

Secrets Revealed Part 2



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Brilliant Event

Intro

Harry

As expected, 'Edward Scot' transformed back into Gareth Greengrass as soon as his Polyjuice Potion wore off. I've done some digging since then. As it turns out, there is no wizard named Edward Scot. He's actually a persona Gareth created using Muggle Kensington Millbottom's appearance.

Constance

So Gareth was cavorting around as the Head Unspeakable, a member of The Unforgivable, and the Lead Liaison Minister of the Department of International Cooperation all at the same time? When did he get any sleep?

Hermione

He'll have plenty of time to catch up on it now. Thanks to his escape attempt and the Polyjuice Potion linking him to Ron's abduction, we have legal grounds to continue to detain him.

Harry

True, but we still haven't convinced Gareth to cooperate. Without his insider information, it'll be difficult to shut down the rest of The Unforgivable, find Grim Fawley, rescue the London Five, and stop the Calamity.

Constance

Intimidation and bargaining hasn't worked. Why don't we try a more empathetic approach to get him to talk? I suspect he'll be more receptive to that than any drastic interrogation measures.

Brilliant Rubeus Hagrid

Harry

Your suggestion to get Gareth to talk by empathising with him is proving easier said than done, Constance. How can I possibly sympathise with someone who's caused so much harm?

Constance

You mentioned Gareth has a daughter with a blood malediction, didn't you? As a father yourself, wouldn't you do everything you could to heal your child? Even possibly join a cabal of Dark witches and wizards?

Harry

He very likely murdered a Healer because she wouldn't help him, Constance. He had Ron and the London Five abducted. This isn't a thief who steals because he can't afford to feed his family otherwise.

Constance

You're right, Gareth has done some truly reprehensible things. But you don't have to condone his actions to sympathise with him. You lived his life in your dreams and felt all of his emotions. Why don't you try tapping into that?

Harry

I suppose it can't hurt to try.

Brilliant Acromantula Eggs

Gareth

I figured it was only a matter of time before the Auror Office would grow tired of playing by the rules. Though I'm surprised the Golden Boy Who Lived is the one who will be getting his hands dirty.

Harry

I haven't come to interrogate you, Gareth. I just want to talk about your daughter, Cereus. She suffers from a serious blood malediction, doesn't she?

Gareth

How do you know that?

Harry

When you tapped into my memories to create Adversaries, bits and pieces of yours leaked through. Cereus is why you desperately sought out the Foundables Spell, isn't it? Because you thought it'd give you what you desired most - a cure for a supposedly incurable curse?

Gareth

If you've been in my head as much as you say, then you already know the answer to that, don't you?

Aragogs' Children

Harry

Have you been able to recall any more memories of our second year, Ron?

Ron

Yes, I remember you talking me into following a trail of spiders into the Forbidden Forest, despite knowing full well how afraid I am of them.

Harry

It all worked out in the end, didn't it? We found out Hagrid was falsely accused of opening the Chamber of Secrets and we didn't get eaten by Acromantula.

Ron

True, but I had nightmares for months afterward. Acromantulas under my bed, Acromantulas chasing me on brooms, Acromantulas dressed like Snape teaching me Potions...

Why spiders? Why couldn't it have been 'follow the butterflies'?

Mysterious Note First Piece

Constance

Hermione, that last Foundable left behind this scrap of parchment. Reckon this is another message from The Unforgivable?

Hermione

We did ignore the threat in their last one. This could very well be their response.

Constance

I suppose there's only one way to find out...

Mysterious Note Fifth Piece

Constance

The more pieces of this note we recover, the more I suspect it was written by Grim rather than The Unforgivable. Take a look, this is his handwriting, isn't it?

Hermione

Either that or an impressive imitation, yes. Does that say 'be careful'?

Constance

It's a bit hard to read, but yes, I believe so. Could Grim be trying to send us another warning?

Mysterious Note Tenth Piece

Constance

Now that we've reassembled the entire note, we can finally make out its contents. Let's see... 'Gareth is only the beginning. Be careful and look within.'

'Gareth is only the beginning'? Is Grim trying to tell us that our battle with The Unforgivable is far from over?

Hermione

It certainly sounds like he is, doesn't it? He also appears to imply that The Unforgivable are more embedded amongst us than we realise.

Constance

I wish Grim would just tell us what we ought to know rather than sending us vague hints about it. It would sure make our jobs easier.

Hermione

The more Grim reaches out, the more I wonder where he is and how he's getting this information in the first place. Is he trapped? In hiding? If he's in trouble, why won't he tell us how we can help him?

Feral Weasleys' Flying Car

Ron

I can't believe we were rescued from a den of bloodthirsty spiders by an autonomous, flying Muggle car. Were our adventures together all this mad?

Harry

Let's just say our Hogwarts years were never dull.

Ron

If the alternative is nearly dying, I can't help but wonder if I might've preferred dull...

Fang

Gareth

If you've come to make me talk, I hope you're prepared to use force. Otherwise I'm afraid you've wasted your time.

Hermione

You have nothing to gain by continuing to protect The Unforgivable, Gareth. But if you tell us about them and their plans, we may be able to lessen your sentence.

Gareth

No amount of commutation is worth the price of talking. Either find something that is, or prepare to do the Unforgivable.

End

Harry

You've done terrible things, Gareth. Unforgivable things deserving of a life sentence in Azkaban. But while I absolutely don't condone what you did, I understand why you felt you had no choice but to do them.

You were desperate to cure your daughter's blood malediction. And, as you once told me, desperation drives people to do things they'd never be capable of otherwise.

Gareth

Is this the part where you offer to help Cereus in exchange for my cooperation?

Harry

No, this is where I give you my word that, regardless of your cooperation, I'll reopen your brother's case and do everything in my power to find a cure for Cereus. Not because I expect anything from it, but because it's the right thing to do.

Gareth

I know better than to believe the word of a Ministry employee... but something tells me you're not lying. Perhaps we can reach an agreement after all, Harry Potter...