

it, because he might have to die in order to save them all.

Luckily, he was distracted by an influx of owls, as his friends slowly began to return his letters. Most of the heirs had sent general updates on their summers, wishing Harry well with his and making vague allusions to the things they'd been working on through the school year. Susan sent a letter and a book — he read the letter first, relief flooding him when the Hufflepuff assured that her aunt was on board and ready to start digging discreetly into Dumbledore's history. She also seemed to have started a summer project of her own, and was recruiting the rest of the heirs; hence the book.

*There's a lot to get through, and we're going to be too busy to do it when Voldemort falls, so if we're prepared now it'll be easier later,* Susan wrote, explaining her plans. She had sent Harry *The Self-Updating Record of Ministry Laws and Regulations: Vol 2*, with the request that he read through chapters 30-39 and make note of any law that needed to be changed, or done away with entirely, and categorise them by urgency. Apparently the best time to make changes to the law was after a particularly large upheaval — like a war — when people were worried about falling back into old habits and positions were changing hands due to death or incapacitation. The last couple of times, Dumbledore had just swept in and taken care of it all, and thus nothing had changed in almost a century. Now, they had a lot of work to do, and Susan wanted to be able to start immediately.

The book was in chronological order, and was spelled to automatically record any change or abolition of laws. Susan had set herself the last ten chapters of volume 3, which were all the most recent laws, as they were often the most contentious. Harry's section was mostly innocuous, though there were some truly bizarre laws that he couldn't believe had to be put in place. What had happened to make it necessary to create a law banning people from transfiguring themselves into owls for the purpose of delivering mail?

Still, Susan had asked, and it gave Harry an excuse to stay in his room but still feel productive.

He also got a letter from Draco; shorter than he would've liked, and with a worrying contents.

*H,*

*Glad to hear you're back where you're supposed to be. I hope it stays that way.*

*I might not be able to write to you much this summer. My father has invited several old friends to stay at the manor, including one I believe you encountered shortly before the end of term. I plan to stay out of their way, but they might have other ideas. Rest assured, even if I cannot write to you, I will be thinking of you.*

*I have spoken to mother about coming to visit, and that may still be possible. Keep your fingers crossed.*

*Yours,*

*Draco*