

Harry Potter

Background Guide



SNIS MUN-2022



Agenda: Battle of Hogwarts

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Letter From Executive Board

"It is the quality of one's convictions that determines success, not the number of followers."

-Remus Lupin

Greetings, delegates! It's a pleasure to serve as the Executive Board of the Fictional Committee at SNIS MUN 2022.

We trust you are all doing well in these unprecedented times. And we hope you understand the significant role each one of you play in this committee. Our main objective is to ensure that each and every one of you have an amazing experience, and hone your public speaking and leadership skills.

This document has been created to help you get started with your research. We understand that this being a fictional committee, there is not much ground for research. That being said, this background guide must only act as an introduction to the agenda and not your only reference for your research.

We have also included some research links in this guide for your reference.

Please note that the freeze date is 1st May, 1998. We will function as a **semi-crisis committee**. Delegates will receive crisis updates throughout the committee. The large majority of these updates will be in response to the crisis documents and directives submitted. The frequency of these updates depend on the chair's discretion.

The Executive Board is here to guide you and the committee in the right direction. Please feel free to contact us at any time before or during the formal session.

The whole Executive Board looks forward to this conference and wishes you all good luck!

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Introduction to Crisis

What is crisis?

Crisis committees are fast paced MUN committees. Delegates take on the role of a fictional character, depending upon the committee. The flow of committee is determined by crisis updates. The frequency of crisis updates is based on the EB's discretion.

In crisis committees, the primary documents delegates write are:

Directives:

Members of the committee can send in directives to the EB, highlighting what they want to do in response to crises and recent updates. The EB will have complete discretion over the passage of directives. The EB can also decide if the committee will be voting on it, if the need arises. Delegates must keep in check with the powers their portfolio holds while sending in directives and other crisis notes.

A Overt Directive: The contents of this directive and its author shall be revealed to the entire committee.

B Covert Directive: The contents & author of this directive will be kept secret and won't be revealed to the committee.

C Joint Directive: Two or more delegates can send in a Joint Directive together. This is usually to provide military aid or monetary support.

D Committee-Wide Directive: As the name suggests, this directive is sent by the committee as a whole or by a block of the committee. This directive follows the same format as a resolution. It must be introduced in the committee by a motion, formally debated and deliberated upon, and then called upon to vote by a voting procedure. The EB will decide upon the minimum number of signatories, based on the quorum. This directive is passed by a simple majority.

FORMAT OF A DIRECTIVE:

Covert/Overt Directive (title required)

From: (Author/Authors)

To: The EB

Signatories: (only for joint or committee wide directives)

Objectives: (the aim of sending this directive)

Plan of Action: (detailed explanation on execution of the objective)

Outcome: (expected outcome if the directive should pass)

2 Communiques:

Delegates send communiques to the Executive Board when they wish to contact a portfolio not present in the committee. They are written as formal correspondence to outside powers who aren't present in the committee but whose actions will influence the committee.

A Committee Communique: They are written by one delegate who represents the entire committee collectively. This is also introduced in the committee and voted up on in the same manner as the committee-wide directive.

B Private Communique: This can be sent by an individual delegate, to a person or organization outside of the committee. They are not introduced and voted upon in committee.

FORMAT OF COMMUNIQUE:

Communique

From: author(s)

To: the EB, external entity

(content)

3. Press Release:

A delegate or group of delegates in committee can send in a press release to make a statement on behalf of their portfolio to portray their stance on an issue. It does not require signatories. In this committee to clarify one's allegiance

Press Release

From: (author/authors)

To: EB

(Content)

4. Crisis Notes:

During a crisis update, instead of chits, delegates can send crisis notes to one another.

Special Speakers' List (SSL):

In this committee, instead of a General Speaker's List we shall have a Special Speaker's List, owing to the fact that the members of the committee are not in the order of the general countries pertaining to the UNA-USA procedure.

Each speaker will be allotted 90 seconds to make their speech. If there is any time remaining after the delegate's speech, they may yield their time either to the chair or to points and remarks.

We encourage each and every delegate to speak during the SSL as a significant amount of points are awarded for a good SSL speech.

Timeline Explained

1 November, 1981. Lord Voldemort kills Lily and James Potter by using the infamous *killing curse* but when he tries to kill their infant child Harry Potter, the curse backfires leaving a lightning scar on Harry's forehead and rendering Voldemort powerless.

1991. During the journey on the train, Harry Potter meets Hermione Granger and Ronald Weasley, who would both become Harry's lifelong best friends.

Harry finds out about Nicolas Flamel, the maker of the Philosopher's Stone, which produces the Elixir of Life. He believes that Snape is trying to acquire the stone to return Voldemort back to power and resolves to find it before Snape.

It is later revealed that the Defense Against Dark Arts teacher, Professor Quirrell has a weakened Lord Voldemort living on his head. Quirrell was the one trying to acquire the stone, not Snape.

Quirrell then tries to kill him but Harry's touch prevents him from hurting him and causes him to turn into dust and die. When Harry gets up, Voldemort's spirit forms and passes through Harry, knocking him unconscious before fleeing.

Quirrell burned at Harry's touch because, when Harry's mother died to save him, her death gave Harry a love-based protection against Voldemort.

1992. Harry sees a message in blood that says, "The Chamber of Secrets has been opened."

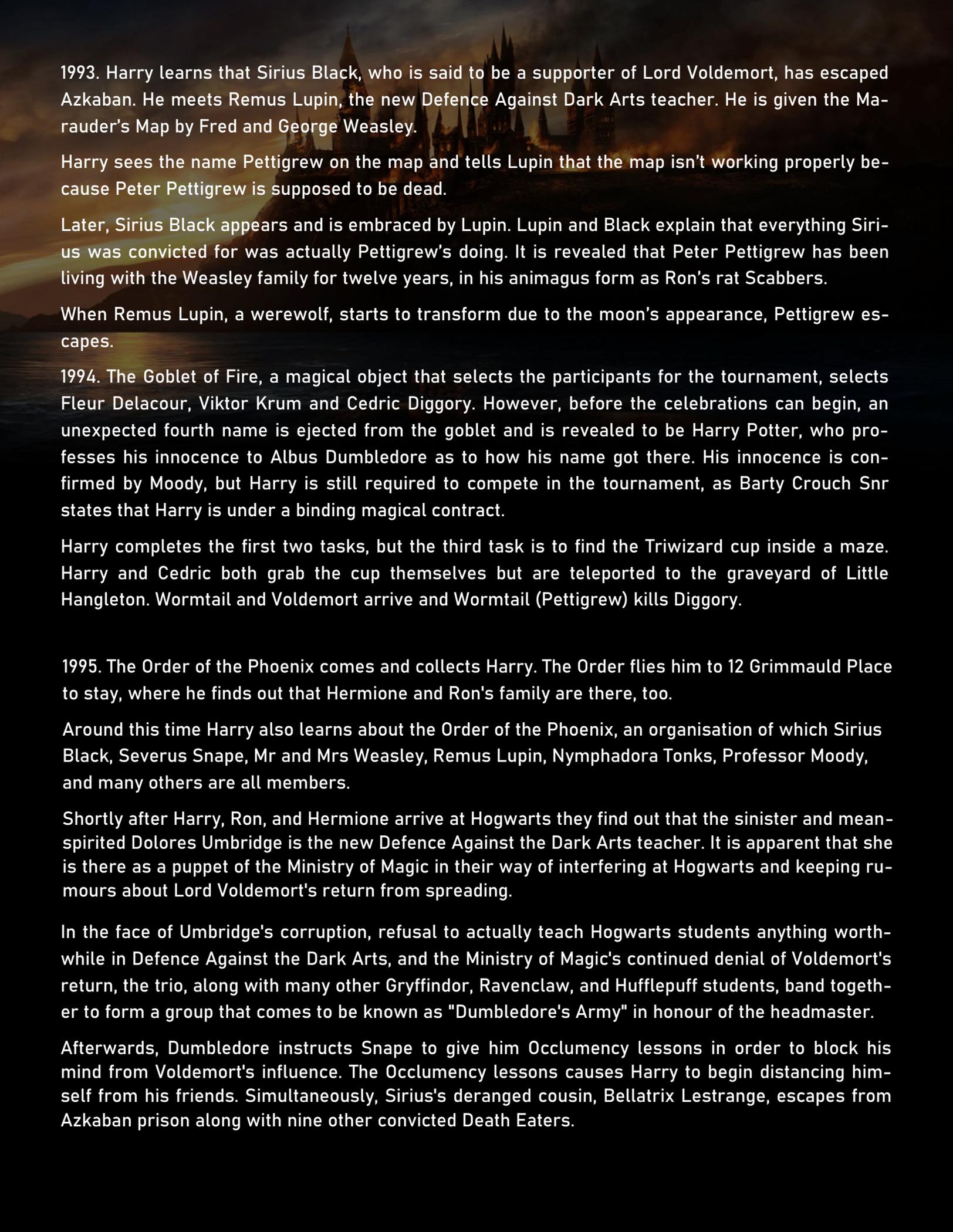
It is revealed that according to a legend, Salazar Slytherin, built a Secret Chamber and shelter a monster in it before leaving the school for good. Only his heir can open the chamber and use the monster to purge impure-blooded wizards and witches whom Salazar deemed unworthy to study magic.

Harry finds an enchanted diary, owned by a former student named Tom Marvolo Riddle, which shows him a flashback to the year 1943, exactly fifty years before. In the flashback, Harry witnesses four wizard authorities carry away Myrtle Warren's corpse from Hogwarts and Riddle, trying to find the problem, accused Hagrid, then a student, of opening the Chamber and freeing the alleged resident monster, a giant spider named Aragog. Riddle's actions caused Hagrid's expulsion later on.

A torn book page in Hermione's hand identifies the resident monster as a basilisk, a giant serpent that instantly kills those who make direct eye contact with it and only petrifies those who see it indirectly.

When Harry finds the chamber he finds an imprinted memory of Riddle who then reveals his full name, Tom Marvolo Riddle, and the anagram he fashions out of it which reveals "I am Lord Voldemort". At this point Harry learns that Voldemort's real name was that of Riddle himself and was the true heir of Slytherin.

Harry later kills the basilisk using the sword of Godric Gryffindor. However, one of the basilisk's fangs pierces Harry's arm but he is healed by the tears of Dumbledore's phoenix.



1993. Harry learns that Sirius Black, who is said to be a supporter of Lord Voldemort, has escaped Azkaban. He meets Remus Lupin, the new Defence Against Dark Arts teacher. He is given the Marauder's Map by Fred and George Weasley.

Harry sees the name Pettigrew on the map and tells Lupin that the map isn't working properly because Peter Pettigrew is supposed to be dead.

Later, Sirius Black appears and is embraced by Lupin. Lupin and Black explain that everything Sirius was convicted for was actually Pettigrew's doing. It is revealed that Peter Pettigrew has been living with the Weasley family for twelve years, in his animagus form as Ron's rat Scabbers.

When Remus Lupin, a werewolf, starts to transform due to the moon's appearance, Pettigrew escapes.

1994. The Goblet of Fire, a magical object that selects the participants for the tournament, selects Fleur Delacour, Viktor Krum and Cedric Diggory. However, before the celebrations can begin, an unexpected fourth name is ejected from the goblet and is revealed to be Harry Potter, who professes his innocence to Albus Dumbledore as to how his name got there. His innocence is confirmed by Moody, but Harry is still required to compete in the tournament, as Barty Crouch Snr states that Harry is under a binding magical contract.

Harry completes the first two tasks, but the third task is to find the Triwizard cup inside a maze. Harry and Cedric both grab the cup themselves but are teleported to the graveyard of Little Hangleton. Wormtail and Voldemort arrive and Wormtail (Pettigrew) kills Diggory.

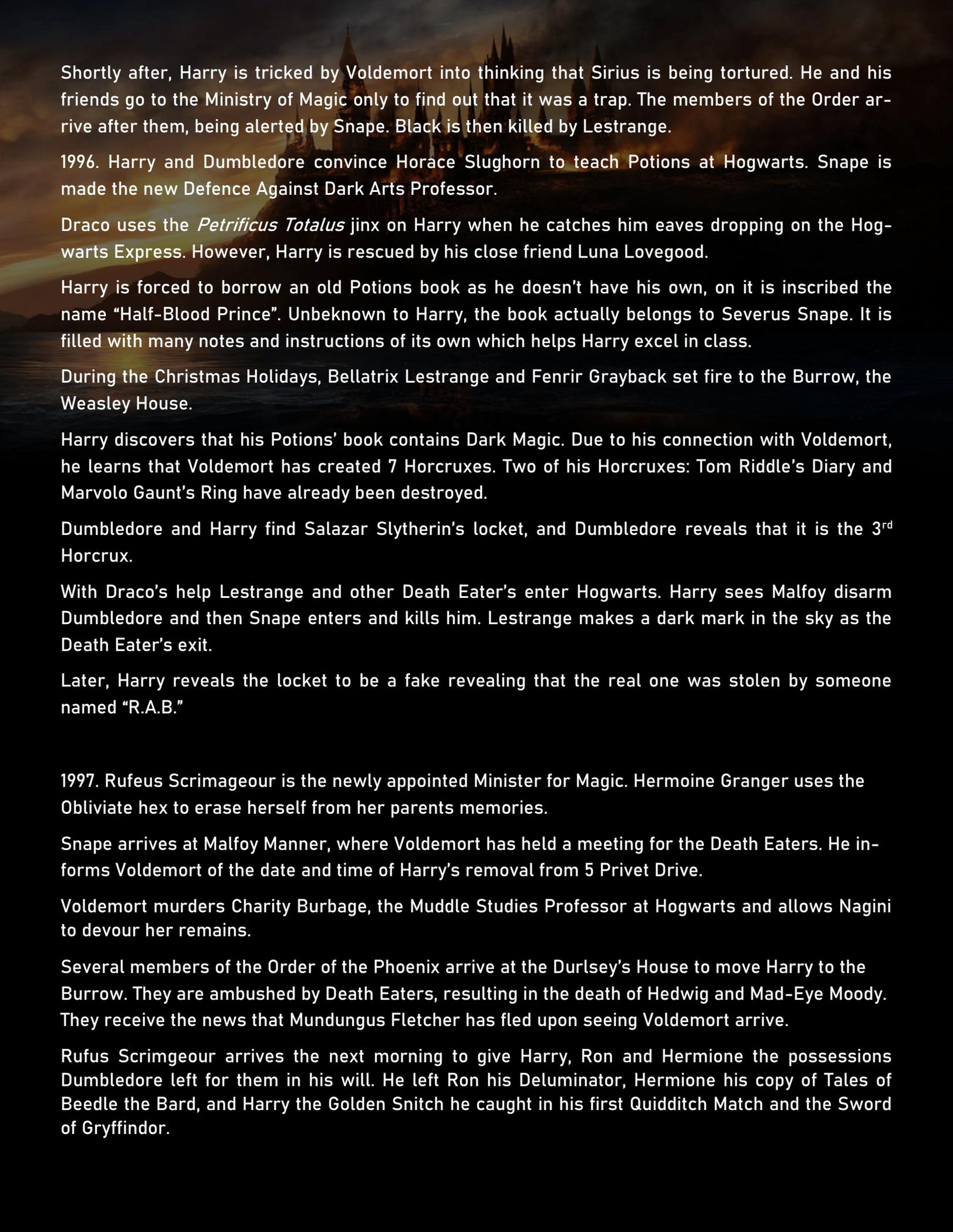
1995. The Order of the Phoenix comes and collects Harry. The Order flies him to 12 Grimmauld Place to stay, where he finds out that Hermione and Ron's family are there, too.

Around this time Harry also learns about the Order of the Phoenix, an organisation of which Sirius Black, Severus Snape, Mr and Mrs Weasley, Remus Lupin, Nymphadora Tonks, Professor Moody, and many others are all members.

Shortly after Harry, Ron, and Hermione arrive at Hogwarts they find out that the sinister and mean-spirited Dolores Umbridge is the new Defence Against the Dark Arts teacher. It is apparent that she is there as a puppet of the Ministry of Magic in their way of interfering at Hogwarts and keeping rumours about Lord Voldemort's return from spreading.

In the face of Umbridge's corruption, refusal to actually teach Hogwarts students anything worthwhile in Defence Against the Dark Arts, and the Ministry of Magic's continued denial of Voldemort's return, the trio, along with many other Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, and Hufflepuff students, band together to form a group that comes to be known as "Dumbledore's Army" in honour of the headmaster.

Afterwards, Dumbledore instructs Snape to give him Occlumency lessons in order to block his mind from Voldemort's influence. The Occlumency lessons causes Harry to begin distancing himself from his friends. Simultaneously, Sirius's deranged cousin, Bellatrix Lestrange, escapes from Azkaban prison along with nine other convicted Death Eaters.

A background image of Hogwarts Castle at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon and the castle's spires silhouetted against the orange and yellow sky.

Shortly after, Harry is tricked by Voldemort into thinking that Sirius is being tortured. He and his friends go to the Ministry of Magic only to find out that it was a trap. The members of the Order arrive after them, being alerted by Snape. Black is then killed by Lestrage.

1996. Harry and Dumbledore convince Horace Slughorn to teach Potions at Hogwarts. Snape is made the new Defence Against Dark Arts Professor.

Draco uses the *Petrificus Totalus* jinx on Harry when he catches him eaves dropping on the Hogwarts Express. However, Harry is rescued by his close friend Luna Lovegood.

Harry is forced to borrow an old Potions book as he doesn't have his own, on it is inscribed the name "Half-Blood Prince". Unbeknown to Harry, the book actually belongs to Severus Snape. It is filled with many notes and instructions of its own which helps Harry excel in class.

During the Christmas Holidays, Bellatrix Lestrage and Fenrir Grayback set fire to the Burrow, the Weasley House.

Harry discovers that his Potions' book contains Dark Magic. Due to his connection with Voldemort, he learns that Voldemort has created 7 Horcruxes. Two of his Horcruxes: Tom Riddle's Diary and Marvolo Gaunt's Ring have already been destroyed.

Dumbledore and Harry find Salazar Slytherin's locket, and Dumbledore reveals that it is the 3rd Horcrux.

With Draco's help Lestrage and other Death Eater's enter Hogwarts. Harry sees Malfoy disarm Dumbledore and then Snape enters and kills him. Lestrage makes a dark mark in the sky as the Death Eater's exit.

Later, Harry reveals the locket to be a fake revealing that the real one was stolen by someone named "R.A.B."

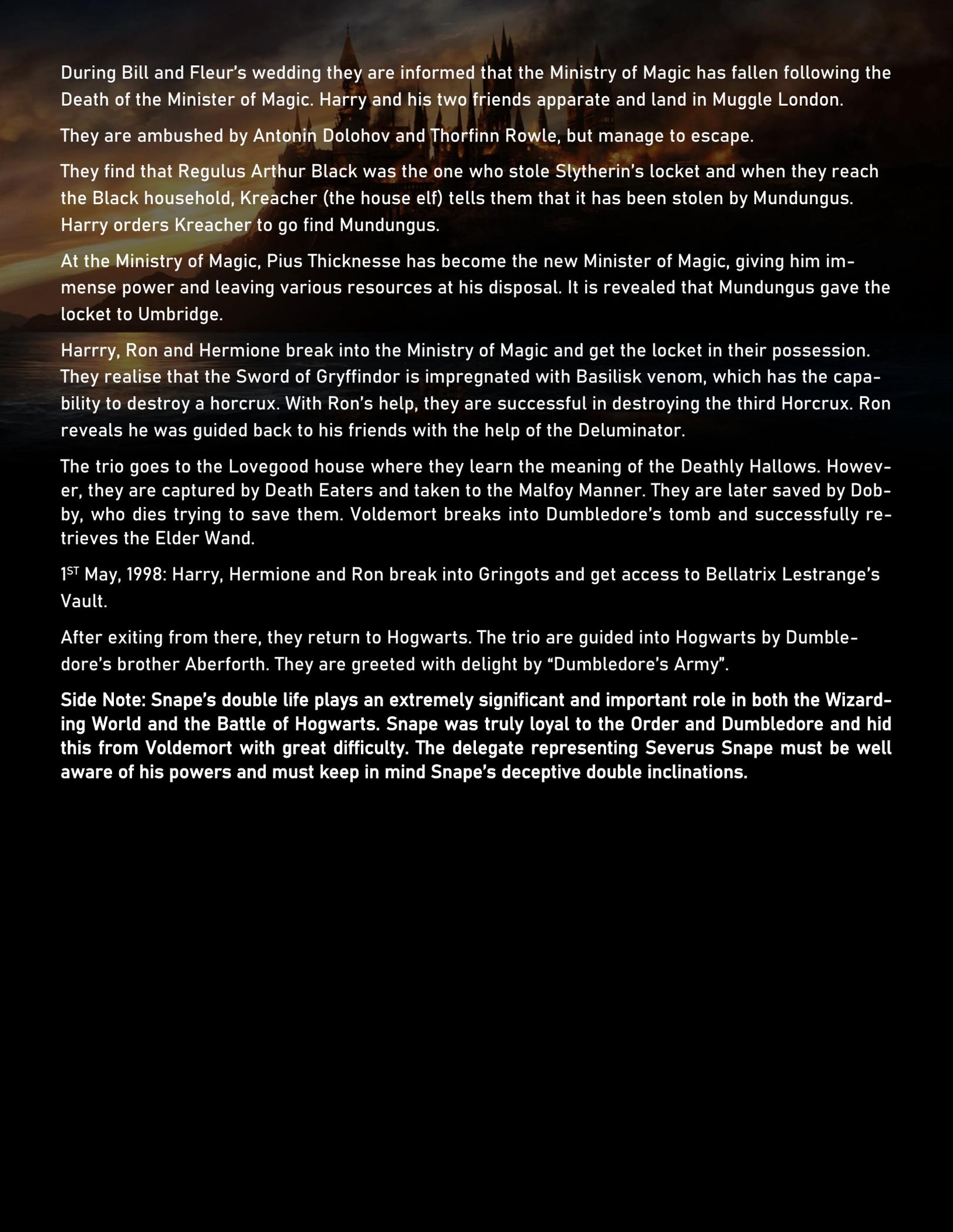
1997. Rufus Scrimageour is the newly appointed Minister for Magic. Hermione Granger uses the Obliviate hex to erase herself from her parents memories.

Snape arrives at Malfoy Manner, where Voldemort has held a meeting for the Death Eaters. He informs Voldemort of the date and time of Harry's removal from 5 Privet Drive.

Voldemort murders Charity Burbage, the Muggle Studies Professor at Hogwarts and allows Nagini to devour her remains.

Several members of the Order of the Phoenix arrive at the Durlsey's House to move Harry to the Burrow. They are ambushed by Death Eaters, resulting in the death of Hedwig and Mad-Eye Moody. They receive the news that Mundungus Fletcher has fled upon seeing Voldemort arrive.

Rufus Scrimgeour arrives the next morning to give Harry, Ron and Hermione the possessions Dumbledore left for them in his will. He left Ron his Deluminator, Hermione his copy of Tales of Beedle the Bard, and Harry the Golden Snitch he caught in his first Quidditch Match and the Sword of Gryffindor.



During Bill and Fleur's wedding they are informed that the Ministry of Magic has fallen following the Death of the Minister of Magic. Harry and his two friends apparate and land in Muggle London.

They are ambushed by Antonin Dolohov and Thorfinn Rowle, but manage to escape.

They find that Regulus Arthur Black was the one who stole Slytherin's locket and when they reach the Black household, Kreacher (the house elf) tells them that it has been stolen by Mundungus.

Harry orders Kreacher to go find Mundungus.

At the Ministry of Magic, Pius Thicknesse has become the new Minister of Magic, giving him immense power and leaving various resources at his disposal. It is revealed that Mundungus gave the locket to Umbridge.

Harry, Ron and Hermione break into the Ministry of Magic and get the locket in their possession.

They realise that the Sword of Gryffindor is impregnated with Basilisk venom, which has the capability to destroy a horcrux. With Ron's help, they are successful in destroying the third Horcrux. Ron reveals he was guided back to his friends with the help of the Deluminator.

The trio goes to the Lovegood house where they learn the meaning of the Deathly Hallows. However, they are captured by Death Eaters and taken to the Malfoy Manor. They are later saved by Dobby, who dies trying to save them. Voldemort breaks into Dumbledore's tomb and successfully retrieves the Elder Wand.

1ST May, 1998: Harry, Hermione and Ron break into Gringotts and get access to Bellatrix Lestrange's Vault.

After exiting from there, they return to Hogwarts. The trio are guided into Hogwarts by Dumbledore's brother Aberforth. They are greeted with delight by "Dumbledore's Army".

Side Note: Snape's double life plays an extremely significant and important role in both the Wizarding World and the Battle of Hogwarts. Snape was truly loyal to the Order and Dumbledore and hid this from Voldemort with great difficulty. The delegate representing Severus Snape must be well aware of his powers and must keep in mind Snape's deceptive double inclinations.

Committee Direction

This committee will function as a semi-crisis committee. The freeze date of the committee is May 1st, 1998.

We will have two main blocks in this committee, The Death Eaters Block and the Order of the Phoenix Block. The Death Eaters Block comprises of the followers of Lord Voldemort as opposed to the Order of the Phoenix Block which consists of Harry Potter and his friends and supporters.

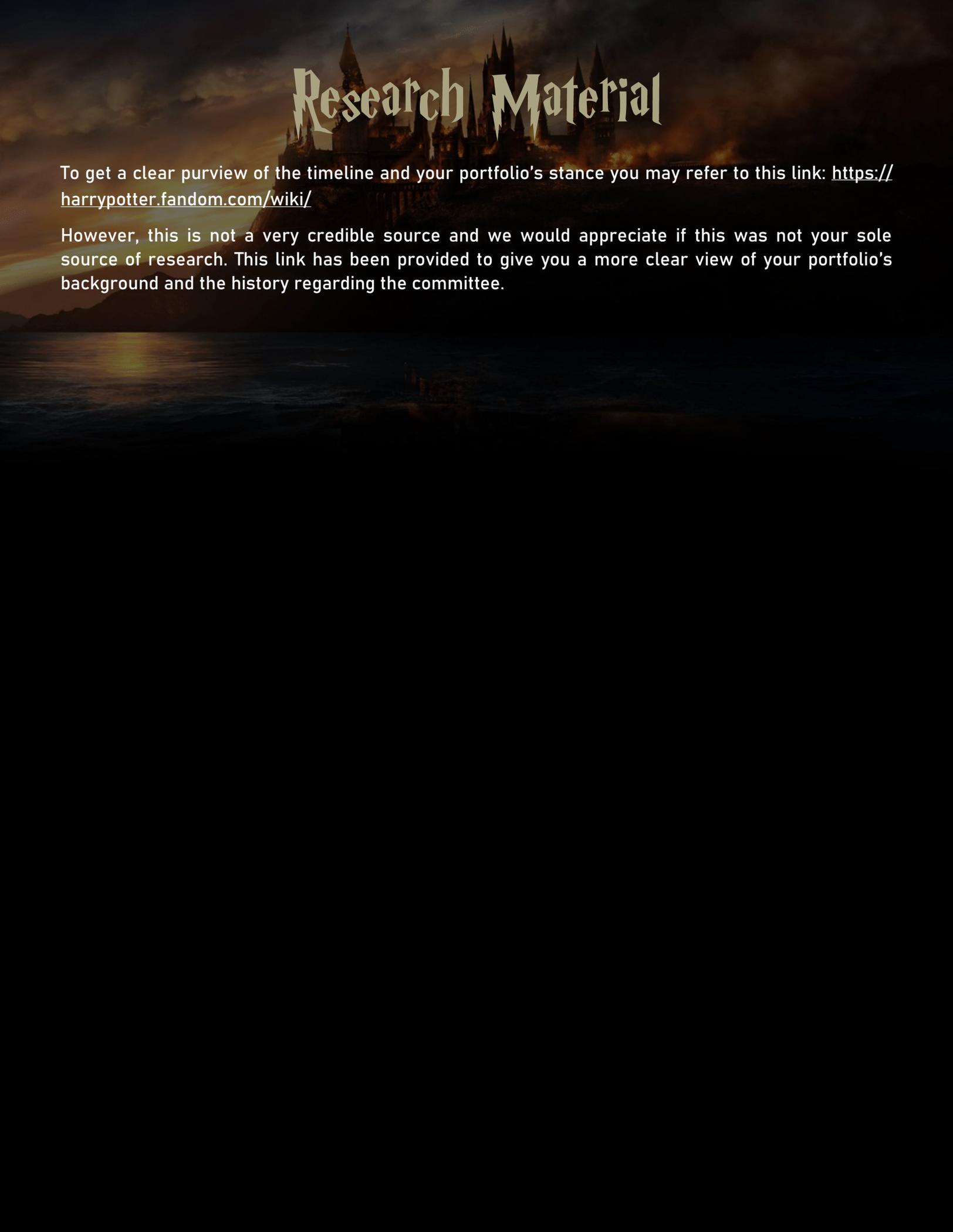
All delegates must be aware of the powers their portfolio holds and the significance of the freeze date.

Delegates **must note** that many key characters have been mentioned in the background guide that are not present in the committee. The reason of this is to have the delegates interact with these characters via **communiques** and other crisis notes, to further alleviate the flow of committee.

Delegates will be awarded points for lobbying. They will be able to shift their allegiance from one block to another and clarify their stance via a press release.

However, the delegates must be aware of your portfolio's political inclinations and ideals. Because it would be pointless if Harry Potter suddenly started supporting Lord Voldemort.

In case of any doubt regarding your portfolio's stance and powers please feel free to contact your chairperson.



Research Material

To get a clear purview of the timeline and your portfolio's stance you may refer to this link: <https://harrypotter.fandom.com/wiki/>

However, this is not a very credible source and we would appreciate if this was not your sole source of research. This link has been provided to give you a more clear view of your portfolio's background and the history regarding the committee.