

## Chapter 41

It was a good thing Seren Du was in the middle of nowhere, because the number of owls coming for Harry was beginning to get absurd. Now his friends knew it was safe to write to him, they were all more than happy to do so.

“Blimey, Harry,” Sirius remarked when he was over one afternoon, watching another two owls swoop in through the window. “Even I wasn’t this popular in school.”

“You weren’t planning a government coup,” Harry pointed out dryly, scratching Susan’s owl behind the ears. The other owl surprised him; he hadn’t heard from Cassius yet this summer.

“True, but even so. Can’t you pass a lot of this over to Susan, and just get updates from her?” The plan to sort out the Wizengamot was definitely more Susan’s than Harry’s. He was busy with the whole war on two sides situation.

“Nah, I like being in the loop. Besides,” he added, offering both owls a bit of croissant off his plate, “half of these letters aren’t even about that, we just wanted to keep in touch.” It was a novelty to him, having this many people who actually cared what he was up to. He hadn’t heard from Ron and Hermione, after convincing everyone in the Order that the Dursleys wouldn’t let him receive owls, but from what the twins and Ginny were saying the two of them didn’t seem enormously sad about it. The three younger Weasleys he actually liked regularly sent letters to him through Remus.

He opened Cassius’ letter first, eyebrows furrowing at the short missive.

*Dear Harry,*

*Just checking in to let you know I’m alright. Hope your summer is better than mine has been. My family are pretty enthusiastic about the current political situation, if you get what I mean. They want me to be involved as soon as possible. I’ve managed to hold things off for now, but I can’t wait to get back to school.*

*I’m at a friend’s right now, and will be for the next couple weeks, so you can write me back now but once I’m at home it’s probably best you don’t. Pretty sure my uncle’s reading my mail. Luckily Draco and Pansy are acceptable people to write to, so they’ve been keeping me updated with that fancy ink Draco has. Slightly glad my guardianship situation means I’m not involved in Susan’s law hunting project.*

*Before you worry your little Gryffindor head about me, I’m unharmed, and should stay that way until school. We Slytherins are good at surviving adverse conditions.*

*Enjoy your summer,*

*Cassius*