

His gaze shifted to his school trunk, which was already messy and overflowing from over a week of living out of it. Sighing to himself, Harry ran a hand through his hair. He'd better tidy up, then.

As tempting as it was to have a ceremonial burning of all things Dursley in the fireplace of his room, Harry knew he'd have to keep up appearances if he didn't want anyone — namely Dumbledore — getting suspicious. Still, he was unable to help himself from burning the most offensive items of clothing. Some of Dudley's old things sort-of fit, and they weren't *that* bad, so Harry kept them. Hopefully if he gradually mixed in his new clothes, no one would notice the difference. He hadn't bought anything enormously flashy, anyway.

With all his new clothes folded up and piled with the older ones he was keeping, Harry looked at the stack on the bed. For the first time in his life, he might actually struggle to fit all his possessions in his school trunk. The thought made him smile.

Perhaps Twilfitt and Tattings did bottomless trunks, too.

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It turned out, Farlig didn't need a present — all he wanted was for Harry to get his family money moving once again.

While the Potter and Black accounts had ongoing investments made by previous heads of the family, the Peverell and Slytherin vaults had been stagnant for decades. Between the four houses, Harry's Gringotts portfolio was several inches thick; and Farlig was determined to make it thicker, once Harry made him account manager.

If he'd known what would follow, he might have reconsidered that. With the lure of getting to learn what artefacts and interesting objects lay within his possession, Farlig had beckoned him into his office and immediately sat the young wizard down in front of an enormous stack of parchment.

"I'm going to regret this, aren't I?" Harry declared warily. Farlig's returning grin showed all of his teeth.

"The top parchment lists all the current investments and regular transactions within your holdings," Farlig explained. "While prolific, it would do you well to invest more of your money in a wider range of businesses. I've included a list of the current businesses our investigations show will make good investments; including a few in the muggle world, if you aren't opposed."

Harry glanced down at the list, grimacing at some of the dark-sounding investments under the Black family name. Yes, it was going to be gruelling, but it would be worth it.

As the Gryffindor got to work, scrawling numbers and rifling through Farlig's list of suggested investments, the goblin watched with something akin to pride.

Young Harry Potter might be off to a late start, but if he carried on with this determination, he'd take the pureblood wizarding circles by storm and give them a much-needed shake-up.