

Dumbledore's Army Part 1



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INTRO

HARRY

Fantastic news, Hermione! I was successfully able to start a new surge in the Calamity by getting it to snatch my memories of Dumbledore's Army.

HERMIONE

That explains why there were three Neville Longbottoms in my office this morning. I can't say I share your enthusiasm that a new surge has begun, however. You've already proved yourself capable of manipulating the Calamity, why start another?

HARRY

Ever since the last surge began, I've felt a sense of deep foreboding... I thought it might be a byproduct of the Dark nature of that surge, but it hasn't dissipated since the surge ended. If anything, it's gotten stronger. I fear the Calamity is building up to something... something nefarious.

So when I sensed someone - perhaps Lethifold or Barghest from that letter we intercepted - starting to manipulate the Calamity again, I immediately tried to wrench control away. It wasn't easy, but it appears I've managed to override their surge with one of my own.

HERMIONE

That's brilliant, Harry! The ability to redirect a surge will go a long way towards preventing the Calamity's power from being abused and corrupted by Dark magic. Even so, I'd rather we stamp out this surge quickly. Something about it feels off to me...

BRILLIANT LEE JORDAN

CONSTANCE

Remember quite a few surges back how, after we returned Foundables of ourselves, we were left with memories of conversations with Grim Fawley we never actually had?

HERMIONE

I remember. Grim implanted those memories to try to communicate with us. Why do you ask? Has it happened again?

CONSTANCE

Yes, to your old friend Lee Jordan, apparently. He's suddenly been able to recall an unfamiliar, unsettling memory of a wizard making an example out of another wizard by using the Cruciatus Curse on him. Mercifully, he spared the details, but it sounded awful.

HERMIONE

This is Harry's surge. He should be the only one able to communicate using the Calamity. Why would he subject a friend to something so vile? Unless... Constance, did Lee get a good look at either of the wizards' faces?

CONSTANCE

He tried, but the memory was too foggy to make anyone out clearly. What was clear to him, however, was the feeling that the memory was meant to be a message...

BRILLIANT NEVILLE LONGBOTTOM

HARRY

I just had a rather concerning talk with Neville Longbottom. Since we returned his Foundable, he's been able to distinctly recall a memory of a conversation with an unknown wizard. In it, the wizard questions his loyalties and tries to coerce him into making an Unbreakable Vow to prove it.

At first I thought he'd had one too many Butterbeers. Then I wondered if the stress of the Calamity's Dark turn had somehow unknowingly caused me to implant a false memory in his Foundable. However, after speaking with him further, I'm convinced neither are true.

CONSTANCE

But that would mean that someone was able to use the Calamity to communicate during a surge they didn't create! How is that possible?

HARRY

To be honest, I'm less concerned with the 'how' than the 'why' and 'who.' I've no doubt that someone sent this memory for a reason. Figuring that out may be key to uncovering who Lethifold and Barghest are and what they're planning.

GOAT

HERMIONE

Dumbledore's Army owes a great deal to Aberforth Dumbledore. If he hadn't sent Dobby to rescue me, Harry, and Ron from Malfoy Manor, we likely would've died. He even supplied food and water to our friends hiding from the Carrows in the Room of Requirement.

I suppose the point I'm trying to make is that Aberforth does not deserve his dodgy reputation. Though I can't say I understand his interest in goats...",

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HARRY

When I learned that Marietta had triggered the jinx Hermione placed on this parchment by ratting Dumbledore's Army out to Umbridge, I believed she was a foul git and a traitor.

But perhaps she was just afraid? That doesn't excuse her actions, of course, but I understand why she felt she had no choice but to turn us in. Fear is a powerful motivator. It can lead anyone astray, even myself.

People often assume I must've been fearless to confront Voldemort like I did, but the truth is that I was afraid - terrified, really. Even so, I was able to overcome my fear because I realised standing up to him was more important.

That's the mark of real courage - not a lack of fear, but the ability to continue on in spite of it.

PORTRAIT OF ARIANA DUMBLEDORE

HARRY

Poor Ariana Dumbledore... To this day, I'm not sure what's more tragic, her untimely death or the guilt Dumbledore must've felt.

END

HARRY

Neville and Lee were both left with new and frankly disturbing memories after becoming Foundables, memories I'm certain I didn't implant. Someone has clearly figured out how to embed messages in others' surges.

HERMIONE

I'm not so sure about that. Harry, you created this surge in response to someone else starting to manipulate the Calamity. In other words, another surge was already in its preliminary stages when you intervened.

We both thought you were successful in wrenching control away from them, but what if that wasn't entirely the case? What if parts of this witch or wizard's surge - namely, these memories - got absorbed into yours?

HARRY

I'm far from an expert on the Calamity, but it certainly seems plausible, doesn't it? In which case, it raises all sorts of concerning questions.

HERMIONE

If my theory is correct, more elements of this witch or wizard's surge will likely continue to manifest once the surge picks back up again. Perhaps we'll get more clarification then about who those memories belong to and why they were sent.