

Into the Fire Part 1



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Brilliant Event

Intro

Constance

I'm still having a hard time processing that Gareth Greengrass is dead. Were you able to figure out what happened to him, Harry?

Harry

His journal confirmed what Hermione and I both suspected. Gareth made an Unbreakable Vow to not do anything that would jeopardise The Unforgivable's mission or reveal their members' identities.

Hermione

The documents Gareth left behind are full of compromising information. Gareth's Vow must have broken the moment Harry started reading through them.

Constance

Gareth had to know what would happen should he give Harry that information. Was he prepared to die if it meant ensuring his daughter got the treatment she needed for her blood malediction?

Harry

Gareth was far from a hero, but I won't let his sacrifice be in vain. While we work on returning Ron's memories of our fourth year at Hogwarts, we should keep combing through his writings. I'm confident they contain the keys to exposing the rest of The Unforgivable and ending the Calamity.

Quidditch World Cup

Harry

The Head Auror for the French Ministry of Magic, a Curse-Breaker for Gringotts, the Captain of the Japanese National Quidditch Team... Those are just a few of the high-ranking members of wizarding society Gareth named as members of The Unforgivable.

If his allegations are to be believed, The Unforgivable's influence and reach extend further than we ever imagined.

Hermione

We know for a fact that The Unforgivable recruited Gareth in order to infiltrate the Ministry. I wouldn't be surprised if they recruit all their members purely based on what power and connections they bring to the table.

Harry

As usual, you're spot on, Hermione. According to Gareth, The Unforgivable were an exclusive group of wealthy and powerful wizards and witches who teamed up to gain even more money and power.

At some point, however, The Unforgivable's purpose shifted. They began recruiting more broadly. Rather than helping themselves, members were also encouraged - even commanded - to help each other 'acquire that which they most desire.'

Brilliant Omniculars

Constance

Why do you think Gareth kept these journals and records? He knew he'd die if anyone else read them. Don't get me wrong, I'm grateful he did, but wouldn't writing all that sensitive information down be taking a needlessly big risk?

Harry

Gareth was apparently conducting his own investigation into The Unforgivable. He suspected an internal threat within the group and was gathering evidence to support his claims.

Constance

Then all that record keeping was Gareth trying to identify the member responsible?

Harry

It appears so. According to his notes, Gareth believed someone within the group covertly disposed of the former leader, Theus, and assumed his identity using Polyjuice Potion. He points to a sudden priority shift and behavioural changes as evidence.

Constance

Well, I suppose his loss of trust in his comrades is our gain, isn't it?

Bulgarian Seeker Viktor Krum

Ron

I remember Viktor Krum. Bit overrated, if you ask me.

Hermione

Oh really? Then why did you purchase a miniature figurine of him at the Quidditch World Cup and want his autograph?

Ron

I was just trying to be nice. Wanted to make the poor bloke feel good about himself, you know?

Hermione

Admit it, Ron. You were a huge fan of Viktor's until he invited me to the Yule Ball.

Ron

I don't know what you're talking about. Literally, my memories of this 'Yule Ball' haven't returned yet.

Boot Portkey

Constance

Harry, have you come across any information in Gareth's journals that could help us put an end to the Calamity? Ensuring Muggles don't accidentally put these Portkeys on their feet is exhausting.

Harry

Possibly. Gareth had a theory that only the wizard who originally cast the Foundables Spell - in other words, Grim - can stop it.

Constance

That's it? Just a theory? Gareth made it sound as though he possessed the secret to containing the Calamity once and for all. Does he at least know where Grim is?

Harry

Unfortunately Grim's disappearance and whereabouts are as much a mystery to him as they are to us. And it's not as though Grim has been especially forthcoming with information either.

Constance

I don't understand Grim at all. If he has the power to end the Calamity, why hasn't he already? And if he wants our help, as his notes suggest, why won't he tell us where he is and what's going on?

Team Ireland Fan Fred Weasley

Harry

Do you remember attending the Quidditch World Cup together?

Ron

It's starting to come back to me. Fred and George bet their life savings that Ireland would win but Viktor Krum would catch the Golden Snitch. Dad was terrified that Mum would find out.

Harry

And it was spot on! I couldn't believe it. I still can't.

Ron

Wish that was the only surprise of the night.

Harry

Me too, but I refuse to let the Death Eaters' actions spoil my memories of that happy trip. You should too. Otherwise it feels as though we've let them win.

End

Harry

Ministries around the world have agreed to issue warrants for the arrest of everyone Gareth named as members of The Unforgivable in his journals. Raids have also begun on places Gareth confirmed The Unforgivable operate.

Constance

That's excellent news, Harry! How goes your investigation into their leader's identity, Hermione?

Hermione

I searched newspapers, birth records, the transcripts of all the major wizarding schools, and decades' worth of wand permits. There was no evidence of a wizard named 'Theus' ever existing. Their leader has either lived his whole life out of the public eye or 'Theus' is an assumed name.

Constance

Wait a moment. Gareth suspected that the person currently claiming to be The Unforgivable's leader is actually another member using Polyjuice Potion to assume his identity. So not only is the current Theus not Theus, but the one who's supposed to be Theus isn't either?

Hermione

Confusing, isn't it? Seems these two imposters were more alike than Gareth thought.