'm not just saying that.

I've seen it done to people before. They showed us, in Auror training.

Cruciatus causes pain but it also does damage. If it's just a little bit, just occasionally, the damage can be repaired. Or ... routed around.

If someone's held under the curse, unrelenting, for a long period of time -- it's like burning down a house. The damage is extensive. People lose the ability to speak. To recognise their friends and family. I've never heard of anyone recovering.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 02:53:45](#)**

Re: Private message to Auror Brodie

How long is 'a long period of time?'




 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-24 02:55:21](#)**

Re: Private message to Auror Brodie

Why are you asking about this? Are you trying to give yourself nightmares?

There's nothing you can do for Neville. If you'd known at the time, you wouldn't have been able to intervene on his behalf. I'm sorry.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 02:56:37](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Brodie

My Fath Voldemort won't allow anyone to cruciate me.

half. Supposedly it's because I could bite my tongue in



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 02:58:16](#)


Re: Private message to Auror Brodie

If you really want to know what it's like, I'll do it. But I don't recommend it.

You won't bite your tongue in half. If you did, Poppy could fix it back on, anyway.

It would leave damage, though. It always leaves damage.



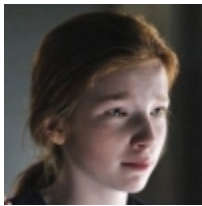
 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 03:01:35](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Brodie

Damage that all my friends have. I mean, seriously. I'm pretty sure ALL.

Why does Voldemort care

I'll think about it.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-24 03:48:12](#)

(no subject)

Only he's not dead, though.

It's so much worse than that.

2014-12-23 20:11:00

Order Only: Private Message to Hydra

Dux,

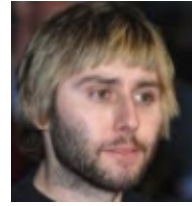
What did she do to him?

Are you all right? Can you get away without anyone noticing?

I'm jolly well worried. Please reply as soon as ever you can do.

All my love,

-J

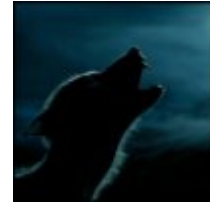


 [alt_justin](#)

2014-12-23 20:19:00


Order Only: Private message to Padfoot

I want to rip Bellatrix's throat out.



 [alt_lupin](#)



 [alt_sirius](#) at **2014-12-24 02:34:30**

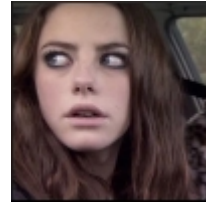
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Queue for it, puppy.

2014-12-23 20:26:00

Order Only - Private message to Justin


Hydra came through the Spencer House floo not ten minutes ago. She's very unwell. I don't know much about healing, and with what's just happened to the Longbottoms, I don't think I should trouble everyone else.



 [alt_daphne](#)

Besides, it's you that she's asking for.



 [alt_justin](#) at **2014-12-24 02:46:21**
(no subject)

Daphne,

Yes, I had a feeling that--

Nevermind. I shall come at once.

-Justin

2014-12-23 20:55:00

Order Only

I knew there was no way in or out of MLE and I knew that there was no time, no way to contact anyone.

The plan was to kill him, and then myself, to minimise exposure.

But that wasn't what he wanted, and I could only honour the wishes of the one who was right in front of me.



 **alt_hydra**

this is my boggart. do whatever you have to do.

tell them I love them.


tell them I said,

'draco dormiens nunquam titillandus.' once she tells you this, you'll know I was okay with it.

Please, Hydra.

Sorry, but I believe I need to go lay down now.



 **alt_harry** at **2014-12-24 03:17:59**

Private message to Hydra

The two of you saved the Order. You and Neville both.

Thank you.

Do you need anything?



 **alt_hydra** at **2014-12-24 03:23:06**


Re: Private message to Hydra

Not really.

I mean, it was him, not me.

I don't know, I can't think of anything right now really.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 03:27:57](#)


Re: Private message to Hydra

I think it's possible Neville is the bravest person I have ever known.

But it might also be you.

Anyway if you think of anything. Let me know.



 [alt_molly](#) at [2014-12-24 03:23:20](#)

Private message to Hydra

Oh, my dear girl.

You're not alone, are you? Are you somewhere we can send Poppy, or Sally-Anne at the very least? She is here at the Burrow, but I'm sure she would come to you.

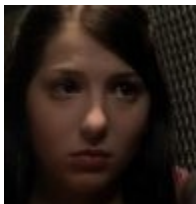
If you wish it.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-24 03:25:39](#)

Re: Private message to Hydra

I'm at Uncle Raz's house and Justin and Daphne are here.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 03:25:31](#)

Private message to Justin

Is she okay? I mean

obviously she's not

does she need anything? Did Bellatrix cruciate her? I have a potion, though it's not the one Dolohov gave us. I can bring it. Are you with her?




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 03:51:50](#)

Private message to Hydra Lestrangle, Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

Hydra, I am so sorry to have to ask you this, but his parents will want to know. I think some decisions will be made based on the information.

Is Neville still at MLE? Or has he been taken elsewhere, and if he has, do you know where?



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-24 03:53:51](#)

Re: Private message to Hydra Lestrangle, Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

I don't know.
When we left MLE he was still in interrogation.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 04:03:44](#)

Re: Private message to Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

Very well.

Rachel, you said that there have been cases like this before. What happens to the victims afterward? What does MLE do with them?



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 04:05:27](#)

Re: Private message to Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

Yeah, lots. Afterward -- sometimes they kill them. Sometimes the victims are sent to Azkaban, though when that happens, they never live long because no one's seeing to it that they eat. Most often they go to the Vale of Health. The Vale is run by Healers, not by MLE, and ordinarily breaking someone out of there wouldn't be terribly difficult. In Neville's case, I would be surprised if Bellatrix didn't try to use him as bait to trap his parents, though. Wherever they send him, or wherever they put it about that they've sent him, assume it's extremely well guarded.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 04:15:34](#)

Re: Private message to Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

They *would* use him as bait for his parents, wouldn't they?

Let's hope they don't get that bright idea too soon. Remus and Snape are talking as fast as they can, but the thing is, if they sent up that signal tonight, Alice and Frank might actually bite.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 04:19:05](#)

Re: Private message to Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

I know. They're -- well. I just hope they make sure they're not taken alive, if they charge in.



 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 04:05:55](#)

Re: Private message to Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

And Evelyn's scared for her boyfriend, Artie, and for Kitty Bundy.

Rachel, did you hear anything, any conclusions about Evelyn? Are her close associates in danger?



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-24 04:18:27](#)

Re: Private message to Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

I don't know.

They might well be questioned. Can they

occlude?




 [alt_kingsley](#) at [2014-12-24 04:53:41](#)

Re: Private message to Remus Lupin and Rachel Brodie

No idea. Not sure if they were studying with Albus. He might know.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-24 03:52:14](#)

(no subject)

~~I can't ima~~ How did

I'm glad we're not mourning you too.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 03:58:23](#)

Private message to Madam Pomfrey and Severus Snape

Hydra's at Spencer House. Daphne and Justin are both here.

Bellatrix cruciated Hydra for her mistake so badly she had a seizure. At least one. I'm not sure. Her right hand (not her wand hand) was still clenched in a fist and she couldn't un-clench it and her right foot was -- well you can't put a foot into a fist but it was all clenched up.

Since this used to be Rabastan Lestrangle's house and Dolohov called Snape's palliative something that was a secret of the Council I thought maybe there'd be some about, and I found it, several doses, in a medicine cabinet in the master bathroom. Justin and I had to talk Hydra into taking it because I guess Auror Crouch doesn't approve of palliative potions but she did in the end. And, I used the releasing charm to get her hand and foot to relax a bit.

I'm wondering if I should give her another dose or if more won't do any more than one would.

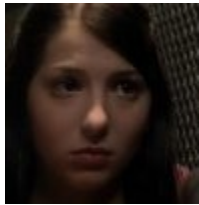
Apparently Bellatrix said she'd teach her where the line was. The one she crossed, with Neville. By demonstrating.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-24 04:01:39](#)

Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey and Severus Snape

If it is the potion I developed, it will not harm her to take more of it than a single phial; it was designed to be helpful if one could only swallow a bit, but not harmful if one's friends tipped a gallon of it down one's throat. If she is doing as poorly as you say, at least two doses would be best for her.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 04:06:53](#)

Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey and Severus Snape

Okay, I'll give her more.

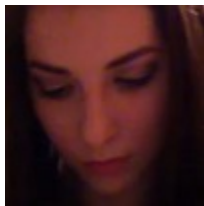
Are you absolutely sure this wouldn't repair the damage, if we could get to Neville?



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-24 04:08:11](#)

Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey and Severus Snape

I am certain, and you can likely intuit how I came to be so.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 04:08:54](#)

Re: Private message to Madam Pomfrey and Severus Snape

Yeah.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 04:07:22](#)

Private message to Hydra

Hey,

I'm not going to ask if you're alright, and I'm not going to tell you it will be alright.


This is the worst thing that's ever happened to you. This is (well,

probably - though who knows, with your parents) the most helpless, terrified, and small that you have ever felt. All you thought you could withstand, all the tests you've gone through, none of it prepared you for this horrible weight (actually, you're the most prepared out of any of us).

If I were with you, I'd be able to feel it. I'd take some of it away, if I could, if it would help. I'm not the only one who would do that for you, either.

I know you'll be alright, Hydra. You were ready for this - are ready.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-24 04:11:40](#)

Re: Private message to Hydra

You remember.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 04:12:30](#)

Re: Private message to Hydra

Of course I remember, you goose. And I won't ever forget.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2014-12-24 18:21:55](#)

(no subject)

its a code he said he'd tell himself after he got obliterated a few years back.

so he'd know it had happened, and that he'd asked for it.

[2014-12-23 21:35:00](#)

Order Only: Private message to Kingsley




Did Terry make it there to Moddey Dhoo? He never replied to us.

 **[alt_gredforge](#)**

Just want to make sure he isn't off doing something stupid or suicidal.

(Merlin, listen to us. You'd think we were grownups or something.)



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2014-12-24 03:41:53](#)**
(no subject)

He's not here.

Maybe he's holed up with Finbar and Dudley. They could have sat on him and kept him there with them if they thought he was upset enough to splinch himself if he tried to apparate.



 **[alt_gredforge](#)** at **[2014-12-24 03:46:16](#)**
(no subject)

How are Frank and Alice holding up? And Evelyn?

Mum's about having kneazles; she wants to be there but she doesn't want to leave us alone.



 **[alt_kingsley](#)** at **[2014-12-24 03:57:34](#)**
(no subject)

Snape is pouring Frank's drinks and telling Alice that if she goes in wands blazing to rescue Neville, she will die too, and that will dishonour Neville's sacrifice and his last wishes.

Clearly, he's not the usual pattern of a grief counselor, but oddly enough, it seems to be working.

Evelyn is with her Gran. She seems quite worried about her boyfriend Artie, and Kitty Bundy.

2014-12-23 22:20:00

Private message to Headmaster Dolohov

Sir,

~~I don't know what to I need your advice~~



 **alt_seamus**

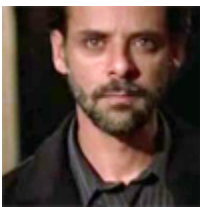
While packing to go home I accidentally somehow wound up with a notebook of Neville's in my trunk. I wasn't even sure what it was, it was warded, I mean -- I asked ~~Padm~~ got it open and there were some things that seemed very suspicious and strange to me. So I brought them to Mr Rosier, and he called Bellatrix Lestrange. That was all earlier today.

Tonight she came back over and she was -- I guess I was right, that it was something suspicious. That Neville Longbottom WAS a traitor, like his parents. But -- even so I guess he didn't know much? And now Evelyn's disappeared, I guess. Along with their grandmother.

Auror Lestrange wanted more names. She wanted to know who Evelyn Longbottom's associates are. She said she expects evidence, but I don't -- I mean, I gave her the evidence I had, all of it! Evelyn has mates, but I'm not really sure who her best mates are, Lavender Brown would be a better person to ask, but I didn't want to say that because I didn't want to get Lavender in trouble. ~~Or Bundy or Ross~~

~~I wish I'd never~~

What should I tell her?



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-24 05:02:06**

(no subject)

~~Next time, come to me first, you idiot boy~~


I'm certain that you did tell Bellatrix everything you could think of, and that now that she's calmed down, she will realise that. I've spoken to her as well, and she is somewhat more rational on the subject; she never takes well to failure.

I would suggest that you think back over Longbottom's actions to see if you remember anything else and wait to see who is most shocked or upset by his fate, but I have often found with Bella in a strop, the best thing to do is to wait until she works her way back around to

you instead of volunteering yourself as a target; if you do not remind her that she set you a task, she will often forget that she had taken her ire out upon you.

If you think of anything else that might be relevant, you can bring it to me first, if you'd like; I have more experience with her.




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-24 05:04:24](#)**
(no subject)

Yes, please, sir.

I would much prefer to talk to you than to Auror Lestrangle. And let you talk to her.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-24 05:07:22](#)**
(no subject)

A not uncommon -- and wholly understandable -- reaction, yes.

[2014-12-23 22:27:00](#)

Order Only

The Memorial Garden at Hogwarts is completely dead.

Don't worry, I was careful. The trees were all girdled under the snow, and I covered my tracks. It won't be clear until spring, when the trees don't bud out.

Mum and Dad, I'm on my way to Moddey Dhoo now.



 [alt_tery](#)



 [alt_tery](#) at **[2014-12-24 04:33:46](#)**


Private message to Pansy Parkinson

Including your father's tree.

I'm sorry if it upsets you, but

I had to do it. For Neville, and for Professor Sprout. Anyway, if it stood out because it was the only one alive, it might invite questions for you.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **[2014-12-24 04:49:19](#)**

Re: Private message to Pansy Parkinson

I don't give a damn about a tree.




 [alt_pansy](#) at **[2014-12-24 04:51:11](#)**

Re: Private message to Pansy Parkinson

For what it's worth, I'm sorry.

About Neville.



 **[alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-24 04:57:50](#)**

Re: Private message to Pansy Parkinson

I keep thinking it should have been me instead. If there was any way it could have been me, I would have taken his place.

But I don't think I could have ever been as brave as him, to do what he did to protect the Order.

Or as brave as Hydra.



 **[alt_gredforge](#) at [2014-12-24 04:51:43](#)**

(no subject)

Good going. If we could have we would have exploded the whole frigging grove.

Fu would have been happy to help.

2014-12-23 22:31:00

Order Only - Private message to Sally Anne and Justin



Everything alright?

Sorry again to leave you all alone in a strange place, but I promised my parents and sisters that I'd be back to Belgravia after supper, and it's not a good time to have them feeling abandoned or neglected.

 [alt_daphne](#)

If you need anything, the elves know the house far better than I do.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-24 05:39:02**
(no subject)

So far I've been able to find everything I needed, even the potion. (Right now I'm getting myself a snack. The elf found me the cheese and made me some toast.)

It's a really nice house. Does it seem really strange that it's yours?


I think all three of us will be here overnight, I was thinking I'd sleep in one of the guest rooms, do you care which?



 [alt_daphne](#) at **2014-12-24 05:53:40**
(no subject)

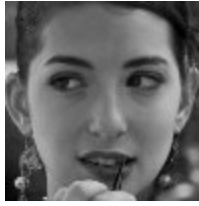
Yes, it feels like it belongs to a married couple. And it seems strange to call it a mere house - it's really more of a palace, though small compared to Buckingham. But it's another place we can all use, if we need it, so choose any of the guest rooms you like.



 [alt_daphne](#) at **2014-12-24 05:54:02**
Private message to Sally Anne

Is Justin going to stay with Hydra?

Not that I really have to ask.



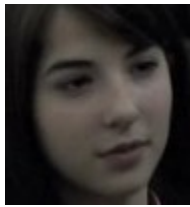
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 05:57:42](#)

Re: Private message to Sally Anne

Oh, you know he is.

Justin wanted me to step out. I told him what to watch for and to give a shout (or send an elf) if I'm needed.

Well, I certainly don't think they need to be staying away from each other. I mean. As long as Bellatrix doesn't find out.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 05:58:57](#)

Re: Private message to Sally Anne

And really it's not like they're going to be shagging doing anything more than having a sweet chaste cuddle, in the condition Hydra's in.

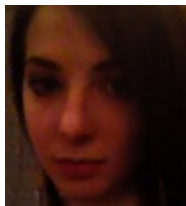


 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-24 06:05:14](#)

Re: Private message to Sally Anne

Yes, well, I've long suspected that they were still harbouring feelings for one another, but tonight left no question whatsoever.

I mean, looking at them it almost seems like they've never been apart, even though they don't really speak very often at school, do they? I don't even see them write to one another that often. It's peculiar.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 06:28:16](#)

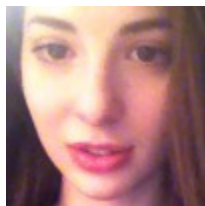
Re: Private message to Sally Anne

Right. I know what you mean.

Justin said earlier that he was certain Hydra was okay -- in the journals, I mean, when it was Hydra we were all fretting about.

I asked him tonight how he was so sure (I mean, some Order members have jewelry that tells them if the people they care about most are alive and well, you know? but the thing about

jewelry like that it won't tell you anything if the person takes it off and in fact if MLE really wants to NOT tip anybody off there's ways) and he said, 'I would have felt it.'

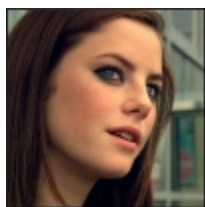


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 06:31:41](#)

Re: Private message to Sally Anne

You know, if they secretly got married, and did the blood binding, that would explain it. (All of it.) Because THAT, there's no easy way around and you can't misplace it because you took it off in the bath. And it would explain why they seem like they've never been apart, all off it.

But that would be crazy, I mean Hydra's not even of age. Are you even allowed to get married if you're not of age?

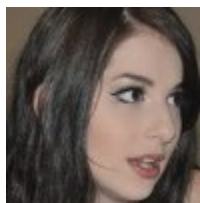


 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-24 06:37:36](#)

Re: Private message to Sally Anne

Yes, it would be quite mad, and Hydra's not even of age.

And yet she's on the council. She was still only *fifteen* when she was given the mark. Ordinary rules have never applied to her.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-24 06:41:34](#)

Re: Private message to Sally Anne


True.

Oh. And you know something else? The same week Hydra took the mark, last summer, the wards on Justin and Ron's flat went a bit haywire. But JUST for Justin. Ron was a little perplexed. Justin insisted he hadn't done anything.

Getting married and doing a blood-bond changes your magical signature for all sorts of things.

Mind you, Ron thought it was just a dodgy ward cast by a dodgy landlord.



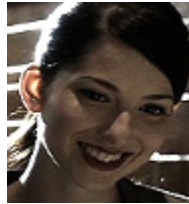
 **[alt_daphne](#) at 2014-12-24 06:48:43**

Re: Private message to Sally Anne

Oh, well - there's your proof.

And as for age, it doesn't really matter - well, if you're a witch from a good family it doesn't matter, at least. I guess they want pureblooded ladies to be pushing out babes from betwixt our thighs for the glory of the Protectorate, or something along those lines, anyway.

Though in this case, her parents obviously would not approve.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2014-12-24 06:51:18**

Re: Private message to Sally Anne

I guess that's one advantage to being a half-blood. No one much cares whether I have babies, or not.

2014-12-23 22:44:00

Order Only

Right.

I know we're all shocked, and sad, and horrified, and afraid.



 [alt_lupin](#)

But for those of you who are not fugitives already:

Maintain your cover. Keep to your routines. Trust in your occlumency. The Order cannot function as an entirely underground organisation. Neville did this to protect us; trust in his gift and his sacrifice.


When Filius Flitwick set up the false Hogwarts book, the one that allowed us to conceal the births of muggleborn infants, Savitha Desai caught him on his way back out. They duelled, and she hit him with the entrail-expelling curse. I think Flitwick probably failed deliberately to parry what he knew would be a fatal curse, to avoid being taken alive and questioned.

Minerva, Poppy, and Pomona could not for even an instant reveal their grief and horror. Especially Minerva, who wore the Dark Mark. Minerva had to smile at Desai, praise her skill, step over the blood of her murdered friend, and go about her day.

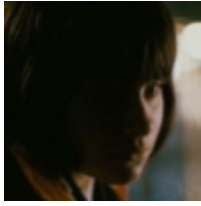
Those of us in the Order at the time honored Filius's sacrifice and carried on the work he'd died to make possible.


You can all do the same.



 [alt_luna](#) at **2014-12-24 05:11:49**
(no subject)

We will, sir.



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2014-12-24 05:17:22**
(no subject)


You're sure that's

What should I do about

So we'll just sit around and wait for

Right.

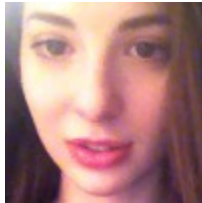



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2014-12-24 05:43:21**
Private Message to Sally-Anne and Ron

Stay safe.

Just


Stay safe.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2014-12-24 06:02:52**
Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne and Ron

Well, I'm at Spence. Not quite as safe as 12GP but no one's got any reason to suspect me of anything more than wanting to be kind to my good friend Hydra. And this lovely house is owned by my good friend Daphne. Nothing to see here!



 **[alt_pansy](#) at 2014-12-24 06:13:14**
Re: Private Message to Sally-Anne and Ron


Well, good.

I'm still expecting for there to be a knock on my door at any minute.

We should check up on Artemus and Katrina tomorrow. Without making it obvious, of course.


If I'm two seconds from running to Moddey and screaming 'sanctuary,' I can't imagine they're going to sleep a wink tonight. And everyone knows how close they are to Ev.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-24 05:21:01](#)**
(no subject)

Thank you, Remus.




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-24 05:36:50](#)**
Private Message to Moony

You know I love you, don't you?

Well said.




 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2014-12-24 05:41:04](#)**
Re: Private Message to Moony

Oh, Padfoot.

What they did to Neville. What Hydra had to do.

Why did we let them join




 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-24 05:59:08](#)**
Re: Private Message to Moony

Yes. Merlin, I hope we can make the sacrifices worth it.

Sometimes I wonder how many their generation are going to have to give up any hope of being able to *enjoy* the world they're helping to create.



 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2014-12-24 06:04:31](#)**
Re: Private Message to Moony

Tonight I was making a list. In my head.

Couldn't stop myself.

Which of them I think are the least likely to ever see another world.

2014-12-23 23:15:00

Private message to Padma Patil

so

I did show it to Mr Rosier. And he took it to Bellatrix Lestrange. And



 [alt_seamus](#)

I think Neville's dead. I think she killed him.

I think he was a traitor, after all, but he must not have known very much.



 [alt_padma](#) at **2014-12-24 18:13:04**

(no subject)

Sorry, I didn't see this until now.

I mean--I'm--

DEAD? Really dead? Just because Professor Sprout made him her--apprentice or whatever? (I mean, I guess there's his family history. If he'd been contacting his parents all along or something....)

But. Wow.


Although...wait, that doesn't make sense. If he was a real traitor and had been in contact with his parents, then Auror Lestrange wouldn't have killed him. I mean, really, she'd have kept him *alive*, as long as possible, to find out everything he knew about them. And if he hadn't known anything...well, why kill him then? Just put him in Azkaban, or something.

So either it's something else, like, he tried to escape and she didn't have a choice, or--something went wrong.

Still. Why would Mr Rosier go straight to Bellatrix Lestrange, of all people, and not someone more--measured, I guess.


Oh, Seamus. Either way, what a thing to have on your conscience.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-24 18:18:00](#)
(no subject)


I don't know. I mean, I don't know why Mr Rosier went to Bellatrix Lestrangle. And I don't know how Neville wound up dead. I don't actually know for sure he is dead, actually what she said was they wouldn't get any more from him.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-24 18:18:30](#)
(no subject)

It shouldn't bother me if he actually was a traitor.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-24 18:24:17](#)
(no subject)

It's not that he was a traitor--I mean, we sort of always *knew* he couldn't be anything else. But he was also your roommate and...and I know you don't want to feel responsible for his death. But you're not. Not really. He's the one who did whatever he did. And he's the one who ran afoul of Auror Lestrangle, however it came about.

Maybe you could have been more firm with Mr Rosier about not being ready to do anything yet, or only wanting advice, not for him to step in and take action. It was one thing when you were just his ward but you're a Councilwizard too, now, and as everyone keeps telling me, you can't afford to look weak. He weakened your position by deciding for you what to do, instead of giving you his opinion and letting you decide.

Maybe the real lesson here is that Mr Rosier isn't quite as invested in your own best interest as you thought.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-24 18:37:33](#)
(no subject)

Once we got it open and I went through it, it was loads of notes on Herbology stuff, which might have been connected to Sprout. Including this note on one potion, 'check SS' -- which might have

stood for 'Severus Snape.' And if it was just Herbology notes with nothing dodgy, why'd he have a warding spell on the notebook, you know?

I took it to Mr Rosier to see what he thought and he insisted it wouldn't hurt to talk to Bellatrix, because if he had nothing to hide, she'd see that right away. ~~I think he was afraid~~ He said it could be casual, he'd invite her and Hydra over for lunch.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-24 18:19:27](#)

(no subject)

~~It was Neville who went to Dolohov, two years ago, when --~~

~~In a way, it was Neville's fault~~

I don't know what else I should have done.

I wish

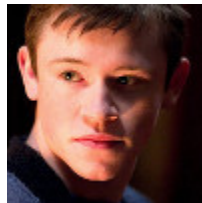


 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-24 18:24:40](#)

(no subject)

I saw you wrote to Doves last night.

What did he say?



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-24 18:41:10](#)

(no subject)

Yesterday evening Auror Lestrage came back over. And she was furious about something. She said Neville wouldn't be giving them any more information, and Evelyn and their grandmother had disappeared, and she wanted more names, like everyone Evelyn Longbottom was ever mates with and she expected evidence.

And I didn't have evidence, I mean, I gave her all the evidence I had, which was the notebook. Right away.

She said she'd let me think about it and that's when I wrote to Doves.

He said, he'd try to calm her down. And that -- 'I have often found with Bella in a strop, the best thing to do is to wait until she works her way back around to you instead of volunteering yourself as a target; if you do not remind her that she set you a task, she will often forget that she had taken her ire out upon you.'

And if I remembered or noticed anything else I should talk to him, and let him go to Auror Lestrangle.

2014-12-23 23:15:00

(no subject)

WHAT WAS THAT L L Message about earlier?
Something about Longbottom?



 [alt_galleon](#)

2014-12-23 23:17:00

(no subject)

he's fine it's probably nothing



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-24 01:05:00

Order Only

I'm collapsing now. I'll finishing cleaning up the training field in the morning. My mess, my responsibility.



 **alt_cedric**

I'll be up before dawn, about half seven, ready to run the course. I'll be pushing. Hard. Anyone that wants to come join, expect to be run into the ground.

2014-12-24 08:07:00

ORDER ONLY

Poppy is currently investigating whether my son has been taken to the curse ward at St Mungo's or the Vale. He is still alive, and I will not abandon him, but we cannot move forward until we know more, and when we do move, it must be with purpose and strategy.



 [alt_alice](#)

We must continue with our plans for Azkaban, and may have even greater reason to go there if he has been placed there instead.

We must continue to look forward.

We must.

Remus is right. Our best chance right now is to maintain cover. This can be contained to our family alone. Kitty, Artie, you must be very discreet, but I would like you to work some more on your Occlumency, and discuss possible strategy if you should be questioned. If you need someone to come to you instead, that can be arranged.


Thank you all for your words of support.

I know that my son was not the only one who made a sacrifice yesterday. I cannot fathom what it has cost you, Hydra. This was his choice, of his own free will, and to know his last

It is a gift.

What else is there to say?



 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-24 16:55:24**

Private Message to Remus and Sirius

Poppy made me eat something and took me on a walk and told me she was going in.

Everything is so hard.

This took hours to write.

Oh, Remus.

I'm so very glad you're here.

I can't right now. I just can't.




 **alt_lupin** at [2014-12-24 17:42:02](#)

Re: Private Message to Remus and Sirius

You don't have to right now, Alice.

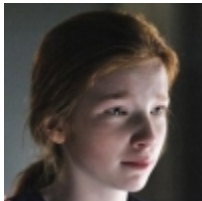
There's a reason the Order has always had multiple leaders.



 **alt_sirius** at [2014-12-24 17:53:09](#)

Re: Private Message to Remus and Sirius

Remus is right, Allie. We'll take care of things for now. As well as anything you need - any of you.



 **alt_evelyn** at [2014-12-24 18:30:12](#)

Private Message to Kitty and Artie

I'm sorry.

Please be careful.

I love you both so very much.




 **alt_hydra** at [2014-12-24 18:49:49](#)

(no subject)

I forgot to say, but I have a copy of his gardening notebook.

When my mother was out of the room I duplicated it, shrunk down the duplicate, and hid it in my robes.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-24 19:06:17](#)

(no subject)

Oh.

Oh, Hydra.

You saved his work.

Thank you.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-24 19:11:15](#)

Private message to Hydra

I hardly know what to

I hope it isn't cruel...well, there's no *right* way to say it. I'm sorry. I'm glad that my brother had you for him at the end. I hope you have the right people there for you right now.

Thank you for thinking of the notebook. Neville told me about it. He said it had all his most important research notes from his seven years there, and he was hoping it would help both Mr Snape and Mrs Wilson-Lee with their investigations.

And it will mean the world to Mum and Dad to have it, and Evelyn, too. So thank you.

2014-12-24 08:23:00

Order Only Private message to Frank


I have made up a potion for you, when you wake with the hangover you will inevitably awaken with. Come see me and I will dispense it. Do not try to punish yourself by enduring the hangover: your daughter, your son, and your adopted son need you, as does your wife.



 **alt_severus**

For what it is worth, which of course is precisely nothing, I am sorry. He will be missed.



 **alt_frank** at **2014-12-24 15:24:51**
(no subject)

fuck.

fuck everything.

2014-12-24 08:52:00

Order Only Private message to Hermione and Harry



 **alt_draco**

Harry, I know how helpless you feel when these things happen - I feel the same way. We all do. Nothing can be done but to move forward, and that means we have to do everything we can to find the rest of the horcruxes. They won't be hidden near the places Voldemort wants to forget. The Riddle House and Wool's Orphanage were more or less wiped off the face of the map, too much of a reminder of his muggle heritage, so Hermione and I have a theory that he might have hidden them in places he associates with his rise to power, and his transformation from Tom Riddle to Voldemort.


So yeah, that definitely includes Buckingham Palace. Are there any other places he's used for rituals, or where he won a particularly hard-fought battle? That's what we need to keep researching.

But even if we find all the horcruxes, I keep coming back to the fact that the one person who poses the biggest threat to our security is Bellatrix. That Neville knew occlumency saved us, but it didn't save him.

Is it mad to consider the possibility of having Hydra assassinate her own mother? She's the only one who could get close enough to do it. Well, and maybe Rachel, but she doesn't even work in Auntie Bella's division.

Even then, it would be incredibly risky. And probably wouldn't work.



 **alt_draco at 2014-12-24 16:19:44**

Private message to Hermione

I saw someone's shadow at the crack beneath my door last night, and I know it was yours because I recognise the sound of your walk by now. You could have just barged in if you wanted to talk, you know.

It's not as if I was asleep - and that hasn't even stopped you before, besides.




 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-24 17:00:35](#)**

Re: Private message to Hermione

I was--coming to tell you that no one else could sleep, either, and we were all in the sitting room.

But then I thought maybe you *wanted* to be alone, or you really were asleep, or something, and I didn't want to wake you if you'd managed it.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-24 17:06:50](#)**


Re: Private message to Hermione

Oh, I guess I should have spoken up when I sensed you standing out there.

I was up thinking about how rotten I was to Neville, back at school. I perpetuated the idea that he was a traitor for years, and yeah, I stopped, but I never exactly apologised to him, either.

I should have done.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 16:42:46](#)**

(no subject)

By rights he ought to have one at Leicester, then. But he didn't fight there. Do you think that would matter? That it was his people fighting, while he stayed at a safe distance?

Buckingham is a stupid place to keep your magical immortality jewelry when you live there yourself. Not that I'm sure he wouldn't do it anyway. There's also Eton. That's where he took me, after I won the Triwizard Tournament. That time he wanted me to kill Ridley.




 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-24 16:51:41](#)**

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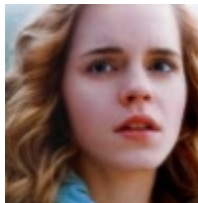
What about the Ministry? That's certainly a significant location and was a hard-fought battle to win. And Voldemort was there, wasn't he?

And...doesn't he have another place, not Buckingham, where he conducts his 'experiments'? You've been there, Harry--did you ever find out where it was?



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 16:55:41](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Eton. That's where I was talking about.




 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-24 16:59:18](#)
(no subject)

Right--of course you were. I mean, of course that's what you meant. Sorry. I wasn't--


Sorry.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:00:39](#)
(no subject)

It's almost like you didn't get a good night's sleep any more than Draco or I did.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:07:04](#)
(no subject)

And, the thing about Eton is, that's where he makes them. Or at least made some of them. I think.

I'm not sure if he'd also keep them there. Maybe?




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:00:03](#)
(no subject)

And, the Ministry.

On one hand -- it's a significant location, yeah. But it's also mostly controlled by other people. Even if Voldemort thinks he controls them.

If there is anywhere at the Ministry he'd put something like that, though -- I think it would be the Wizengamot.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 16:44:32](#)**
(no subject)

And about Bellatrix. Don't you think Hydra would kill her if she thought she possibly could?

But maybe there's something she needs that one of us could get for her. My cloak, for instance.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-24 17:09:59](#)**
(no subject)

A part of me is thinking a resounding "yes," because bloody nightshade, wouldn't you want to, if you were Hydra?

But I could be wrong. It's still her own mother.

And it seems a bit wrong to ask someone "Hey there, up for snuffing your mum out of existence?"



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 17:26:29](#)**
(no subject)

Did you read what Hydra wrote after she had to cruciate a bunch of students, during the business with the graffiti? She said that when she has to cruciate someone, she kind of hallucinates that it's actually her mother standing in front of her.

So presumably that's what she did with Neville.

I don't think she'd hesitate for a minute, if she thought she could actually kill Bellatrix.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 17:33:10](#)
(no subject)


Yeah, I'd forgotten about that.

How does someone actually get enough confidence to think they can kill Bellatrix, though? Mother used to say that Bellatrix respected the Lord Protector above all others because he was the only person who could out-duel her.

But maybe it doesn't need to involve a duel. Just sneakiness, good timing, and luck.


I mean, even Bellatrix has to sleep and use the loo sometimes.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:34:35](#)
(no subject)


Bellatrix can't read Hydra's mind. So sneakiness could work.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 17:36:19](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, and despite what she did to Hydra last night, I don't think Bellatrix is suspicious of Hydra at all. No daughter of hers would ever be a traitor.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:40:06](#)
(no subject)

I was thinking about what would have happened, if Hydra had killed Neville, like she'd planned.

Bellatrix would have known then that Hydra was a traitor. What do you think she'd have done to Sally-Anne and Daphne and Pansy, and Ron, and Remy and Evelyn and anyone who'd ever so much as sat next to Hydra in class?

Anyway if Hydra tries to kill her, she can't fail. She has to be absolutely certain she'll succeed.

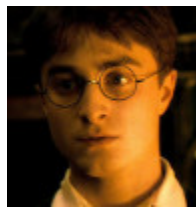



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 17:47:29](#)
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Yeah. The option Neville thought up was much better, big-picture wise.

That brings us back to the question of how one gets that kind of certainty.

When I killed Teddy, I knew I was going to succeed. Because I had nothing left to lose, and if I was going to die he was going to go first. But that kind of certainty only comes out of circumstance - it's not like I prepared and practised for it.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:54:22](#)
(no subject)

Right.

If I had nothing to lose, I'd try to kill Voldemort. Because there'd be a chance it would work. Not a large one, but a chance.

But I'm sitting here writing in my diary because I know I'd probably fail, and they'd kill me, or they'd take me apart to find out who I'd conspired with. I have things to lose.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:55:29](#)
(no subject)

I would die to kill him.

I would die horribly. If that would help.

But I don't want to die for nothing.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-24 18:06:03](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, I mean, I thought Hermione was dead, and that everyone knew I was a traitor. So why not take down Teddy on my way out?

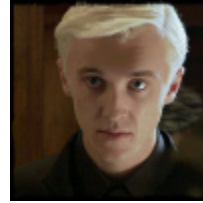
But I don't think we can wait for those moments of desperation to come around again. We have to be willing to lose the things we'd lose, and I don't know if any of us are there yet, and I don't know how we get there.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 18:14:45](#)**
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You're right. We can't.

I don't think Mrs Longbottom likes taking risks. Though last week she talked about the Big Plan for next September.

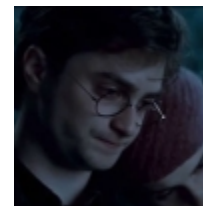



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-24 18:18:37](#)**
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I mean, I'm a Slytherin, I still had *me* to lose, and I wasn't even thinking about that. Pretty impressive, really.

September seems really, really far away. Especially when you think about what's happened in just the last month or two. Or just the last couple of weeks. Days.

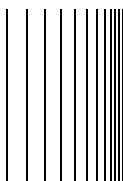
We're bleeding out.




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 18:22:04](#)**
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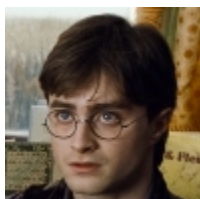
I am really tired of losing friends.


Including my friends on the other side. Like Raz.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 18:36:22](#)
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You and me both, mate.



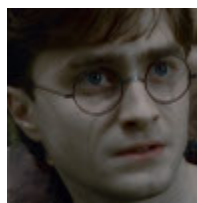
 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:15:19](#)
(no subject)


I'm trying to think where he might have put them and I keep thinking about where I'd put something like that, if I were him. Because, I wouldn't hide it in some deep cavern guarded by Inperi. I'd put it in a vault at Gringott's. Or ask Bellatrix to keep it for me. Or put it under the cornerstone of a new maternity hospital in London. Or I'd stuff it in a little box and hide it at the bottom of the North Sea.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 17:25:41](#)
(no subject)

That diary that Hydra wrote in - wasn't it originally given to you by Voldemort? Maybe we'll get lucky and he'll pass you another one.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:29:58](#)
(no subject)

I was such an idiot back then.

Yeah, he gave it to me. I still don't know what he was thinking about that.

I rather doubt he'll give me any more. Even if I ask nicely and say it's what I want for Christmas.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 17:34:57](#)
(no subject)

Given what happened to Hydra, I think he wanted his younger self to possess you. Or possibly he didn't even know what would happen if someone


came into contact with one of his nasty little soul-bits, and wanted to find out.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:37:38](#)
(no subject)


Yeah. But then what? I mean, did he really want another Voldemort running around? Did he think possibly that other version of himself could take care of the boring political stuff he mostly can't be bothered with, and wouldn't start complaining?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 17:41:27](#)
(no subject)

Another Voldemort running around? I mean, if I didn't think he'd eventually see the doppelganger as competition, I'd say yes, because it allows him to double his power, maybe even extend his life span, too, since that's what he appears to be most obsessed with.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-24 17:44:37](#)
(no subject)

Maybe he didn't think through whether he'd end up being his own worst rival.

I mean, he took me, told everyone I was his 'son,' and apparently didn't think through that I might have a mind of my own when I grew up.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-24 17:51:56](#)
(no subject)

That's because other people aren't people, to him. They're just objects for him to bend to his own will. And I think he used to be quite good at using charm and persuasion to bend the will of others, but now he can't be bothered with it at all. Or he lost the ability to use charm and other human emotions when he butchered his soul up.

To be entirely honest with you, I don't think he will keep you around if he can't make use of you in a way that serves his own needs.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-24 17:59:19](#)**
(no subject)

I'm sure you're right. Sooner or later I'll have to go on the run. Or I'll wait a little too long and wind up stuffed and in a case in the Protector's Collection.

I don't quite know what I am to him, but definitely not a person.

2014-12-24 09:20:00

Order Only Private Message to Alice

I'm just on my way up with tea and a light breakfast. Eating at least a little is non-negotiable. So you know.



 **alt_poppy**

It's a lovely, clear day outside. Perfect for a ramble with a friend who will not press you to talk and will not startle if you feel inclined to blast every stone on the shore.

2014-12-24 11:34:00

Order Only: Private Message to Hydra

Sweetheart,

We've gone to an early lunch, so I've a moment to write. How are you this morning?



 [alt_justin](#)

I say, it's bally well ironic that crisis is the only time we're able to see each other alone.

I can't think what the Longbottoms must be feeling, nor what to say. Nor can you, I imagine.

No one seems to be blaming you, at least--not that one can see, anyway. I confess I was worried someone might take the wrong end of the stick, what. Particularly when the first reports came in. But it seems they understand how difficult it was for you.

I'm doing my level best to have a 'Happy' Christmas in front of the lads here. Have you--I mean to say, did you happen to hear whether the news will come out soon? It would be a relief to be able to drop the façade and show proper sorrow for Neville.

But until then, I shall go on as normal, as Mr Lupin wisely instructed. Just know my thoughts are with you, love. Come back to Spense again tonight, if you can. I'll do the same. The Weasleys will understand.

Your,

-Justin



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2014-12-24 18:01:09**

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I had to return to Saint James after I woke up. Mummy was here for a bit, and she seemed more calm and focused, and she praised me for not staying in bed to recover.

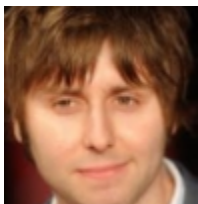
If people blame me that's alright, but even I can see that it was better than killing the both of us.

I keep thinking about how I felt angry at Neville, in that moment.

Because I felt like he was denying me some kind of respite from having to face these horrible situations, one after another.

If I have to do this for the rest of my life I want my life to be blessedly short.

Please don't be cross at me for confessing that. I'm not trying to be dramatic, it's just the truth.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-24 23:24:17](#)

(no subject)

I do take your meaning, love, but I had rather picture a long, full life with so many happy memories they bally well supplant any bad ones we may have. If we can find a way to end this madness quickly, then I mean to make sure you never have another bad memory again.

If you had died in there.... I don't know if I could have gone on, what. Most likely I would have found an excuse to see Antonin on some pretext and commenced to kill as many Council Members as possible.

Though I'm not sure I could beat him in an all-out duel, without at least a small element of surprise, what--and loads of luck!

Do you ever get the sense that more of them are coming round to know Voldemort for a tyrant, and fewer and fewer support him like your mother, or are they all as mad as hatters?

-J



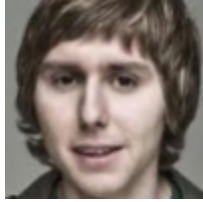
 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-24 23:52:49](#)


(no subject)

It's also that I'm afraid of what it will do to me, if I have to keep on acting like my mother for years and years. I might no longer be the girl you love, anymore, if that happens.

I wouldn't want you to do that if I did die, just so you know. I would want you to carry on and keep fighting and go on and live a long, grand life, if at all possible.

They're more nervous of the Lord Protector, more sceptical of his methods, but I don't get the sense that the Headmaster, for example, objects to the principles underlying the Protectorate.




 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-25 00:53:26](#)
(no subject)

It worries me, too, becoming the things we pretend to be. But I think--I bally well *hope*, what--so long as we've each other, we can remind ourselves of the people we want to be.

Can you get away? Even if it's after everyone else has gone to sleep. I don't like to think of our first Christmas apart. Though if it can't be helped, we shall have to bear it.

-J




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-25 02:46:30](#)
(no subject)

Are you still at Spencer House? I think I can go there, so long as I'm back by morning. Daddy will only approve of me associating with Daphne, and he has no reason whatsoever to believe you'd be

there, too.



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-25 03:03:54](#)
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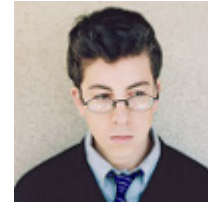
I'm at the Burrow, but we've finished supper and I can easily excuse myself.

I'll see you shortly.

-Justin

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*Private Message to my incomparable
Lavender*

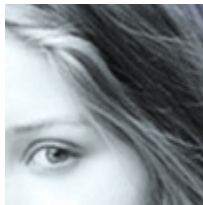


 **[alt_linus](#)**

You didn't respond to any inquiries from reporters for the Prophet, my dearest, did you? My father has been besieged by one that wants a "clarifying quote on the latest traitorous plot at Hogwarts," and he has cautioned the rest of us to be wary.

Apparently he is concerned that ill-considered words or misused quotes could somehow ~~be used against~~ reflect poorly on the Headmaster, which would be inconvenient in more ways than he had the leisure to explain.

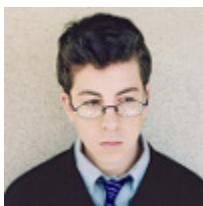
And on happier topics, I trust we are still on for the jaunt through the Illuminated Gardens tomorrow eve. Father has procured VIP passes, so we needn't wait in line -- so kind of him!




 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2014-12-24 19:48:12](#)**
(no subject)

I've not been accosted by any reporters, thank Morgana. But why do you ask?

I hope your father knows that I respect the Headmaster very much, and shouldn't want to do anything that might reflect poorly on him.

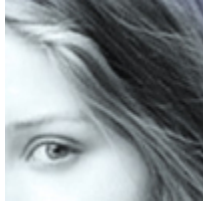


 **[alt_linus](#)** at **[2014-12-24 20:04:35](#)**
(no subject)

I know, my dearest, but one must take into consideration the tendency of the press to transfigure an honest quote into something completely inflammatory. Father says so, and further says that the press should look to its loyalties, and that the Protectorate should look to the press's loyalties. I hadn't realised Mr Malfoy had exerted such a calming influence on fantabulisers and muckrakers, but apparently so. Father is most dismayed that no one else has risen to do similar in these trying times.

As for what precisely is being commented upon, I have not been

vouchsafed details, other than that one of our schoolmates will not be returning after hols.




 [alt_lavender](#) at [2014-12-24 20:19:57](#)
(no subject)

Oh, dear. That sounds...alarming.

Speaking of your father, I was a little worried that with Gryffindor rather out of favour, he mightn't be leaning on you to start seeing someone in another House.

But surely if he's getting us tickets, that isn't so...right?



 [alt_linus](#) at [2014-12-24 20:27:58](#)
(no subject)

Really, dearest, do not fret. I am certain that his qualms will be put to rest by the ineffable purity and ineluctable charm of your nature.

2014-12-24 14:39:00

Private Message to H Lestrangle

Lestrangle.

Desai's directed me to ask if you'd debrief with me, re. Interrogation coursework. (Already cleared w/ A1.)




 [alt_ron](#)

At your convenience, but without delay. We're here until 5pm. Suppose it would be the 27th before we could schedule, otherwise.

RBW

Intern, Auror Division, MLE



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2014-12-24 21:22:47**
(no subject)

I can meet now for an hour, two at most.

2014-12-24 17:54:00

Private message to Miss Greengrass

Miss Greengrass,

Barty asked me to write you and thank you for the care package -- the biscuits and tarts were quite appreciated. And the flowers are lovely as well, and the charm work upon them is first-rate; did you do it yourself? The book, as well, is most soothing. You've a lovely voice for reading; Barty has been listening most afternoons.




 [alt_antonin](#)

(Please forgive me writing to you in his place; he's recovering, but holding a quill is still difficult.)

We both hope you have a pleasant holiday.

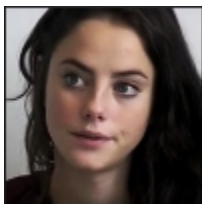



 [alt_daphne](#) at **2014-12-25 00:11:49**
(no subject)

Thank you for writing, sir. The charm work is my mother's, to be truthful. With experience I've found that I tend to have a heavy hand with such things.

No need for forgiveness, as I wasn't expecting a return message at all, given the circumstances.


I hope your holiday is restful and pleasant, as well.



 [alt_daphne](#) at **2014-12-25 00:19:22**
(no subject)

Oh, and I'd be happy to come and read in person, if it wouldn't be an imposition.



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-25 01:00:48**
(no subject)

Far from it -- that's quite kind of you to offer. We have few obligations over the holidays, and of course Barty is still recovering, so whenever you have the time would be lovely. The Floo address is

'Cottesmore - New London' or 'Cottesmore Steading' (either will work, but simply 'Cottesmore' will wind you up halfway across the country) and if you arrive when I am not home, I'll leave word with the elf that you are to be welcomed.

[2014-12-24 19:58:00](#)

Private Message to Zach, Megs, Justin, and Sue



 **[alt_ernie](#)**

Longbottom. Cor.

I mean, parents like his, no surprises there, I suppose.

Still.

His sister's disappeared too, I guess. She's in the same class with Pip. I think he was broken up about it. He threw down the newspaper and went to his room.


It doesn't seem like anyone knows what happened. Everything I've picked up says something different. Marvolo doesn't have a clue either. Or at least he's not saying.

Did any of you think

I mean, he doesn't seem the sort who'd be able to pull that sort of thing off.

He was just the dozy bloke with the plants, you know?




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-25 06:01:22](#)**
(no subject)

I dunno, Ernie. I'm not sure what to think.

I mean, it is the *Prophet* and everyone says half of what they say isn't reliable any more. So really, who knows?



 **[alt_megan](#)** at **[2014-12-25 06:37:48](#)**
(no subject)

I wouldn't have guessed that he was a secret traitor. If he was, I mean. Was he?


You are right that everything says something different. I am reading about it now, because I cannot sleep even

though I am exhausted which is completely unfair. Not being able to sleep, I mean. The exhausted is from delivering more baskets than I can count. And putting up with Mrs Stretton being utterly cross all day.

Anyhow I don't know what to think. Except that the sheet called the Whisper cannot be right, because can you see Longbottom running a black market potion ring?

I had better try to sleep. Tomorrow is full of more baskets.



 **[alt_ernie](#) at 2014-12-25 14:36:29**

Private Message to Megs


Are you going to have any spare time at all, then?

I mean, I know last term you were busy too, but this is really sort of mad, your working all hours like that. It isn't Christmas, really. And I thought

Well, I mean, I know you're working, but it's not like it's a walk in the park just sitting at home with the family and staring at each other.

Right. It's fine. Once you're done we can have a proper holiday.



 **[alt_megan](#) at 2014-12-25 22:36:53**

Re: Private Message to Megs

I only just saw this now so that is probably the answer to the question about spare time. I could scream at Mrs Stretten. Jeremy must have been very cross with her when he bought presents for the family. He gave Gemma a drum. And of course Gemma won't leave me because she is all "Hufflepuffs have to stick together" and there's no use telling her she's not properly a Hufflepuff yet. And she keeps playing the drum. So Mrs Stretton keeps casting a silencing charm in here and leaving. And then she comes back in with instructions for me on deliveries and is cross with me because I cannot hear her. When it is her own Merlin-blasted charmwork stopping me! And when she casts the counterspell then Gemma starts up with the drum again.


I am sorry to be so full of complaint. It is not your fault.

Only I am not certain I'll ever get time off. Mrs Stretton said something a bit ago about getting a start on the New Years orders. Ugh.

If I did scream at her, should wouldn't be able to hear me because of the silencing charm. So perhaps I will wait until her back is turned and try it. If I do I will have to tell ~~Sally-Anne~~ Perks because she will laugh and laugh.

Are you at least having a good Christmas dinner?




 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-26 01:32:13](#)

Re: Private Message to Megs

Yeah, it was all right.

Sounds like Gemma's being a pain, and you need to stand up for yourself more. I mean, Mrs Stretton's your boss and all but Gemma isn't. Don't they have a servant to keep her from getting underfoot?




 [alt_megan](#) at [2014-12-26 02:43:56](#)

Re: Private Message to Megs

Mrs Stretton cannot get a servant. I don't know why. Some Ministry thing. It is not improving her temper any.

I have told her I need at least some time to see you during hols ~~or you might find someone else to~~ because everyone needs to see the people they like at hols. I told her after doing all of today's deliveries when she was in a good mood. Well, a better mood than before. So she said yes. When do you want to see me? What shall we do?



 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-26 03:12:46](#)

Re: Private Message to Megs

Ace. Tomorrow or Saturday maybe? We could walk around New London and go to some museums or something, have a nice dinner out. Anything you want to see?




 [alt_megan](#) at [2014-12-26 03:42:21](#)

Re: Private Message to Megs

The New London Zoo is always good. Or there is an ice sculpting competition at Embankment which is supposed to be judged Saturday. And a nice dinner sounds lovely.




 [alt_ernie](#) at [2014-12-26 03:58:14](#)

Re: Private Message to Megs

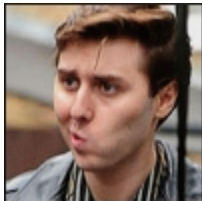
Let's go Saturday, then, and if we've got enough time, we'll hit up the zoo too.



 [alt_megan](#) at [2014-12-26 04:18:08](#)

Re: Private Message to Megs

Brilliant!



 [alt_justin](#) at [2014-12-25 18:09:13](#)

(no subject)

Happy Christmas, Ernie,

Like Sue, I'm not sure what to think. Longbottom was always quiet--perhaps too quiet, what.


Then too, Malfoy used to proclaim far and wide that Longbottom was a traitor from treasonous stock, what, and then the poor chap wound up in the clutches of some of the worst traitors the country's ever seen. Perhaps his instincts were sound. Or perhaps Longbottom will meet Malfoy's fate, quite soon.

And if it's true that our Professor Sprout had thrown in with this Order of the Phoenix, then it's quite logical she would want her protégé to follow her. It seems jolly harsh to put it so baldly, but if she were capable of concealing her loyalties so long, then I say, she must have been sorely tempted, to warrant risking Longbottom's future, as well. I say, I do wonder what she thought was so valuable as to be worth the cost she, and now it seems, Longbottom, paid.

I say, these are sombre thoughts for what's meant to be a jolly holiday. Are your family managing to enjoy it at all? The Weasleys have been very kind to host me.

-Justin



 **alt_ernie** at **2014-12-25 19:07:53**
(no subject)

Yeah, you said it.

It's been a little slow. I've had to take Pip and Laurie out shopping, which was a trial, and the twins just make a lot of noise and mess.

But it's been all right.

I think I needed a little normal and boring, after that business with Professor Sprout. Looks like it followed us, though.

2014-12-24 21:23:00

Neville Longbottom

I was shocked to see the news in this evening's paper about Neville Longbottom. The story wasn't quite clear -- I'm not sure whether I'm supposed to believe that he was a traitor, or if he was the victim of his own parents. It's clear though that he was gravely and tragically injured, and his sister Evelyn has disappeared.



 [alt_harry](#)

Neville and I were in quite a few classes together, since we were in the same year at school. He wasn't a natural student and did his best to make up for that by working as hard as any two students. He was kind -- not only to his friends but to everyone around him. He never gave up, ever.

I don't know what to believe about why this happened to him. But I know that I never heard him express anything but the desire that the Protectorate should flourish and prosper and grow, and that he be judged based on his own actions, not those of his parents.

I am terribly sad to have lost him. I hope no one feels ashamed to share in my grief. I will always remember Neville. I think all of us will.



 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-25 04:19:29**

Order Only

thank you, harry



 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-25 04:49:03**

Re: Order Only

what are they really saying in the papers? do they describe how he was injured, or is it all confusion? it doesn't sound as though they're quite sure whether to pin him with the label 'traitor'--or are you just hoping to swing people's opinions to thinking him

innocent?

maybe if his occlumency was good enough, and no other evidence surfaces, MLE might decide they were wrong. and we'll be able to...to get him back.

except that his parents being who they are, I suppose it's really unlikely.



alt_harry at 2014-12-25 05:40:19

Re: Order Only

The Prophet had all these unnamed confidential sources and they're all saying different things. They got right that Evelyn and Augusta were missing, and that Neville was left alive but expected to never recover.

But, they have one person saying it was Mr and Mrs Longbottom who cursed him (with a mystery curse, I guess) and another saying he'd been arrested for treason and interrogated by MLE (and that person doesn't come out and say 'it was cruciatus' but it's hinted at). So right now officially no one's saying.

I'm not trying to clear him, honestly, it wouldn't help. Can you imagine Bellatrix Lestrange admitting she made a mistake? People STILL have to talk about seeing the 'imposter Sirius Black' when he's spotted.

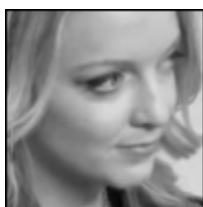
I just want people to be able to talk about him and grieve him and not have to pretend they think he must have deserved whatever happened because that's what you're supposed to say about traitors.



alt_harry at 2014-12-25 05:40:53

Re: Order Only

The people on the galleon want to know what happened and I don't know what to tell them.



alt_sinistra at 2014-12-25 19:47:09

Order Only - Private message to Harry

I'm glad you said this. All the good parts. I hope enough people listen. Wonder.

~~I keep thinking about how thoroughly he ducked the boggart lessons. And why.~~

~~How part of why I could love Raz was how he treated Neville and~~

~~Evelyn fairly despite everything.~~

This isn't the Christmas anyone was supposed to have, is it? I wish it were different, so many ways.

Maybe the only thing we can do this year is remember and keep going.

~~I wanted to tell you I was thinking of you. I wanted to tell you I'm not forgetting.~~

Thinking of you. Of lots of people, right now. But especially you.

2014-12-24 21:42:00

(no subject)

What happened, Harry?



 [alt_galleon](#)

2014-12-24 22:53:00

(no subject)

SO THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THAT
MESSAGE LAST NIGHT. NEV, ARE YOU THERE?
DO YOU STILL HAVE YOUR GALLEON?
EVELYN DO YOU HAVE YOURS?



 [alt_galleon](#)

[2014-12-24 23:42:00](#)

Order Only

Someone with a galleon wants to know what happened. They're asking me, specifically.



I want to tell them that MLE cruciated Neville until his mind broke. And that he didn't deserve it, and no one does.


 **[alt_harry](#)**

I think it would be better not to tell them it was Hydra. And if it gets out anyway, to tell them this is a lie told by MLE. Because trying to explain why Hydra did it -- unless we're just going to bring them all into the Order. And I'm not sure they're ready.

Hydra, what do you think?

They also want to know if Evelyn still has her galleon. I don't think we can tell them she does. Not unless we're ready for them to really know that yeah, we're in with the Longbottoms (and so are they, whether they realise it or not).




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-25 05:59:30](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah. I don't know what to say either. Ed's really broken up about it, and I want to just *tell* him and I know I can't.

I want to feel that they (and we) are safer not knowing, but the truth is they probably already know enough to get them in pretty serious trouble with MLE. If Bellatrix Lestrange got glimpses of say, the reading sessions, from their minds, there's no way she'd dismiss it as just kid stuff. Dolohov might, but we're not at school right now.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-25 14:27:05](#)**
(no subject)

I think the first bit works. You're right not to say it was Hydra. And yeah, the part about Ev is tricky.

You might say, 'I don't know if she still has her galleon, but if she does, Ev, I'm sorry for what's happened' or


something.

Unless you don't want to lie.

You've said before that what happened to Draco was something people could come ask you about if they really wanted to know, because it was more than what people had signed on for. I think if you say, 'There are some things we can't talk about,' or 'You'd need to ask,' that's another thing.

A third thing is Ev could reply, and say that she has it, and can't answer questions for everyone's safety, but she's still alive, and save you the trouble.



 **[alt_evelyn](#)** at **[2014-12-25 14:31:44](#)**


(no subject)

I could do that if it'd help.

I wouldn't write any more, of course. Just that.

What do you think, Harry?




 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-26 03:57:33](#)**

(no subject)

I think that ought to be okay? I mean, we told everyone that Sarah was safe. I think it's fine if they know you are, too.




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-25 15:43:29](#)**

(no subject)

I suppose you can tell them that. It is the truth, except for the part about me.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-26 03:58:13](#)**

Private message to Hydra

Well -- would you prefer they know the truth? Or not?




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-26 04:07:29](#)**

Re: Private message to Hydra

I don't like to lie.

But I don't see how revealing the truth is helpful in this case.



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-26 04:11:48](#)**

Re: Private message to Hydra

Okay.

2014-12-25 02:18:00

Order Only Private Message to the Diggory Family



Merry Christmas.

I hope you have the best day you can. I am sorry about the circumstances I have forced on our family. I miss you and wish there was some way we could be together, failing that I wish there was some way to reassure you of my safety and happiness health that didn't endanger everyone.

 [alt_cedric](#)

I know you have a candle in the window, to light my way home from the darkness. I'm sorry I can't follow it. If I came home it would all be worse for you. I have to stay where I am to try bring that home, that summoning light, to everyone, and I really do mean everyone, in the realm. I hope Jenni is welcome enough that our house is something like a home. We all owe her unending apologies, and a great many galleons. I hope that we can allow her to find her own home soon.

I hope someone found the presents for the littles in my apartment. I can't say anything without risking all my friends, them knowing what was what could be too much. I hope you all figure out the Cleansweep 55 is for Jaspar. It's used, but he should love it, even if you don't let him have it until the summer. There's a snow globe for Shelley. Keep it around as the season turns, it'll show Hogwarts in whatever soggy weather it's experiencing at the moment. I expect she'll be imaging she can see Jaspar walking across the yard. The stuffed animal is for Lilith, of course. Squeeze it, it'll make an appropriate animal noise, prance for a bit and change into a new animal.

Mum, you'll find you're further ahead in the barter network than you thought you were. There's a painting or poem under the tree for me. I look forward to when I can see it. I'll get a photo taken near the tree here, so someday it can be set beside yours for the year.

Dad, I hadn't found anything for you yet when I had to leave. You're hard to shop for. Nothing I could think of seemed right. I'd get you glasses or a remembrall, but you still wouldn't get it and you're never going to be able to read this anyway. I pray you find the way out of your blissful darkness.

While I have hope that the other stuff will be figured out, I doubt that anyone will figure out the somewhat disreputable baggy of women's

underthings was intended for you Jenni. I'm sure they assumed someone, who doesn't exist, stayed over and left things behind. I intended to drop it in your nook when no one was looking. They're charmed six ways from Sunday. I hope I got the size close to right, it's not something I could ask you, but the charms should take care of that. No matter the state they have to keep your cloths in or the weather, the cloths should go a long way toward keeping you comfortable.

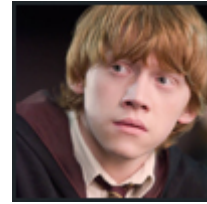
I'm training harder than I ever have. I'll keep working until the end so that we can be together again. Phoenixes are reborn in fire. In this life or the next we all be together again. ~~Huh. I must have picked up more off him than I thought.~~

Good Night. I'm thankful we're all alive and sane, but I'm so unbelievably sorry and alone in this crowd, tonight, of all nights.

Merry Christmas.

2014-12-25 18:33:00

Order Only Private Message to Evelyn



Today must be really hard.

I keep thinking about Nev and what it was like for him. I think he'd thought it all through beforehand. I mean, he's known this could happen for so long. He knew what he'd want to do, and, Evs, the thing is, he did it just the way he'd decided. At least I think so. When I heard, that's what I thought: it was just like him to do that.

 [alt_ron](#)

I know what I hope I'd do. And I hope I stick to it, if it ever comes to it, y'know?


He's pretty much the bravest person I know. And the funny thing is, I'm not really surprised about that. It's just how he was is.

~~I really hate to think he's~~

Evylys, I'm really sorry

If you need anything, ask, yeah? I mean, seriously, I'll do anything.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at **2014-12-26 03:04:42**
(no subject)

Sometimes it hits me right in the stomach, and it's like I can't breathe and everything hurts, and then other times, I'll be talking with someone and we'll laugh, or I'll start worrying about something silly like the fact I'll never be able to take my OWLs, and feel just awful about it immediately after.

It didn't really feel like Christmas.

Does it get better?

He's still out there, Ron. He isn't dead. He's alive, and hurting, and alone, and he might be scared if he can still feel anything, and I overheard mum talking and she's terrified that they'll do all these awful things to him while he's helpless. Use him to get to us.

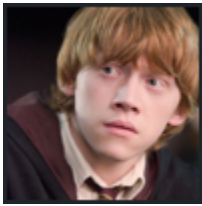
We can't forget about him.


Not ever. Not until he's back home where he belongs, or we know he's dead for sure.

And we can't stop trying to get him back.

He deserves that.

I guess that what I need most right now is to know that you're not going to forget he's out there either.



 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-26 04:17:50](#)

(no subject)

Of course, I won't. Not ever.

I don't know if it gets better, Ev. I mean, it does, but I still get a twinge if I think of Dad certain ways-- remember something embarrassingly daft he did once, or remember a time I was hacked off at him, or remember something he did for me that was really great, or, y'know, just think of him and not remember he's gone until a second later. That still happens.


I wish I could tell you it's not so hard.

The thing that's hardest is all the things that make you me feel guilty for not living up to what he'd've hoped.

Yeah.

I'm glad you're not coming back to school, though, because that would be so hard. It's going to be awful. And at least you don't have to go through what they'd all have thrown at you. I don't know if it's wrong to say that. Sorry if I shouldn't have said.




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-26 19:01:43](#)
(no subject)

I know what you mean. Just walking down the hall would've been

I'll think every now and then about what it'll be like for Artie and just

And your room. Oh, Ron.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-26 19:12:59](#)
(no subject)

You've been utterly amazing, you know.

It takes incredible skill to go as far as you have with MLE, and the entire time, you've been hiding who you really are right under their noses, which takes even more.

You could've just said that you'd just work in your brothers' shop, or tried out for Quidditch, but you did something incredible instead. Something only you could've done.

2014-12-25 19:04:00

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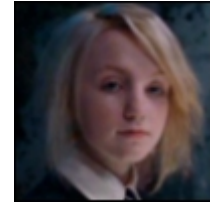
I am alive. I'm sorry I can't answer any questions, because it isn't safe for you or me, but I still have my galleon. -Ev



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-25 19:14:00

Order Only: Private message to Daphne, Susan, Sally-Anne, Justin



Did all you girls get the same thing I did tonight? Tied with your House's ribbon around the vase? He must have left instructions with the Hogwarts house elves to deliver them.

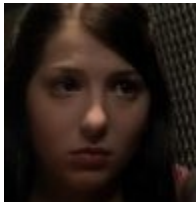
 [alt_luna](#)

I had to hide the 'Happy Christmas' note with his signature from the Browns.

I don't think I'll ever be able to smell the scent of paperwhites again without crying.

I didn't want to put all our names on the private message, just in case...well, Hydra probably got one, too. Sally-Anne or Justin, are you with her tonight? Wouldn't it be kinder to intercept it before she sees it?

It might be just too painful.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-26 03:18:56**
(no subject)

No, I'm at Pansy's. Justin, what do you think? I've been meaning to send her a note to ask how she's doing.

Practically speaking I don't think they'd be interceptable. I mean I would assume Neville told the elves to deliver them to either L'estrage Hill or St James and in neither case can I either wander in to rearrange things or give the elves instructions.

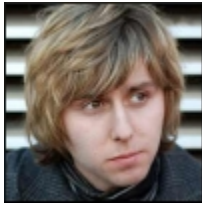
I think she'll be okay with the flowers, Luna. And, he once told me he charms them to help you get a restful night's sleep, and she could maybe use that.




 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-26 03:58:27](#)**
(no subject)

I hope you're right.

Maybe rather than being painful, they'll be a comfort. Anyway, I'm sure Neville would have wanted them to be.




 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2014-12-26 04:16:42](#)**
(no subject)

Luna,

Odd as it seems to say it, Happy Christmas. It's kind of you to think of Hydra, but Sally-Anne's right: It would be quite impossible to intercept them, especially by now. She'll be able to bear it, I'm sure.

-Justin



 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-26 05:20:33](#)**
(no subject)


I'm not doubting her *ability* to bear anything. I think she's shown that she can. That doesn't mean that she should, if there is any chance her friends could prevent it. That's partly why Neville sent that message to us through her, so that we wouldn't blame her. He was so very kind; I'm sure he wouldn't want a present he sent anyone to cause any grief.

But it doesn't sound as though it can be stopped, so I'll hope that Sally-Anne's right, and it'll give her peace instead. And healing.

He wanted to help with healing.

Happy Christmas, Justin.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-26 23:00:33](#)**
(no subject)

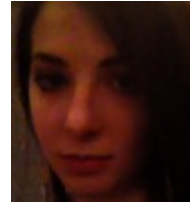
I got mine.

I had to tell my family I was feeling ill and excuse myself.

I'm absolute pants with green things, but I'm going to figure out what they need to be happy and fucking keep them alive.

2014-12-25 21:19:00

Order Only: Private message to Hydra



 **alt_sally_anne**


How are you doing today? Physically, I mean. Well, emotionally too, I guess. But mostly I was wondering physically, if you've noticed any of the following:

muscle weakness (anywhere)
muscle twitching (anywhere)
headache or any other pain
feeling mentally foggy
dizziness or nausea
sensitivity to light

because any of those would be an indication of ongoing damage from the cruciatus your mother cast. It would be reparable but you should probably see a proper healer if you can (or me, if you can't).

I'm going to be at a wizarding emergency healing class that starts tomorrow and runs basically all day. But, I'll be free in the evenings. (Really, though, for anything like this you will do much better seeing a real healer.)

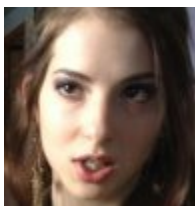


 **alt_hydra** at **2014-12-26 03:53:33**

(no subject)

I've been alright today, still a little fatigued, but not in a way that seems unusual.

Mummy kept telling me that she knew the exact line between too much Cruciatus and just enough, and I guess she does, because even with the seizures from the other night I don't think there's any permanent damage.




 **alt_sally_anne** at **2014-12-26 03:54:41**

(no subject)

Maybe she thinks she does? But it's really not a precise sort of thing. And she can't use her legilimency on you.

Anyway, I'm glad it sounds like you're recovering fully.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-26 04:34:59](#)
(no subject)

I don't think she believes herself as fully capable of making a mistake any longer. If she had left me damaged, it would no doubt have been because of something I did to cause it.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-26 04:47:44](#)
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Yeah, well, she still insists that everyone in the Protectorate pretend that Sirius is some random look-alike who likes to play cat and mouse with Aurors.

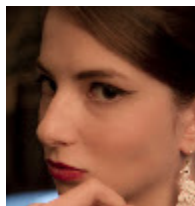
She's clearly not a fan of admitting that she's ever been wrong about anything.

Have you ever thought about killing her? Do you think you could? I mean, do you think you could succeed. It would be incredibly dangerous to try, and not succeed.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-26 04:52:17](#)
(no subject)


I suppose I've wished she was dead since as long as I can remember, but no, I haven't thought about killing her, exactly. I can't think of anyone alive who might be able to succeed in killing her, except for maybe the Lord Protector himself. Or maybe, possibly Crouch, if he got very very lucky.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-26 06:14:16](#)
(no subject)

Well duelling that's probably true. But what about poison? Does she ever turn her back on anything she's eating?




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-26 07:01:53](#)
(no subject)

Only with immediate family members. Though possibly not my father, anymore.

But she always has at least one bezoar on her.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-26 07:06:35](#)
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She can't read my mind. Even someone who can occlude would have a difficult time masking the burst of emotion they felt just as they were about to kill someone. But I don't have to even try to occlude.

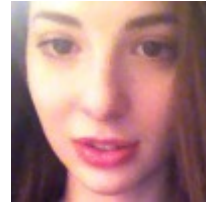
I could just walk up behind her in the drawing room and cast AK. The real AK, not the game.

But even without reading my mind, her senses and reflexes are frightening. She would actually hear me pull out my wand and move it. She might even be able to hear the change in my breathing. That's what she's trained to do, for years and years. And she's faster than I am.

And I am afraid of her killing me first.

2014-12-25 21:25:00

Order Only: Private message to Ron



This is sort of funny, and sort of not.

Day before yesterday I was out shopping. Because for that emergency Healing course I'm doing at St Mungo's, the one Dolohov got me into, I needed this very specialised Healer's kit and also a set of robes. They're done up to keep the weather out if you're outside and also they resist stains even if people bleed all over you, and if you spill one of the nastier potions on yourself it's supposed to just roll off. The kit's got potions in it and self-wrapping bandages and all sorts of other extremely useful things.

 [alt_sally_anne](#)

Pansy wanted to pay for it for me but I hate taking money from her if I don't absolutely have to and I had some saved. I keep it in her vault, because paying for a vault from Gringott's is expensive (especially if it's not some vault your family wrote the contract for 500 years ago) and Pansy wants me to be able to get at the money in there anyway -- I just keep track of what I put in and make sure not to take out any more than that. Anyway. They have three different versions of the kit, cheap, middling and dear, and I'd figured I'd just get the cheap one. The extra cost is mostly the case, not what's in it; the most expensive one is charmed to be extremely light plus you don't have to actually CARRY it in your hand, it'll just sort of follow you around. Plus I think you can whip it around in front of you to ward off some curses, though probably not anything all that dire, I'm sure it doesn't do anything a shield charm can't do.

Anyway.

So, I go to the shop. I'd looked up the cost of the kits and the cheapest (with the robes) I could just afford, but then they didn't have any of the cheap kits out, and when I asked about them the woman in the shop was really rude about it, said she didn't know how I was going to pay for the course if I couldn't afford the kit (I could afford it, I just needed the cheap one, I don't know what her problem was) and just in general acted like, I don't know. Like Padma Patil on a bad day.

Finally she gets one out from the back and I fill out the slip to transfer money out of the bank vault. She takes it with this enormous sigh, like I'm HUGELY inconveniencing her, and then she looks at it and her eyes get really wide.


Because, it turns out, Antonin Dolohov already paid for my kit (he bought me one of the really nice ones) and it was waiting for me behind the counter and they were supposed to be watching for me and somehow, they'd thought that anyone Antonin Dolohov was sponsoring would ... well, they probably thought I KNEW he'd paid for the kit. He's paying for the course, but I assumed I would pay for the kit. Anyway. She was so VERY embarrassed at being rude that to make up for it she offered me a substantial discount on my robes. Like, she didn't ACTUALLY say, 'please don't tell your immensely powerful patron that we were nasty to you!' but ... that's why.

Anyway, I thought, 'I will have to tell Ron about this, because he'll find it hilarious, sort of!' (I can't tell Pansy, she'd be cross I was going to buy myself a cheap kit instead of letting her get me a nice one for Christmas) But of course it sort of went out of my head, after I got home.

Dolohov really wants me to be in his debt. He wants to be *sure* that I know I'm in his debt.

I should probably write to him, too, tonight.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-26 04:53:34](#)
(no subject)

Yeah, funny in a totally unfunny way.

Ugh.

Everything is just--

Ugh.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-26 05:19:50](#)
(no subject)


'Everything is just ugh' is about the truest thing you could say about this entire week.

I still wear my ring, you know, even though it didn't work for Hermione (which turned out to be a good thing, but still). And Neville didn't, because it didn't work for Hermione so he reckoned it wouldn't work if he needed it to, either.

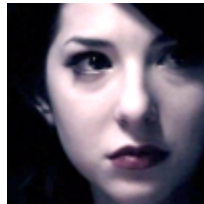
I just

I guess I will go with 'believe that I will never get caught' because otherwise I'd run screaming into the woods. (I'm in New London at Pansy's townhouse so 'running screaming into the woods' would require a rather long jog.)



 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-26 05:32:27](#)
(no subject)


At least I didn't have to see Desai today. Yesterday was awful.



 **alt_sally_anne** at [2014-12-26 05:34:45](#)
(no subject)

What happened?



 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-26 05:52:48](#)
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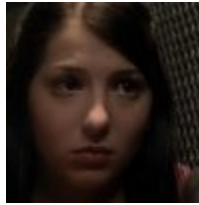
She wanted to see what I'd do if I found out there was evidence against Charlie, evidence he's a traitor.

I mean, at least it was obvious that if she was asking me to look at the stuff she'd said we needed to go through, she probably already knew what was in it. And if she did know, then it was too late for sending signals.

I've been thinking about that. If it ever happens again like that--if it really happens--then I'd have to just trust that Charlie or Mum or Bill or the twins--or even Gin, I suppose--that they would know what to do and would stand a chance, fighting their way out. Because, if I'm in the department and that happens, chances are it would be suicide to try warning them.

At least Mum's got the clock. If she's home. And they all know something like that could happen.

Anywiz, I told Desai what I'd found and then she said it was just a test to see what I'd do. And then she wanted to know what I thought about Neville, and I had to say he'd always been odd. Nice chap, but hard to get to know, and always just odd. At least she expected I'd be spinning from the thing about Charlie and from the news about Nev, but it was dead dangerous, having to talk through all that with her.

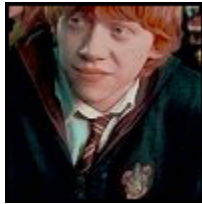



 **alt_sally_anne** at **[2014-12-26 05:58:19](#)**
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Yeah.

Did you talk to your family about it, after? I mean

you're right. You couldn't warn them. Or at least, you couldn't count on being able to warn them.

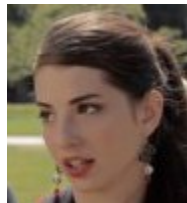


 **alt_ron** at **[2014-12-26 06:01:23](#)**
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I haven't yet.

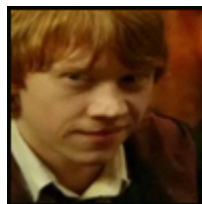
I know I have to.


Ugh. Mum's still up. Maybe I should do it now. I mean, this Christmas can't get any worse, right?



 **alt_sally_anne** at **[2014-12-26 06:04:50](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, I'm sure it can ALWAYS get worse.



 **alt_ron** at **[2014-12-26 06:09:16](#)**
(no subject)

Such a cheery thing, you are.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-26 06:12:32](#)
(no subject)

I try.

You know, when I wrote to Dolohov I asked him about Evelyn and I think he was trying really hard to reassure me -- without actually saying, 'let me reassure you' -- that Evelyn had got clean away.

Here's what he said: 'Miss Longbottom has not been seen since that day. MLE are trying to find her, of course, to determine the truth of what happened, but they don't have many useful leads, and to my regret I believe we must consider her lost to us as well.'



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-26 06:26:05](#)
(no subject)

You know, if you didn't know better... He could really almost seem...

But he's as dangerous as the rest of them together. With Auror Lestrage, you know she'd kill you in an instant and like it. With him, you never quite know. I mean, he might, but he might not, and then there's the thing that tells you he wouldn't want to if he did decide to kill you.

In the end it doesn't matter that he wouldn't want to, but somehow it makes it harder to stay on guard with him. It shouldn't, but it does.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-26 06:32:44](#)
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Yeah.

I know what you mean.

Siz said that he sent her a message that was exactly the sort of thing he'd have said if nothing were wrong and he was just held up with some annoying meeting. Exactly like.



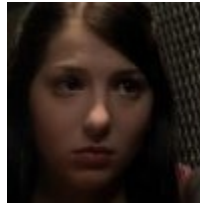
 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-26 06:05:32](#)**
(no subject)

Oh.

Thanks for the box. It's really-- it's beautiful, how it's made. And it'll be dead useful. With a blood lock on it.

Shame Nev hadn't

I want to break things when I think about it. You know?



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-26 06:08:05](#)**
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Thank you for the cloak, too. Some of the training is going to be outside in whatever weather we're having, and they're saying sleet on Saturday.

Anyway

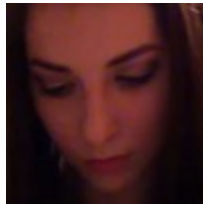
Yeah.

He didn't need a box, though. I don't know what he needed. Not to have Seamus Finnigan as a roommate.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-26 06:10:40](#)**
(no subject)


Not to live in the Protectorate.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-26 06:13:04](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-26 05:38:56](#)**
(no subject)

I thought about wearing my ring again. I've kept it in my trunk since what happened with Malfoy and Hermione. But I really can't wear it in the department. That would be stupid.

I think I'm going to do what Brodie said and make an unbreakable vow not to say some really particular thing that I'd never say otherwise, y'know? That way if I ever had to, I could suicide. As long as I could talk.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-26 05:59:01](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.

Well, and here's the thing. If they wanted information from you they'd have to let you talk. They'll never be able to see into your head no matter what they do.

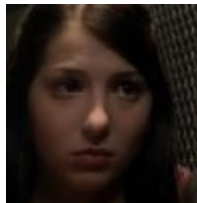


 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-26 06:07:47](#)**
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Yeah.

Want to witness a vow for me?

You can help me decide what it should be. The thing I can never say again after.



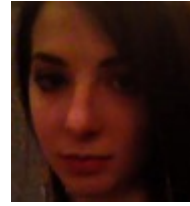
 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-26 06:08:39](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah.

Okay.

2014-12-25 21:47:00

Private message to Headmaster Dolohov



 **alt_sally_anne**


I've been meaning to write, sir, and thank you both for exerting your influence to get me into the St Mungo's Emergency Healing Techniques course, and for the gift of the required Healer's Kit. This was entirely a surprise, but I really am grateful, and I will try to put it to good use both this week and in the future.

I hope you had a peaceful and restful Christmas.

I was very sad today, because I heard about what happened to Neville. (I assume you heard.) I used to tutor Neville in Transfiguration -- that was actually initially how I became friends with Ron. Neville and I were friends since first year, actually. It wasn't entirely clear from the Prophet what happened to him but it did sound utterly terrible.

Is it true that Evelyn disappeared?



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-26 04:13:58**
(no subject)

Thank you for the well wishes, Miss Perks. Христос Раждается, and may your upcoming year be full of joy.

And you are quite welcome. If I cannot use my influence to advance the ambitions of one of the finest witches I know, it is worth very little indeed. If you encounter obstacles from St M's staff this week, please do tell me immediately; I know your first impulse in such a case will be to keep your head down and work twice as hard in response, rather than addressing the problem head-on, but I have made it exceptionally clear to the St M's staff that as far as they are concerned, you are under my outstretched hand; an insult to you is an insult to me and will be dealt with as such.

The Prophet, I am afraid, is full of nonsense, but in the broad strokes of the matter they have the right of it; Mr Longbottom has indeed suffered a dreadful fate, although I don't have all the details myself. Miss Longbottom has not been seen since that day. MLE are trying to

find her, of course, to determine the truth of what happened, but they don't have many useful leads, and to my regret I believe we must consider her lost to us as well.

I am so very sorry for your loss. I had hoped to make it through the year without losing any more of you, but at least I managed

2014-12-25 22:12:00

(no subject)

MLE CRUCIATED NEVILLE UNTIL HIS MIND
BROKE.

HE DIDNT DESERVE THAT.

NO ONE DOES.

-HM



 [alt_galleon](#)

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private message to Sally-Anne

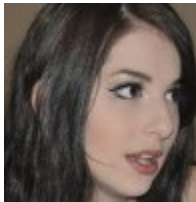
Ugh. It has been the worst Christmas day ever because there were a million basket deliveries, but something happened which I have to tell you.



 **alt_megan**

You know how Jeremy sometimes does inconvenient things when he is cross with his parents?

He gave Gemma a drum for Christmas. You can imagine.




 **alt_sally_anne** at **2014-12-26 04:22:41**
(no subject)

A drum?!?

Ohhhhhhhh that must be fun. For her, anyway.

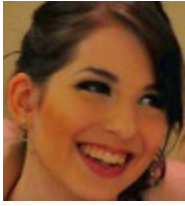


 **alt_megan** at **2014-12-26 04:31:35**
(no subject)

She was going spare. I was a bit too because Gemma has decided that ALL HUFFLEPUFFS MUST BE IN THE SAME ROOM BECAUSE HUFFLEPUFFS and it does not do any good at all to tell her he's not actually a Puff yet. So she and her drum were "helping" me work on baskets most of the afternoon.

And every time Gemma would get loud Mrs Stretton kept coming in and casting a silencing charm in the room and leaving again. And then of course she would come back in to give me instructions for something, and I wouldn't be able to hear her.

She looks quite daft when she's yelling and there's no sound coming out.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-26 04:37:36](#)**
(no subject)


oh

oh dear

that is possibly the funniest thing I've heard all week

Anyway, she's right, even if she's not technically a Puff YET I think the Hat's going to Sort her there the minute she's called up. It won't actually need her to put it all the way on her head.



 **[alt_megan](#)** at **[2014-12-26 04:43:50](#)**
(no subject)

True! Even when she is being annoying it is usually because she is insisting on helping.

Also, she has Puff loyalty. Because after the first two times, I started waiting until Mrs Stretton had re-cast the silence charm and turned to leave the room, and then I said things to her that she couldn't hear. Things I would like to say but. Well. You know.

And Gemma saw me and figured it out. And she just grinned at me.

So, yeah. Total Puff.

2014-12-25 22:19:00

Private message to Druella Black and Narcissa Malfoy



 **alt_antonin**

I am so sorry to say that Barty and I will have to miss the dragon's share of tomorrow's gathering -- he's recovering, but not yet to the point of being able to be out of bed for more than an hour without some sort of heroic measures, and as he refuses to believe that he ought not be out of bed for more than an hour, I hesitate to leave him alone. If he is having a good day, I will stop by briefly to deliver our gifts; otherwise I will send them by elf.

Druella, I am dreadfully sorry not only that we will not be able to attend, but for the short notice as well; we had both hoped up until today that Barty would be feeling well enough to attend. (My mother is undoubtedly raining down imprecations upon my rudeness from the world beyond.) The thought of the hospitality of your home will warm my memories in the coming year. Христос Раждається -- blessings upon your house and all those who dwell there.



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-26 03:37:50**

Private message to Narcissa

Even if I cannot attend -- it would do the both of us good to see you, milaya. Stop by tomorrow night after supper?



 **alt_narcissa** at **2014-12-26 04:20:00**

Re: Private message to Narcissa

Toshenka,

Thank you for the invitation. Perhaps, if I am not too fatigued.

And thank you for looking after him. Love to you both.

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 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-26 04:30:07](#)**

Re: Private message to Narcissa

Merry Christmas, my dearest of sisters, even though it may not feel merry in the least. And may this nearly-dawned year bring with it peace, healing, and reunification, for you and for yours.

My door is always open to you; the lamp is always burning.

2014-12-26 10:04:00

Private message to Seamus and Padma

Seamus, did Uncle Stephen tell you what happened at MLE?



Padma, I know that you helped Seamus break the warding on Longbottom's notebook so I'm writing this to you, too.

 [alt_hydra](#)

He was a traitor, but there's no way of knowing how deeply involved he was. He'd had or was at least capable of having communication with Severus Snape, and he'd had face to face contact with his parents, as well. Someone also taught him occlumency well enough to very nearly withstand my mother's interrogation. When she left to search for the Headmaster's report on Longbottom, she instructed me to practise my own interrogation methods on him.

You know how they say to never cruciate someone for longer than 10 seconds? I don't know, but 10 seconds just wasn't enough to break through his occlusion. But I discovered if I went just a little bit longer, he'd start to crumble. And then he crumbled too far.


I mean to say, he's gone now. His mind, I mean. He's just a shell of who he was. So I guess that's what happens if you cruciate someone for more than 10 seconds, over and over again.

Mummy was furious with me, understandably. We did a lesson on how to hit the line between "too far" and "just far enough." That's why I wasn't able to report to you before today. I was still in bed, recovering.

Anyway, I hope you both had a good holiday. Will I see you at the St. Mungo's Charity Ball?

From,
Hydra




 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-26 17:31:20](#)**
(no subject)

So, he actually really was a traitor. That's a reli

What a shame you weren't able to find out how he was communicating with Snape, and his parents.

Anyway, yeah, I'll be at the Ball. Looking forward to it.




 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-26 17:35:00](#)**
(no subject)

He was talking to traitors, anyway. Though if your own parents are traitors that might be unavoidable. They might have been showing up at his house to bother him. It looks like they might have killed a bunch of enforcers to snatch up his sister, after all.


Oh, lovely. You can save me a dance.



 **[alt_seamus](#)** at **[2014-12-26 17:38:11](#)**
(no subject)

I suppose. But would Severus Snape have been coming round to bother him?



 **[alt_hydra](#)** at **[2014-12-26 18:00:43](#)**
(no subject)

Well, he was living in the castle for years and years as Milland, and Milland tried to groom people to join up with him, like my cousin Draco. Oh, and I guess Snape was a potions genius, and that's what he talked to Longbottom about - potions.


Anyway, it was quite something that you turned Longbottom in, after everything that happened between you two. There's really so many ways to think about it.



 [alt_seamus](#) at [2014-12-26 18:03:53](#)
(no subject)


There is nothing I wouldn't do to serve Our Lord.
I expect you could say the same.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-26 18:15:39](#)
(no subject)

I'm a Lestrangle, that's what I was born to do.
You weren't, but that doesn't mean you can't do
what's right.




 [alt_padma](#) at [2014-12-26 23:46:09](#)
(no subject)

You mean, he's like someone Dementor-Kissed? Or is
there anything left at all?

That's too bad. And I'm sorry you were held
responsible when you didn't know what would happen.



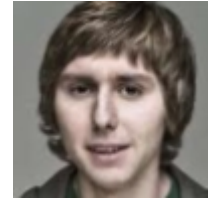
 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-27 01:43:01](#)
(no subject)

It's not quite the same thing but it is similar, I
suppose.

I should be held responsible. It was my mistake and
mine alone.

2014-12-26 11:00:00

Private Message to Headmaster Dolohov



 [alt_justin](#)

Antonin,

Your gift did indeed find its way to me at Ron's. Thank you very much; I'm sure they'll be jolly well useful. I shall have to research how to reset them after use, what. I do hope my little item gave you a laugh.

I say, it does seem we're in sore need of some laughs this holiday. The news of the Longbottom siblings' disappearance is well troubling. Our mates have been quite baffled by it all, what, trying to piece together what might have happened.

On a related note...I hope we shall have time to continue our sessions over the holidays. I'm back at the Ministry days, but Mr Pontner was most gracious about letting me take time to go with Ron to spar at MLE's facilities and he made it clear that any other such excursions related to my training with you would have no negative impact on my internship with IMR. As it seems we are beset with rot from within, as it were, I believe it imperative to prepare for any possibility.

Likewise, I've been thinking about the assistance I hope I provided this last week. No doubt you shall have need of a qualified clerk as soon as the new half term begins--and, if one may be so bold as to say it, I imagine you might be highly concerned about such an appointment. Were I part of a treasonous organisation, what, I should not lose the opportunity to put forward a candidate to assist you who is, in secret, working against the Protectorate. Put simply, you need someone you can trust, sir. Someone you already know is committed to this country and its future. I pray you to consider what service I might provide in that capacity.

Please do not think my forwardness derives from a desire for that payment which you generously offered last week. You're quite right that I must think of making my own way but that is the least of my concerns at present. I'm also aware, of course, that many matters crossing your desk pertain to my own classmates, and indeed, my own work--I can only say that you may rely on my discretion, of course, and I would naturally recuse myself from anything that I ought not to see ahead of others in my lessons. I should be much easier knowing that you are avoiding any opportunity for another traitor to insinuate him-

or herself into your sanctum.


If you've already someone in mind, what, then naturally, I shall continue as we have done with the greatest pleasure. Only I do hope you will not hesitate to call on me whenever you have need.

Meanwhile, I hope you and Auror Crouch have managed to make the holiday as merry as can be expected under the circumstances. Thank you again for thinking of me--and for the rings. They're smashing.

Happy Christmas,

-Finch-Fletchley



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-27 17:16:06**
(no subject)

You are quite welcome, and I'm glad the package found its way to you.

That particular style of duellist's rings are quite easy to reset, once one has been shown the knack, though there are a few caveats -- most notably, that the spells one can trigger from the rings must be cast at the time of charging them, and are discharged with the strength one casts them to 'store' them in the ring. In essence, they are single-use items to pay the effort required to cast the spell in advance of a duel, rather than in the midst of one. They also take a negligible but noticeable effort to trigger -- so they cannot be set off accidentally, of course. As with all things, it is a tradeoff; I never bothered to adapt my fighting style to their use, but you are young enough that you may still be able to make the shift without disrupting your somatic memory. May you wear them in health and use them in service.

Convention has it, by the way, that the rings containing healing spells be worn on the thumbs, to distinguish them from the offensive spells. I would also recommend consistency in which spells you load into them, and which fingers they are worn upon.

Your gift, meanwhile, was much appreciated -- thank you. I did indeed laugh, but the uniform is very fine, and beautifully made. Perhaps I will arrange a supper at Hogwarts for everyone to wear the clothing of their heritage, to give me an excuse to wear it.

As for your offer -- yes, you're correct that I'm very concerned about the events that have taken place at Hogwarts recently, and about making certain any clerk I hire will be sufficiently loyal not to add to the chaos. (I am also reluctant to engage a permanent replacement; I still have not lost hope that Mr Diggory is alive and well and will be able to return to us, though the length of time since his abduction and the lack of any demands from his kidnappers have been steadily eating away at that most fervent wish.)

Your first priority must be your NEWTs, and I hesitate to involve you further for that very reason; I felt incredibly guilty, last week, distracting you from your exams. If you feel you can handle it, however, I would be most grateful for even a few hours a week. (And of course, if the burden should be too much for you at any point, you have only to say the word.) I am certainly also willing to make allowances for you in class, as well; I am more than aware that half of the assignments I give are little more than busy-work for you.

As for sparring -- if Mr Pontner is willing to let you free, a standing appointment next week for the afternoons would certainly be welcome. Around four each day? (Barring frost, fire, and flood, of course.) Bring Weasley along if you'd like, and if he's free. I promise that I will mind where I am and who I am fighting better than I did last week. (For which I must apologise again -- although your ability to hold your own is something of which you ought be extremely proud.)

2014-12-26 11:44:00

Order Only - Private message to the Juniors



 [alt_daphne](#)


There's a boxing day party at 12 Grimmauld tonight, isn't there?

Well, there's also a very small, intimate "housewarming party" happening at Spencer House tonight, too, as it so happens! So if anyone needs an excuse to go out later (Harry and Hydra, I'm writing at you), just say you've been invited to the Head Girl's for the evening.

Of course, we'll just all leave from Spencer to go to 12G.

I think it would be good for us all to be together.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-26 19:03:02**

(no subject)

That's brilliant, Daphne. I'll see you tonight.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-26 19:14:26**

(no subject)

That sounds like just the thing, Daphne. Thank you.



 [alt_susan](#) at **2014-12-26 22:49:24**

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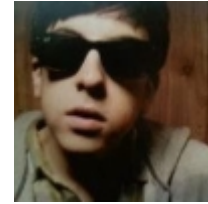
Yeah, thanks Daphne.

You're absolutely right about being together. It'll be such a relief to let go, even for a little while.

~~I have a feeling this party is going to be mostly Firewhiskey and sobbing but at least we shan't be alone~~

[2014-12-26 11:55:00](#)

Private Message to my sweetest Lavender



 **[alt_linus](#)**

My dearest, you know how I am often saying that you would shine even in the most glittering of settings? And that my hope is to make a brilliant enough career that you would have such an opportunity regularly? My esteemed parents have just presented me with the most astonishing feat accomplished, as they say: tickets for the two of us for St Mungo's Charity Ball -- and not just any tickets either! These are the higher-level ones, with access to the Very Important Personages sitting room and also two thousand play-money Galleons for wagering at the tables in the Hall of Fortune adjoining the ballroom. (I believe that the latter were a two-for-one offer, play-Galleons for real, and of course one can purchase more play-Galleons at par at the tables. The entire scheme is of course brilliant as a fund-raiser, but the Hall of Fortune ought to be a real treat.)

We shall paint the town in shimmering hues!

I do hope a day's notice is enough for you to find robes you like. I did come write you as soon as they told me, I promise. I understand these things are complicated for witches, but I am sure you will triumph over any logistical thickets and thorns.



 **[alt_lavender](#)** at **[2014-12-27 17:26:35](#)**
(no subject)

Luckily ~~for you~~ I have the perfect dress already chosen!

I had already planned to attend as a member of the Junior Auxiliary, but it will be much more pleasant to have an escort.

And yes, by all means let's try our luck at the gaming tables! It should be jolly fun.

2014-12-26 18:30:00

Private Message to Seamus

What Hydra said....


That's *so much* worse than dead. He was a traitor or at least a collaborator, but still....



 **alt_padma**

Krishna, Seamus, that's just horrible.



 **alt_seamus** at **2014-12-27 01:03:07**
(no subject)

I know.

I really hope that if somehow I ever end up like that, someone kills me. I wouldn't want to live like that. It would be every bit as bad as being Dementor-Kissed.

2014-12-27 11:22:00

(no subject)

I aM sOrry foR wHat haPpeNed. Harry iS riGht. I
wiLL reMemBer anD I wiLL mIss You E, yOur
fRiend alwAys, fiTz



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-27 13:41:00


(no subject)

It should be absolutely lovely tonight. I know I and the other Junior Auxiliary members have been hard at work to make certain it is an enjoyable event. And of course, the hard work is entirely worth all that effort, as St Mungo's is an incredibly worthwhile organisation to support. Their training and research programmes are unparalleled, and it is such an honour to do my small part in helping them raise funds.



 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-27 22:06:42**

Private Message to Mrs Derrick

I've had last minute word that yes, Cats Hexing and Dark of the Moor have pulled out due to being suddenly committed to the Parade and subsequent festivities tomorrow.

Naturally, the desires of Our Lord must be met immediately and without question.

I've managed to pull some equally last-minute favours. Starstruck and Tintagel will each play longer sets, and Nolan Tennebridge suggested that Leonn Njonn might want to sing a few songs off of a solo album he's been working on. We'll put him early in the line-up.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-27 22:12:12**

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Daphne

This is utter madness. The parade in honour of His Royal Pain In The Arse pulled two of our designated bands at the last possible minute. Diana Derrick is driving me m up the wall with her increasing demands on Whizbangs, and if I hear 'after all it's for charity, darling,' I shall scream.

And tomorrow we get to tow row for a few hours. Joy.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-27 22:14:53](#)

Private Message to George

I'm very much looking forward to this evening. I'm so glad tea went well with mum, too.

And Ewan *loved* you, by the way. Of course, it helped that you brought several bribes with, you sneak.

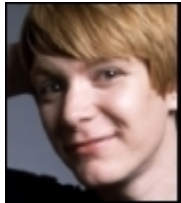


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-27 22:17:28](#)

Re: Private Message to George: Order Only

I know it won't be the easiest thing in the world, but we'll just have to put on a good face and dance like we don't care a jot about anything else, shall we?

And George Weasley. I still can't quite get over my Christmas present. The robes were absolutely lovely.



 [alt_george](#) at [2014-12-28 01:44:01](#)

Re: Private Message to George: Order Only

You'll look gorgeous in them. I'll be dead proud to walk in with the most beautiful woman there on my arm.

Thanks again for inviting me.




 [alt_george](#) at [2014-12-28 01:40:34](#)

Re: Private Message to George

I'm looking forward to it with great anticipation.

(And I am VERY good at bribing).



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-27 23:52:49](#)

Private Message to Aunt Narcissa

Dear Aunt,

I was just thinking of how wonderfully glittering you and Lucius were last winter, and how pale and dull everything will be in comparison this time round without you both

there. Are you at least planning on making an appearance? I very much hope so, to lend at least a bit of light to the proceedings.

If you are amenable and able, I would love to stop by for tea on Monday or Tuesday of next week. I very much hope you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and that you received my gift.

Lucius's absence continues to be so very glaring. The Prophet hardly knows how to report anything with any validity as of late, and I'm already anticipating that my latest business venture will be monumentally difficult due to anticipated delays in permits. It's so clear to me that the Protectorate is hurting without his steady hand at the wheel. I only wish others could see it that way too.



 [alt_narcissa](#) at [2014-12-28 03:56:22](#)


Re: Private Message to Aunt Narcissa

Pansy,

I hope I glittered enough to please you tonight.

Tea next week would be acceptable. Tuesday, I think, is better.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-28 04:02:03](#)

Re: Private Message to Aunt Narcissa

You were absolutely stunning in every sense of the word, Aunt. It was lovely to see you.

And yes, Tuesday sounds like it'd be a treat.

2014-12-27 16:42:00

Private Message to Sarah Yaxley

I think we're nearly ready for tomorrow. Ned will be with the Council, I'll be in the Hogwarts contingent, of course, as Head of Gryffindor. (I know, I know.)



 [alt_lana](#)

You must be regretting that you allowed yourself to be drawn onto that schools supervisory. Surely that doesn't mean you'll have to march along with platoons of children and their dreary teachers? (Can you believe what a bore Johns has turned out? She was at Melton's yesterday, paying an installment on something or other, and we'd scarcely anything to say to one another. She's not wearing a ring any longer, so that grocer she was seeing must have dropped her.)

Speaking of which... yours is gorgeous! Ned says the stone was in Fleischer's family? Nice! Who did the setting for you?

I'll have to show you the sparkles I got for Christmas--when we go to the powder room. Not for public view, if you take my meaning, and charmed for... well.

Anyway, we'll see you at Ganymede's. We're dining first at Monteith, and a good thing we got the table reserved early. Did you hear? There's a bit of a catering crisis tonight for the gala--Orion said he got a call yesterday from Philippa Spinx, wanting to know if Harrods couldn't supply game for tonight. As if he could conjure hundreds of pounds of venison, coney, and pheasant out of thin air. It's what they get for relying on the Savoy, of course, and Orion had to tell her that all his best fare's committed for Our Lord's feast tomorrow. Still, I think he was able to help her with a fish course and some sweets, but she was scrambling for a new menu. You weren't planning on eating there, were you?

If you get to GB's first, wait for us; we can put in a reasonable appearance there, and then take a carriage together to Horse Guards.

See you in a bit!

2014-12-27 20:03:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Ron

Cal Pummel's well into his cups.

Moreso than you'd expect this early in the evening.

I think he might be adjusting badly to Professor Sinistra's recent escape. He and Raz were close, after all.

Either that, or he's just being an arse.


Anything interesting happening around you?

Can I take you for a spin on the dance floor, or is it strictly business for you tonight?




 [alt_pansy](#)



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-28 04:10:59**
(no subject)


If you can manage to scribble anything back, that is!
You *are* looking so very official and everything.



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-28 04:13:33**
(no subject)

You're looking so official I might just have to come over and make faces at you later.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2014-12-28 04:23:32**
(no subject)

Ha. That'd be better than Baddock wandering by and insulting me about my shoes. Seriously. My shoes.

Whatever.

And, yeah, Pummel's completely pissed. Carew's tried talking him down, but I don't think it did any good. Not sure what's likely to

happen there, except I'm intending to stay out of it. That's trouble I don't need, yeah?




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-28 04:28:16](#)**
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Yeah.

And Baddock's like that with everyone. I can't *believe* I used to fancy him.

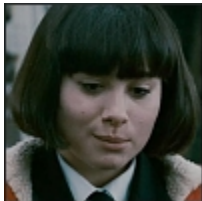



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Well.

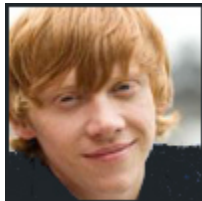
You do have slightly dodgy taste in blokes.


Just sayin.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-28 04:34:42](#)**
(no subject)

Whatever you say, tuna lips.




 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-28 04:39:17](#)**
(no subject)

I mean, are you sure it's never been Fred... y'know?

Dodgy. I'm telling you.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-28 04:44:00](#)
(no subject)

I bet you a galleon that I'd have just as good a record as you, if not better. George has that freckle right above his

...never mind.

And Fred has a wicked sense of humour, but not *that* wicked. And he knows I'd hex him into next week, besides.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 04:46:34](#)
(no subject)

Freckles can be charmed.

So you know.

But, of course, I'm sure they wouldn't ever-




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-28 04:51:34](#)
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Oooh, you're awful.

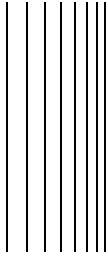
No, they wouldn't, ever, thank you very much. Not if either one wants to keep their bollocks


intact.



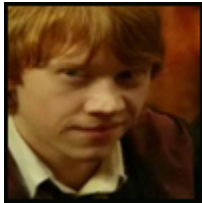
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Speaking of Fred, though, we really ought to set him up with someone.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-28 04:56:03](#)**
(no subject)

I always thought someone like Lavey-loo would be a laugh, but then she went and got all serious about Moon.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-28 04:28:01](#)**
(no subject)

Mind you, you look rather nift tonight. All shiny and glowy.

Couldn't have anything to do with how George is looking, could it?

Well-snogged, I'd say.


If someone asked me.

Which they haven't.

Yet.

But I have seen loads of people wandering about with press badges on. And one of them might be interested. Possibly.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-28 04:31:34](#)**
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Ooooh, Ron Weasley.

Mind, I've introduced him to mum already, which went better than expected, and Aunt Narcissa didn't look too shocked and dismayed when she fluttered by us an hour ago, so I doubt either would faint.

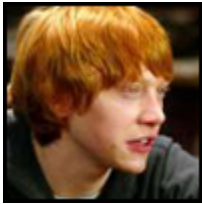



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-28 04:39:08](#)
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Did you see Headmaster Dolohov? He looks like he's got the start of a headache, only he's trying very hard to hide it. Oooh, and Lady Percy's been talking his ear off for the last ten minutes at least. I might have to go over and rescue him.

Do you think he was trying to warn Evs the other day?

I wonder.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 04:45:02](#)
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Ev thinks so.

I hope he does have a headache. Really.

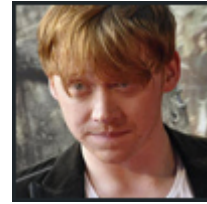


 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-28 04:52:29](#)
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Me too.

[2014-12-27 22:57:00](#)

Order Only Private Message to Sally Anne Perks



Say. Are you still awake?

I think they're going to let me leave in about an hour. Assuming nothing goes pear-shaped here.

 **[alt_ron](#)**

So far it's been mostly just people having loads of drinks and complaining about the food. And the music. And the musicians complaining about the drink and the food. And the sozzled people. And the Auxiliary members running around like everything's going to hell, and saying cutting things about each other behind each other's backs. And to their faces.

Oops. You know Cal Pummel? He's just pitched his drink on Thalia Powell. She does not look even remotely understanding about it, either.

Er.

That's not good. Hang on.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-28 05:21:41](#)**
(no subject)

Well, how pear-shaped did that get?

I'm still awake. Really happy tonight not to be a pureblood young lady from a good family, though, as sitting home by the fire with my feet up sounded about a million times more appealing than dressing up for a very fancy affair with dancing and society witches. (I'm learning so much! But this course is also really tiring.)



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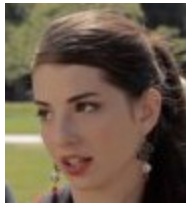
Just a bit of shouting. Mr Powell wasn't entirely polite.

Affair's a funny word for this sort of event. I mean, if

I had to guess, I'd say there are loads of people nipping off for a quick snog or shag or something in between whilst their husbands or wives are having a dance with Mum or going off to see if they can find the table with the oysters or getting more drinks for everyone at the table or whatever.

You know Mendick Hewett? Or Susan Spinx?


I'd say they know each other a bit better than most people suppose.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 05:57:12](#)
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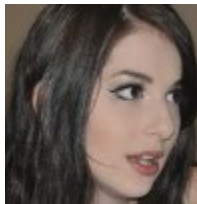
I knew Susan back when she was at school. Isn't Mendick Hewett OLD? I mean, I think he went to school with Pansy's mum! Ugh!!!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:07:13](#)
(no subject)

Well, but he's a Quidditcher, and witches seem to-


Um. I don't know. Maybe it's because he's always in the gossip mags?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 06:10:09](#)
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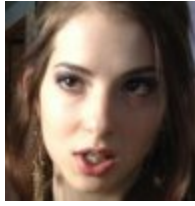
Well sure you could fancy him if you were also THIRTY or something but Susan's the same age as Lana.



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Oh. And Mr Rowle?

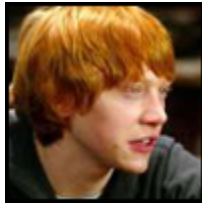
I couldn't tell who he was in there with, but he came out of a dark cupboard, doing up his robes.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 05:58:31](#)
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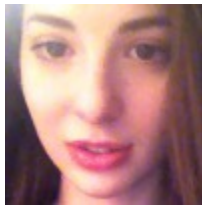
THESE PEOPLE ARE ALL RICH. Why are they doing things in cupboards instead of finding themselves a posh hotel room for their cheating on their wives? They can certainly afford it!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:05:09](#)
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I expect their first, yknow- might've been in the family broom cupboard with the nanny or the housemaid or summat.

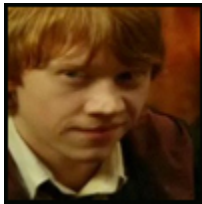
Just a guess.




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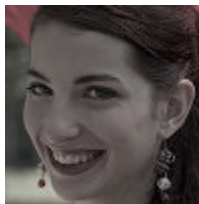
Oh yeah, I suppose.

So, what, this is nostalgia?



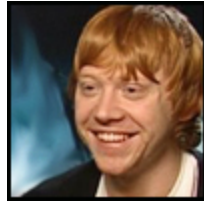
 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:16:50](#)
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Either that or they've got a fixation with the smell of cleaning supplies.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 06:18:47](#)
(no subject)

That is a really odd smell to find enticing!



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:22:48](#)
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No accounting for some people!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 06:23:40](#)
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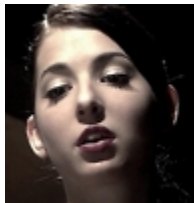
Eau de Privy Cleaner.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 05:54:10](#)
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The auction's been interesting.


Lot's of people bidding up the price just for a lark, I think. And some really fierce bidding for a few things. I mean, I thought these two blokes were going to hex each other over a chair. I'm not sure what charms it was meant to have on it, but loads of people seemed to want it. Maybe it belonged to someone famous. Not sure. Anywiz, I wouldn't be surprised if the two who were trying to outbid each other come to wandspoint about it later. (If it's in the Prophet tomorrow, you heard it here first.)



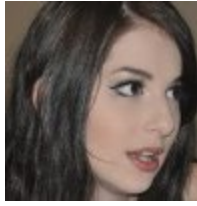
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 05:59:20](#)
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A chair. Seriously? Even if it did belong to someone famous, are they going to hang a little sign on it saying 'Merlin's arse sat here!' so everyone knows?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:13:22](#)
(no subject)


I mean, mostly I'm just trying to be sure I don't scratch my nose at the wrong time and end up buying a crystal cricket or a mounted cockatrice head or anything at all!



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 06:15:46](#)
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I have never understood how auctions work. Can they actually tell whether someone's signalling that they want to bid and not just scratching their head, or is it just that the people who go are too embarrassed to admit they were just scratching their head even if now they'll have to pay 500 galleons on a wine decanter shaped like a bludger bat or whatever?

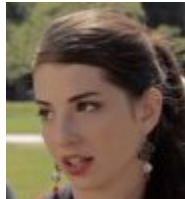


 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:20:55](#)
(no subject)

Oh, there was a really hideous crystal decanter shaped like an ouroboros.

Not sure how much it went for.


Everyone who's bidding is meant to have a card with a number on, but some of them just stick their hands up, and the auctioneer lets them bid that way.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 06:24:30](#)
(no subject)

Cards with numbers would make a bit more sense.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:03:46](#)
(no subject)

Justin's been dancing with every witch ever. Looks a well bleak about it, too. I mean, he's perfectly polite when they ask him, but he looks around as if he'd leap at any excuse not to go out on that floor again.

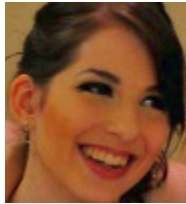
Fairly hilarious, that!

I mean, it would kill him to be rude, y'know?

And Harry would probably be grateful if anyone would ask him to

dance. Of course, no one's that forward, except Hydra, and, anywiz, he keeps getting caught by all the really old witches. I heard one of them telling him how darling he was when he was wee, and how it just melted her heart when the Protector adopted him. That's how she knew the country was in the right hands.

At least Pansy's having a grand time.

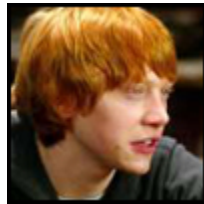



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-28 06:11:41](#)**

(no subject)

Maybe he took an Unbreakable Vow to always be polite. And being rude WOULD ACTUALLY kill him. It would explain a few things, yeah?

Poor Harry. Stuck dancing with ancient old crones.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-28 06:25:21](#)**


(no subject)

I totally would.

Yeah. Now he's stuck in here with the auction going, but it's not like he wants to buy anything.

Still, he looks sort of glad not to be stuck talking to anyone for a while.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-28 06:29:43](#)**

(no subject)

So. They're letting me leave. Just have to get my cloak.

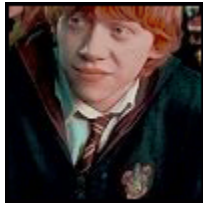
Should I come by? Or are you too tired to stay up any later? I mean, it's Sunday tomorrow and we can sleep late, right?




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-28 06:34:50](#)
(no subject)

I don't get to sleep in tomorrow, there's training tomorrow. It's the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, and 30th, right through the weekend. The other students can't decide whether to be cross about it or not, because on one hand, it's not their pick for best timing, but on the other hand, St Mungo's NEVER runs this training in December, ever. Anyway. I have to be there at 8 tomorrow morning. 7:45, really.

I kind of want to see you anyway, though? So come over.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 06:40:40](#)
(no subject)

Be there in a tick.

2014-12-27 22:59:00

Order Only Private message to Ron

I've been thinking about what you said on Friday, about how Desai tested you by faking that evidence about me, and I realised I forgot to tell you something.



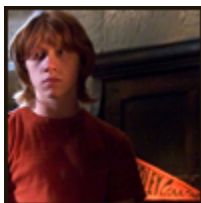
 **alt_charlie**


I meant it when I said you did the right thing. Absolutely. But I don't think I said, if something like that happens again, if they have evidence against me for real? I want you to do it again. I want you to denounce me as loudly and vehemently as you need to. I want you to be the first to go after me. I want you to worry about your cover first, and about warning me second. I want you to do whatever you need to do to look like you're the most loyal bloody person in this whole bloody country.

Because overthrowing this bloody system is far, far more important than anything that might happen to me, and having you in the Aurors is a strategically vital position. Sometimes you have to sacrifice a rook to put the other guy in check, yeah?

And if it does ever happen that way? I don't want you to blame yourself after. Because I can't think of a single situation or outcome where I wouldn't understand, no matter what you had to do. And since I wouldn't be able to send you a message like Neville did to Hydra, I'll tell you now: I would rather be dead or as-good-as than ever betray the Order in any way, or put myself and my own well-being above the Order's goals.

I mean. Obviously I hope it will never happen like that. But I wanted you to know.



 **alt_ron** at **2015-08-05 00:05:21**
(no subject)

Please say it's not going to happen like that.

2014-12-27 23:11:00

Private message to Barty



 **alt_antonin**

An entire ballroom full of far too many concerned parents who wish to have a word about what's been going on at Hogwarts; just what I wanted to do on a Saturday night. Allow me a moment to look stern and serious whilst I write very important things in my journal in the hopes it will scare some of them off. (Miss Parkinson, bless her, has rescued me once, but a second would certainly look awkward.)

How are you feeling? You looked so much better than you have when I left; it was worth every inch of the trouble I had to take to get the ingredients for that potion. Are you still continuing to improve? You'll need every inch of your strength tomorrow. If you need me to come home for any reason, simply say the word. Otherwise I will likely be another hour or two, but I will bring home all the gossip.

Miss Greengrass is wearing the gloves you sent her, and looking quite fetching in them. I haven't asked -- do you wish me to discourage her attentions at all, or are you enjoying them?



 **alt_crouch_jr** at **2014-12-28 05:35:38**

(no subject)

M U C H B E T T E R .

N O T S O M U C H I E N V Y Y O U

B E I N G T H E R E .

N O N E E D F O R C O N C E R N R E G L O V E S .

I D L E A M U S E M E N T . T H T S A L L .



 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-28 05:42:47**

(no subject)

She is a charming girl, at least.

And no, you shouldn't envy me. Although it might have amused you to be here; there have been just

enough hiccups in the smooth running of things to make me suspect some behind-the-scenes trouble. I am enjoying myself trying to spot the difficulties being papered over. (One must make one's own fun.) And two of the security team have just escorted Cal out, after he (deliberately) dumped a drink on Thalia Powell -- I wasn't close enough to hear the cause of conflict, but Cal's been crawling into a glass all night. (Missing Raz, I suppose. Well, I am too.)

Things are winding up, at least. I doubt I'll be much longer. Oh, and I picked you up a present at the auction, since you weren't here to bid in your own right.

2014-12-28 09:59:00

(no subject)

sing tow row row row row row remember
evermore



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-28 10:06:00

Order Only

So much for sleeping in.

Desai called me early. We're just out of a meeting now. Parade's to start at one, but all of us marching've got to be in position at the Tower at half-eleven. So, Hogwarts people, I'll see you there.



 [alt_ron](#)

For those of you who don't know, all of Hogwarts are marching in it--in our YPL regalia and CCF kit, for those of us who've been in those. And the village schools are all going to be marching behind us.

MLE and the Aurors are meant to field a huge contingent, a real show of force, y'know? Pretty much everyone not working the crowds. I mean, Mulciber said as much. So, y'know, there won't be a lot of enforcers anywhere else but the parade route in New London, but they'll be marching near the start and not assembling until the last minute, and then as soon as they reach Buckingham, they'll Apparate from there to assigned positions all over. So be careful if you're thinking NL'll be easy game today.


I think there was a unit heads meeting before the one I was in, because I saw Rowle talking to Netherham--he's head of enforcement in the camps now, y'know, so I reckon maybe the camps are meant to have people marching in the parade, too. Or maybe they're just bracing in case there's trouble, but, really, what could they do if there is?

No one said anything about Dementors, so I wouldn't hope too much that the prison'll be standing open for you. If you're going today.

I did hear that they've got a Mountain troll and two giants. That ought to be loads of fun for anyone down wind of them!

Sorry. Got to run. More if I have a chance.




 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-28 18:12:01](#)**
(no subject)

We're practising the songs, and the firsties keep fouling up the words and looking terrified.

I hope I'll be able to slip away during all the speeches and things after without anyone being the wiser. You might have to stick around, though, Ron.


Is it a sure thing, then? We're going to Azkaban today?



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-28 18:18:25](#)**
(no subject)

I know. And it's not as if we can tell them they're *wrong* to be afraid.




 **[alt_lupin](#)** at **[2014-12-28 19:04:58](#)**
(no subject)

Yes. We're going.

With nearly all the Aurors in New London and distracted, we're not going to have a better chance to make this work.


If you're free, or can slip away, meet us at the rendezvous. It sounds like there's to be a programme after the parade itself; we're going to need at least some of you who will be marching, so we'll wait till the parade is done. Those of you likely to be missed -- Ron, I imagine you're probably in that category -- stay put. Don't risk your cover. But if you can manage to break away, we can certainly use you. (And Rachel, I hope you can slip away, we definitely want you along.)



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-28 19:05:30](#)
(no subject)

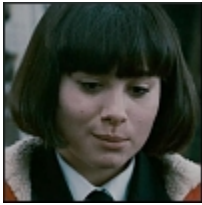
I'll figure something out.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-28 19:17:33](#)
Order Only: Private Message to Pansy

In the department of "we have to get our amusement where we can": have you seen Brown?


She keeps wincing when one of her firsties gets too loud, and generally looking like she had one too many glasses of wine last night and is trying to hide it.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-28 20:46:48](#)
Re: Order Only: Private Message to Pansy

Too right! I hope the tow rowing isn't making it worse...



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-28 20:51:35](#)
Re: Order Only: Private Message to Pansy

I rather hope it is!

2014-12-28 10:19:00

Private Message to Karo

Ponty's brother got us seats in the press box, so we've got a lofty view of everything. The heating charms are nice too. Merlin, it was a cold walk on the way over.




 **alt_penelope**

Where're you? I hope you've fully recovered from last night. Merlin knows hangover potions will only take you so far, especially if you've been dancing.

The Triumph is supposed to last for hours, but everyone's been very hush-hush about the programme. Tartarus either doesn't know, or won't tell us. Has Ptolemy said anything?



 **alt_penelope** at **2014-12-29 00:08:18**
(no subject)

That was bloody ~~terri~~ impressive.

And it looks like we'll have a tournament.

Anyone we know scheduled?



 **alt_penelope** at **2014-12-29 00:16:58**
(no subject)

Do you want me to sit with you, Karo?

2014-12-28 11:15:00

(no subject)

THE HEADMASTER'S WELL SCARY. DUELLING
THIS TROLL LIKE IT'S NOTHING.



 [alt_galleon](#)

2014-12-28 14:01:00

(no subject)

JUST REALISED THOSE WERE WEREWOLVES
BACK THERE No WONDER SO MANY OF THE
VILLAGE KIDS WERE CRYING UGH



 [alt_galleon](#)

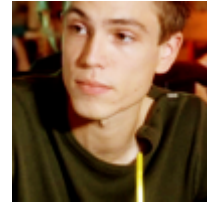
2014-12-28 14:13:00

private message to Randolph Burrow and Susan Spinx

Just remembered -- the thing about meeting up after, yeah? I might have family things I need to do. Will let you know soon as I know.

This is a right madhouse. Let me know where you're standing along the route

Our section's forming. Later, mates!

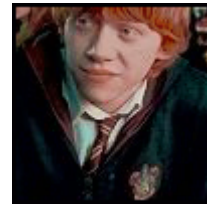


 [alt_jeremy](#)

[2014-12-28 15:05:00](#)

Order Only


All right. So our lot's got to Buckingham. I reckon it's a couple or three miles from the Tower to here. Midgen sounded like she thought she was going to die before we'd got past the Ministry. And just now when they told us to walk back up the Mall to some stands they've saved for our group, Bulstrode looked ready to smack someone.



 [alt_ron](#)

Anywiz, they're all headed off to sit down, and I'm supposed to do crowd duty in St James park. That's where I'm starting, anyway.



 [alt_ron](#) at **[2014-12-28 21:34:34](#)**

(no subject)

Hey, Pansy. The Potioners look sharp in their regalia. That could be you out there, marching with them.

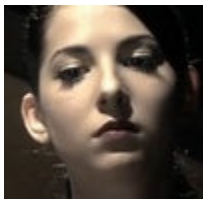


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **[2014-12-28 22:11:44](#)**

(no subject)

There are inferi in the parade. Hundreds. At least hundreds.

One of them is wearing Auror Moody's eye. I don't know if -- I mean, I don't know whether it's him, I'm not sure, but I am absolutely positive that's his eye. (I've seen a lot of pictures of it and there's nothing else that's quite like it.)




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **[2014-12-28 22:21:52](#)**

(no subject)

Not hundreds. Thousands. Of Inferi.


~~Where did He even get this many bodies~~



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-28 22:23:59](#)
(no subject)

If Voldemort's after a show of terror, I'd say it's working.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 22:26:00](#)
(no subject)

Definitely thousands.

Marching in perfect formation. Oi.

Did you see the captives? In bloody chains.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-28 22:30:02](#)
(no subject)

Moody's fairly distinctive but there's only one way he'd give up his eye.

Stay strong, all of you.

At least you've all got iron-clad alibis.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-28 22:46:51](#)
(no subject)

He was in with the prisoners, not back with the Inferi. I saw him. Tall but really solid, y'know? Face looked awful. And he was missing an arm, I think. Or maybe it's broken and taped up or something?

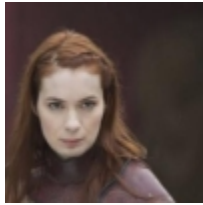
I'm not sure where they've taken the prisoners off to. I can't see them any more, but the Inferi are still marching up the Mall.


There were werewolves. I thought there were a lot of them, but that was before. And some goblins and centaurs. And some others I'm guessing were vampires, but I'm not entirely sure. A pair of veela. I didn't know there were any in the Protectorate. Maybe

Voldemort keeps them as pets?

And I told you about the troll and the giants.

The werewolves, though. They looked like they were half-transformed. I really wouldn't want to meet one of those in a dark alley. Or a street in the daytime, either.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-29 00:10:01](#)**
(no subject)

Yes. That sounds like him.

You're sure he's an Inferi? Absolutely sure?



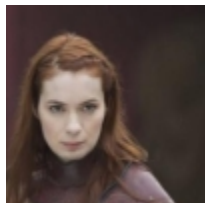
 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-29 01:06:27](#)**
(no subject)


No, not completely sure. But I think so.

Only, they were all under a compulsion that had all the prisoners marching in perfect step. So they all looked completely blank, y'know?

I think all the students got sent inside the arena. So you know. And if I had to guess, I'd wager they'll have another look at Moody before it's over. Judging by what we're seeing on the projection screens out here.

I'm still out in the grounds on crowd control, and I'm not exactly begging to get sent inside. If you take my meaning.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:01:00](#)**
(no subject)

Yes.

Do what you must.



alt_ron at 2014-12-29 02:12:19

Private Message to Mrs Longbottom

So you know. I was just- we arrested some people who'd set fire to an Ouroboros flag. I was with Crick and Fenton, who're Enforcers. We'd been sent through the park towards Horse Guards to see about some disturbances over there.

They were out on the bridge, the people we caught. One of them fell in the water while I was detaining him. I'd pinned his arms with a limb locker, and then Crick hit him with Crucio and he went under the railing. We got him out, but I don't know if he was all right or not. Fenton and Crick took them away.

And Desai's sending me inside now, to help watch things in there.

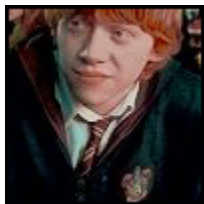


alt_alice at 2014-12-29 00:20:26

Private Message to Ron

Was there any sign of Neville?

Was he a part of this?



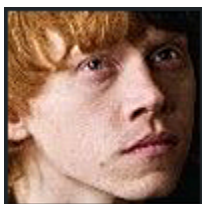
alt_ron at 2014-12-29 01:07:48

Re: Private Message to Ron

I didn't see him.

That doesn't mean

There were a lot of people marching.



alt_ron at 2014-12-28 22:29:33

(no subject)


Crouch is definitely back.

Riding on a huge Abraxan, carrying a big ceremonial staff topped with something with wings on. The

prisoners are marching in front of him, and miles of Inferi behind him.

Bloody horrifying.



 **[alt_daphne](#)** at **[2014-12-28 23:39:57](#)**
(no subject)

This is so utterly foul.


One doesn't have to wonder at the message here. He controls every living creature in England, dead or alive. And he's just one wizard. Astonishing.

I keep feeling certain that I'll be sick. The smell and sight of it all is so ghastly. I hope I'm doing a convincing job of looking suitably impressed, instead.

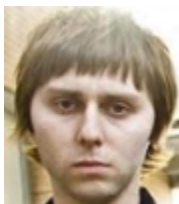
I sort of am - in all the wrong ways, I mean.


How did we ever, ever let this happen?



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-29 00:00:59](#)**
(no subject)

You're not alone, Daphs. I keep seeing people who look like they don't know what to do with themselves. I mean all these bloody speeches? When are they going to shut up?



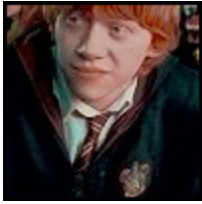
 **[alt_justin](#)** at **[2014-12-29 01:35:01](#)**
(no subject)


Hallo,

My name's been called.

I'm not well sure how soon or what sort of opponent I shall face, what. But if it's someone we knew, I shall put them out of misery as jolly well quick as can be.


-Justin



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:04:56](#)**
(no subject)

Keep light on your feet, mate.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:06:00](#)**
(no subject)

Be careful, okay?

2014-12-28 15:47:00

Private Message to Karo

Don't worry about the headache, darling: You were perfect last night and you look radiant today. Just take care of Narcissa, will you? See she doesn't go mental on some unsuspecting, crass reporter looking for a quote.




 [alt_ptolemy](#)

Now that we've some time to sit, I've gone to get us refreshments. I shouldn't worry about the werewolves, love, they're quite under Our Lord's thumb.

It's good to see Barty looking more himself. I wonder if that abraxan is from the Malfoy stables, eh?



 [alt_ptolemy](#) at **2014-12-29 00:11:13**
(no subject)

I'm sure He has a purpose in mind, and it will come clear. I don't mind a chance to cleanse the realm of those Irish filth, for one thing.

I'll be fine. I love you, quite a lot, actually.

2014-12-28 16:11:00

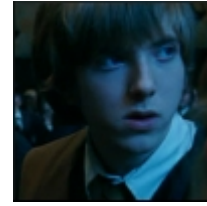
Private Message to Megs

Looks like the it'll be the Faire all over again.

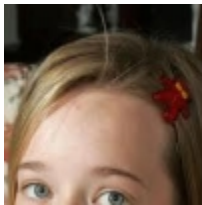
At least we're watching, not fighting, ey?


~~Try not to look so~~

It'll be all right.



 [alt_ernie](#)



 [alt_megan](#) at **2014-12-29 03:12:55**
(no subject)

Did you see? What

What Finch-Fletchley did?

2014-12-28 16:20:00

(no subject)

Oh my god! Bloody hell what is Crouch leading up the street??? We're meant to cheer for THAT?



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-28 16:31:00

ORDER ONLY

What the bloody hell is

taking you lot so



 [**alt_frank**](#)

long? We're not going to stay put forever

especially at this

rate

(these waves are not

fucking around

sooner is good.)



 [**alt_sirius**](#) at **2014-12-29 00:47:29**

(no subject)

Go round the island. Heavy Dementors here. Fu's about ready to blow the wall but we're having Mordred's own time keeping the Dementors at bay for him.




 [**alt_charlie**](#) at **2014-12-29 00:51:10**

(no subject)


Here now, I'll come be Fu's Dementor-guard.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-29 00:53:51](#)
(no subject)


Good show, Charlie. No need to bring him in further but. Can you Apparate him to the Tide Turner? He's leaving us a few grenades in case.



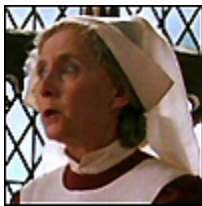
 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-29 00:57:49](#)
(no subject)


Right, can do. I'm doing all right with the Patronus tonight, so I'll come straight back after.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-29 01:18:56](#)
(no subject)

It took a bit of sorting out, but Terry's taken polyjuice to provide cover for Sue, and Daphne, Kitty, and Artie are covering for me and Sally-Anne. The three of us are going to slip out and grab our brooms, and we'll be there as soon as we can to help hold them off.




 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-29 01:24:08](#)
(no subject)

We're ready and waiting for you as soon as you can get here.


Fair fortune to you all.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-29 01:51:19](#)
(no subject)


I am still on the third ring and am unlocking doors as quickly as I can. Draco, I believe you are the one on the ring below: have those prisoners passed you?



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-29 01:56:37](#)
(no subject)

I've seen two, but that's it. They weren't exactly quick on their feet, either. I'm not sure if they're disoriented, reluctant, unwell, or all of the above.




 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-29 02:07:29](#)
(no subject)

Damn it. I had hoped that would not be the case.

Alice, Frank, Black: we will need more people inside if you can spare them. Send them to the top and we will work our way downward — the only way to make certain we do not lose someone in this chaos is to sweep from top down and drive them before us. And I am afraid we will be coming out on the far end of our timetables.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-29 02:10:17](#)
(no subject)

Right. Sending Hagrid, too, he can carry anyone too unwell to walk.

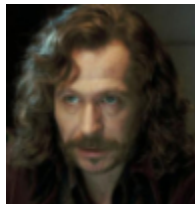
Draco. I think we've found him.




 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-29 02:13:31](#)
(no subject)

How is he? And where is he?

If he's uncooperative, it might be good for me to be there.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-29 02:17:25](#)
(no subject)

West tower, far from the central stairs. It looks like they tried to put him in an area with fewer patrols.

Don't think it worked well, though. He's dehydrated,

disorientated and pretty weak.

Think you'd better come; he's liable to try to kill me if I go in.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:18:32](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, that's what I was thinking.

On my way.




 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:25:42](#)**
(no subject)

Right, the north wing is mostly the people we decided we weren't releasing, and I've almost got the rest of them moving. Going to have to haul one of them out over my shoulder, though, he doesn't want to leave his cell. Says the Dementors will get him if he does.

I don't know his name, and I'm not sure if he does either, but he looks familiar in that way where I don't know where I've seen him before.


Once I've handed them over, tell me which of you needs more help.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:36:33](#)**
(no subject)


Meet me on level five, east end. Dementor central, so you know.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:39:23](#)**
(no subject)


We're holding them off outside, best we can.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-29 02:41:58](#)
(no subject)

This has to be where they keep the 'dangerous' prisoners. There was a nest of them outside the corridor. And




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-29 02:52:19](#)
(no subject)

Sirius?

Sirius -- if you don't write back in a minute, we're going in after you.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-29 02:57:54](#)
(no subject)

Won't

get to

him for

longer


than

I wanted

send him


help



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-29 03:04:30](#)
(no subject)

Right, heading up the corridor to you now.




 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-29 03:04:51](#)
(no subject)

Bugger all.

Sue and Cedric are on their way to you,
Charlie. Sally-Anne and I are on our way to

Sirius.




 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-29 03:18:24](#)
(no subject)

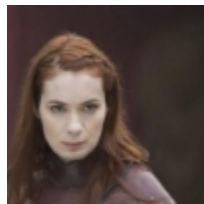
Alice. It's Daedelus.


Merlin, he's not half wrecked.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-29 03:48:06](#)
(no subject)

Merlin, you had me worried.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-29 04:07:26](#)
(no subject)


He's alive.

He'll spend the rest of his days free.

That's something.

Bring him home, love.



 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-29 02:37:54](#)
(no subject)

Alright, he's eating some chocolate (which he hates but appears to be enjoying at the moment - sort of) and I think it's helping, though he still won't be able to fly.

I had to show him my mother's note. He thought I was a hallucination, at first.



alt_severus at 2014-12-29 02:09:02

Private message to Draco

I have not yet seen sign of your father, and I am looking carefully.

If I am the one to find him — do you want me to let him know that you are part of the mission, or no?



alt_draco at 2014-12-29 02:12:00

Re: Private message to Draco

He might need to know.

What I mean to say is, he might try to refuse help, otherwise. I'm not sure.



alt_severus at 2014-12-29 02:20:06

Re: Private message to Draco

Yes, I've seen Black's message now.

I am sorry; this will be difficult.



alt_frank at 2014-12-29 03:46:54

(no subject)

The Hopeful

is full


Victor

is taking off

we've got room for three

or four more, then brooms and carpet




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-29 04:07:36](#)
(no subject)

Sir we'll be there as soon as we can. This is going really slow.

Merlin I wish levicorpus worked on more than one person at a time.




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-29 04:08:59](#)
(no subject)

We're almost at the base of the north tower if anyone's free to

lend us a wand.



 [alt_severus](#) at [2014-12-29 04:23:36](#)
(no subject)

Auror Brodie, Bill Weasley and I have just finished evacuating our wing. We shall be there as soon as possible.

2014-12-28 17:58:00

Private Message to All Gryffindor Prefects

Some of our 1st and 2nd year students are becoming quite overwhelmed by this glorious spectacle. Everyone, please ~~protect them~~ remind them to remain steady.



 **alt_lavender**

Now more than ever, we must show brave and loyal.

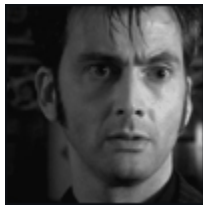
2014-12-28 18:07:00

Private message to Barty

Did he give you any hint of His plans beforehand? I wasn't even in the bloody country last time and I still know how badly the Frost Faire games were taken. He cannot possibly mean to do this again.



 [alt_antonin](#)




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2014-12-29 00:25:30**
(no subject)

ADVISE AND CONSULT ISNT IN MY BRIEF
ANY MORE THAN YOURS

WHERE ARE YOU?

~~IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME UPPERHAPS YOU'VE FOUND SEATS
ELSEWHERE?~~



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-29 00:39:50**
(no subject)

I could most devoutly wish for a little more consulting and a little less gasoline on the fire.


I'm not leaving you alone up there. I was handling a few of our first and second years with less than iron nerves, but I'm on my way up now. If I do not keep getting waylaid by people who want to know what's going on.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2014-12-29 00:54:28**
(no subject)

TAKE YOUR TIME



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-29 02:05:32](#)
(no subject)

I do not like the message being sent by roping in the children to fight with no warning and little chance for preparations. And as I am fairly sure we will escalate from children to Council in due course, I am heading down to the waiting field to begin my warmup.

I would suggest an alternate demonstration to Him, but you know as well as I how unlikely that would be.




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-29 02:26:10](#)
(no subject)

SEE YOU IN HELL, IF NOT BEFORE.

WATCH YOUR LEFT, BATYA. YOUR HEARING'S LESS ACUTE THAT SIDE.

AND REMEMBER TO CAST THE STABILISERS FOR YOUR KNEES AND ANKLES.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-29 02:34:00](#)
(no subject)

If I am first to arrive, I will save you a seat, but I have no plans for it to be tonight. And my knees and ankles are just fine, you

fuck. I wasn't paying enough attention. Please tell me that was not a wizard-on-wizard duel that Our Lord just gave the thumbs-down on. Who was fighting?




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-29 02:40:34](#)
(no subject)

AN O'CONNOR--KILLIAN
FALLEN TO YOUR APPRENTICE

SUGGEST YOU WATCH MORE CLOSELY

SUSPECT THAT ONE WILL DRAW ANOTHER MATCH
OL WAS PLEASED WITH WHAT HE SAW



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-29 02:50:42](#)
(no subject)

~~Damn it to all the hells and beyond~~


He is good. Actually won a bout off me last week, though I was nowhere near my best at the time.

If it stays with those called to fight just fighting creatures and traitors we may yet get out of this without disaster. (Having written that, I have indeed spit thrice to avoid hexing us.)

I'm not the only one who sees which way the wind is blowing; Pennifold, S-P, and Sarah Yaxley all just came down and started warming up as well.

If He calls for you, do not under any circumstances do anything until I have a chance to petition him to allow me to take your place. You are in no shape to be fighting.



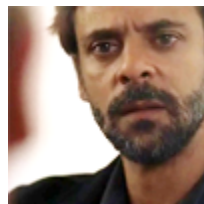
 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-29 03:03:59](#)
(no subject)


BE WARNED.

AM INSTRUCTED TO BRING A DOZEN OF THE PETS FOR SERVICE IN THE ARENA

DONT WASTE CONCERN ON MY BEHALF.

GENTLEMAN USHER SEEMS TO BE EXTENT OF MY DUTIES TONIGHT



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-29 03:05:37](#)
(no subject)

Oh, fuck a rusty duck, the night did only want for that.

Keep me posted.

2014-12-28 19:10:00

Well done, Seamus!

I know it's my turn soon but I just had to say that Irish muggle never had a chance against you. I'm sure you've done Mr Rosier proud. And Our Lord, I hope!



 [alt_padma](#)



 [alt_padma](#) at **2014-12-29 01:21:37**

Private Message to Seamus

I certainly hope I only have to duel an Irish muggle, and not one of those horrid *vetalas*.

Or a centaur. Or a troll.



 [alt_seamus](#) at **2014-12-29 02:54:03**

Re: Private Message to Seamus

You'll do fine. No matter what.

2014-12-28 19:54:00

(no subject)

Remember the Frost Faire Games!

Never forget.



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 [alt_sirius](#)

2014-12-28 20:38:00

Private message to Justin Finch-Fletchley



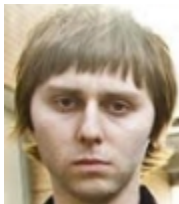
 **alt_antonin**


Mind your left elbow; you still keep it raised too far, and although it is difficult to spot, difficult is not impossible. If the opponent you draw is Muggle, do not forget to guard against physical attacks. If you are set against one of the centaurs, they are likely faster than you are in a straight line, but cannot turn as quickly. Watch your footing; the ground looks treacherous. Use that against your opponent as much as possible.

Win your bout as quickly as possible, and let Our Lord decide your opponent's fate.

You'll do fine.

I'm sorry



 **alt_justin** at **2014-12-29 01:52:44**

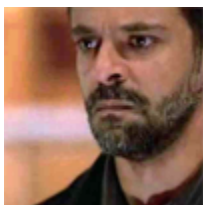
(no subject)

Antosha,

I'll remember. Thank you. I am sure I will be all right.

I say, I welcome the opportunity to show the Lord Protector my abilities.

- F-F




 **alt_antonin** at **2014-12-29 01:57:47**

(no subject)

I'm certain you'll be fine; I'm just fussing, is all.

ни пуха ни пера.



 **[alt_antonin](#)** at **[2014-12-29 02:59:01](#)**
(no subject)

Very well done indeed. I did not see the end of your bout, but Barty tells me Our Lord was most pleased with your showing.

Our Lord's pleasure will likely mean your name will be called again. If you've returned to the stands, it would be wisest if you stayed down here in the warm-up area instead. He will want you quickly, if He wants you.

2014-12-28 20:39:00

Impressive Feats

What excitement! It's just like something from a book of epic poetry - almost impossible to believe it's real and playing out before our very eyes!



 [alt_daphne](#)

Padma and Seamus, good show! You do our school, the council, and your respective houses proud.

Hydra, what a macabre and spine-tingling sight to see you take on that werewolf, all by yourself. He towered over you by several feet, to be sure! It makes me positively thrilled to call you a Slytherin, after that display of prowess on your part.

Oooh, It looks as if the wizard versus wizard demonstrations are about to begin. Everyone, get your omnioculars at the ready! This will be something you won't forget, I'm sure.



 [alt_daphne](#) at **2014-12-29 02:56:13**

Private message to Auror Crouch

I hope you're not having your new friends over for pudding after - they look as if they'd be unruly houseguests, and odoriferous, besides.

I must say that you look much stronger than when I last saw you. The Headmaster must have found you quite the miracle cure. And no wonder, I'm sure this is something that you'd never allow yourself to miss.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2014-12-29 03:21:53**

Re: Private message to Auror Crouch

APPRECIATE THE COMPLIMENT

A RARE POTION, TO BE SURE, BUT NEITHER CURE, NOR MIRACLE.

SHOULD HOSPITALITY BE IN MY POWER

CAN THINK OF FAR MORE WELCOME GUESTS TO INVITE FOR PUDDING



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-29 03:28:15](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Crouch

Whatever it is, it's certainly done the trick.

If it manages to carry you through to afters, I'll be doubly impressed.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-29 03:44:35](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Crouch

INDEED

THOUGH EXPECT THERE WILL BE A PRICE TO BE PAID

SOONER OR LATER

AS FOR TONIGHT,

UNLIKELY TO HAVE MUCH APPETITE BY EVENING'S END

EVEN IF STAMINA HOLDS



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-29 03:47:53](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Crouch

Ah. Take care, you.

And I figured as much, but I'll be impressed, anyway.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-29 04:09:05](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Crouch

APPRECIATE THE CONFIDENCE

VISIT TOMORROW? YOU COULD READ AGAIN

ENJOYED THAT

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH 'THE VALOR OF CYRUS KING OF PERSIA'?

EVENTFUL

AND LONG



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-29 04:16:17](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Crouch

The enjoyment was mutual.

My parents have an early edition in their library, as it so happens. I'll fetch it in the morning and be sure to brew up my Grandmother's special vocal-enhancing tonic.

Just the thing for long recitation.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-29 04:21:27](#)

Re: Private message to Auror Crouch

SOMETHING TO ANTICIPATE



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-29 03:02:38](#)

Order Only

This is even worse than the Frost Faire. At least that time I was in my Common Room hearing it on the wireless.

The younger Gryffindors are half-convinced they'll be sent in as targets when they run out of prisoners. I told them that won't happen and I really hope I'm not lying.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-29 03:10:21](#)

Re: Order Only

I hope that, as well.

I really do feel as if I'm watching a play, or something. But I know it doesn't feel that way for Justin or Hydra.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2014-12-29 03:17:19](#)

(no subject)

I agree, it's quite something.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-29 03:24:13](#)

Private message to Lavender

Alright, Lav?

I think Padma can definitely hold her own, if you were worried.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2014-12-29 03:30:31](#)

Re: Private message to Lavender

Quite well--and I agree.

Padma's a very skilled witch and Our Lord has given her a fine opportunity to show her mettle.



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2014-12-29 04:48:03](#)

Re: Private message to Lavender

This bout against the Inferi has been quite suspenseful.

I'm certain that's just a scratch.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-29 04:58:18](#)

Re: Private message to Lavender

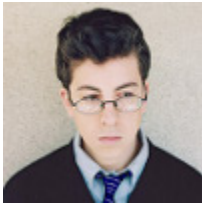
Quite a lot of blood for a scratch, but I'm sure you're right!



 [alt_lavender](#) at [2014-12-29 05:03:23](#)

Re: Private message to Lavender

She'll be all right. She will.

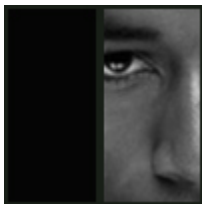



 [alt_linus](#) at [2014-12-29 03:25:36](#)

(no subject)

Quite.

My Perfectly responsibilities to some of my rather over-excitabile fellow students preclude the taking of proper notes on the bouts, but perhaps it is just as well, as I have no available notation for the tactics of werewolves, centaurs, and so forth.



 [alt_blaise](#) at [2014-12-29 04:31:47](#)

Private Message to Daphs

I've got a mug of chocolate with your name on it, if I can just get back through the crowd to our seats.

Wanted you to know I haven't been pressed into service in the ring.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-29 04:33:48](#)

Re: Private Message to Daphs

Good.

How much longer til' it's over, you think?

2014-12-28 20:45:00

Order Only: private message to Alice

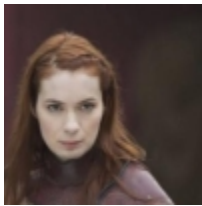
Can't get away. Gemma's so terrified she's been sicking up. Parents want me to stay. Philip's holding my hand. Hasn't ~~needed~~ done that in years. Children crying all round us. They're not the only ones losing it.




 [alt_jeremy](#)

If this doesn't make it clear where the Protectorate is headed I don't know what will.

No need to respond. Wish I could be there. Give 'em hell.




 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-29 03:00:13](#)
(no subject)

Understood.

Please keep us informed of any developments at the arena.



 [alt_jeremy](#) at [2014-12-29 03:42:37](#)
(no subject)

Our lot's safe so far. Though they've brought some of those inferi out to fight.

Oh, right: after each kill, assistants come onto the field and levitate the body over to a special wagon. Not a regular disposal wagon. They're being very careful. As if they have plans for them.

2014-12-28 20:45:00

(no subject)

NEVER FORGET



 **alt_galleon**

2014-12-28 21:24:00

Order Only

Okay.

So they're making people fight each other. Mostly so far they've been having councilwizards kill muggles but they've had them kill a few wizards, all of them Irish.



 [alt_ginny](#)

They've been announcing the names.

The muggles were from IMA, I guess. They didn't exactly say that but from what they said I'm guessing that's what they meant. There was:

Desmond Flannagan
Chevaun (?) Malone
Aiden O'Bierne
Connal Boyle
Fintan Delaney
Rosheen O'Faolan
Ryan Braden
Niall Friel
Quin Devlin
Oran Lynch


I was watching for Sean Finnigan but I haven't seen that one.

The wizards were all Irish, I guess. There was:

David O'Connor (that's who Seamus Finnigan killed)
Deirdre O'Connor
Killian O'Connor
Jermeth (?) Hearn
Lorcan Doherty

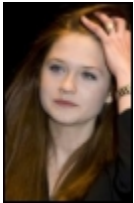
They all got defeated and then Voldemort told the people fighting them how to kill them. Deirdre was killed with the entrail-expelling curse and Jermeth was killed with some spell that made all his blood come out.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-29 03:33:05](#)
(no subject)

Oh no.

They're making Ron fight an inferi.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-29 03:49:55](#)
(no subject)

And he's done.


He's okay.



 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-29 03:51:07](#)
(no subject)

Now they're having Seamus Finnigan fight one and I
HOPE IT EATS HIM.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-29 03:52:02](#)
(no subject)

I really wish I could have slipped away to help with
Azkaban.

This is awful.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-29 03:53:27](#)
(no subject)

And I hope everyone at Azkaban is doing really well
and no one's been hurt and that no Order members
get hurt because apparently right now me hoping for
things is helpful?


Seamus just got bitten in the leg and only barely got it off him. He's
having trouble walking, now.



 **[alt_jeremy](#)** at **[2014-12-29 03:55:28](#)**
(no subject)


Well done, then!



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 03:56:36](#)**
(no subject)


Well, it didn't actually eat him. He got it with something before it could grab him again. He won the bout.



 **[alt_jeremy](#)** at **[2014-12-29 03:57:32](#)**
(no subject)

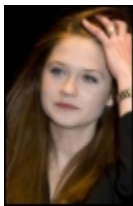
Still. Keep hoping.




 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:03:09](#)**
(no subject)

Well now it's Desai.

I'd hope for it to get her, but then they'd send someone else even worse to teach us Defence.




 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:12:41](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, she didn't seem to find that hard.


She set it on fire at the end. Hope no one was planning to re-animate that one.



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:14:22](#)**
(no subject)


Now they're calling up Padma, the miserable cow. The inferi can FEEL FREE to eat her.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:16:11](#)**
(no subject)


Ha. Oh, Gin. Glad you were on my side!



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:15:25](#)**
(no subject)

Oh bloody hell they're making Hydra go up, too.
And it looks like they're sending in two inferi.




 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:43:35](#)**
(no subject)

Well, Hydra's okay.

Padma's bleeding. One of them got her in the
arm.



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:59:24](#)**
(no subject)


Justin beat his inferi really fast.

So then Voldemort decided to give him more of a
challenge, and sent Bellatrix Lestrange to duel
him.

Harry threw a fit and said that if anyone ought to have the
'honour' of duelling Bellatrix it was him, not Justin.

So ... now it's Headmaster Dolohov against a werewolf.



 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-29 05:08:46](#)**
(no subject)


So.

Dolohov beat the werewolf. It took him a few
minutes.

Then he knelt and asked Voldemort for the honour of continuing to prove his skill, loyalty, and dedication.

So now he's duelling a troll.




 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-29 04:00:35](#)**
(no subject)

We've had some people trickling in to the rendezvous point. Once the boats start arriving, we'll have much more to do.

If I could cast a patronus right now, I'd be there too.




 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2014-12-29 05:15:11](#)**
Private message to Alice

Alice....still no sign of Neville.

I swear to you, I will keep looking until the very last call for retreat.



 **[alt_bill](#)** at **[2014-12-29 05:20:19](#)**
Re: Private message to Alice

I'm sorry.

I'm sorry. I couldn't find him.

Retreat call now.

2014-12-28 22:07:00

Private message to Messrs Finnigan and Finch-Fletchley and Misses Patil and Lestrangle




 **alt_antonin**

Come see me immediately in the warmup pen, immediately. Any of you could be called for the next rounds, and there is information you will need to know.

~~I am by all the gods and saints getting you all alive through this, Inferi or no~~



 **alt_hydra** at **2014-12-29 03:12:37**

(no subject)

Alright.



 **alt_seamus** at **2014-12-29 03:13:48**

(no subject)

I'll be right there, sir.

2014-12-28 22:16:00


Order Only

Is anyone free who can come to the west tower? Draco's hurt, I've got him stabilised but we're having trouble moving him and managing everything else.



 **alt_sally_anne**



 **alt_rachel** at **2014-12-29 04:25:57**

(no subject)

Severus is on his way to you. Bill and I are going to help Sue, Charlie, and Ced.



 **alt_severus** at **2014-12-29 04:26:52**

(no subject)

We have just finished evacuating our tower. Charlie's group needs help as well; I will come to help you, and send Auror Brodie and Bill to help them.


2014-12-28 22:23:00

Order Only


We're making better time & should be there s

FUCK



 [alt_susan](#)



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-29 04:28:20](#)


(no subject)

Hold on.

Bill and I are coming to you.

Just hold them off, if that's all you can do. We're coming.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-29 04:36:40](#)

(no subject)

We're moving toward you again. Char he



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-29 04:38:23](#)

(no subject)

I see a light up ahead, I think it's you. Can you see our light?




 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-29 04:39:00](#)

(no subject)

Yes!



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-29 04:37:53](#)
(no subject)


We're all right. It wasn't the Dementors, it was trying to keep this crowd together while keeping up a Patronus and handling the ones in too bad shape to walk well.

I'm so goddamn sorry. The man I was carrying out, I had to put him down to grab one of the other ones, and -- I guess I got too far away with the Patronus. He's been Kissed.

I don't know his full name. He said his first name was Keith, before he passed out.

We have to leave him here. There's no way we could care for him the way he's going to need. Fuck. Fuck fuck fuck fuck.




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-29 04:39:11](#)
(no subject)

Just keep moving, Charlie. Everything's going to be fine.


~~Bill's upset~~



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-29 04:41:38](#)
(no subject)

Fuck. Yeah. Yeah, okay.



 [alt_bill](#) at [2014-12-29 05:07:23](#)
(no subject)

Bill will get over it. *Move*

2014-12-28 22:45:00

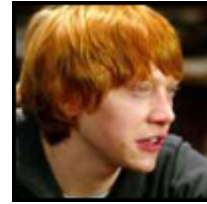
Order Only Private Message to Harry Potter

It's about killing me, trying to guess what's going on at Azkaban. And watching what's happening here.

At least Desai let me off duty after they called me to fight.


Just keeping my head down now.

How are things in the top box?



 [alt_ron](#)

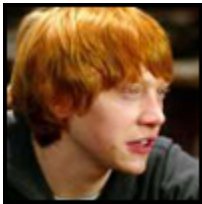



 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-29 04:48:36**
(no subject)

I can't stand this

I can't

There has to be something I can do to make this stop



 [alt_ron](#) at **2014-12-29 04:51:42**
(no subject)

Yeah, it's not good.

How many has F-F fought? He's looking... actually, he looks like he's riding a magic high, but he should be exhausted.

[2014-12-28 22:49:00](#)

Private Message to Tasha

The French boy is one of yours. Clearly performing above expectations, unlike some others. A bit of inside knowledge ahead of time to tip the scales?



 [alt_rookwood](#)



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-29 04:54:28](#)

(no subject)

Only that which a good teacher can impart to his most diligent students. I have



 [alt_rookwood](#) at [2014-12-29 05:08:02](#)

(no subject)

Ha! So I see he's not up to a real challenge.

It's exhilarating proving yourself. Not that long ago I'd have been pressing to join in. These days the joy comes from slicing bits off and seeing what happens.

Hope you enjoy getting the blood pumping, maybe it'll solve that limp.

Very good, what was the penultimate curse there, the one that befuddled the beast? Didn't quite catch the incantation.

And now begging, very prettily but it's still begging, to go on? You're still very full of yourself.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-29 06:33:06](#)

(no subject)

Thank you, Gus, one can always rely upon your unique and pointed insights to spice up any conversation. (As for the curse, it's one I developed myself, melding a few incantations I learned from a *bokor* friend of mine in America with the magics I learned from my mother, with a twist from the Middle German hexenbloed spells. It actually does not have a formal incantation; it only exists

nonverbally (not precisely the right word; the *vodou* tradition of magic works very differently than ours does), and only works on something nonhuman. But it works very, very well on things that are nonhuman.)

If you believe me full of myself, then of course it must be so. I simply wished to give Our Lord the show of skill He so clearly wished for, rather than forcing him to watch schoolboy and schoolgirl fumbling.

2014-12-28 22:49:00

No.

If anyone's going to have the honour of duelling Bellatrix Lestrange, I demand it for myself by right as my Father's son.



 [alt_harry](#)

Justin Finch-Fletchley, stand aside. You have neither the heritage nor the position for such an honour.

STAND ASIDE.




 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-29 04:53:06**
(no subject)

Mind you, your ability to dispatch inferi is noted.

But if anyone in my Hogwarts year is going to duel Auror Lestrange tonight, it is going to be ME.


IT SHOULD BE ME.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-29 04:53:38**
(no subject)

FATHER, LET ME DUEL HER.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-29 04:55:57**
Order Only

In case anyone was worried:

I am not currently having a duel with Bellatrix Lestrange.



alt_harry at 2014-12-29 04:56:19

Re: Order Only

But, neither is Justin.

So there's that.



alt_justin at 2014-12-29 04:58:43

Order Only: Private Message to Harry

Harry,

I could have done it, what. I'd have taken the chance.

-Justin

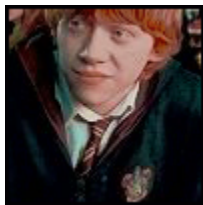


alt_harry at 2014-12-29 05:02:26

Re: Order Only: Private Message to Harry

Yeah, I know you would have.

I think you should wait until you could actually beat her.



alt_ron at 2014-12-29 05:00:24

Re: Order Only Private Message to Harry

Well, that's not a bad outcome, yeah?




alt_harry at 2014-12-29 05:01:44

Re: Order Only Private Message to Harry

Oh yeah, tell that to Justin. 'I could have done it, what.'



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-29 05:04:35](#)

Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry

That was quick thinking.

Thank you.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-29 05:05:45](#)

Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry

I was afraid for a minute it wasn't going to work.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-29 05:08:13](#)

Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry

So was I.

I know Justin's in his element right now, but that doesn't matter. No one has ever out-dueled my mother, except Voldemort. You did the right thing, no matter what he tells you.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-29 05:11:46](#)


Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry

Yeah.

He thinks he'd have had a chance.

I think he's good enough, someday he might be right. But not yet.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-29 05:14:33](#)


Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry

Maybe he could do it now, if he had a chance to take her by surprise? If she were duelling someone else, and distracted, or

I mean, anything but 'stand up and face each other and bow

and then try to kill each other.' He's good. He's really good!
He's not that good.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-29 05:18:47](#)

Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry

Yes. And we could all, the whole lot of us, duel her together, and see how many of us are left standing when she's finally fallen.

Would it be worth it?

I'm getting tired of talking about killing my mother. You know what will kill her? Killing Him.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-29 05:25:31](#)

Re: Order Only - Private message to Harry

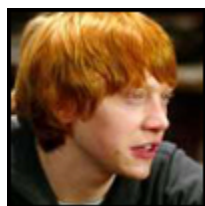
You're right.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-29 04:57:24](#)

Re: Order Only

He's making Antonin Dolohov duel, instead. But a werewolf, not Bellatrix.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-29 05:01:31](#)

Re: Order Only Private Message to Harry

Shame about that, really.

I mean, if Voldemort would just make them duel to the death, it would make this war a whole lot easier.




 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-29 05:03:03](#)

Re: Order Only Private Message to Harry

Yeah. Except, I'm pretty sure she'd win.




 [alt_ginny](#) at [2014-12-29 05:10:01](#)

Re: Order Only Private message to Harry

I think Dolohov is terrified that Voldemort will make Justin or Ron or one of the other students fight Bellatrix. Or a troll. Or who even knows what else.

That's why he asked for the 'honour' of doing it himself.



 [alt_harry](#) at [2014-12-29 05:12:06](#)

Re: Order Only Private message to Harry

Yeah, Ginny. You're right.

2014-12-28 23:07:00

PRIVATE MESSAGE TO A DOLOHOV

DAMMIT

VALOUR IS FOR PAPER HEROES

STOP OFFERING YOURSELF TO HIM

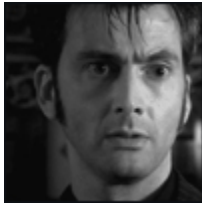


 [alt_crouch_jr](#)

IF YOU-

I'LL TAKE THE WORLD APART PIECE BY PIECE

DAMMIT TO HELL



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2014-12-29 05:29:26**
(no subject)

NOT MANY OF THEM HAVE SEEN YOU FIGHT

FULL ON

YOUR LIFE FOR THEIRS

DAMMIT, BATYA

I SEE WHY

GAMBLING THAT HE'LL TIRE OF THE GAME BEFORE YOU FLAG



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2014-12-29 05:47:09**
(no subject)

YOU DID HAVE THIS COMING


YOU KNOW THAT

AT LEAST THIS IS INTERESTING

CONJUNCTIVITIS. CRUDE, BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS BETTER WHEN PARED TO ESSENTIALS.

HE'LL PAY FOR THAT CHOICE



 **alt_antonin** at **[2014-12-29 06:05:12](#)**
(no subject)

I'm all right. I told you: I will save your seat if I get there first, but not tonight. And the boy only did what Our Lord commanded him to do; don't hold it against him. I would have had him in another thirty seconds, anyway.

Salazar, we'll be a pair tonight. I'm down in the waiting pen; I sat the moment I was out of sight. Meet me once you're free from your obligations and we'll limp our way home.

And I knew you'd understand. I would never expect you to like it, but I knew you'd understand. I am so very, very tired of losing my students, solnyshko.

2014-12-28 23:12:00

Order Only: Two-Minute Warning


We're running low on Patroni. If you haven't gathered up your charges, yet, use Imperius and get out. Or leave them where they are - there's no more time.



 [alt_sirius](#)


Remus, we're heading down to the pier with those who need the boats or carpets. Frank, get back to the dock if you can.



 [alt_cedric](#) at [2014-12-29 05:15:49](#)
(no subject)

Petrified and strapped last one to my broom
up and out will meet at boat




 [alt_bill](#) at [2014-12-29 05:17:22](#)
(no subject)

On our way.
Almost all of the ones we wanted.

Almost all.


Goddammit.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-29 05:18:03](#)
(no subject)


Leave it, Bill. We have to go, now.



 [alt_sirius](#) at [2014-12-29 05:21:37](#)
(no subject)

BILL, SHIFT YOURSELF!



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-29 05:19:05](#)

Private message to Bill

Wait, you aren't gone yet? I thought you left with the carpet. Where are you? I'll come help.




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-29 05:20:14](#)

Re: Private message to Bill

Wait, did you GO BACK FOR KEITH?

GET BACK UP HERE.




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-29 05:21:02](#)

Re: Private message to Bill

Okay. I see you now. Okay.

I'm going by broom. See you at the rendezvous point.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-29 05:17:48](#)

(no subject)

Who's still missing? I saw your friend the half-giant amble by and get on his flying motorbike a minute ago.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-29 05:18:25](#)

(no subject)

At pier now. This lot'll need carpets if possible.



 [alt_susan](#) at [2014-12-29 05:24:09](#)

(no subject)

Got one on broom. Taking off.

2014-12-28 23:22:00

Order Only

We've pulled out of Azkaban. I think everyone's accounted for.



 [alt_lupin](#)

We'll see you all back at the rendezvous point.

Those with covers to protect: check in with Alice so we know you weren't left behind, but you can leave immediately and return to the arena or wherever you'd be expected to be.

Stay safe, all of you.




 [alt_bill](#) at **2014-12-29 05:30:05**

Private message to Rachel Brodie

I'm sorry we were separated. I...I went back for another pass, hoping to find Neville.

But either I missed him or he wasn't there. I pulled two out on my broom. I'll look for you at medical triage.



 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-29 05:50:18**

(no subject)

Right.

All Order members who went have been accounted for. Anyone whose absence might later be noted have been dispatched back to the festivities in London. Draco was injured and is being treated.

We got 29 prisoners out. Their identities are still being sorted out but we are fairly certain they include:

Dedalus Diggle

James Prescott

Astra Morgansen

Jeanette Bigglesby


Antigone Cantwell

Melinda and Eric Wood, Catrin Yates, Bronwyn Maddox, and Jonas

Perkins
Maghnus Derrick
Cassiopeia Fawley
Lucius Malfoy

Twenty-nine is actually four more than we went in for. We'll definitely want to keep them all under close surveillance while we make sure we didn't bring home any recreational eviscerators.




 **[alt_molly](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:07:17](#)**

(no subject)

Thank heavens. And Dedalus Diggle and James Prescott--that would have made Arthur so happy.

Well done, all!

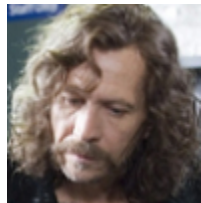


 **[alt_luna](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:09:13](#)**

(no subject)

My father wasn't one of them?

I'd hoped...just a little.



 **[alt_sirius](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:20:11](#)**

(no subject)

I'm sorry, Luna. No, he wasn't anywhere to be found.



 **[alt_hermione](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:21:41](#)**

(no subject)

Where've you taken Draco? And how injured? Is Madam Pomfrey with him?



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-29 06:26:00](#)

Private message to Hermione

A wall fell on him. It crushed his leg and one of the stones hit him in the head hard enough to knock him out. Which is not good.

I got him stable. Madam Pomfrey took over when we got back to the rendezvous point.

He'll be okay. It was good he wasn't by himself, though.

2014-12-28 23:25:00

(no subject)

BLOoDY HELl It JUST exploded.



 [alt_galleon](#)

2014-12-28 23:38:00

Order Only

I'm back at the arena.

Justin is duelling Headmaster Dolohov.



 [alt_sally_anne](#)



 [alt_susan](#) at **2014-12-29 05:41:33**

(no subject)

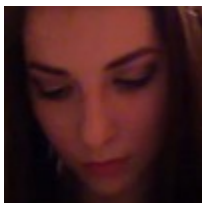
Shit.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-29 05:51:49**

(no subject)

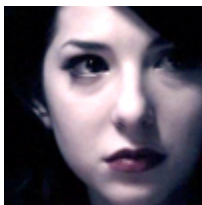
Justin blinded Dolohov but apparently Dolohov fights really well blind, too.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-29 05:53:19**

(no subject)

Oh thank goodness Voldemort apparently got bored. What with all the bloodshed and duelling and no one actually dying. He's stopped the fight.

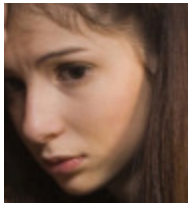


 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-29 05:54:02**

(no subject)

Now all the werewolves and centaurs and the rest are being sent onto the field.


And Voldemort is speaking.



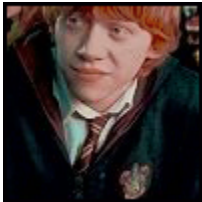
 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-29 05:59:43](#)
(no subject)


Voldemort killed the werewolves and centaurs and trolls. Most of them, anyway. And now He's given everyone permission to leave so I'm going. Before he changes his mind.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-29 06:00:06](#)
Private message to Ron


Where are you?



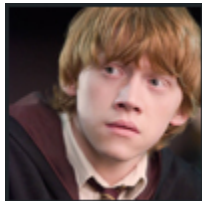
 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-29 06:05:40](#)
Re: Private message to Ron


Fountain at Trafalgar Sq.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-29 06:06:27](#)
Re: Private message to Ron


Wait for me?



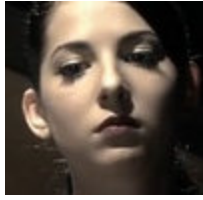
 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-29 06:14:54](#)
Re: Private message to Ron

No worries. I'll stay put until you get here.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-29 06:06:14](#)
Re: Private message to Ron

Apparate.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:07:04](#)**

Re: Private message to Ron

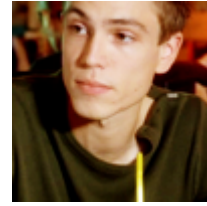
Yeah, I just need to get clear of these people who keep jostling me. Or let them get clear. One or the other.

2014-12-29 00:00:00

Order Only


Well. It's over.

He's left.



 [alt_jeremy](#)



 [alt_jeremy](#) at **2014-12-29 06:14:15**

private message to Alice

After the family's safely home, I could help out wherever you need.

It's not like I'll be sleeping tonight. Or possibly ever.

Merlin.

2014-12-29 00:09:00

Order Only

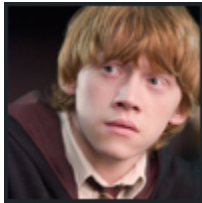
When my Father tortured Dominic Selwyn and then killed him, Selwyn said, again and again, that the Lord Protector didn't protect anyone, that his people would be better off without him -- look at Warrington -- and 'we are playthings to be broken and thrown away.'




 [alt_harry](#)

I guess tonight was Voldemort saying that he was right. Of course we're his playthings. To do with as he pleases. Obey him, or be devoured by inferi or Dementors or worse.

That was more or less what he said in his speech, at the end. You are mine. To do with as I choose. Anything I choose.



 [alt_ron](#) at **2014-12-29 06:29:01**


Private Message to Harry

Yeah, that's pretty much the sum of it, innit?

I'm with Sally Anne at Pansy's. Expect I ought to get home soon, too. Though I know Mum'll have been watching the clock, so she'll know I'm all right.

You going to be all right, mate? Are things chaotic at Buckingham? Or did HE not go back there?



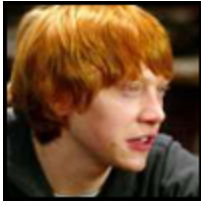
 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-29 06:33:51**


Re: Private Message to Harry

I'll be fine.

He didn't come back here. I don't know where he went.

I'm not tired. I don't feel like I'll ever want to sleep again. I'm going to walk around Buckingham and see if I can use that gem to find a horcrux.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:41:41](#)**

Re: Private Message to Harry

Now that sounds like a good use of what could be a really long night.

Best I can do is lie in bed, listening to the ghouls bang around up in the attic. I'm pretty sure there aren't any Horcruxes hidden at the Burrow, I mean.

2014-12-29 00:23:00

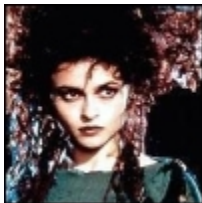
Private Message to Bella and Lucius

Come to Mysteries. NOW!

Every single *Dementori Monentis* for Azkaban has exploded. No answer to floo call. Will be apparating in two minutes thirty. With or without you. Takes precedence over showmanship.



 [alt_rookwood](#)



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2014-12-29 06:42:09](#)

(no subject)

Rookwood,

This best not be a false alarm, or product of your peculiar malady.

I'll call Azkaban myself.



 [alt_rookwood](#) at [2014-12-29 14:54:47](#)

(no subject)

Merlin's moldering balls, what an awful night.

The locating charms for Smyteworth and Caulderfeld are still not returning intelligible results. Jenkins has been assigned to follow up on the various conflicting signals. He has the over sea flying experience to handle a North Sea search. Given the samples on file for them, if they are not found quickly I should be able to make their lives thoroughly unpleasant.

P Marsh and O Sinistra will be on site later today to insure that nothing has altered the fundamental runes and charms that hold the things in and bind them to their keepers. As discussed, Faultenham is in charge of the new team of wranglers, with Covington, Forrest and Zeks as primary assistants. As distasteful as it may be, I'll be checking all their work on site throughout the week.

2014-12-29 01:01:00

Private Message to Antonin and Barty

If you're not asleep now, my dears, you should be.



You both were most excellent today. It made one quite proud to claim to know you.


 [alt_narcissa](#)

I'm sorry I've not been myself of late; I shall endeavour to remedy that before the New Year.

All my love,

Narcissa



 [alt_antonin](#) at **2014-12-29 21:39:59**
(no subject)

Yes, I've just woken up, actually. Apparently the last month caught up with me all at once. Still, twelve straight hours of sleep and a good 'breakfast' and I feel better than I have in quite some time.

A bit of being not yourself is certainly understandable, milaya -- but do remember that I love you whether or not you are playing that familiar role. If you'd like to escape the prying eyes, come over; we'll wear our best house robes and do absolutely nothing of consequence.

2014-12-29 02:58:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Bill

Thank you for going back to look for him.

There's quite a lot I could say right now about weighing risk, and not putting yourself in such direct danger on the off chance


but right now

thank you, Bill.



 [alt_alice](#)



 [alt_bill](#) at **2014-12-29 17:35:15**
(no subject)

Rachel about set fire to my arse when we met up again at the rendezvous, for going back. So you needn't feel as though I haven't been duly chastised.

I'm only sorry that I couldn't find him. I tried. We all did. Fred and George took extra time to look, too.

2014-12-29 06:17:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Snape

had a dream they turned him into one of those dead things.

like they did to moody.

made me fight him.

I let him win.

I remember what it was like, fighting them.

how their eyes looked.

how their hands wouldn't let go.

how they got into your hair and mouth and under your nails.


damn me, but I need what you offered.

it's that, or six bottles of firewhiskey.



 [alt_frank](#)



 [alt_severus](#) at **2014-12-29 21:22:22**
(no subject)


I will bring over the first dose — and the appropriate cautions. I will not provide it to you without informing you of the risks.

The potion is taken weekly, and must be taken within an hour of the time you took last week's. When brewing for Minerva, I was in the habit of brewing a month's worth at once and passing it to Poppy as I had the opportunity; I had not yet done so at the time we fled Hogwarts, so those four doses were in the case that the children recovered for me afterwards. Should you require further support afterward, we will need to make alternate arrangements for obtaining the ingredients now that Laszlo's can no longer do so: they are not inordinately expensive, but are fiercely exacting. You will need to tell me whether I am to keep brewing it for you no later than the middle of January.

I strongly suggest you inform Poppy we are taking this step; she will

be unhappy to discover it on her own. Should you wish me to make the initial explanation instead, I will, but she will want to hear from you directly that I have adequately explained the dosage, the effects, and the risks involved.




 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2014-12-29 21:33:39](#)**
(no subject)

right.

I'll tell her.



 **[alt_frank](#)** at **[2014-12-29 21:38:14](#)**
(no subject)


Al knows too.

course.

talked about it this morning.

like to keep it between the four of us, though, you don't mind.



 **[alt_severus](#)** at **[2014-12-29 21:43:56](#)**
(no subject)

I do not gossip.

2014-12-29 08:40:00

Private Message to Seamus

How is your leg?



Haruman was right there to help heal my arm, only we decided to leave the scar since it will help make me look more fierce. It's not on my face, after all!

 [alt_padma](#)


But it wouldn't have happened at all if we'd known ahead of time that we'd be doing anything like that! That's the trouble with this sort of thing, I think: I was wearing entirely the wrong outfit. At least I thought to put an anti-blistering spell on my shoes, but they weren't meant for anything like fighting a...a zombie!

(Where did they all come from, anyway? I mean, we're not going to have a problem with villages getting overrun by the walking undead, are we--not when we still have traitors running round the country, too?)

Our Lord's message, though. At the end. What did you--well, nevermind. If you're able to have visitors, I'll come over and we can tell war stories about our not-so-glorious battles.

And then I can tell you something else I found out.



 [alt_seamus](#) at **2014-12-29 23:12:33**
(no subject)

Come over for supper?

Mr Rosier called a Healer to check me over after we got home last night and he gave me some potions I wound up sleeping off for most of the day.

2014-12-29 11:41:00

Order Only: Private Message to Terry


Can you go to the loo or something while everyone's focused on Justin & Dolohov?



I don't want to risk anyone seeing us in two places at once.

 [alt_susan](#)




 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-29 05:52:03**
(no subject)

The *girls* loo?


Uh, sure. I'll just...go powder my nose.



 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-29 05:54:35**
(no subject)


Let me know when you're safely in your seat, and I'll fade out of the back of the arena as the Professor, once the Polyjuice fails.



 [alt_susan](#) at **2014-12-29 05:57:00**
(no subject)

Surely one of the bravest men I know can brave the perils of the girls' loo?!




 [alt_susan](#) at **2014-12-29 05:58:14**
(no subject)

In all seriousness mate--thank you for making it possible for me to help.


How have my firsties been doing?



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:02:40](#)**
(no subject)

They've been doing a better job than I have as a Hufflepuff Prefect. But no one's twigged to me yet; I guess all the gore is enough of an excuse if Susan Bones isn't acting quite as usual.




 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:11:08](#)**
(no subject)

Nothing happened that I should definitely remember for later?

I mean to say--Ginny's kept us well informed about the duels and I feel as if I could talk about them as though I was there.


But anything else specific to the sett that she or the others mightn't have noticed?



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2014-12-29 14:50:10](#)**
(no subject)

I think everyone's attention was riveted on the arena. Any side details will be forgotten by everyone.



 **[alt_susan](#)** at **[2014-12-29 06:03:03](#)**
(no subject)

All right. I'm back. And it looks like the fight's already over.


Hang on--Voldemort left?

2014-12-29 12:21:00

Private Message to Mum

I've no idea where you and Dad are in all of this crush. Did they make all the village school kids stay with you? Or did they let them go back with their parents?

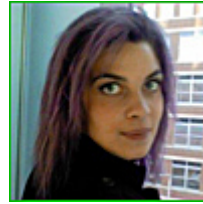


 [alt_susan](#)

Carrie & Pete & I are trying to get over to Ed in the middle of the Gryffindor mob; then I'll side-along Pete home and they'll go together.

2014-12-29 13:14:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Charlie



Oh, luv.

Is today better?

 **alt_nymphadora**

I was glued to my journal last night, and knew that nothing I could say would make a jot of difference, but I hope you know I was with all of you. I'm sorry for what happened with the man who was Kissed, but all of you were brilliant.

It's been a hard few weeks, hasn't it? I find myself getting teary eyed and sweeping Bea up and hugging her til she wriggles at the oddest moments. And Bap is doing somersaults and flips like no-one else, too.


I'm so bloody grateful they're both hidden. They won't be forced to march in a parade with werewolves, or sing those awful songs, or watch people barely older than they are kill other people for sport ever. Or, in Bea's case, ever again, although she was too young to remember, really. Still. Having her in those stands during the Frost Faire nearly made me break in half.

I don't know how Molly, Alice, and Frank are still standing.

I don't.

And it's so deeply selfish of me, but I'm glad they won't be going anywhere near Hogwarts unless we've won.



 **alt_charlie** at **2014-12-29 22:04:57**
(no subject)

Yeah. A little better. Still not fabulous. I just can't stop thinking about the look on his face, after. Or the not-look on his face.

I was the one doing the Patronus for our group, you know -- mine was the strongest. (I was using the moment I first felt the Bap kicking, as my happy memory. Guess it worked!) So it's on me, for putting him down, and for getting too far away from him.

I mean, on the one hand, I know it was just a mistake, and because we were trying to wrangle too many people with too few wands and trying to keep everyone together and not have them wander off and disappear down a dark dank hole and all. And everyone we got out -- all the ones who were in any shape to say, I mean -- told me they'd have rather been Kissed than spend one more day in there and anyone would've taken the risk. But I can't stop replaying it and wondering what I could've done differently.

And I don't think it's selfish, to be glad the kids aren't going anywhere near Hogwarts until we win. I think it's human. I don't know how Frank and Alice and Molly are doing it, either.

I think about it sometimes, you know. How nice it will be if Bea and the Bap wind up at Hogwarts with all the Muggleborn babies we rescued and, I don't know, you and Frank and Molly teaching there.

Actually, that sounds lovely, you know. I'll take Creatures. You can teach Transfig. We'll put Frank in Defence and Molly can teach Charms. Siz will want to go back for Astronomy, of course, and we can give Dumbledore back his position as Head, and Poppy her infirmary back. Think Snape would want to teach Potions? He's been teaching Hermione, after all.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-29 23:41:52](#)
(no subject)


I like this story. Tell me more.

I think Snape'd take the job with his usual amount of grumbling. Or Hermione'd take it from under his nose.

I'd bet Harry would be beyond thrilled to be the flying instructor. Nothing but brooms and quidditch strategy. And Hagrid could keep the grounds.

Who'd be Minister, d'you think?



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-30 01:05:32](#)
(no subject)

I think Harry would be wonderful as a flying instructor. And, I know, Snape would take the job and last a year and then come storming into Dumbledore and say that he refuses to teach such dunderheads, and Dumbledore would smile and put Hermione in to teach the first through fifth years and let Snape take the NEWTs. Or he'd last for a year and then storm off in a fit of fuck-THIS-noise and he and Hermione can start a research lab that turns out brilliant and innovative new potions. Hermione can be the public face, and Snape can hide in his lab and never talk to humans.

I think we should make Alice be Minister. Or -- no, I know. Remus. Because if we're going to change the world, we might as well start by naming a werewolf to be Minister, dammit. And if that doesn't work, Remus would be a good choice for History, I think. Oh! And Cecelia Perks, for Runes.

(And then I start to get sad, because we all know who should have been Herbology professor after Sprout.)



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-30 01:54:24](#)
(no subject)


(Too right, that.)

(I sat with Frank for a bit at the Boxing day party, and it just

He seemed so small.)

Remus would make a lovely History professor. He'd also make a lovely Minister. He and Alice'd just have to switch off every few years until they're ready to do something else.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-30 02:40:56](#)
(no subject)

Frank doesn't look good, does he?

(Although, speaking of Snape, I was surprised, on Boxing Day, at how much he seems to be keeping an eye out for Frank. And Alice, too. I mean, it's not that I think Snape's as much a heartless bastard as some people think he is, but he's not exactly the warm and fuzzy type.)

Keep an eye on him in about, oh, a week or two, will you? I'm guessing it hasn't all finished sinking in yet, and we had this to plan for. Now that we're done with it, he's probably going to have an even rougher time of things.

Poor Neville. When this is all over, I swear I'm going to make sure the whole damn country knows what he did. I will singlehandedly campaign for a Neville Longbottom Day if I have to. (I don't think I'll have to do it singlehandedly, though.)



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-30 03:39:48](#)
(no subject)

No. No, he doesn't. He told me once he was amazed he'd made it this far. I just hope he sees enough reason to keep going.

I'll be sure to. After all, I've got to sit him down so we can work through all the mischief we're going to get up to once Bap has made his appearance.


You've got my signature for Neville Longbottom Day, too.

Can there be flowers?

Miles and miles of flowers.

(And yes, I noticed. He's honest, I'll give him that. Less warm, more... sincere? Possibly? It's an odd mix, to be sure, but sorely needed, and they don't seem to mind.)



 **[alt_charlie](#)** at **[2014-12-30 04:26:51](#)**
(no subject)

Flowers everywhere. And it should be on the actual day it happened, so that people have green and growing things to look at in the middle of the dark and winter.

And, you know. Speaking of Frank, and of the Bap -- we haven't talked godparents, yet. And I can't really think of anyone who'd be more suited than Frank and Alice. Do you think they'd ... I dunno, do you think they'd find that hurtful, remind them of what they've lost, or do you think they'd like it?



 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2014-12-30 14:33:27](#)**
(no subject)

I think it'd be a little bit of both, at first. But the latter can't really be avoided, and it's a good idea. Alice is Bea's, and bringing Frank into the fold too is a good idea all round, I

think.

We are creating a family, after all.

A weird and wonderful family.




 **[alt_nymphadora](#)** at **[2014-12-29 23:48:44](#)**
(no subject)

And it's human to have a case of the what-ifs after. When you're good at chess, I'd imagine it's hard to avoid.

Still. What you lot did was enormous. I know, there'll be other more enormous things yet to do, but it was damn impressive.



 [alt_charlie](#) at [2014-12-30 01:11:20](#)
(no subject)

It's weird, I just told Ron, the day before, that when you're playing chess you have to make sacrifices. Remember, he said that Desai set it up so he found 'evidence' I was selling things on the black market, and waited to see if Ron would turn me in? I told Ron that if that sort of thing ever came up for real, I wanted him to go ahead and denounce me as fast and as hard as he could, do anything he needed to keep his cover, because winning this war is more important than any one person and him with the Aurors is going to be damn helpful in the future.

And if you look at it that way, I shouldn't be upset, because showing people that the Protectorate is not all-powerful is an important thing to do, and losing one person in the middle of all that is just collateral damage. But then I think, well, the real reason for all this was to save Lucius sodding Malfoy, and making a public demonstration of the Protectorate's weaknesses was just a side benefit, and I don't know if that counts as important. And then I remember that no, we have Bellatrix Lestrange's hair now, and that might wind up strategically critical in the future. And and and.

I don't know. I think I'll eventually come around to, this was an important thing to do and one fuckup in the process is understandable and it's a miracle there weren't more. But I think it'll take me a bit to get there emotionally, not just intellectually.



 [alt_nymphadora](#) at [2014-12-30 01:59:45](#)
(no subject)

And it was to keep Rachel safe.

And even though it was supposed to be one person, we blew a hole in the side of that prison and marched out twenty-eight more than we needed.

It's messy, and it often seems like we're in the sort of place where we're just running around reacting to what someone else has done, and it's utter chaos, but we are building to something.

At least I'd like to think we are. More than we were before.

You can probably see it more than I can, though.




 **alt_nymphadora** at [2014-12-30 02:23:36](#)
(no subject)

And after yesterday...

I'd been chewing over the idea that we'd stand up and everyone around us would work as hard as they could to fight against us. Against change. That we'd be five or ten years too late, and everyone would be too used to all of this to want anything different, and to give it up.

I don't think that'd happen any more, though.



 **alt_charlie** at [2014-12-30 02:33:24](#)
(no subject)

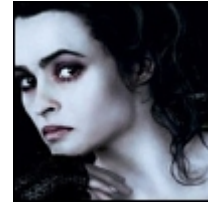
I really don't think so, no.

I mean. Look at the Jr Aux and their friends. I have to say, I never would have imagined Draco Malfoy and Hydra Lestrangle as part of us, and yet they took a good look at the system they were being raised to have power in and said "that's bollocks" and threw in with us. And if they can do it, loads more can. And have, really -- how many of our latest new recruits have come out of people who were raised with this, and have never really known anything else?

Five years ago I think we would have had a problem. But now, the only people who'll step up and say that His Noselessness has the right end of the stick are the people who want a part of the stick for themselves.

2014-12-29 17:26:00

Private message to Barty Crouch Jr and Antosha Dolohov



 [alt_bellatrix](#)

Seditious rebels made their way into Azkaban during last night, taking advantage of our absence in devotion to His glorious display.

Twenty-nine prisoners extracted, many of them known traitors or otherwise in violation of upholding the core values of the Protectorate. Among those twenty-nine was Dominic's little friend Maghnus.

Also among the twenty-nine was Lucius. Have not yet told Cissy.

Reported to our Lord earlier today. You can imagine, I'm sure, His response.

When do you anticipate complete recovery, Barty? Will need your wand to reel Lucius in, along with those who sprung him.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2014-12-30 00:49:20**
(no subject)


RECOVERED ENOUGH



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at **2014-12-30 00:52:46**
(no subject)

Then why is your writing like that? It is not a stylistic flourish.




 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at **2014-12-30 00:56:20**
(no subject)

SLIGHT TREMOR, THAT'S ALL

AM FINE




 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-30 01:00:15](#)
(no subject)

Liar.

I won't try to stop you from going, as one does attempt to avoid hypocrisy, but Bella, he is nowhere near as recovered as he will try to tell you; do keep that in mind.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-30 00:50:47](#)
(no subject)

Damn it.


Has anyone taken credit for it yet, or is there any common denominator among those who were taken?



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2014-12-30 01:03:04](#)
(no subject)

None yet. But you need not wrack your mind for long to land upon the most likely party.



 [alt_antonin](#) at [2014-12-30 01:13:49](#)
(no subject)

No, indeed.

At least that lot is not likely to be treating Lyoushka poorly until we can track them down. (As to that, if you need another wand, say the word. I would welcome the chance.)



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-30 00:51:16](#)
PRIVATE MESSAGE TO B LESTRANGE

MEET ME AT HYDE PARK CORNER

HOW SOON CAN YOU BE THERE?

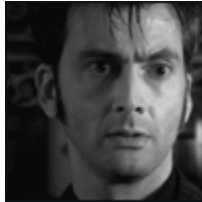
BEST IF BEFORE TOSHA GETS HOME



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2014-12-30 00:54:23](#)

Re: PRIVATE MESSAGE TO B LESTRANGE

Immediately, if I ignore his questions for the time being.



 [alt_crouch_jr](#) at [2014-12-30 01:06:16](#)

Re: PRIVATE MESSAGE TO B LESTRANGE

ON MY WAY.

WILL BE
ON BROOM



 [alt_bellatrix](#) at [2014-12-30 01:10:02](#)

Re: PRIVATE MESSAGE TO B LESTRANGE

Mind you don't slow me down.

2014-12-29 19:39:00

Order Only Private message to Rachel

When you have a moment, I was wondering -


I think I could use your advice, actually. How did you end up spying on Lucius for Ridley? Was it an assignment you were given, or was it an opportunity that sort of fell into your lap, and you took it upon yourself to get closer to him?



 [alt_daphne](#)

And as for the spying, how did it actually work? Did you just keep your eyes and ears open, or was it more involved than that?



 [alt_rachel](#) at **2014-12-30 04:08:59**

(no subject)

Lucius wasn't the first. It wasn't Ridley's idea. The opportunity presented itself, and Ridley was pleased with anything I could supply, so long as I didn't risk my cover.

Mostly I just kept my eyes and ears open. If I'd tried to pump Lucius for useful information he'd have been suspicious very quickly.

I had a couple of rules, for what it's worth. I never slept with anyone I didn't find attractive -- I mean, I suppose if Voldemort had taken a fancy to me and I'd thought I might have an actual opportunity to kill him, I could have tried closing my eyes and thinking of England, but that never came up. I was selective about the lies I told -- that's just good sense, though, it's much easier to keep your story straight if you lie as little as possible.




 [alt_daphne](#) at **2014-12-30 04:20:04**

(no subject)

I lie as little as possible in general, and if I have no other choice, I always embed it in a bit of the truth.

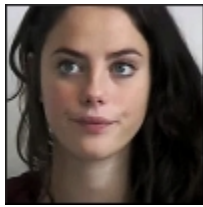
Lucius really is quite attractive, for a man of his years. Like an older Draco. But does Bill know that you were actually attracted to Lucius?




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-30 04:22:36](#)
(no subject)

Embedding it in some truth is a good strategy in general.

And yes, Lucius looks quite a bit like an older Draco. Bill, well, I don't lie about these things but he knows better than to ask me things unless he wants to know the answer. He hasn't ever asked me how many men I've slept with, either. And it's not something I would volunteer.




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-30 04:32:56](#)
(no subject)

I agree!


Oh. Well, I've only slept with two. I always assumed I would be at three by the time I was eighteen, though I'm not really sure where I came up with that particular notion or number. I conjured it up back when I had less serious things to contemplate, I think.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-30 04:41:55](#)
(no subject)


Three does not sound like a lot to me. I'm sure it would to some men, though.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-30 04:44:12](#)
(no subject)


Well of course it doesn't! You're not a man.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-30 04:10:05](#)
(no subject)


If you're thinking about seducing Crouch, I don't recommend it.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-30 04:21:30](#)
(no subject)


Well, thank you, but I wasn't asking for encouragement. Or discouragement, for that matter.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-30 04:23:53](#)
(no subject)

And besides, Crouch is far too cunning to fall for something as deliberate and calculating as "seduction."




 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-30 04:42:54](#)
(no subject)

Crouch is extremely cunning.

Cunning enough that there are quite a few Aurors in the department convinced he's a legilimens. He is smart, fast, and *extremely* dangerous.



 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-30 04:57:11](#)
(no subject)

I know that all very well.

Which is why I won't try to fish around for information, or do anything out of the ordinary at all, other than allowing nature to take its course.


The opportunity came by chance, for the most part. At Sophia Novello's party, just before the school term began. Blaise escorted me, but it was one of those parties where you're meant to leave with someone other than who you arrived with. Sophia passed out these crystal flutes filled with aphrodisiac potions, and men went around and offered them to the women they believed (or hoped) had been trying to bewitch them. Thomas Evan tried to offer me his flute despite the fact that I was radiating disinterest, and Barty intervened. I was quite bewildered.

And then he escorted me home to my parents, and kissed me on

their doorstep.


All sorts of people end up snogging at these types of parties. No one cares or bothers to remember. But he and I - we seemed to keep bumping into each other somehow, after that.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-30 05:11:40](#)
(no subject)

Didn't he send you red roses once? When you were well underage? Though I heard he claimed he had no idea what that meant. (Auror gossip. Everyone in the department found the whole thing rather amusing.)




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-30 05:19:13](#)
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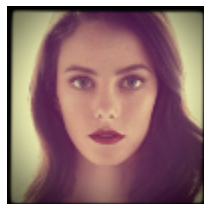
He did, when I was thirteen. I had just played the part of his younger counterpart in a school play about the Liberation of the Ministry, written by none other than Karoline Baddock, née Moon. He found the whole thing terribly distasteful, but apparently felt bad (hard to imagine, from him?) that he might have hurt my feelings with his response.


But no, he didn't know what red roses meant. Not terribly cunning, that.



 [alt_rachel](#) at [2014-12-30 05:23:08](#)
(no subject)

Clearly, it had never come up in an Auror investigation before.



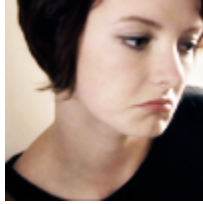
 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-30 05:28:13](#)
(no subject)


Clearly.

But he's been a regular in *Witch Weekly's* "most eligible bachelors" list for what,

decades?

If you're on a list, though, you're probably not used to having to try.



 **[alt_rachel](#)** at **[2014-12-30 05:29:26](#)**
(no subject)

No, I imagine that if he's in the mood for that sort of thing he mostly just refrains from dodging.

2014-12-29 20:04:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Remus Lupin and Alice Longbottom



 [alt_pansy](#)

I was wondering whether I could come by and see Lucius.

I understand if you didn't want me to for security reasons, but I'd very much like to.




 [alt_lupin](#) at **2014-12-30 05:08:47**

(no subject)

Lucius hasn't properly woken up yet. He's roused enough a few times we've been able to get a bit of food and chocolate in him, but that's it.

I think we should wait until he awakes fully, and we can get some sense of his frame of mind, before we consider whether you should come see him. (Security-wise, I would prefer that no one with a cover to protect be allowed in. You might be an exception, because you helped break him out of Azkaban; he knows you well enough that he might have recognised your voice. We'll see what we get out of him once he rouses.)



 [alt_pansy](#) at **2014-12-30 14:46:25**

(no subject)

Yes, of course. Please let me know.

And Draco

Is he awake yet?



 [alt_alice](#) at **2014-12-30 18:18:16**

(no subject)

Poppy's keeping him under for a bit longer. She's keeping a close eye, and he's in the best possible hands right now, for which I am enormously grateful.

You did very well the other day, Pansy, by the way. Thank you.

2014-12-29 21:00:00

Order Only - Private message to Hermione and Sarah Fawcett



 [alt_hydra](#)

Do either of you have any information on Draco's condition? Sally Anne said he was injured last night, but she never said how badly.

Though I suppose if he was hanging on to life by a thread someone would have said as much, by now.

But if you need a hand with him I might be able to manage a short visit tomorrow. Mummy's been far too busy to notice what I'm up to.



 [alt_hermione](#) at **2014-12-30 04:12:27**

Private Message to Hydra

He's improving but it's not good. I'm making this private from Sarah because she's something of a watering pot over it all, which isn't very helpful.

One leg was completely crushed. We had to enhance the normal Skele-Gro with something Mr Snape had me prepare, and now the bones seem to be setting more properly. I don't know, though, I don't think we'll be able to tell for some time if he'll always have a limp or not. We'll see once he's able to walk, I guess.

Because the other problem was that he was concussed by a bit of stone. And he hasn't woken up yet, and Madam Pomfrey says that the longer he doesn't wake up, the more grave it is.

So I'm hoping he wakes up really, really soon.



 [alt_hydra](#) at **2014-12-30 04:29:04**

Re: Private Message to Hydra

Oh, that's worse than I expected.

Raz had a limp and it never slowed him down much, so there's that. Draco would really have a hard time being anything less than physically perfect, though, so I hope everything mends well.

But I hope more than he wakes up soon.

You know, on boxing day the way Sarah was watching Draco caught my attention and I - yes, it's not very nice, but I briefly probed her thoughts. She's still very enchanted by her memory of Draco helping her to escape Hogwarts, particularly how he announced her 'death' at the hand of centaurs to Madam Umbridge. I was left with the impression that she feels that she was somehow responsible for Draco's change of heart, since he joined the ISS right around then.



 [alt_hermione](#) at [2014-12-30 05:16:19](#)


Re: Private Message to Hydra

That's...rather awkward. About Sarah, I mean. Sometimes I think they're not as happy as they'd like to make people think, but then, I hope I'm wrong because I hate to think that he's still not

happy with anyone else but me.

Oh, and speaking of that sort of thing.... Harry says Justin was upset because he didn't get to fight Bellatrix, but that now he's 'come round.' Was he? Upset, I mean. Because that's a rather daft thing to be upset about.



 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-30 05:25:18](#)

Re: Private Message to Hydra

I think he is happy, actually. Well, as much as someone like Draco can be happy. He really wants to make it work, anyway, I did get that much, but maybe it's because he wants to prove something.

I'm not sure.

Yes, Justin was in quite a foul mood. He did calm down, eventually.

He has this notion - he always has, I think - that he might be able to impress my parents, one day. Impress everyone. I keep telling him that the approval of my parents or anyone like them isn't worth much, and I know he agrees, but he also feels compelled, just the same.

2014-12-29 22:36:00

Order Only: Private Message to Harry



 [alt_justin](#)


Harry,

I say, I owe you an apology for being sharp with you last night. You were quite right to prevent what would likely have been sheer folly on my part, what. I can only say that I was in the throes of battle-induced euphoria and...well, I failed to consider that even were we not instructed to duel to the death, Bellatrix would have approached our bout with exactly that end in mind. I wasn't certain I *could* have killed her, what, but I had hoped at least to impress her or Voldemort and to give her pause--but of course, she probably would not have afforded me the same courtesy. You were gambling with much the same idea, but with a far greater chance that she would respect your person, and a jolly good idea that Voldemort would not wish to throw your life away, what.

In any event, I mean to say...good form, old man. And thank you for preventing my error. I'm bally well sorry you caught me in a discourteous moment.

-Justin



 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-30 04:50:03**

(no subject)

Bellatrix isn't going to kill me.

I am the only person in the Order for whom that's true.

Anyway. Don't worry. I didn't worry too much about what you said at the time.

2014-12-29 22:50:00

Order Only: Private message to Hermione

How's Draco?

(How are you, for that matter?)



 [alt_harry](#)




 [alt_hermione](#) at **2014-12-30 04:58:28**

(no subject)

Draco's not well.

I'm--all right. Oh, but Harry! I was SO PROUD of you last night, standing up like that. I wish I could have been there.



 [alt_harry](#) at **2014-12-30 05:04:22**

(no subject)

Thanks.

Justin was less happy. But he's come around.

I was glad you weren't there. ~~They had werewolves~~ I would've been a lot happier trying to get people out of Azkaban.




 [alt_hermione](#) at **2014-12-30 05:08:29**

(no subject)

Well, no, I don't envy any of you having to watch it all. But I meant that I just wanted to give you the biggest hug, honestly, it was so brave and so well-calculated. It was the best chess move you could have made, and I mean it.

As for Justin, he's always wanted his own chance to fight Bellatrix, you know that. You got in the way, and in front of people, too. I mean, we all know why you did it but you made it look like he couldn't fight his own battles. (And in this case, you're right, but no one--no boy, especially--likes to be told he can't fend for himself.)



 **[alt_harry](#)** at **[2014-12-30 05:09:55](#)**
(no subject)

Yeah, I know.

I know.

I was imagining Bellatrix killing him, right in front of Hydra. So.

Anyway. I'm glad you approved.

2014-12-30 12:12:00


Order Only

(Just writing to let you all know that the magical stasis has been lifted and Draco is awake on his own, now. But Madam P has given strict instruction that he's not do much of anything involving his brain for the time being, including using his wand and even a quill, or even reading, for that matter. I told him I could write for him, the way that Colin used to for Mr Longbottom, so I just wanted you all to know that. And if you write him any private messages I'll see those, too, just until it's safe for him to read on his own again.)



 [alt_draco](#)




 [alt_draco](#) at **2014-12-30 19:24:22**

(no subject)

(But don't worry, he's made it very clear that I'm not to go reading back in his journal and looking at any of his old private messages, heaven forbid.)



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2014-12-30 19:38:12**


(no subject)

Thank you, Miss Fawcett, for communicating the situation. Mr Malfoy is, indeed, facing a period of reduced cognitive stimulation.

I expect he will find it challenging to remain idle, and I would urge you all to help him by understanding that any messages you send may not be communicated to him for some time (apart from a reassurance that we all wish him a full recovery, undelayed by any set-backs).


I'm afraid this means no visits for several days yet.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-30 19:41:34](#)**
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(I can still visit him, can't I? Because I know he really would prefer not to be all alone right now. I promise I won't converse with him extensively.)



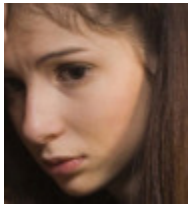
 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-30 19:45:53](#)**
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As we've discussed, you may sit by him quietly, but when I tell you visiting hours have ended or when the monitor signals an alert, I will expect you to leave directly and without drama.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-30 19:49:39](#)**
(no subject)

(Yes, Ma'am.)




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-30 22:46:38](#)**
(no subject)

Oh, thank goodness.

I saw the wall fall on him. It really didn't look good.

And hi, Sarah.



 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-31 01:23:33](#)**
(no subject)

(Thank you for helping him, and I'm glad you were there.)

(Oh, and Hi.)



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-31 05:26:29](#)

Private Message to Sarah Fawcett and Draco Malfoy

(I think this is how the private messages work, or at least it's what worked for Colin and Mr Longbottom. Anyways. Sarah, could you pass this along to Draco? I'm so very glad you're helping him.)

I had tea with Aunt Narcissa this afternoon. And I talked to her at the St Mungo's Ball, where she made a brief appearance.

There really isn't much to say. She was absolutely gorgeous at the ball, and at tea she was quite composed. It was good to see her in public like that, and good to know that she could have guests over if she wanted, because that seemed like it wasn't a given when we talked last. We didn't talk about anything of substance, and she didn't talk about Lucius at all.

I'm so glad you're doing better. I'll be sure to visit before we have to go back to Hogwarts again. If visiting is allowed by Madame P, of course. And thank goodness she was here.

D'you know that Lucius grabbed a wand from someone and blasted the wall right off of you? Collapsed in a heap after, and it's utterly amazing he had the strength for it, but knowing how much he loves you, I'm not surprised in the least.

(I hope it's not too much, Sarah. If you need to space it out a bit, use your discretion, of course.)




 [alt_draco](#) at [2014-12-31 05:41:42](#)

Re: Private Message to Sarah Fawcett and Draco Malfoy

(Certainly I'll pass it along, though the ward's closed to visitors this late, so I won't be able to show it to him until morning. Right now Madam Pomfrey has allowed very few visits at all, but she's permitted me to come in more often than the others. But even so, she's laid out very firm rules on how he's to be interacted with. Draco doesn't remember much of the trip to Azkaban at all. Most of that whole evening is gone for him, actually. I don't know if it would be good for him if I talked to him about his parents. Avoiding "overwrought or exciting conversations" is one of the very firm rules.)



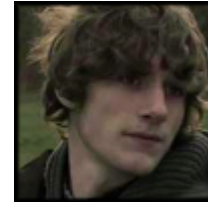
 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-31 19:03:34](#)

Re: Private Message to Sarah Fawcett and Draco Malfoy

(Ah. Perhaps save the bit about his dad for later, then. The part about his mum is something he'd expect, and wouldn't give him cause to worry. Not more than usual, at least.)

2014-12-30 20:26:00

Order Only: Private message to Fred Weasley




Fred? You around?

You said I could talk to you or George. If I needed to.


 [alt_terry](#)



 [alt_fred](#) at **2014-12-31 02:33:14**
(no subject)

Sure, no problem. Want me to get George, too? Do you want to add him to the Private message heading?




 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-31 02:38:10**
(no subject)

No. No, just you, I think.

I saw him at the gathering at 12 Grimmauld Place. But I didn't speak to him, because, well...he and Pansy seemed a little wrapped up in each other.




 [alt_fred](#) at **2014-12-31 02:40:57**
(no subject)

Yeah, he really has that new love glow, doesn't he? They both do.

'Course, he hasn't admitted it to me. But that doesn't stop me from teasing him.


And it doesn't mean he wouldn't have time for you. You know that.



 [alt_terry](#) at **2014-12-31 02:42:16**
(no subject)

I know. I just don't want to...to take his mind off--
oh, this is going to sound completely mad.




 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 02:47:02](#)
(no subject)

Hey, I'm one of the Weasley twins, remember? We *specialise* in mad.

If you want to confide in just me, that's fine. I can fill George in later, if you want.

Go ahead, spit it out, Professor.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-31 03:08:49](#)
(no subject)

Well, it's like....

When I started out, I had a mum, and a dad. And a little sister. Or at least I'm told I did.

And they're all dead. I don't even remember them.

Then I was raised by a master, and his sister.

They're both dead. And I *killed* him.

I befriended Dean Thomas, and that brought him to the Order's attention. And now he's dead.

Then the Longbottoms took me in. And they adopted me. They had Neville, who was my age, so it wasn't if they didn't already have a boy my age. But they adopted *me*. I was so happy about it, to have a family again--but then I heard some of the kids at Moddey Dhoo grumbling about it, when they didn't know I could hear. Like...why did Mr and Mrs Longbottom pick *him*? Why couldn't they adopt more of us, or all of us?

So I went to Sherwood. I knocked around with Dudley and Finbar and Tim, but then I got picked for a special mission, and I joined a Zulu company, and I felt like, well, this isn't a family, but at least I feel like I belong, like I've *earned* my way.

And every single one of them is dead now.

And now *Neville*? And my new mum and dad, and my sister and

my little brother are just gutted by it. Mum's supposed to be running the Order, but she and dad -- I can hardly bear to be around them, to look them in the eye. What if they look at me, and think, *how come he's alive, and our son, our brother, is worse than dead?*

Do you think that someone can...can be a walking curse? Like a magnet of death? I feel as though I should never go back to Moddey Dhoo. I feel as if I should never see you again. ~~Maybe it would be better if I just walked away from the whole Order and~~


Tell me--I don't know what.

Tell me I'm wrong.

Tell me that I don't mean doom to everyone I've ever learned to care about.


Maybe it was easier being just boot. When I was boot, I hurt, but no one noticed me enough to care about me.



 **alt_fred** at [2014-12-31 03:11:52](#)
(no subject)

Whoa.



 **alt_fred** at [2014-12-31 03:17:01](#)
(no subject)

Right.

All right, here's your answer:

You're wrong.


But what I mean is you're wrong in *thinking* that you're wrong. And it's not surprising, is it?

Terry, you live in the Protectorate. The Protectorate has been telling you that you're wrong every single day of your life, simply for being a muggleborn. And it's treated you like shite, so it's not surprising that you're listening to their rubbish a

little more than usual when life is beating the stuffing out of you.


Sure you tell yourself it be easier to be boot, but *we* cared about you, didn't we? And Hermione cared.



 **[alt_tery](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:19:33](#)**
(no subject)

Don't talk to me about Hermione.




 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:30:49](#)**
(no subject)

All right, sore subject, huh. But Madam Pomfrey noticed, and she helped you, and the Headmistress saved you from Carrow for over a year. And we found you, and we cared, and the Sorting Hat told you that you were just as good as any other Ravenclaw in the castle. And pretty soon you had a whole host of friends who pulled together to find a way to help you when Carrow took you away. They buried a bookbag for you, and you taught yourself how to become an animagus, and you walked away from Amycus Sodding Carrow, and dug up that bookbag, and you lived, Terry. And we think that's pretty effing amazing.

You know you're not the only person to lose someone you've loved.




 **[alt_tery](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:32:08](#)**
(no subject)

No, of course I know that. You've lost your brother and your dad...

Fuck it. Forget I said anything.




 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 03:48:27](#)
(no subject)

No, I'm not going to forget it. Because you're right that you've lost a lot of people. But that's because you're a muggleborn, and so you're the the very front vanguard of the people that Voldemort's hurt. But he proved it this weekend; he's determined to hurt EVERYBODY. All the people who have been kidding themselves that they're safe because of who they are, or what their bloodline is, or how much money they have--well, the scales have fallen from their eyes now, haven't they?

You're not a walking death magnet, Terry. It's not your fault; it's his fault because HE'S a walking death dealer. And yeah, you've borne more than your share. But you won't save the people you love by walking away from them all because it's clear now that nobody's safe.


And they aren't going to be until we win this war.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-31 03:49:52](#)
(no subject)


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 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 03:50:44](#)
(no subject)

Look, I'm worried about you. Where are you?




 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-31 03:51:58](#)
(no subject)

I'm at Sherwood.

I've found a dark corner by myself. I'm about to turn into the Professor.




 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:53:00](#)**
(no subject)

Wait!

Maybe the Professor is a good idea, but you shouldn't be alone.


Come here tonight, okay?



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:53:42](#)**
(no subject)


No, I don't think so.



 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:55:12](#)**
(no subject)


All right. But find Finbar, all right? Or Dudley, or even John Turner. Just don't sleep alone, even as the Professor. All right? Promise?



 **[alt_terry](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:56:07](#)**
(no subject)


~~I don't see why you care. You shouldn't care about me.~~



 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 03:57:39](#)**
(no subject)

Promise, me, Terry. Or I swear, I'm coming out to Sherwood to find you and I'll drag you back to the shop by the scruff of your neck. And then I'll dress you up in the most embarrassing doggie costume I can find. And give you a flea bath.




 [alt_tery](#) at [2014-12-31 03:58:48](#)
(no subject)

All right. All right!

I can find Dudley. It probably won't take me long. He snores loud enough to keep half the camp awake.

I probably couldn't sleep tonight anyway.




 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 04:00:30](#)
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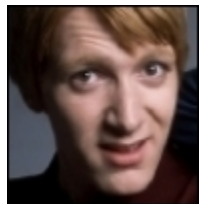
Okay. I'm holding you to that. And I'll be checking in with you tomorrow.


I'm also going to be telling Madam Pomfrey. Or Sally-Anne. Your choice. Probably one of them will come check up on you.



 [alt_tery](#) at [2014-12-31 04:01:40](#)
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You are such a nag.




 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 04:02:39](#)
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I am the son of Molly Weasley.

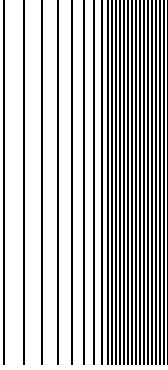
So which'll it be? Madam Pomfrey or Sally-Anne?




 [alt_tery](#) at [2014-12-31 04:03:41](#)
(no subject)

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Madam Pomfrey. I guess.



 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 04:05:10](#)
(no subject)

Fine. Go find Dudley. Try to get some sleep as the Professor. Try to eat something in the morning.

And I'll see if I can arrange for Madam Pomfrey to visit you tomorrow.

2014-12-30 20:34:00

Order Only: Private message to Ron

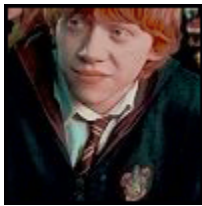
Last night, I got home from training and lay down on the couch for just a minute and then I didn't wake up until seven the next morning.




 **alt_sally_anne**

Today was supposed to be the last day but since we had to leave a mid-day on the 28th for Voldemort's March of Ineri and Werewolves or TRIUMPH PARADE or whatever it was he called it, we have a half day tomorrow to make that up. It has been amazingly tiring. However! The healing stasis charm they taught us the first day so that we could safely move someone seriously injured -- that really came in useful.

Is Desai making you work tomorrow or do you get the day off? How about the 1st?



 **alt_ron** at **2014-12-31 03:40:46**
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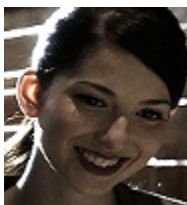
Working tomorrow. But not the first. Assuming nothing happens that makes Desai think it'd be good 'experience' for me, I'll be off by half-five tomorrow.

I could pick up some take-away and bring it to Pansy's.

Or we could go out somewhere.

Does Pansy have a party to go to? I mean, surely someone's having a fancy New Years thing she's got invited to, yeah?

Not that I'm hoping she'll be gone so we'd have the place to ourselves or anything...




 **alt_sally_anne** at **2014-12-31 04:03:46**
(no subject)

Take away. That sounds brilliant. Utterly brilliant.

Pansy's probably got an invitation somewhere but I've been so tired I haven't asked.




 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-31 04:14:43](#)
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Can you believe it's New Year's already?

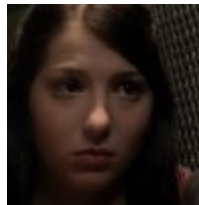
I mean, this year...



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-31 04:15:32](#)
(no subject)

Maybe I should have said it's New Years finally.

I dunno.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-31 04:39:24](#)
(no subject)

Yeah I'm trying to remember all the ways this year was awful and I'm having trouble remembering half of it, I think.

At least we got a load of people out of Azkaban. That's something.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-31 04:49:10](#)
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Yeah.

I mean, that is something you can be proud of.
And you learned lots of dead useful things, too.

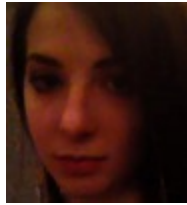
This summer and this week.

Mostly I'm learning how to terrify and hurt people. Oh, and how to aim a blasting curse so it splatters reanimated dead people in so many directions they can't get back up to fight any more.

I didn't tell you. I mean, I told Mrs Longbottom, but there was so much else that happened I don't think she even remembers, and really, it doesn't matter compared to the rest of it, but that's sort of the point... we've got to the place where one horrible thing doesn't even measure on the scales. Anywiz, I hurt someone. On purpose. And nearly drowned them. I don't even know if they were going to be all right. Or, no, actually, I do know they

weren't going to be all right if they did revive, because they were going to end up in an interrogation dungeon and no one's all right after that. I just don't know if they made it that far. Because of me.

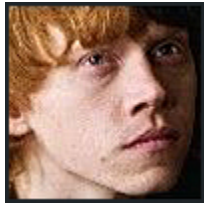
And that was before I had to fight the Inferius so Voldemort and the rest of them could have their laughs.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-31 04:57:27](#)
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Oh, Ron. Ugh. You're right, it barely measures on the scales compared to everything around us. But still, ugh.

What do you want to do when everything is over? When we've put everything to rights? Do you think you'd like to be an Auror in the sort of MLE that Mr and Mrs Longbottom would run?



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-31 05:04:03](#)
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Maybe, yeah.

Do you think I'll be able to-

Yeah. If I'm still here.

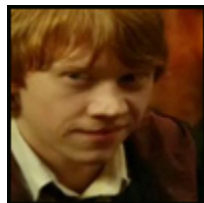



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Of course you'll still be here.

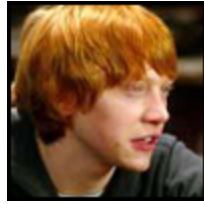
Of course you will.


You're not allowed to be anywhere else.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-31 05:49:38](#)
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Thanks. Glad we got that cleared up.

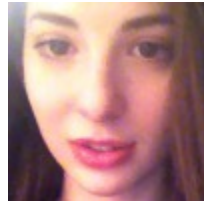


 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-31 05:50:40](#)**
(no subject)

Only, could you send that memo to Desai? And Dolohov. And, maybe, yeah, let's copy Voldemort on it? Oh, and, y'know, the rest of MLE, because it's not like it'll be Voldemort that sends me off the board.

Sorry.


Kidding.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-31 05:51:57](#)**
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Septuplicate. Desai, Dolohov, Voldemort, Bellatrix, Crouch, and I guess you and I each get a copy, that's seven.

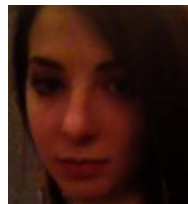


 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-31 06:40:06](#)**
(no subject)

Say.

You know the stuff Charlie wrote me?

I haven't answered him.




 **[alt_sally_anne](#)** at **[2014-12-31 06:48:29](#)**
(no subject)

Do you think he expects an answer?

I don't know what I think, really. I mean -- on one hand, yes, maintaining cover is important if you can. But this is also part of why we have spies, so they can pass the word in time for people to just not be there when MLE comes.

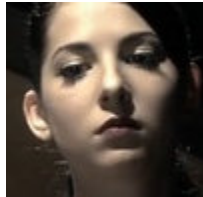


 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-31 07:01:36](#)
(no subject)

Yeah.

I know he was talking about times when it's a choice between keeping cover and saving someone. And, well. It's pretty much what I worked out the other day when it happened: if Desai was showing me that stuff, chances were good she already knew what was in it, and then she'd already have had Charlie under watch or maybe even arrested already. And we all know we're at risk, right? And I actually think Charlie (and Bill and the twins and even Mum) stand a fair chance in a fight with some Enforcers if they know their backs are to the wall. So the right thing is to trust that and play out my part. While looking for my own exits if the calculation shifts.

I trust you, too. To get yourself out if there's any chance. You probably wouldn't do it the same way the twins would, but I think the odds are pretty good you'd find a way.




 **alt_sally_anne** at [2014-12-31 07:08:55](#)
(no subject)

Yeah. Right now if they're throwing that sort of evidence in your path, of COURSE it's a test. And all you can do is tell them what you know they need to hear and hope for the best.

If I had to fight a bunch of Enforcers the smart money's on the Enforcers but I'm reasonably okay at talking my way out of things.



 **alt_ron** at [2014-12-31 07:04:53](#)
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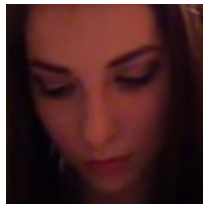
It's just harder now to bring it up with him again.

Because I know he just had to make a rough call to sacrifice someone who couldn't get themselves out.

I don't know.

And then, I guess I'm just down and it doesn't seem right to put all that on him. Not right now.

So I guess you're the lucky one.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-31 07:10:00](#)
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Well, the person he left behind had been Kissed by a Dementor.

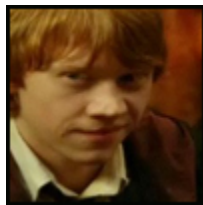
~~There really is not point~~ It's not the same
Honestly if you don't think you should bring it back up with him, he's your brother.




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-31 07:10:40](#)
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And yeah, I am lucky.

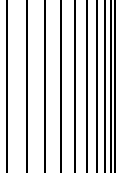
Pansy's going to be out tomorrow night, at a music party with George. So you can bring take away for just the two of us.



 [alt_ron](#) at [2014-12-31 07:12:34](#)
(no subject)

Deal.

Thanks for listening to me whinge. That's the problem with journals. Tomorrow night if I get like this, you can just snog me senseless.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-31 07:16:30](#)
(no subject)

Okay.

2014-12-30 21:33:00


ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Dad

Dad?



 [alt_evelyn](#)



 [alt_frank](#) at [2014-12-31 05:35:59](#)

(no subject)

hey, sweetie.

need to come up for a bit?




 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-31 05:36:26](#)

(no subject)

yes.



 [alt_frank](#) at [2014-12-31 05:40:07](#)

(no subject)

well, come on up, then.

you can kick my arse in chess if you want.



 [alt_evelyn](#) at [2014-12-31 05:41:50](#)

(no subject)

okay.

2014-12-30 21:50:00

ORDER ONLY: Private Message to Terry



My dearest heart.

It is

 [alt_alice](#)

It is next to impossible to know what to say, or how to be at times like this.

Loss never gets easier. It always hurts terribly, and never fully heals.

I'm feeling helpless and unmoored right now, but there are some things that I know down to the bottom of my soul.

I know that I love you.

I know that you are my son, as sure as I know anything.

I know that and that right now, more than ever, I want to hold you, Evie, and Kevin close, just to reassure myself that you're still here and safe and whole.

I know just how much joy it gives me to see you sitting across from me at Sunday dinner, and how deeply happy and full of pride I am every time I see you. Every single time.

I know that the sun will insist on coming up tomorrow, just as it has since the beginning of time.


You have a deep sense of honour and duty, love. It's one of the things I admire about you. But sometimes, we need to take our time to mourn, and to take care of ourselves. And when it's too overwhelming, and we can't do as good a job taking care of ourselves as we should, someone else needs to help us. When he lost his magic, Frank needed time to recover his strength. Right now, Draco needs time to rest. Remus is shouldering a great deal of the planning and decisions that have to be made until I can trust my judgment. This is no different.

I must admit, having my dear Professor tucked in under my arm right now would be a great comfort to me. But son, I know that we all have different ways of processing grief and loss, and you've had far more than your share as of late. If you need some time to yourself, I understand. Just make sure to follow Madame Pomfrey's suggestions,

my sweet boy. I think talking to a Healer is a very good idea.


I love you.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2014-12-31 18:58:48](#)
(no subject)

I hope that today is better than yesterday, dearest.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-31 20:04:50](#)
(no subject)

i just want
I just want something I can't believe I can have


today is a little better. I spent the night as the professor. The Healer at Sherwood gave me a potion. Didn't sleep much, but the...the bad thoughts swirled a little bit less, is the best way I can describe it.

Madam Pomfrey says she'll come out to see me in a few days.

Can you forgive me if...if I'm not tucked under your arm right now? I'm not saying I won't come back. Just not right now.

~~Can you forgive me that it wasn't me?~~




 [alt_alice](#) at [2015-01-01 00:58:08](#)
(no subject)

Just not right now is just fine, love. It'll keep.

Taking care of yourself right now is much more important, and it makes me feel better to know that you're doing what you need to do.

There will always be a place for you right here. Always.



 [alt_alice](#) at [2015-01-01 01:21:43](#)
(no subject)

When your company was attacked, and we thought the worst

I would've torn the earth in half with my bare hands to find you.

You are so precious to me. And I know you're hurting, and that I can't make what caused it to stop. But I can love you. I can do that.

2014-12-30 22:12:00

Order Only: Private message to Madam Pomfrey



Madam Pomfrey,

I know you have your hands as full as can be, but do you think you can squeeze in some time tomorrow to apparate to Sherwood and talk to Terry Boot? Or if you can't, can you contact the healer there and ask him or her to keep a close eye on him? A *really* close eye.

 [alt_fred](#)


He's sounding pretty bad. It may be delayed reaction from losing his whole Zulu team, but the news about Neville has hit him hard, too, and he's, well, talking as if he's a few ingredients short of a full potion. He says that death is following him around, and I think he's thinking of chucking the whole thing, walking away from everyone he knows, because he's convinced he'll only bring disaster on us.

Or maybe worse. I don't like to think it, but I'm afraid he might hurt himself somehow.

I asked him to come here to spend the night with me and George at the shop, and he said no. He's never turned that down before.


Please, can you fit in some time to see him? And talk some sense into him? I did what I could, but I'm not--well, I may not be what he needs the most.



 [alt_fred](#) at **2014-12-31 04:20:34**
(no subject)

I dunno if I should say anything to his parents. They have enough to deal with. But he's really distressed, and I honestly don't think it should be ignored.



 [alt_poppy](#) at **2014-12-31 04:36:40**
(no subject)


I'm sorry to hear this, of course. And also scarcely surprised, by which I mean, given the circumstances in which Mr Boot and many of our number are living, and given the losses of this past week, which have

struck very close, desperate feelings are an all too common affliction.

You're quite right to take seriously what he's shared with you. I'll note that it's not by accident he chose you to speak with, but I take it that you feel that, for now at least, talking with you hasn't been enough to ease him.

May I ask: what did you mean when you said you may not be what Mr Boot most needs? Do you have an idea what his particular need might be? It would be most helpful to know.



 **alt_fred** at **2014-12-31 05:00:18**
(no subject)

I mean, I've talked to him as a friend, but I think he needs a professional healer. Maybe even some potions. What he wants, what he's longing for, is a family. But his first was killed, and then there was the whole history with that carbuncle-on-the-arse Carrow. And he cared for the Headmistress and she died, and then the Longbottoms adopted him, but I guess some of the other kids at Moddey Dhoo resented that. So he left and tried to make a place for himself at Sherwood, and his whole *team* died.


And now Neville.

I think he's about convinced himself that he's walking doom for anyone he gets near. So he's refusing to see me and George, and he's so sick about how the Longbottoms are taking it that he says he thinks he shouldn't go back to Moddey Dhoo.

I'm just afraid of saying the wrong thing. He *needs* his family, but he's so convinced that he's a walking curse I'm afraid he may try ditching us all and disappearing.


I told him it's Voldemort's fault, not his. But he's not thinking too clearly.



 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 05:05:20](#)**
(no subject)

He mentioned that being boot might be better. I took that for a pretty bad sign.



 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-31 05:42:27](#)**
(no subject)


He's at Sherwood tonight, then? So far as you know?

I will send a courier there with a potion for him and an invitation to return here. I do hope you will follow up with him in the morning. As a friend. To let him know that he has support and an ear and to ask what else he recognises he might need (for instance, to be seen by a Healer).

I will also be notifying the senior Healer at Sherwood in hopes that they have some network in place to provide support to their people in times of stress and trauma. And I intend to speak to Alice. She needs to know.

Thank you for your good instincts and for being a good friend to Mr Boot.



 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 13:28:49](#)**
(no subject)

Bugger all, I just realised (excuse my language).

He took polyjuice for Susan Bones, so she could slip away for the Azkaban mission. But that means he was THERE, in the stands, watching inferi and werewolves tear people apart (did you know that his boggart was werewolves for a time? Carrow used to threaten to feed him to Remus when he was boot). All while he was pretending to be a Hogwarts prefect, keeping little kids calm that he didn't even know. And Voldemort was there, too.

I think it's dead amazing that he didn't break cover and bolt. But having to watch THAT probably made this...whatever this is, this accumulated shock...a hundred times worse.

2014-12-31 07:43:00

Private Message to Jack Sloper and Ken Towler



 [alt_pansy](#)

We've still got quite a bit left on our to-do list before I hare off for another few months to wrap up my NEWTs, gentlemen, so let's review.

Today, we're narrowing down the list of sites, hopefully finalising by the end of the business day. I'll meet you at the first site in an hour.

Sloper, you need to read up on our three lines, and start ordering supplies so you can develop product and send it to me for testing and refinement. Remember, there'll most likely be delays with customs for the off-season fruit, hops, and so on, so order sooner rather than later, and more than you think you'll need to experiment around. We'll be visiting farms on Friday and Saturday to see if we can't locally source barley, wheat, potatoes, and sugar beets. The sooner we pin that down, the better. Food for labour is also in the budget, and you'll be in charge of that too.

Towler, you need to be sourcing labour for our renovations. Remember what we talked about, they need to be able to transition to production and kitchen work down the line. One family and one or two muggleborn beyond that should set us up, and if you need more heavy lifting for the first phase, you'll need to look into contract work. You'll also need to prepare temporary quarters for labour, sort out security for all the property, and come up with a renovation plan and timeline.

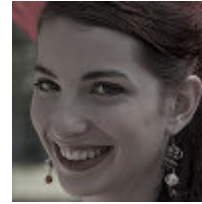
You'll both need to coordinate extensively regarding what you'll need for brewing, bottling, and kitchen space and materials, and I'll need to approve any additional large purchases beyond my initial estimates.

I know this is ambitious, but I think this has real promise, and has a lot of potential for expansion once we get our footing. I'm so pleased you're both fully committed and on board for the long haul. Thank you for taking a chance with me.

2014-12-31 11:18:00

Order Only

Done done DONE. I am now officially (I even have a pin!) a Licensed Emergency Stabilisation Healing Associate (Junior Grade).



 [alt_sally_anne](#)

They made us come back in this morning because we missed out on half a day thanks to His Noselessness deciding we all needed to show up for his stupid parade. But the last hour was just paperwork in septuplicate, and pins, anyway.



 [alt_sally_anne](#) at **2014-12-31 17:34:36**


Private message to Ron, Pansy, and Madam Pomfrey

So while we were all filling out paperwork I overheard a couple of the others talking about me. There were a couple of people in the course who were at Hogwarts recently enough they remembered I was a fostered half-blood, and so that got around. There were two in particular who sat near me who found it baffling that I was in the course, first of all, but also that the instructors were pleasant to me. (They were. They went out of their way to be pleasant and helpful. That immobilisation spell I used on Draco, the one that protects the neck and spine and airway, I'd had a bit of trouble getting the hang of it, actually, and the assistant came over and worked with me until I could do it perfectly.) Of course, normally a half-blood wouldn't even get in, it would just be full, and if somehow they got let in accidentally, the instructors would not be nearly so helpful.

Today one of them had found out through a friend it was Dolohov working on my behalf. It was funny, because they got a lot more polite to me.

Anyway! Even if they don't let me into the Apprenticeship programme in the end, even just this course will be extremely helpful. I mean it already WAS when we were getting out of Azkaban.



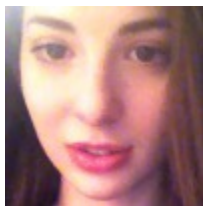
 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2014-12-31 18:53:52**

Private Message to Miss Perks

One could wish that those aspiring to enter the Healing profession would be more open to appreciating the abilities and qualities of others. Or that they possessed an ounce of compassion.

Now that you've cleared that commitment from your calendar, I wonder if I could persuade you to join me on a visit to Sherwood on Friday morning? I've had a letter from Michael Richards, who introduced himself as Sherwood's senior Healer. A muggle Healer, that is. He leads me to understand that he 'came up' as a military medic, and has been lending that expertise since his arrival at Sherwood, but that he's recently been promoted to serve in an administrative capacity, hiring and deploying Healers for all Sherwood's companies. He's asked if I might come and have a look with an eye to whether I might offer training that could raise capacities and standards of treatment.

I've thought I might be able to leave things here by Friday morning or Saturday if that would suit you better. In any case, I should like you to see what Healers are doing there if we could work it in before you return to school.



 **[alt_sally_anne](#) at 2014-12-31 23:07:19**

Re: Private Message to Miss Perks

Oh, yes, I've nothing planned for the rest of the holiday other than NEWTs revising and sleep. I can definitely come to Sherwood on Friday.




 **[alt_poppy](#) at 2014-12-31 23:25:29**

Re: Private Message to Miss Perks

Excellent.

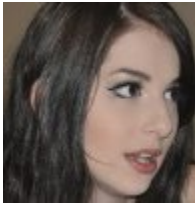
I'll send an owl now to make arrangements. I'll come for you at half-seven on Friday, and we can apparate to Sherwood together.



 [alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-31 17:38:13](#)
(no subject)

Well done!

In my day, we made terrible jokes about having been un-LEaSHAed on the world with our pins and our stasis charms. (They were perfectly awful jokes, I assure you.)




 [alt_sally_anne](#) at [2014-12-31 17:46:02](#)
(no subject)

People were making jokes about being a 'lesh' except pronounced a bit like 'lush' especially as it's New Year's Eve tonight...

The jokes haven't got any better, I guess, is what I'm saying.




 [alt_daphne](#) at [2014-12-31 17:47:31](#)
(no subject)

Fantastic, Sally Anne!

I truthfully cannot think of someone more deserving.




 [alt_hydra](#) at [2014-12-31 18:20:12](#)
(no subject)

Neither can I.


Congratulations, Sally Anne.



 [alt_pansy](#) at [2014-12-31 19:05:05](#)
(no subject)

Well done, you.



 **[alt_ron](#)** at **[2014-12-31 23:36:56](#)**
(no subject)

Rice. check.

Nan. check.


Chutney. check.

Curry. check. check. check. (Couldn't decide, so got

three.)

On my way.



 **[alt_jeremy](#)** at **[2015-01-01 07:47:44](#)**
(no subject)

Cheers!

[2014-12-31 11:39:00](#)

Order Only

This morning began with several crises, but I believe we may have turned a corner now. At least, I am willing to express the hope.




 **[alt_poppy](#)**

Alice, the time has come to consider transport to Saltash for certain of our guests. That means we'll require several escorts who are able to enter there and who are familiar with the community.

Remus, I trust the way has been paved for this transfer?




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-31 18:33:31](#)**

(no subject)

(Draco wants to know if you're referring to his father, and also wants to know when he can see him.)




 **[alt_poppy](#)** at **[2014-12-31 18:41:00](#)**

(no subject)

Why on earth are you reading from the journals to him?

Visiting hours are over for now.




 **[alt_draco](#)** at **[2014-12-31 18:56:58](#)**

(no subject)

(Because he asked me to? That was rather the whole point of him giving me his journal. I wouldn't have read this post to him if I knew it was about his father, but he could tell that it was.


Fine. But he's getting really restless. So have fun with that.)



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2014-12-31 18:56:28](#)**
(no subject)


Yes, of course. Lee, Wayne, and Colin would be very familiar. Frank can handle on site security, and anyone else who can help would be welcome to. If Colin can be spared, that is. Mrs Morgansen has been rather insistent as to her need for a transcriber. Speaking of, Susan, might you be able to pick up a dictaquill?



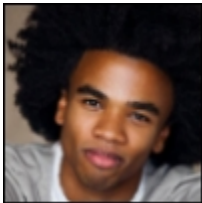
 **[alt_ginny](#)** at **[2014-12-31 23:08:49](#)**
(no subject)


I could come. I could do it.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **[2015-01-01 01:07:14](#)**
(no subject)


Have you been there yet, Ginny? The apparation site is tricky. If you can get someone to take you there, and after you've seen it, can demonstrate a successful side-along to the site at least twice, then yes, you can give us a hand.



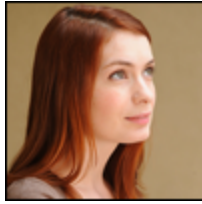
 **[alt_lee](#)** at **[2015-01-01 00:12:12](#)**
(no subject)


I can get free tomorrow afternoon, or Friday after three, Mrs L. Glad to help.



 **[alt_pansy](#)** at **[2015-01-01 01:10:57](#)**
(no subject)

I think I might have to bow out, Mrs L. Every free moment is spoken for until I head back.




 **[alt_alice](#) at [2015-01-01 01:13:33](#)**
(no subject)

Understandable.

Hitty has been so enormously thoughtful in her regular deliveries of food to the safe house. And bless her, she started bringing softer food after some had trouble chewing the first round of sandwiches. Please give her my thanks.




 **[alt_poppy](#) at [2014-12-31 19:06:55](#)**
Private Message to Mr Boot

As I'm sure you saw, Mr Weasley contacted me last night, expressing concern for you. If there is any way I can be of help--either by seeing you here or lending a metaphorical ear via the journals--I'd be most pleased. I'm afraid I'm not able to get to Sherwood myself today.

That said, I've had a letter from the new senior Healer at Sherwood. Healer Richards has asked if I might come and consult. I've been thinking I might be able to get there for a visit on Friday morning or Saturday if I could persuade Miss Perks to come with me for the tour. I should like her to see Sherwood's Healing facilities before she returns to school.

If it would be convenient, perhaps you could meet me for lunch after Miss Perks has left? I'd enjoy a tour of your Company if that's permitted, and I would very much like to see you for myself.




 **[alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-31 19:57:43](#)**
Re: Private Message to Mr Boot

I would like that. I would like to talk.

Thank you, Madam Pomfrey.



 [alt_poppy at 2014-12-31 23:33:05](#)

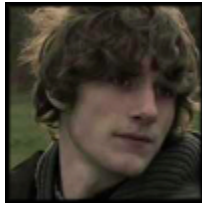
Re: Private Message to Mr Boot


I've just sent Healer Richards an owl confirming our appointment for Friday morning.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Do you have plans for tonight? Do the people at Sherwood observe the turn of the year in any particular fashion? I hope you will make the effort to be in company with people, even if you feel unable to join in festivity and frivolities.

And, Mr Boot, I sent enough of the Easing potion for the next several nights, so you needn't hesitate to ask Healer Clark if you feel it would help again tonight.




 [alt_terry at 2015-01-01 00:35:48](#)

Re: Private Message to Mr Boot

I've been journaling back and forth with Fred and, well, I promise I'll try to seek out people. ~~Even if it's hard.~~

New year means new beginnings. I'm probably not the only person hoping for that.



 [alt_terry at 2015-01-01 00:36:50](#)

Re: Private Message to Mr Boot

And I also promise to take the potion. That's another promise I made to Fred.




 [alt_severus at 2015-01-01 01:00:47](#)

Private message to Alice and Poppy

I will volunteer to supervise Lucius; he will not be happy to see me, but I am much more likely to be able to handle his outbursts with equanimity.



 **[alt_alice](#)** at **2015-01-01 01:08:08**
Re: Private message to Alice and Poppy

Thank you.

2014-12-31 14:09:00

Order Only: Private message to Terry

Did you sleep okay? Did you refrain from stuffing a sock down Dudley's throat to get some peace? Eat breakfast? No one's stepped on you? Coat soft and silky? No fleas?




 [alt_fred](#)

I saw you and Madam Pomfrey wrote to each other. Hope it helped.


No more ideas about chucking it all and running away? Because we have brooms and you don't, and you'd never manage to shake us off your tail, mate. Besides, Sirius can transform, too, he's a good tracker, and his legs are a lot longer than yours.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-31 20:15:54](#)
(no subject)


What a mother hen you are.



 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 20:16:42](#)
(no subject)


Hey, that could be my new title! I can get business cards printed and everything.



 [alt_terry](#) at [2014-12-31 20:17:37](#)
(no subject)


Are you *trying* to make me laugh?



 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 20:18:05](#)
(no subject)

Is it working?



 **[alt_tery](#)** at **[2014-12-31 20:18:55](#)**
(no subject)


No.

Yes.

Maybe.

But I don't *want* to laugh.




 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 20:20:20](#)**
(no subject)

I know, mate, but that doesn't mean it isn't good for you.

As I know from experience. Not so long or deep an experience as you, I'll admit it.


But it does help. Why do you think we went into this business after all?



 **[alt_tery](#)** at **[2014-12-31 20:27:44](#)**
(no subject)


Because you like blowing things up.



 **[alt_fred](#)** at **[2014-12-31 20:28:37](#)**
(no subject)


We consider that more in the lines of a perk.



 **[alt_tery](#)** at **[2014-12-31 20:29:42](#)**
(no subject)

Maybe I'm smiling. Just a little.




 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 20:31:27](#)
(no subject)

Good.


And you're not going to force you to go chasing after you? It's cosy here, by the fire, and Sirius does so hate getting snow up his nose.



 [alt_tery](#) at [2014-12-31 20:33:04](#)
(no subject)


All right, all right. I'll stay here. For now.



 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 20:34:46](#)
(no subject)


And you'll take the potions, if they think you need it? And talk to the Healer there, or Madam Pomfrey?



 [alt_tery](#) at [2014-12-31 20:35:24](#)
(no subject)


Nag, nag, nag.



 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 20:35:51](#)
(no subject)

Don't avoid the question.




 [alt_tery](#) at [2014-12-31 20:39:55](#)
(no subject)

I'll...do whatever they say, okay?


I promise.



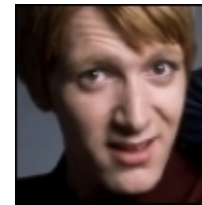
 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 20:40:26](#)
(no subject)


I saw your mum wrote to you, too. Going to go see her soon?



 [alt_tery](#) at [2014-12-31 20:41:05](#)
(no subject)

Maybe. Dunno.



 [alt_fred](#) at [2014-12-31 20:42:14](#)
(no subject)

Terry, just remember: Families are the ones who always take you in.