## Living with Danger

Not quite six months after the events of Halloween 1981, a family known as the Pack comes into being, intended to help and support all those who were worst hurt by that day. Original members of the Pack: Remus Lupin (alpha male), Gertrude "Danger" Granger-Lupin (alpha female), Sirius Black (beta male), Aletha Freeman-Black (beta female), Harry Potter, Hermione Granger (cubs, both not-yet-two). Members added later: Meghan Black (cub, born to Sirius and Aletha on 1 June, 1983), Draco Black (cub, born Draco Malfoy, adopted into the Pack by his mother's wishes on his fourth birthday, 26 July, 1984). Please note that the DV was started before JKR clarified Hermione's age or provided a birthday for Draco, Remus, or Sirius.

Though they must live in hiding, due to Sirius's status as a wanted man and Harry's (and later Draco's) as supposedly kidnapped children, the Pack manages to learn, laugh, love, and even make friends. Among these are Albus Dumbledore, Minerva McGonagall, Rubeus Hagrid, and (reluctantly on both sides) Severus Snape. The latter's discovery of their London home causes them to uproot themselves and reestablish their household near that of two families with children around the cubs' ages. Ron and Ginny Weasley, and Luna Lovegood, are soon firm friends with their new neighbors, taking piano and voice lessons from Aletha along with the cubs.

When Sirius is found out and arrested close to Christmas 1990, all the Pack's members must face their fears to win the day. Danger, in an encounter with the demigod-like Founders of Hogwarts (see Founders section), tries to make a bargain whereby she will remain with the Founders and the rest of the Pack will receive a magical happy ending. Remus, following her to the Founders' Castle, argues persuasively that his own ending cannot be happy without her, and Danger realizes the groundlessness of her own fear, that Remus only loved her because of her "taming" magic (see Powers section).

The Pack's cubs, with the help of their friends, locate Peter Pettigrew and produce him at the trial the next day, alive, to corroborate Sirius's "impossible" story and clear his name. Nine months later, the older three cubs, along with Ron, leave for Hogwarts. Meghan befriends a boy who is looking for his toad on platform nine and three-quarters, then introduces him to her family, and Neville Longbottom boards the Hogwarts Express with his new friends, promising to write to Meghan. Dudley Dursley is also present, as he was rendered magical by a curse Remus and Danger laid on the Dursley family the night they rescued Harry. Hogwarts, brace for impact.

Other changes from canon:
Harry knows he is a Parselmouth and has a snake friend named Siss, who calls him her "little eggling".
Hermione changed her last name to Granger-Lupin as a birthday gift to Remus in March of 1991.
Draco plays both the recorder and the transverse flute, and has been known to compose.
Ron plays the drums and never had Scabbers the rat as a pet (for obvious reasons).
Ginny noticed that her brother's new friend had his fingers crossed when he denied being Harry Potter.
Luna's legacies from the day her mother died (she had accidentally scryed into the hiding place of the disembodied Voldemort, who took offense) include not only her ability to see thestrals but a crescent-moon scar on her left forearm and some limited Seeing (see Powers section).
Remus plays the violin and, along with Danger and Aletha, is learning to be an Animagus.
Sirius learned to type from Danger, hammered out a lot of aggression on the keyboard, then discovered he enjoyed telling stories and began writing romance novels under the pen name "Valentina Jett".

## Pack-pendants

The Pack-pendants were first created from items of sentimental value and blood given freely by each Pack member on the night of Sirius's arrest, then modified similarly for the Pride on Neville's 12th birthday. Each set of pendants consists of a chain and four medallions with carvings of animals, each standing for a person. Each medallion also holds a small colored jewel; jewels are more powerful than the pendants proper, but their powers can only be used once apiece. The pendants: pass through solid objects as desired (the Slytherin gift, also contained in green jewels); extend as far as needed, within reason (Hufflepuff, yellow jewels); record memories in the style of a Pensieve, and allow mental conversation between people who both wear a chain at once (Ravenclaw, blue jewels); turn hot when

someone is in distress and cold when someone is in danger of death, the carving denoting that person glowing (Gryffindor, red jewels).

## Living Without Danger: Year 1

The older cubs of the Pack, along with Neville and Ron, arrive at Hogwarts, are Sorted into Gryffindor, and settle into their new classes, including Defense Against the Dark Arts, team-taught by Professors Quirrell and Lockhart. Dudley Dursley is Sorted into Slytherin. Following Pack custom, the cubs make a den for the full moon in the Gryffindor common room. Harry, half-remembering a strange statement by Luna, speaks the phrase "Thank you, Godric" and discovers it is the password to a hidden door which leads to a forgotten suite of rooms. The cubs call their hideaway "The Hogwarts Den" (see Den section).

Harry and Ron are injured helping rescue Hermione from a troll on Halloween, which gives Meghan a chance to help Madam Pomfrey in the hospital wing. To be fair to her daughter's dreams, Aletha must confront an old dream turned nightmare of her own: the Healer training she abandoned after being unable to save Gideon and Fabian Prewett, Molly Weasley's brothers, during the war. Draco has an encounter with Theodore Nott and discovers the Hogwarts Den has an entrance in the Slytherin common room as well. Harry almost suffers a mishap with a possessed Bludger at his first Quidditch match but is saved by his own good flying and by Remus and Danger's ability to control fire (see Powers section).

Siss, Harry's snake friend, guides the cubs to the Mirror of Erised. Neville and Draco both see their parents, which leads Draco to wish he could speak with his father—a wish unexpectedly granted in a dream over the Christmas holidays. Harry, to his surprise, sees nothing in the Mirror but himself. The Pack-parents show off their Animagus forms, and the cubs investigate what their own forms might be (see Forms section). Hermione learns the identity of the item being guarded in the mysterious third-floor corridor, along with that of the currently-disembodied person who would like to get his nonexistent hands on it.

Danger's unpredictable magic almost escapes her control during Harry's second Quidditch match, but she is able to keep it from killing the person who threatened him. Draco comes across the first-year Slytherins teasing Neville, loses his temper when they call him Lucius Malfoy's son, and, with Harry and Hermione's help, curses all of them into the hospital wing, losing Gryffindor 150 points and getting a detention. Hagrid takes the four into the Forest to investigate unicorn deaths, and Harry and Draco are rescued from a mysterious figure (which speaks Parseltongue) by the Pack-parents, who were having a picnic to explore their Animagus forms. Danger's wild magic tries to break her control a second time.

When the castle Floo Network goes down with Professor Dumbledore away, the cubs realize that whoever at Hogwarts is helping Voldemort plans to steal the Philosopher's Stone, and use the information they have collected all year to try to stop him (or them). Following one of Danger's rhyming prophetic dreams, the Pack-parents follow them, and Remus and Danger intervene between Harry and Voldemort. Danger releases her wild magic, which kills Quirrell, Voldemort's current host (Voldemort killed Lockhart, his other host, when Lockhart failed him at an earlier point in the maze). On platform nine and three-quarters, Theodore Nott introduces Dudley Dursley to his father, saying he thinks the Muggleborn boy could be useful.

## The Hogwarts Den

This ten-room user-adjustable suite has hidden entrances from many areas of the castle. The password for each door is a variant of the phrase “Thank you, (Founder's name)”. Each common room has a door, leading to the Den bedrooms done in appropriate colors; the other entrances are in the kitchens (Gryffindor, Den kitchen), hospital wing (Ravenclaw, Den library/music room), Head’s office (Hufflepuff, Den bathroom), outdoors by the lake (Slytherin, Den Quidditch pitch), and Room of Requirement (everyone, Den main room).

## Pack and Pride Powers (spoiler alert!)

Remus and Danger can speak mentally to one another (an aspect of this is Danger’s “taming” power over Remus’s transformations), but cannot be physically separated for longer than three days (decreased to

two at the end of FD). They can also control fire as of the end of LwD. Aletha is the blood Heir of Ravenclaw (discovered late in FD) and thus can Heal, as can Meghan. As of the beginning of FD, Harry can control fire. As of the end of FD, Ron sees in infrared, allowing him to see in the dark and tell when someone is lying. Luna has both clairvoyant (seeing the present but hidden, such as Animagus forms) and occasionally prophetic (seeing the future) Seeing episodes. Neville is the blood Heir of Hufflepuff and can both control plant growth and whisper himself/other people invisible, though this is draining anywhere but Hogwarts.

## Living Without Danger: Year 2

The Pack-parents tell Harry the first portion of the prophecy about himself and Voldemort; Harry realizes that he and his siblings and friends have never truly made themselves a Pack, so they take the Weasleys' car to Neville's house in order to do so. The swearing of the oath transports them to the Founders' Castle, where the cubs and their friends decide to call themselves the Pride; the twelve members of Pack and Pride are declared honorary Heirs of the Hogwarts Houses and jewels in the House colors are added to their pendants (see Pendants section). Danger gives her wild magic to the Pride collectively.

Ginny asks Hermione for advice on getting Harry to like her; Hermione advises her to be Harry's friend. Harry and Dudley Dursley miss the Hogwarts Express, but Remus is able to catch it up by borrowing the Weasleys' car. Sirius and Aletha arrive at Hogwarts on Sirius' motorcycle and announce they will be team-teaching Defense; Meghan will serve an unofficial apprenticeship with Madam Pomfrey. Ginny and Luna are Sorted into Gryffindor, and Draco and Ron join the Gryffindor Quidditch team as reserve players. Dudley is surprisingly friendly towards the Pride, who commiserate when Percy confiscates a book from him. On Halloween, Harry follows a voice he thinks belongs to Siss, his snake friend, and discovers her dead under the declaration that the Chamber of Secrets has been opened.

Harry is injured badly in the first Quidditch match of the year, but Meghan refuses to accept that he is dying and snatches his hand. Blue light surrounds them, and Harry stabilizes; Professor Dumbledore informs the Pack-parents that Meghan, and therefore Sirius or Aletha, must be blood Heirs of Ravenclaw. Colin Creevey is discovered Petrified, and Neville finds out that he can "whisper" himself and other people invisible, though Aletha seems to be able to see through it, as does Remus. Aletha's aunt Amy sends the cubs goblin-wrought silver daggers for Christmas, and Harry asks Ginny to gird him with his weapon. Sirius and Aletha start a dueling club at Hogwarts, which leads to Harry's Parselmouth abilities becoming public. Justin Finch-Fletchley and Nearly Headless Nick are also discovered Petrified, and Harry is suspected.

Ginny discovers an old diary in Moaning Myrtle's bathroom and shows it to the Pride; Neville and Meghan refuse to touch it. Harry spills ink into Ginny's bag and exposes the properties of Tom Riddle's diary. The Pride goes to talk to Hagrid and discover that he has a dragon's egg. On the day the Pride planned to have Tonks pick up Norbert the dragonet and take him to Charlie, the pendants activate for Ginny, Hermione, and Sirius. The former is found unconscious by Percy (she later reports that Tom Riddle's diary is gone); the latter two are Petrified. Hagrid escapes arrest with the help of a wolf and a winged horse, and Harry and Draco visit him with Remus to hear his story rather than "follow the spiders". They discuss the story in the Gryffindor common room; Professor Dumbledore is suspended on suspicion of helping Hagrid.

On a full moon night, Aletha deactivates her pendants' warnings to concentrate on making the Mandragora restorative potion. Later that night, Luna discovers a book in the Hogwarts Den, Harry receives an anonymous note, and Meghan kisses Sirius' lips, Healing him enough to hear the word he was speaking when he was Petrified; all three happenings lead the Pride to the identity of the monster in the Chamber, a basilisk, and the location of the entrance, Myrtle's bathroom. Instantly their pendants activate for Ginny, and Luna informs Harry in a trance that he must go alone if he wants to save her. Danger and Remus's pendants activate for Harry, but the moon has not yet risen, and Danger decides reluctantly that she must stay.

Harry discovers that the person who has been opening the Chamber under the influence of Riddle's diary is Percy (except for the attack on Sirius and Hermione, which was Ginny in a one-off). Memory-Riddle taunts Harry and Ginny about Dumbledore being chased away from the school by his memory; they speak in Dumbledore's defense, and Fawkes comes to their aid, destroying the basilisk's

eyes. Ginny also stabs the basilisk in the face with Harry's dagger. Harry discovers the basilisk's name is Sangre; he tells her that if she agrees not to attack humans, she could live in the Forbidden Forest instead of the Chamber. Sangre decides she likes Harry better than Riddle and turns on him, giving Harry and Ginny time to use the dagger, now imbued with Sangre's venom, to destroy Riddle's diary. The Petrified people are restored, Dumbledore returns to Hogwarts, Sirius and Aletha resign the Defense post, and another year ends.

## The Pack Oath (also known as the Founders' Oath)

My hand in yours, my wand with yours, my life for yours, now and always.

## Dealing with Danger: Year 3

The Pack-parents prepare to teach the Pride how to become Animagi as part of their summer of war games, but the fun is interrupted by news that Lucius Malfoy and Peter Pettigrew have escaped from Azkaban. Sirius re-qualifies to be an Auror, and Aletha's aunt Amy, who works in an American wizarding bank, sends the Pack advice about stopping Lucius from getting access to his money. The current Minister of Magic dies under suspicious circumstances, putting Cornelius Fudge back into power, and Nymphadora Tonks discovers her mother Andromeda murdered in their home, apparently to keep her from finishing a potion she hoped would help Frank and Alice Longbottom regain their sanity. This spurs Aletha to return to Healer training and Draco to run away, his objective being to keep the Pack safe, though he agrees to come home when he learns that the wards on the Marauders' Den work better with him present.

At Diagon Alley, Hermione purchases Crookshanks and Draco gets a new owl, leaving Harry with Hedwig. Harry jokingly says that he always gets the old stuff and makes a half-serious bargain with the Pack-parents that when he next needs a new broom, he can have a Firebolt. Remus, as the new Defense teacher, agrees to supervise the cubs' visits to Hogsmeade, and the Marauders' special compartment on the Hogwarts Express, enlarged in wizardspace, is found to still be active. Danger, Harry, and Draco react worst to the dementors on the train; Luna says she is listening to something she will need to remember.

Harry saves Draco from being hurt by Buckbeak the hippogriff at the cost of a small wound of his own, healed by Meghan; Hagrid later discovers that Buckbeak tried to attack Draco not because of any insult offered but because someone had thrown a rock at Buckbeak. In the course of making it up to Buckbeak, Draco becomes fond of the hippogriff, and vice versa. Neither Harry nor Draco is allowed to face the boggart in Remus's first lesson, to avoid panic in the classroom (Harry's boggart would be Voldemort and Draco's, his father). Ginny joins the Gryffindor Quidditch team as a reserve Chaser and Seeker.

Remus and Danger begin a Combat Club at Hogwarts, an extension of the summer's war games. On Halloween night, Hermione and Crookshanks between them foil an attempt by Wormtail to abduct Meghan. Tonks discovers a torn piece of parchment which throws the motive (and responsible party) for Andromeda's murder into doubt. At the first Quidditch match, Harry is affected by the dementors and falls from his broom; Ron catches him, but his Nimbus Two Thousand is destroyed by the Whomping Willow, bringing into play the earlier promise about a Firebolt. Remus agrees to teach Harry the Patronus charm.

Neville's identity as a blood Heir of Hufflepuff is established, and Andromeda's potion, which Aletha finished for her, is administered to the Longbottoms. Neville and Meghan, with the support of the Pride, use their powers as Heirs to complete the healing process, restoring Frank and Alice to sanity. Draco has a brief encounter with Lucius in a dream and declares that he will never return to his father willingly. Sirius comforts Danger through her unhappiness that she can never bear Remus' children (in the Dangerverse, lycanthropy involves sterility); Remus sees snatches of this memory, misinterprets it, and accidentally reawakens his uncontrolled werewolf self, but Danger is able to call his human mind back in time. Draco receives a glass globe engraved with runes, supposedly a study aid, for Christmas.

Harry's Patronus lessons begin, with his memory of the day of Sirius's vindication and the Pack's freedom the most useful. Draco joins him for one lesson, after which, to Remus's surprise, he goes into a boys' bathroom and smashes the mirrors; he later admits that he hates looking like his father and feels

torn between his birth and his raising. Harry manages to cast a corporeal Patronus (in the shape of a stag) at the second Quidditch match, though the dementors were illusory, a test set up by Sirius. Ron witnesses a prophecy by Professor Trelawney, in which she states that "souls shall join against the darkness", "the faithful three ride again", and "revenge and mercy wreak havoc alike".

The Marauder's Map reveals that one of its creators was an Heir of one of the Hogwarts Founders, meaning the Map can know things about the castle that its makers did not. Hermione drinks the potion which will allow her body to complete the Animagus transformation. Draco sends Harry a message via paper bird at the final Quidditch match, allowing Gryffindor to win; this action is used against him during a Potions mock-test, leading to Draco's hysterical accusation that the Pack-parents only took him in because they had to do so. He bolts back to Gryffindor Tower and uses his glass globe "study aid" to try to calm himself.

Unbeknownst to Draco, the globe came from his father and contains a curse which has been working on his thoughts for months. He is falling under it when Luna Sees it on him in the shape of a snake and screams. The curse attempts to make Draco silence her; he fights it, and it throws him into a coma-like state. He is taken to the hospital wing, where the Pack-parents (and the Pride, listening from the Hogwarts Den) are informed that the only way to treat a curse is to transfer it to another person who fits its parameters, and this cannot be done with fatal curses. Shortly thereafter, Draco stops breathing.

Hermione realizes within a few moments that her pendants are hot, indicating emotional distress, not cold, meaning death. The curse is fooling them; Draco is alive, his body held in stasis but his mind awake (and panicking, until Hermione uses her pendant chain to reassure him). Ron volunteers to take the curse on himself, since he fits the parameters of "male pureblood teenager" with which the curse was cast. Luna requests that her Seeing power be taken from her, and with the help of a blue jewel from her pendants, this is done. She can restore it with another jewel, but if she does so, she can never send it away again.

During the final Combat Club match of the year, scheduled on a full moon from necessity, Harry, Draco, and Hermione are abducted by Malfoy and Wormtail. Harry is held under the Body-Bind, and drifts in and out of consciousness; Draco and Hermione awaken tied back to back, having had a magical blood-bonding performed on them to make them the twins they once pretended to be, which allows them to speak mentally with physical contact. Malfoy informs them that the bond is intended to reverse the supposed theft of Draco's magic for Hermione's benefit, and that he plans to kill Hermione once he has transferred her magic to Draco. Pretending to be swayed by his father's words, Draco asks that they be allowed to say goodbye face to face and in privacy, which request Malfoy grants; Hermione speaks her Animagus incantation, completing her first transformation into calico cat form.

Although Luna has lost her active Seeing power, she remembers what she was told near the beginning of the year, and sends Ginny to give Buckbeak a piece of Draco's clothing so that he can find his friend. Ron recalls how he located Ginny the year before with the help of a red pendant jewel, and Remus does the same to discover that the cubs have been taken to the Shrieking Shack. Harry fully awakens and uses an Arithmancy unlocking pattern to break the Body-Bind, catching Wormtail by surprise and taking his wand but letting him live. Buckbeak arrives at the Shrieking Shack, and Draco tosses cat-Hermione out the window to ride away on him, then uses a green pendant jewel to pass through the wall and join her after blinding Malfoy with an exploding Combat Club wand filled with red dye.

Sirius and Aletha head for the Shrieking Shack (Remus and Danger must wait until the moon has risen) and find Harry there, holding Malfoy at wandpoint. They take the two Death Eaters and Harry back through the passage into Hogwarts, but Malfoy falls deliberately on a flask of sleeping potion he was carrying. Sirius recognizes the smell of the vapor, tells Aletha to run, and pushes Harry out of range, though he is caught by the potion himself. Wormtail also takes the opportunity to escape, and Aletha chases him, using a heat-sight spell on her eyes to find his trail. Buckbeak, who breathed some of this same potion earlier, is forced to land, so that Draco and Hermione must walk the rest of the way back to Hogwarts. The moon now up, Remus and Danger go to the Shrieking Shack, hoping to catch Malfoy before he can leave.

All three Pack-groups—Harry guarding the semi-conscious Sirius, Aletha, and Draco and Hermione—are caught by dementors, and must produce their Patronuses (the stag, the dog, and, pooling their magic across the twin-bond to perform the spell, the werewolf) to save themselves. To do so, Aletha

is forced to let Wormtail escape entirely. Danger, seeking a small revenge which will satisfy Remus's werewolf side, bites Malfoy herself before returning to the castle with her mate. Draco decides that he does not want his father to undergo the Dementor's Kiss, and Malfoy is returned to Azkaban. Dudley Dursley is revealed, to readers and Theodore Nott, to have been helping Malfoy and Wormtail get onto Hogwarts grounds. In his cell in Azkaban, as the first full moon after his recapture nears, Lucius Malfoy begins to fall ill...

## The Founders of Hogwarts

In the Dangerverse, the Founders of Hogwarts play a demi-god-like role.The families are:

Gryffindor: Godric and his two children, Paul and Maura. Maura's is the line which continues into present day. The major family gift is control of fire; the minor gift is creating and controlling magical artifacts.

Ravenclaw: Rowena and her three daughters, Brenna, Sophia, and Margaret. Margaret was a Squib who married a Muggle, but her line is the one which continues through Aletha and Meghan. The major family gift is Healing; the minor gift was once full clairvoyance, but has been mostly subsumed into the Healing.

Hufflepuff: Helga and her son, Adam. Their present-day descendant is Neville Longbottom through his father's side. The major gift is control of plant growth; the minor gift is being able to walk unseen.

Slytherin: Salazar's younger son Alexander, who has no living descendants. Voldemort descends from his older brother Matthias. The minor family gift is Parseltongue; the major gift is currently unknown.

## Dealing with Danger: Year 4

Sirius warns Remus just in time that Lucius Malfoy has become a werewolf and the Ministry plans to investigate. Under magical law, Remus is not permitted to live in the same place as children, so he must leave the Den and send a backdated resignation to Hogwarts. Rita Skeeter falsely spins the story of Draco's money being deposited in Remus's vault, then colors her testimony about the way Sirius has treated Draco to have Draco taken from the Pack and placed in temporary fostering with the Notts. After three days apart, Danger and Remus both become seriously ill; when they are reunited, the symptoms vanish, and Aletha postulates that they are magical symbiotes, linked in both body and soul.

Professor Dumbledore advises that the Pack ask to have Draco sent to the Longbottoms, and that Remus attempt to have his status as Hermione's guardian formally recognized. Meghan and Neville use their powers to partially heal a burn on Dumbledore's hand by transferring the ongoing curse causing it to a pernicious weed which grows nearby. Aletha recognizes the symptoms Danger exhibits when apart from Remus as a Muggle disease called lupus. Hermione, visiting Draco at the Notts' in her cat form, informs him that Patroclus Nott is using a Healing potion to try to weaken his memories of the Pack. The Pack recalls that Draco's blood is now mixed with Hermione's, which means Danger is his guardian under magical law and can (and does) request a different fostering situation for him.

Harry learns the story of a day his father humiliated Snape and is ashamed, but uses his first Animagus transformation to settle himself. Dumbledore takes him to meet Horace Slughorn, and Harry uses his wolflike sense of smell to play on Slughorn's emotions and win a memory from him, though he agrees not to ask Dumbledore what the memory is yet. The majority of the Pack, the Pride, the Weasleys, and the Longbottoms attend the Quidditch World Cup, where the Pride ends up near a mysterious person who sets off the Dark Mark and the casewizard who accepted Rita Skeeter's testimony is revealed to be a secret Death Eater. Draco is allowed to return to the Pack, and Remus is also allowed limited, supervised visits.

At Diagon Alley, Ginny buys a tiny owl and names him Pigwidgeon. Meghan befriends fellow first years Natalie Macdonald and Graham Pritchard, the latter of whom is Sorted into Slytherin, as Meghan almost is herself (she stops the Hat and demands to be placed in Gryffindor). Mad-Eye Moody arrives to take the Defense position, and the Triwizard Tournament is announced. With the cubs away at school, Remus can return to the Den. Hermione helps Ron write his Animagus incantation, as Ginny did with Harry the year before. Harry demonstrates how he would place his name in the Goblet of Fire if he wanted to (a Levitating Spell) with a blank slip of parchment. Hermione's staff work garners a secret

admirer, later established as Viktor Krum. Harry is unexpectedly chosen by the Goblet as the fourth Triwizard competitor.

After Ron disbelieves Harry's protestations of innocence, Harry hides in the Hogwarts Den and seals most of the entrances against his friends, but Meghan, Neville, and Graham Pritchard cooperate to get Hermione in through the Slytherin common room. Harry emerges, and Ron apologizes without words, simultaneously, though jokingly, transferring all his friends' troubles to Snape. Remus's custody hearing sparks protests at the Marauders' Den, leading to Tonks being assigned as Remus's bodyguard. Fenrir Greyback corners Danger and threatens her and Hermione; Remus burns his clothes as a warning.

The Pack-parents come to Hogsmeade, and Moody invites them to have a drink. Remus catches the scent from his hip flask, and Aletha identifies it as Polyjuice Potion. Hagrid lets Harry see the dragons for the first task, and the Pride helps Harry realize he will have the advantage if he can fly. During the first task, Remus enters Moody's office and investigates his trunk, where the real Moody is hidden. Ron transforms into hawk shape to open the window so Harry can Summon his broom; the false Moody attempts to take him hostage as he escapes, but is foiled by Neville, at whom he shouts that he should have killed him when he had the chance. Harry discovers that the Hogwarts Den can shield the effects of his scar's link to Voldemort. Rita Skeeter tries to blackmail Ron on the basis of his illegal (underage) Animagus work.

The real Moody takes over as Defense professor. Hermione is permitted to testify at the custody hearing, with both her individual Patronus (the lion) and her combined one with Draco (the werewolf) swaying the final decision that Remus's request should be granted. While Pack and Pride celebrate in the Hogwarts kitchens, Ron offers to have his family take Winky on as their house-elf, and Winky accepts. Tonks reveals to Aletha that her bodyguard duties have led to her having a crush on Remus; Aletha, knowing that Charlie Weasley is about to propose marriage, as Tonks earlier stated she wanted, reluctantly gives Tonks a love potion keyed to Charlie. Neville, invisible in his Animagus form, the demiguise, goes with Ron to his interview with Rita Skeeter, at which she betrays her own illegal Animagus form.

Neville asks Meghan to the Yule Ball; after finding out Luna will be away over the holidays, Draco asks Ginny. Hermione, angry at Ron's not asking her, accepts when Viktor Krum asks her, leaving Harry to go with Parvati (after discovering Cho is going with Cedric) and Ron with Lavender Brown. Luna comes to the dance unexpectedly, making Draco happy, but Neville refuses to deepen his relationship with Meghan, angering her. The cubs' Christmas gifts from their great-aunt Amy arrive, portable Floo devices known as Zippophones (analogous to cell phones); Rita Skeeter breaks the story about Hagrid's background, and the Pride goes to cheer him up while the Pack-parents stage a scene which allows Remus to capture Skeeter's bug form and inform her that she will be keeping her quill to herself.

An accidental bespelling by Ron leads to the discovery that Harry's golden egg sounds different underwater, and the Pride has a pool party in the Hogwarts Den bathroom. Hermione and Ron remove their pendants to be hostages for the second task; Ron awakens under the lake after the allowed hour, and Harry and Ron are attacked on their way back to shore, all of which are later determined to be sabotage by an unknown party (though Dudley Dursley was seen with his wand in the water). The points for the second task are halved, and an auxiliary task is added to the Tournament: a performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, in which all the champions must take part. Dumbledore, Moody, and the Pack-parents determine that the sabotage of the task was done by three different people.

Harry produces the Sword of Gryffindor out of the Sorting Hat, and Dumbledore names him Gryffindor's Heir, though he has never demonstrated fire magic, leading the Pack-parents to speculate that James Potter might have bound it when Harry was a baby. Draco takes the lead role in *Joseph*, while Harry plays Pharaoh, Krum Potiphar, Cedric the Baker and Fleur one of the brothers. Tonks discovers Aletha's use of a love potion and challenges her on it in public; Remus admits to Danger that had she never existed, he might have been attracted to Tonks. Percy, worried about Mr. Crouch, goes to his home to check on him, running afoul of Voldemort and company but also setting off Ron and Ginny's pendants, which allows Harry to send Sirius (via Zippophone) to rescue him. Percy states that he saw Mr. Crouch dead and that Karkaroff attacked him, but Crouch is later found alive, throwing doubt on Percy's other identification as well.

Harry dodges a falling backdrop at a final rehearsal for *Joseph*, and Charlie sends Tonks a message in the program, reminding her that love potions only last for two months (meaning her love for

him, which lasted longer, must have been real). Krum flirts with Hermione at the show afterparty, and Harry gets a second chance to dance with Cho. The third task is revealed, and the Pride helps Harry collect and learn a series of spells which might be useful. Moody uses his final Defense class to give his students a basic lesson on the use of deadly force. Harry dreams of Voldemort's hideout; his dream form is sensed by Nagini, but his friends awaken him before Voldemort can confront him. On the morning of the third task, Hermione reviews her notes on Portkeys aloud, including that they are made by the There-And-Back-Again Spell.

Harry and Cedric are both Portkeyed to the graveyard by the Triwizard Cup, but Harry is able to warn Cedric in time for him to run. Dumbledore sets out to stop Danger, who has discovered that Karkaroff killed her mother and wants revenge. Harry puts out the fire while Wormtail is working to resurrect Voldemort; later, the ropes holding him burn, allowing him to sneak away in wolf form and kill Nagini when she tries to stop him. Luna restores her Seeing power and discovers that Voldemort was behind her mother's death. Ginny realizes the Pride can share their magic with Harry. Dumbledore stops Danger from killing Karkaroff, then leaves them alone; Karkaroff attempts to escape, and Remus is forced to kill him.

Cedric tries to help Harry, but both of them are caught by the resurrected Voldemort. Harry agrees to duel Voldemort if he lets Cedric go; Voldemort agrees, then kills Cedric as he tries to get enough distance to Apparate. Luna uses her Seeing power to distract Voldemort, and Harry Stuns him from behind, then, reminded by the Pride's magic what Hermione said the Portkey spell was called, uses the Triwizard Cup to return himself and Cedric's body to Hogwarts. Krum, under Karkaroff's Imperius, is discovered to be the source of some of the attacks on Harry through the year.

Harry tells his story and is comforted by the Pack. Crouch aligns himself with Dumbledore, against Fudge and the mainline Ministry. To keep Harry's mind safe from Voldemort's attacks, it is decided, reluctantly, that Harry must go to the Dursleys' home for part of the summer. Harry attempts Occlumency and fails, in the process discovering that his power for controlling fire is not yet unbound, as he had thought it might be. Krum says goodbye to Hermione, telling her that he thinks Ron will have her heart someday. Harry starts to get into a snit about being abandoned by Pack and Pride, but Dumbledore and Sirius (also "exiled" for the moment, as ambassador to the purebloods) both remind him that this is temporary and he should be able to return home soon. (They hope...)

## Facing Danger: Year 5

Sirius returns to pureblood society and meets sisters Elladora and Corona Gamp, the latter of whom chafes at the restrictions placed on her. Luna's restored Seeing power overwhelms her at times, giving her prophetic visions, including one which frightens her badly. Harry deals with the Dursleys, then meets up with Remus, who tells him about a possible plan to stop Voldemort from invading his mind; if Harry contracts a blood-bond with another adult wizard, it will block Voldemort's bond. Dumbledore has urged this bond be with Remus himself, and Harry likes the idea, though not the consequence that he, as Danger, would contract lupus from it. Remus brings along Draco, in his fox Animagus form, to keep Harry company.

When Draco returns to the Den, Luna reluctantly tells him about her vision; she has seen his gravestone, dated June 5, 1997, and herself agreeing to go away with Lucius Malfoy. Draco is shaken but resolves not to let this knowledge destroy his life. Hermione becomes the Pride's liaison to the Order, then goes to visit Harry in cat form and tells him about Hagrid and Madame Maxime going to look for the giants and about Charlie and his team transporting Norbert the Norwegian Ridgeback to another dragon preserve.

Sirius feels his pendants activate for Hagrid and decides to leave the purebloods, who aren't listening to him anyway. Corona asks if she can go with him, to fight against Voldemort; Elladora tries to interpret this badly. Ron realizes that Norbert might be able to help Hagrid and sends Tonks to give Charlie the idea, which works. Sirius helps retrieve Harry from Privet Drive, then proposes magical marriage to Aletha, so the purebloods will have no further opportunities to scorn her. Corona befriends Brian Li, a young werewolf member of the Order of the Phoenix, and their pasts later coincide.

Dobby and Winky announce their plans to marry, which, with Charlie and Tonks' planned ceremony, makes three weddings for the Order. The Founders help the Pack realize that Remus and Harry can link their blood-bond to an amulet, so that the ill effects on Harry will last only as long as he

wears the amulet. The bond also permits Remus to unbind Harry's fire magic. Luna Sees something she dislikes about Slytherin's locket, and Dumbledore comes to retrieve it, telling Harry the full prophecy, which Harry passes along, somewhat edited, to the Pride. Mrs. Longbottom agrees to teach Defense for the year, blocking Dolores Umbridge from the post, though Umbridge is still Hogwarts Inquisitor. Sirius and Aletha marry magically, vowing that should they ever use magic against one another, they wish to lose their own magic.

Meghan worries because her friend Graham Pritchard has not returned to school (it is later verified that he is being held as a hostage to force his father into Death Eater activities). Harry openly cheeks Umbridge, who gives him detention; when Harry refuses to write lines with Umbridge's Contract Quill, Umbridge takes him to Dumbledore's office and announces that she is expelling him. Through an apparently rambling speech, Dumbledore is able to direct Harry to the Hogwarts Den entrance by his own fireplace, which Harry uses, but is then overcome by a flare-up of his lupus. The rest of the Pride finds him in the Den and makes him comfortable. By accident, Harry discovers a talent for astral travel (out-of-body work), and realizes he can attend classes in spirit form while technically expelled. He also goes "walking" out to Hogsmeade and discovers the place where Graham is being held, and Dumbledore informs him that the Pride may be called upon to rescue Graham.

With Ginny's help, Harry conceives of the DA, and Neville thinks to ask the house elves where they can meet. A small number of Slytherins show up to the first meeting in the Room of Requirement and are looked at askance, but Harry welcomes them, as long as they're willing to fight. Cho Chang shows some interest in Harry, and Sirius stops Kreacher from reporting the DA to Umbridge. Bartemius Crouch attempts to befriend Aletha and Danger with mixed results. Ginny helps the boys model the house where Graham is being kept, to better plan their rescue; Hermione soothes Ron's anger about not being allowed to be an active part of the rescue by showing him how he can be "mission control". Maya Pritchard, Graham's older Gryffindor cousin, uses his fate to help her decide she will not acquiesce to her own parents' demands but instead will pursue her interest in Lee Jordan.

Harry and Cho have their first "date", which goes well until Harry reveals the Pack and Pride are bonded with blood magic, which Cho interprets as Dark. Hermione points out to Harry that Cho was only interested in him, never taking the time to get to know the rest of his family or friends. Meghan completes her first Animagus transformation, and Draco meets Ravenclaw Amanda Smythe while admiring a prank in which Professor Umbridge is stuck, mooing, on the Astronomy Tower. The Pride, in Animagus form, invade the Death Eater hideout where Graham is and rescue him, though Neville is slightly injured. Sangre the basilisk tells Harry about the entrance to the Hogwarts Den which is outdoors near the lake.

Aletha announces that she is pregnant, which causes much rejoicing. Maya comforts Graham, who is currently sharing Harry's hiding place in the Hogwarts Den. Harry realizes that his interest in Ginny would work better than his one in Cho and "breaks" Ron when his friend walks in on them kissing. Ginny and Hermione have a ritual battle to pass the alpha female position of the Pride, and Harry wishes he could know what his parents think of him. Harry and Ginny, roaming the forest in Animagus form, come across Theodore Nott, frightened of being forced into DE activities or imprisoned as Graham was; they offer him help, which he accepts, his price being to guard Graham when the younger boy returns to the Slytherin dorms. Draco writes an encouraging version of "Weasley is Our King" to help deal with Ron's Quidditch jitters, and Lavender Brown moves in, upsetting Hermione, though Harry can tell her that it's unlikely to last.

A number of high-ranked Death Eaters, including Bellatrix Lestrange and Lucius Malfoy, escape from Azkaban, leading Draco to further his acquaintance with Amanda. Harry and Ginny share their pendants while kissing, then accidentally get the wrong ones when they remove them as Umbridge attacks the Room of Requirement. Harry thanks the DA for standing strong and activates a hidden door to the Hogwarts Den, through which the DA escapes, though Harry himself is caught. Umbridge lays two spells on Harry, one which multiplies his sensory inputs by a hundred, the other which saps his emotional energy, then transports him to the Department of Mysteries, intending to have him declared insane.

Winky overcomes her fears and tells Mrs. Weasley that the Barty Crouch they know is in fact Barty Crouch, Jr., disguised as his father. Harry, no longer bonded with Remus because Ginny has his pendants, sees Voldemort's desire for the prophecy; when that dream fades, Harry is able to use his Animagus form and his astral traveling to destroy Umbridge's emotion-manipulating spell and to discover where he is. Fawkes the phoenix finds him and brings him his own pendants, as well as removing the

other spell; Harry sends back Ginny's pendants, and the Pack-parents head for the Ministry to retrieve their cub. Harry defends Mr. Weasley from Crouch's attack, then goes to take the prophecy, dodging Death Eaters.

Danger uses her links to some of the Death Eaters and her wild magic to stop them from killing anyone who is fighting against them. Sirius and Aletha trail Harry to the room with the archway, known as the Gateway to Hades, where Crouch finds them and is about to knock Sirius through the arch. Aletha kills Crouch, though not in time to stop his spell, and Harry's accidental magic shields Sirius, but the spell is reflected and strikes Aletha, killing her unborn child, Marcus. Harry, thrown out of his body by the spell backlash, gets to see his parents, who come to take Marcus and tell him that they are indeed proud of him.

Remus saves Lucius Malfoy's life and uses that to lay a geas on him that he will not kill the Pride. Harry agrees to have his memories of his parents taken from him in order to fool Voldemort, who comes to the Ministry to retrieve the prophecy, killing Umbridge in the process; unbeknownst to him, Harry has already destroyed the prophecy and placed fire within the glass ball, which burns Voldemort's hand. Cornelius Fudge, shocked into truthfulness by Voldemort's appearance, reveals that Umbridge killed Andromeda Tonks two years ago, to stop the truth about the poisoning of the current Minister of Magic from becoming public. Luna and Amanda agree to have a contest over Draco (revealing that Amanda is more than she appears), Rufus Scrimgeour becomes Minister of Magic, and the Second War has officially begun.

## Pendant Jewel Breakdown (spoiler alert!)

Remus: Four red, one used (locating the cubs, end of 3rd year)
Danger: Red, blue, green, yellow; yellow used (hauling people out of the Chamber of Secrets)
Sirius: Three green, one red; all green used (escaping from Death Eaters)
Aletha: Three blue, one red; two blue used (one to copy memories, one to restore)
Harry: Three red, one green; one red used (chasing away the “furry fish” during the Second Task)
Ginny: Three red, one green; one red used (time indeterminate)
Hermione: Three blue, one red; two blue used (one to talk to Draco, one given to him)
Ron: Three red, one yellow; two reds used (locating Ginny, then locating Percy)
Draco: Three green, one red, (now) one blue; all green used (modifying daggers, escaping Lucius)
Luna: Three blue, one red; all blue used (one for communication, two to change her Seeing power)
Neville: Three yellow, one red; two yellow used (one for connection, one for a power-boost)
Meghan: Three blue, one red; one blue used (communication while rescuing Graham)

## Facing Danger: Arc 6

The Pack and Pride grieve for baby Marcus, and are given enchanted tokens of mourning by Theodore Nott and Dudley Dursley. Hagrid returns home, relates leaving Norberta the Norwegian Ridgeback with his "little" brother Grawp, and accepts an invitation to spend Christmas with the Pack. Sirius breaks up a fight between Dobby and Kreacher, then agrees with Aletha that they can return to the Marauders' Den for Christmas. Dumbledore hires Hestia Jones, Order member and school friend of the Pack-parents, to take over the History of Magic post from Professor Binns; Luna sees something unusual about her but does not mention it. Harry and the DA send Cho Chang, who betrayed them to Umbridge, a necklace of thirty silver coins, charmed to be unremovable until she proves she cares about other people more than herself.

Brian Li, badly injured, makes it to the Marauders' Den with news that simultaneous werewolf attacks on a number of pureblood witches are planned for the full moon just after New Year's; Corona takes over caring for him. On the night of the full moon, the enchantments on Dursley's and Nott's tokens, kept at the Den, work together to make the girls want to leave the house. Death Eaters, including Lucius Malfoy and Fenrir Greyback, are waiting for them outside. Malfoy uses a spell which is not openly hostile and therefore will pass the Den's wards to blank out Hermione's emotional reactions, meaning her pendants will not turn hot; recognizing him as her blood father and oath-sworn not to kill her (so that the

pendants will not turn cold either), she leaves the wards at his command and calls the other girls into the open where the same emotion-blanking spell can be used on them. Hagrid goes outside to check on the girls and follows their tracks past the wards, where the Death Eaters kill him.

Harry and the male Warriors of the Pride, alerted by Hagrid's death, join their magic to search for the girls. Ron is the first to locate Hermione, and his anger at the emotionless feel of her mind and her memories of a Death Eater sexually assaulting her breaks the spell over her. She "awakens" to realize she is locked in a cage with Ginny, Luna, and Meghan, and a just-changed Greyback; when she ends the spell on the other girls, Luna and Meghan are able to change forms in time, but Ginny is incapacitated with a headache, and Greyback bites her. Hermione cuts Greyback with her silver dagger, and he dies messily, disintegrating into a pile of ashes. Meghan discovers that lycanthropy is actually a combination of a curse and a disease, and is able to transfer the curse from Ginny to Hermione (as Ginny is needed to help Harry continue the "lion's line") and stop the disease from taking hold.

Cho helps Charlie and Tonks save another girl by first warning them of an attack from behind and then throttling the attacking werewolf with her now-removed necklace. Maya Pritchard allows herself to be bitten to save Selena Moon and her unborn child. Lee Jordan goes to the hospital to see her, and his unflinching love, along with that of Maya's cousins Graham and Bernadette and their parents, Par and Voni, alters the course of the establishment of the werewolf curse on her. Maya's parents admit that they allowed her to be attacked in exchange for fertility potions which will allow them to replace her; they are arrested for procuring Dark magic to be used on a minor, and Par and Voni take Maya in and agree to join the Order.

Remus, in his werewolf form, and Danger, as the wolf, comfort Hermione; Aletha tells them that by showing her love, they have lessened the effect the werewolf curse will have on her soul, as Remus's parents did for him when he was bitten as a child. However, Hermione finds herself unable to tolerate the near presence of human males for several days, until Ron, angry at being kept in the dark, flies up to her room in Animagus form. They admit their mutual attraction to one another, and Hermione begins building her trust in people back up with that as a base. Elsewhere in the house, Harry and Ginny confront the reason Hermione took on the werewolf curse; Harry steels up his courage and asks Ginny to marry him, and Ginny agrees, though Mrs. Weasley demands that they not carry out the marriage until Ginny is sixteen.

On the return to school, Hestia Jones' first History of Magic lessons involve stories, and Ron officially breaks up with Lavender Brown. The DA becomes an official club with Professor Longbottom as its sponsor. Harry divides the DA into artillery (under Neville's command, using magically-altered water guns known as potion pieces), skirmishers (diversionary fighters, meant to draw enemies into ambushes), Flying Squad (must be excellent fighters and look old enough to Apparate), and medics (generally the youngest members of the DA). The latter two divisions partner with house-elves, thus skirting the anti-Apparition wards

Dumbledore gives the Pride a new assignment: a long-standing spell, originally cast from Hogwarts, allows blood status to be magically determined. As this will be very useful to Voldemort, they should break it if they can, and Dumbledore believes that a year of good fellowship among a group of students of all Houses may do so. To help them with the fellowship, the Pride agrees to Dumbledore's suggestion that they build a Sanctuary where Muggle relatives of wizards can come to hide from the war. Draco suggests that they begin and end the year on May Day, and that Harry and Ginny marry to end the year; when asked why, he reveals Luna's vision to the Pride, and Hermione overcomes her lingering distrust of men to comfort him.

Harry, Ginny, Draco, and Ron go searching for a location for Sanctuary; the Bloody Baron directs them to the cave where the first-years' boats are harbored, and they find a secret passage. Draco is momentarily taken over by an apparently benign presence which leads them to a small cave used as a tomb for the "serpent's daughter"; the revenant (similar to a ghost, but with a mission) speaking through Draco seems to have known her. Nearby they discover an enormous cave with which will serve well as a Sanctuary, and decide to wall off the tomb, giving its occupant privacy. At the opening ceremony for the year (the "yearmates" are drawn from the DA and span all four Houses), the ceiling of Sanctuary is enchanted to resemble that of the Great Hall, directly above it, and Lee Jordan officially founds a second Pride, to help Maya keep from feeling abandoned. Harry and his siblings take their O.W.L.s; Hestia Jones gives a lecture about Merlin, including the fact that he was Godric Gryffindor's stepson; and the DA

passes their unofficial final exam, the invasion of Hogwarts by fifteen Aurors dressed as Death Eaters, with flying colors.

George Weasley reveals the existence of magic to his Muggle girlfriend, Crystal Huley, aided by the Pride; Mrs. Weasley catches them and grounds them, backed up by the Pack-parents to the point where the Pack's cubs remain grounded even when the Weasleys, Luna, and Neville are allowed out again. Bernie Pritchard, at Headquarters with her family, befriends Dobby and Winky's twin elflets Echo and Cissus, and the three of them discover Kreacher's secret. Sirius reacts badly to discovering Regulus died a hero.

Sirius opens the entrance to Diagon Alley for a Muggleborn witch, Annette Benson, and her teacher, Miss Evanie Meade; Annette is investigating Weasley's Wizarding Wheezes, where Percy and Penelope Clearwater are visiting the twins, when Death Eaters attack Diagon Alley. Annette, Penelope, and Frank Longbottom are killed; Remus and Fred Weasley are badly injured; and Percy, Evanie, and Sirius and Aletha are taken prisoner, along with Terry Boot's grandmother and Amanda Smythe's mother, both Muggles. At home with his siblings, Harry is pulled out of his body by Voldemort when his blood-bond with Remus fails. Working together, Hermione, Draco, and Meghan are able to put both Harry and Voldemort to sleep, then defeat Voldemort in their dream-world and wake Harry so that they can get to the Hogwarts Den via Harry's emergency Portkey. Danger places her bond with Remus in abeyance to search for Sirius and Aletha, while Harry reluctantly agrees that he must return to the Dursleys' until Remus recovers and can continue shielding Harry's mind; Draco agrees to go with him in fox-form so that he will not be alone.

Peter Pettigrew, promised a reward for luring Sirius and Aletha out of hiding so that they could be captured, is struck by Evanie's appearance and asks for her; instead of trying to fight him, she begins to "corrupt" him by making his life more pleasant, and he responds in kind, beginning without realizing it to regain his humanity. Voldemort forces Sirius to wipe Aletha's memories, violating his magical marriage vow never to use magic against her and destroying his own magic. Aletha, now calling herself Mare, takes up basic household chores in the Death Eater hideout, including caring for Sirius, trapped in his dog form.

Percy Weasley, left with the two Muggle women by Death Eaters who did not recognize him, learns from them to channel his anger and grief, which stands him in good stead when the rescue mission of George, Crystal (driving the Weasleys' car), Ginny, and Ron arrives. Ron has disguised himself as Percy and been captured, and the real Percy is only a few seconds too late to stop Dolohov from blinding his brother with magic so Dark that Meghan cannot use her Healing power on it. Ron shuts down when he learns what has happened to him; Percy, helped by his new knowledge and by a book given to him by Crystal, begins to plan his own part in the war.

A few days later, Hermione is overwhelmed by everything that has gone wrong in her life lately and begins to cry. Mrs. Weasley removes the soundproofing charms on Ron's room, and Ron is pulled out of his self-pity by his need to help Hermione. They discover that Hermione's cat form can ride on Ron's shoulders and use his pendant chain to share her sight. The Pritchard children and the elflets help Meghan handle her fear for her parents, and Meghan helps Neville deal with his own grief for his father. Aletha/Mare, unaware that she shouldn't be able to, discovers her Healing gift, identifying her to Sirius as the Heir of Ravenclaw.

In a dream, Mare feels drawn to Danger and the Den, but rejects them as "someone else's life"; she learns what the pendant chains do and befriends Sirius through their medium, but misidentifies Danger, now lurking outside the DE hideout in wolf form, as Sirius's missing wife. Sirius begins to tell Evanie stories about Peter, neither hiding or overstating his crimes. Dudley Dursley admits to Harry and Draco, currently locked into a bedroom at his parents' home, that he killed his Aunt Marge and has further plans; these are later revealed to include killing his own parents to "purify" his blood and destroy the blood wards on the Dursleys' home, but Sirius, defending himself, kills Dudley before these plans can come to fruition (though Vernon and Petunia still die at Death Eater hands). Mare beats the three Death Eaters who came with Dudley, then saves Sirius' life and turns him human; Sirius carries her to her "nest", where they collapse.

Evanie, worried for her friends, slips out of Peter's room with the help of the house-elves she has befriended and finds Danger, bringing her into the manor. Danger gives Evanie a pair of wedding rings made from her pendant chain, which will help warn Peter if Evanie needs help; Evanie is later able to

convince Peter to marry her, with house-elves as their witnesses. Mare puts together the pieces and concludes that she must be Aletha, and that her memories are stored in one of her pendants' blue jewels. She is correct in this belief, and in her assumption that her forgiveness of Sirius will restore his magic and allow them to escape; however, her memories return only partially, as though they belonged to someone else.

Percy reveals that he is founding a new group to help in the fighting of the war, the Red Shepherds, designed both to draw Death Eater attention and to help take Muggles to safety at the DA's Sanctuary. Theodore Nott frees his family's house-elf and asks for asylum from the light side of the war, ending up as a houseguest of the Moon family. After a battle with giants in the middle of London, Mare decides to stay and learn to be Aletha, repairing Sirius's family tapestry and adding her own name to make her decision known, though she will be taking the Potions position at Hogwarts in the coming year to get necessary distance.

Hermione agrees to meet Viktor Krum at the Den to receive some books from him which will help with the spell-breaking year, only to discover that he was the Death Eater who assaulted her in January. Ron, his sight restored by a heat-seeing spell Aletha has altered for him, arrives just in time to stop Hermione from killing Krum. Cissus the elflet asks Aletha to slow his maturation (usually house-elves become adult in eighteen months, rather than eighteen years for humans) so that he can stay close to Bernie's age for longer. Selena shows off her new son, Zachary Cedric Davies, and Harry receives some good advice from Danger: "When you have enough for tonight, you have all you'll ever need."

## Interesting Information from DV AUs

“A Little Slice of Heaven”: Voldemort makes a blanket statement about worlds in which he wins and worlds where he does not.

“Till We Reach That Day/True Colors”: Certain abilities pass between generations, apparently regardless of how they were first acquired.

“Vivens cum Pericula”: With the proper magic, a person’s blood identity can be completely changed.

“The Lion, the Snake, and the Safe Room”: The Hogwarts Founders had a reason to be so talented at magic so young.

“Truth Amid the Lies”: A child does not have to be born, or even necessarily known about, to change everything.

“That Which Does Not Kill Us”: The gift of Seeing only works on one level (prophetic/clairvoyant) at a time.

“The Witch of the Westmoreland”: With one Horcrux as a control, it is possible to scry for others.

“Going Home”: Identity is more than name or blood.

“Take Me With You”: While it is possible to interfere with a scry, it cannot be done differently for different viewers.

“Be Careful”: In the days of the Hogwarts Founders, there was a Muggle family of the minor nobility with the surname Beauvoi. They had three children, two sons and a daughter, contemporaneous with the Founders’ grandchildren; their middle son was a Muggleborn wizard and married Salazar Slytherin’s granddaughter. Several hundred years later, a descendant of the older son, also a Muggleborn wizard, killed his cousin, the last living descendant of the middle son and a blood Heir of Slytherin, to inherit his property. The rumors of this murder earned him the nickname, punning on his surname, of “mal foi”, or bad faith; to prove how little he cared, he adopted it as his true name, and his descendants still bear it. It is not yet known if the daughter’s descendants survive into the present day.

All DV AU’s: Don’t bet against the Pack. It never ends well.