

# Into the Fire Part 2



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Brilliant Event

## Intro

### Harry

I'm afraid I've got some disappointing news on our hunt for the rest of The Unforgivable. None of the locations we raided turned up anything of value. If The Unforgivable were operating out of these places, as Gareth's intel suggested, they'd since abandoned them.

We haven't had much success tracking down any of the people Gareth identified as members of The Unforgivable either. While Aurors have detained a few both domestically and abroad, most have managed to elude capture.

### Hermione

Rather convenient, isn't it? Almost as if they were warned about our investigation ahead of time and preemptively went into hiding. Even without Gareth, The Unforgivable still manage to be one step ahead of us.

### Constance

As long as the Calamity continues, the Statute of Secrecy will be at risk and The Unforgivable will keep using it to gain power. Since we've reached a bit of an impasse with The Unforgivable, wouldn't it make sense to shift our focus to ending the Calamity instead?

### Harry

You have a point. But if Gareth's theory that only the one who originally cast the Foundables Spell can stop the Calamity is correct, that would require finding Grim...

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### Hermione

Harry, take a look at this passage in Gareth's journal about The Unforgivable's leader. What do you make of it?

### Harry

'Whoever is masquerading himself as Theus seems to know what we want before we realise it ourselves. To them, nothing is sacred, not even the mind.'

Sounds as though Gareth suspects that this 'Theus' could be a Legilimens, doesn't it?

### Hermione

Yes, it certainly does. Which, if true, does not bode well for our ability to take them by surprise.

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### Ron

Harry, I'm sorry for suspecting that you cheated your way into the Triwizard Tournament. It shouldn't have taken a Hungarian Horntail to make me realise that you never would have put your own name into the Goblet of Fire.

### Harry

It's all right, Ron. It was a long time ago, I'm not mad anymore.

### Ron

Well I am, at myself. How could I think so badly of my best mate?

**Harry**

You had a moment. Merlin knows I've had my share of them. But you believed me when it mattered most. You spread the truth about what happened to Cedric. That's what really counts.

## Transfigured Draco Malfoy

**Constance**

I know finding Grim was sort of my idea, but where do we even start? Gareth had apparently been searching for Grim ever since Grim cast the Foundables Spell and he still couldn't figure out where Grim had gone.

**Hermione**

Harry and I are attempting to use the Calamity to reach out to Grim, though I'm not confident he'll respond back. You know as well as I do how reluctant he's been to divulge information.

**Constance**

So was Gareth, but we managed to get through to him in the end. We'll just have to convince Grim that we're people he can trust.

## Mysterious Note

### First Piece

**Constance**

Hermione, look! SOS Task Force members found this scrap of parchment after returning a Foundable.

**Hermione**

This must be Grim's response to the messages Harry and I sent.

**Constance**

That was fast, wasn't it? I hope that's a sign that Grim is eager to cooperate.

### Fifth Piece

**Constance**

I've got some good news and some bad news, Hermione. The good news is that Grim got your notes. The bad news is I don't think he's going to help us.

**Hermione**

Why? What did he say?

**Constance**

That he's sorry but he can't stop the Calamity or disclose his location.

**Hermione**

The 'sorry' suggests that he's made this decision reluctantly. Did he elaborate himself at all?

**Constance**

No, but it looks like we're still missing about half the note. Perhaps he's included an explanation there.

### Final Piece

**Constance**

It's no wonder Grim refused our requests. According to this, someone is holding Penelope hostage! They're threatening to harm her should Grim end the Calamity.

**Hermione**

Gareth warned us that someone was looking for Penelope. He hoped we would find her first. Unfortunately I realised that she was sealed in a portrait on his desk too late. By the time I got there, Penelope was already gone.

**Constance**

You suspect the one who's extorting Grim and the 'he' who abducted Penelope are one and the same?

**Hermione**

It has to be. It's also safe to assume the culprit is someone within The Unforgivable who wants to use the Calamity.

**Constance**

What are we going to do, Hermione? We can't ask Grim to sacrifice his wife for the greater good. Even if we could, I doubt he'd listen.

## Starting Cannon

### Harry

Why the long face, Hermione? We've finally got a lead on ending the Calamity, we're making progress towards stopping The Unforgivable, and almost all of Ron's memories through our fourth year at Hogwarts have returned.

### Hermione

Yes, but Ron's recovery is contingent on the Calamity continuing. Our surges, as well-intended as they may be, still endanger the Statute of Secrecy and the public. How long can we realistically and responsibly carry on like this?

### Harry

So that's what's got you so down. You're worried we'll soon have to decide between ending the Calamity and restoring the rest of Ron's memories, aren't you?

### Hermione

I know what the right thing to do is. But when the time comes, I'm not confident I'll be able to go through with it.

## Amos Diggory

### Constance

I heard St Mungo's has begun their trial study into Cereus' blood malediction. I know there's no guarantee they'll be able to do anything for her, but I'm happy she's getting the attention and care she needs.

### Harry

Me too. I visited her shortly after Gareth died, fully expecting her to hate me for my role in her father's death. But she didn't. She even thanked me.

### Constance

She sounds like a lovely woman.

### Harry

She is. I don't condone the things Gareth did, but after meeting her, I understand why he went to such lengths to get her help.

I've already fulfilled the terms of my Unbreakable Vow, but I fully intend to see Cereus' care through to the end, whatever that may be.

## End

### Hermione

If Grim is telling the truth and The Unforgivable really are holding Penelope captive, then I doubt we'll have much success convincing him to stop the Calamity.

### Harry

We're running into a similar problem with the few members of The Unforgivable we've managed to find and detain. Like Gareth, they've all made Unbreakable Vows to protect the cabal's secrets. Even if they were willing to talk, they'd likely die before revealing anything of value.

### Constance

Say what you want about The Unforgivable, but they certainly know how to cover their goalposts.

### Hermione

Grim is our best bet for containing both the Calamity and The Unforgivable. We have to get him to cooperate.

### Harry

Then we only have one option: we have to find and rescue Penelope.