

“Quite,” Dumbledore said. “Though it does leave me once again on the search for a new Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher.”

“Do you have anyone in mind?” Hestia Jones asked. An infuriating smile crossed Dumbledore’s lips.

“I believe I have an idea,” he assured. “I merely need to make some inquiries.”

He continued droning on, and the longer he spoke the less patience Sirius had for it. “I’m surprised you’ve not mentioned anything about the attack on Amelia Bones, Albus,” he cut in. Several people gasped.

“Attack? What attack?” Arthur Weasley asked, wide-eyed.

“Voldemort himself decided to go after her,” Sirius revealed. “Last night. Luckily, Harry had a vision, and we managed to get word out just in time. Amelia and Susan are both fine.”

“Amelia did mention getting early warning,” Kingsley said, approval in his eyes. “Said she was damned lucky for it, too. Much later and things would have been... disastrous.”

Several people around the table looked uneasy; a Ministry without Amelia Bones was a much weaker institution indeed.

“Harry is still having visions, then?” Dumbledore pressed, blue eyes curious. Sirius felt the faintest pressure on his Occlumency shields, and scowled.

“He is. Not every night, but far more often than I’d like,” he remarked.

“I’ll be honest, I quite expected to find him down here,” Dumbledore said. “Last summer I understand he was quite insistent on being involved with the Order. I can’t see that having changed, after the events of last month. I would like to speak to him after the meeting, actually.”

“You can’t, I left him at home,” Sirius said blandly. Dumbledore froze.

“...He is not living here?”

“What do you mean, home?” Hestia Jones piped up.

“He’s not back with those awful muggles, is he?” Arthur asked in alarm.

“Of course not!” Sirius protested, offended that anyone would even *consider* he might have left Harry with them. “He’s at home. Our home. Which is the safest place he could possibly be.”

“Sirius...” And there was Dumbledore’s disapproving frown once again. “I must insist you bring him here at once; Voldemort will be looking for him, and it is imperative Harry be safe.”