

“You do what you need to do?” George asked in an undertone at the dinner table, glancing between Harry and Sirius. Harry nodded.

“Yeah, thanks.”

George winked, ruffling his hair and ducking away.

With the stairs actually stairs again, Harry went back up to his room, and was surprised to see an unfamiliar owl waiting patiently on his window-sill. Harry took the letter from the owl, unfolding it in trepidation.

*Harry,*

*Hope you're having a good Christmas. I need to talk to you when you get back to school. It's about that thing you promised Theo— he might have a few fellows there.*

*Warning you now so you can make any arrangements necessary. Still expecting summer at the earliest.*

*Best,*

*Blaise*

Straight to the point, much like the Italian boy himself. Harry frowned — there were more Slytherins wanting sanctuary?

Harry sighed to himself, offering the owl a treat for the journey home, and then reached for his parchment and quill.

He hadn't yet written to Farlig about the matter; he had best do it now before he was back at school and it was too late.

There had to be a Potter property *somewhere* that he could access before he was of age, and use to house people hiding from Voldemort — and from Dumbledore. Or a Peverell property. There were too many Blacks on the dark side to risk any properties from that side of the family, as Sirius said that anything other than the two they were already using was too weakly warded to be any good.

Farlig would know. The goblin hadn't failed him yet.

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The last week of the Christmas holidays rolled by in a rather repetitive cycle of visiting Mr Weasley, avoiding Ron and Hermione, doing homework and trying to spend as much time with Sirius and Remus before he had to go back to school.

It was fun, especially on the days when the oldest Weasley boys and Tonks would turn up. One afternoon, Kingsley stayed for a while after an Order meeting, and he winked at Harry when he saw the boy staring. Harry assumed Tonks had told him everything. He watched the pair, trying to see any signs of them dating now that he knew, but they were very good at