

Harry and Bill returned to Mrs Weasley, and the three of them spent the afternoon touring the inside of the castle, finding the few things that had changed since they had been students. Harry was intrigued to hear about some of the old staff members Mrs Weasley had stories of; he hadn't realised she had been at the school before Hagrid worked there. Harry had always assumed Hagrid became groundskeeper as soon as he turned seventeen, since he never finished his schooling. Then again, he often forgot exactly how old Hagrid was to begin with. It was hard to judge age under all that beard.

Bill said nothing more about Harry's scar as the afternoon wore on, though Harry caught the curse-breaker giving him contemplative looks every now and then. Harry tried not to let it make him too anxious; there was nothing he could do about his scar, and Bill would surely find an answer soon.

He just had to get through the task.