Harry and Draco arrived back at Hogwarts a er two days of failed search, making it back to their room late at night. "I'm exausted...what a waste of a weekend." looked all over London and still nothing." gone by. "Where could they have been taken? This is bad..." A knock on Harry and Draco's door interupted their thoughts. What's wrong?"

Harry brought Minerva to the couch, sitting down with her. "Is he worried about Remus and Severus? He will help us too, the more people who help us look the faster we'll find them." "No Harry...he wasn't there, the whole cottage was ripped apart. frowned, putting her hand on Harry's knee. "He's missing too."

All the color in Harry's face drained. "But we were just there...how could this have happened??? His wards were absolute! Are you quite sure???" Draco sat on the arm of the couch next to Harry.

"Yes, all 3 of them are missing...I have a feeling that wherever they are, their together." Minerva frowned. "But it just doesn't make any sense, we've looked everywhere." "Not everywhere." Draco spoke up. Harry looked at Draco. "Draco...you can't be serious." "What? What does that mean??? We truly searched all of London,

Hogsmeade, Godric's Hollow, all of Hogwarts grounds, we even combed the Forbidden Forest and the lake!" Minerva pressed. "We even went as far as searching the shrieking shack!" Draco hung his head in shame. "We never checked my Father's place." "Malfoy Manor??? Draco have you spoken to your Father at all since you got back???" Minerva asked.

Draco shook his head. "Draco we can't go there, Seamus burned the Manor half to cinders! Who's to say it's even livable???" Harry rubbed Draco's back. Draco sighed heavily. "It's the only place we haven't checked isn't it? I haven't seen or heard from my Father since we escaped...but what other option do we have???" Minerva stood to her feet. "Harry I need you and Draco to stay here do

you understand??? Let the Aurors do their job, this is too dangerous for you both." Harry sco ed loudly, standing. "Absolutely not! You can't possibly expect us to hide while our Godfather's are in trouble! Remus only has a few weeks le before he turns they could be in big trouble!" Draco stood in agreement. "If my Father is responsible for this I can't

just sit on my arse and do nothing! I'm tired of my Father putting us in

constant danger! This has to stop!" Minerva pinched the bridge of her nose in an aggravated sigh. "You had to go into hiding for weeks! You both almost got killed once again even a er Voldemort was killed! You can't do this again! I cannot do my job if both of you are at risk....I'm sorry boys but you cannot put yourselves in danger again." "You can't stop us!" Harry protested. "We will be going to Malfoy

Manor tonight!"

don't care what she says!"

Draco stood infront of Harry. "Professor please, I can't allow my Father to do anymore damage...we've lost lives of younger students and some of the returning 7th and 8th years...please we need to help!" Minerva looked at them both, seeing the mixture of fear and determination in their faces. "You cannot go! You will stay here tonight and that's final!" She turned, opening the door, looking at them both one last time before closing the door.

Draco stomped his foot. "This is ridiculous!!! Harry we need to go! I

"She just said no! Multiple times!" Harry shook his head. "It's how she was saying it, and she was smiling! Common let's change into some stealth clothes, bring only our wands and some black Peruvian powder, the clusters are in my trunk by the bed."

Draco rushed to his closet, picking his nightshade black dress shirt and matching black jeans. "This blends in with the night, it's the only

Harry pulled on a long sleeved thin black shirt, putting on his tight pair of black jeans. "Nothing special just black so I can't be seen

thing I can really wear comfortably." He picked his solid black hightops and matching socks. "What are you wearing?"

Harry furrowed his brow. "Draco I think she just told us to go."

easily." He pulled on a pair of black sneakers. "We need to sneak out, I'm bringing my invisibility cloak for us to get inside the Manor." "We have to prepare ourselves...this won't be easy, we won't be able to just sneak in and apparate." Draco warned, pretty sure his Father's defense systems and Death Eaters will make things ten times worse. "Are you sure you don't want to let the Aurors do this?"

Harry shook his head, shrinking his cloak down. "Draco we know that place better than any of the Aurors do...we must go there tonight!" He grabbed Hermione's magic bag, stu ing it with dark powder clusters

and a few other items that might aid in their mission.

you very much." Harry came over, embracing Draco. "Don't talk like that, I'll protect you I won't let anything happen to you." He hugged tighter, kissing Draco's lashes fluttered shut at the so kisses, hoping it wouldn't be

Harry kissed Draco's lips for a long moment, regretfully pulling away.

\*\*\*\* The Malfoy Manor was pitch black below the night sky.

the last time he felt Harry's love. "We should get going."

"Common let's sneak out, we have a long night ahead of us."

Draco let Harry's hand slip out of his fingers. "Right...let's go."

Draco knew Harry was right, but he knew this was going to be very dangerous. "Harry...if something happens to me...just know I love

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The fence was reinforced with barbed wire and higher thorned hedges covering the entire outer edge of the property. Death Eaters stood infront of every door, every window was guarded. The trap door that once o ered a secret way in was filled with cement, traps were hidden in many parts of the front yard. Draco and Harry apparated outside the property, hiding behind a

"What's the plan for getting in? It looks like Father had the place rebuilt...there's wire ontop of the iron fence." Draco looked from where he hid, seeing black hooded men guarding the front gate

Harry took out his wand, casting a silencing charm on both their feet. "We must be absolutely silent, footsteps could give our position away

throwing it over them both. "Stay close we don't have much room to

Draco wrapped his arm around the back of Harry's waist. "Go around to the back of the property fence...there's men in the front part of the

even if they can't see us." He opened his cloak, unshrinking it,

giant oak tree trunk a few feet from the property line.

entrance.

spare."

gate."

Harry nodded. "Let's go!" He took the first step, going slowly to allow Draco to match his footing. The closer they got, the more they saw just how hard it was going to be to get inside. Draco knew all this security and reinforced outside precautions

meant his Father was definitely inside. "There should be a loose iron bar back here, I use to sneak out at night through here before I

Harry guided them both to the very back of the fence, looking for any

Harry got closer, freezing when he saw a few hooded men standing a

Draco saw what Harry was staring at, slowly reaching his hand out to

"There! The crooked one it's slightly tilted." Draco pointed.

learned how to apparate." He whispered.

abnormalities in the bars.

few feet from where they were.

45 minutes later...

grab the bar. If we're seen it's all over!!! Stupid Death Eaters, it's like living in a hive mind there's so many of them!He thought to himself, gently jiggling the bar till it came undone. The men turned their heads at the sudden metal sound. Harry pulled Draco closer, keeping him from moving. Draco waited for them to look the other way, removing the bar from the fence. He slowly stepped back, letting the iron rest in the grass patch. We have to get inside! We can't just stand here...

Harry took one step over the space in the fence, pulling himself and Draco through the bars. It took a considerable amount of paitence

Draco took a breath once they made it to the other side, but now they had another problem, they had to find a way passed the guards...and

Harry and Draco circled the Manor, finding that each door and

through the grass. "Harry!" He hissed, tapping his back.

Draco took a few steps, stopping when something started moving

due to it being so tight, careful not to tear the cloak.

there were alot of them.

running his hand on it.

rocks laid in Harry's palm.

window had men standing infront of it.

is that?" He pulled them closer to it, seeing a fabricated construct of black dust and stone. "It's a snake!" Draco warned. "No look, it's a transfigured spell!" He bent down to pick it up. The snake was very small, glowing dimly as it stared at them both.

Draco looked at it. "Someone made this...it's a siren! Harry it's a

"Shhh! Lower your voice...what's it made from?" Harry asked,

Draco picked through it, knowing exactly where it came from.

The snake dematerialized into a pile of stone and dirt dust, pieces of

Harry looked in the grass to see something slithering through. "What

"Harry...this is the stone from my Father's Dungeon basement." "Are you sure??? If we go down instead of up, we could get trapped!" Harry urged, wanting to make sure he was 100% positive. "There's no doubt, this is the grey gravel and stone that the floors are made of...Harry we've got to get down there now." Draco pulled Harry with him, slowly walking to the back of the Manor.

Harry casted a warming charm on them both, it was getting darker

Draco found the door that was the closest to the basement. "There's 4 Death Eaters standing infront of the back door! We need to get to

and it was very cold. "We need to find a way in!"

the kitchen, that's where the door is located." He took his wand out. "What are you doing???" Harry asked, taking his own wand out. "We might have to kill them...or use the Imperious curse...I know a sleeping spell but it doesn't last long enough, if they woke from it they'd sound the alarm." Draco glared at the Death Eaters that guarded the door, he didn't recognize any of them which meant his Father was building a larger group.

Harry's eyes widened. "You can't possibly be saying we should kill

Draco glared at Harry. "They'd kill us the second they saw us, you

Harry looked at the seriousness in Draco's face, looking back at the men by the door. "Alright...but let's do the imperious curse first, the

Draco nodded, peeking his wand out of the cloak. "Imperio!" He

them! They are only doing what they've been told!"

have no idea the things I've seen those brutes do."

killing curse should be a last resort."

whispered, aiming it at the 2 on the le.

as he could.

visible on the floor.

Harry took a big breath, li ing his wand. "Imperio." He casted to the 2 on the right. The men suddenly stood up straight, lazy and smiling expressions filled their faces. Draco pulled Harry with them up to the doors, removing the cloak momentarily. "Let us through, once we are inside you must leave this place! Never return or your lives will be taken!"

Harry repeated the same to the other 2 men, watching them leave quickly. "I don't like this!" He put the cloak back over them.

"I don't like using the unforgivable curses either...but we have no choice Harry. If Severus, Remus and Sirius are being held captive we must get inside." Draco opened the door slowly, trying to be as quiet

The back end of the house was completely empty, a few traps were

Harry let Draco lead, holding tightly to each other. I wonder where

Lucius is...hopefully we can get to the basement without any problems...we can't be seen. Draco stopped when they stood outside the kitchen, seeing a few guards standing by the front door. Harry looked around the room as they tiptoed through the main floor. As they passed into the kitchen there was an elf at the sink, washing dishes.

Draco recognized the elf, knowing there was a possibility that they

Harry walked silently across the tiled floor, shaking his head at Draco. They couldn't risk involving any of the house elves in their rescue.

All the Death Eaters ran to the front door, rushing outside to join in on

would help them. He tapped Harry, alerting him.

Draco and Harry ran for for it, taking the cloak o .

reinforced door. "BOMBARDA MAXIMA!!!" He shouted.

breaking down the gate.

the battle.

cell.

All of a sudden there was a big explosion of spells outside.

Harry saw outside there was a big crowd of aurors in the front,

"Let's get this door down!" Draco pointed his wand at the steel

The door broke down in a violent explosion, the hinges and steel separating from the stone walls. Harry rushed down the basement stairs, Draco was close behind watching for anyone that would follow them from the loud noise. Draco couldn't see, it was pitch dark in the Dungeon cells. "Lumos." He casted for light, walking down the darkened hall. Harry did the same, using his wand to guide him. "Hello?! Anyone here????" He called out, coming to the end of the cells.

"Potter?! Is that you????" Severus called from the far le Dungeon

Harry dropped down to his knees, reaching his hand in. "Snape! Oh

Draco came over, shaking the bars. "We're going to get you out! Move

"Is Sirius with you both????" Harry asked, heating up the bars with his

Severus groaned as he tried to stand. "He's across from us, but he's passed out! They've given us potions to keep us from escaping!"

Harry walked to the cell that was across from them, seeing Sirius

Draco waited for the bars to so en from the heat enough to cut them. "Di indo!!!" He sliced through a large section of the bars, the iron

suspended from 2 chained cu s. "Oh Sirius...I'm so sorry."

"Harry?! Oh thank the stars!" Remus ran up to the bars.

Remus and Severus crawled to the wall, barely able to move.

thank Godric!" He took Severus's hand.

away from the bars!"

wand. "Incendio!"

outside!"

him up.

tired.

metal to the side.

falling half melted to the floor. Harry ran into the now open cells, doing the same to the cu s and shackles on Severus and Remus. "The Ministry is out fighting the Death Eaters that were guarding the Manor." Draco broke into Sirius's cell, carefully cutting the cu s that hung him up against the wall. "He's out cold but he's still breathing." "How are we going to get out?!" Severus questioned half out of breath and energy. "There's so many of them!"

Harry helped Severus stand, pulling one of his arms over his shoulder. "The ministry brought more! There's a whole crowd

Remus was able to walk on his own, covered in dirt from head to toe. "Let's get Sirius! I'll carry him out." He walked across the hall, picking

Draco lead the way back to the door. "Let's get out while everyone is distracted!" He walked up the stairs, pushing the broken steel and

Harry had to support most of Severus's weight to get him up the

"I don't need your help Potter!!!" Severus snapped, exausted and

"Shut up and put your weight on me before you face plant to the

Severus groaned in pain, one of his legs was torn open from the

ground." Harry grumbled, forcing Severus up the steps.

struggle for so many days. "Bloody Lucius I'll kill him!"

said calmly, a smug look on his face.

deeply at the man infront of him.

warning! Stand down or you'll regret it!"

another small step towards Lucius.

"Take another step and I swear I'll-"

throwing it forward.

He growled.

forehead.

shaking in his arms.

blurring.

down painfully into his stomach.

at his son's face.

Severus.

stairs. "Common old man let's get you out of here."

"Oh you'll kill me huh? Oh I rather doubt that!" Lucius stood in the kitchen. Everyone froze as they came into the kitchen, the light making it hard Draco pushed infront of everyone. "Father let us pass!" He pointed his wand at his Father, taking a step. "Well done Draco, making it this far was a challenge! But I can't let you go any further, be a good son for once and do as I say." Lucius

"I will not! What you've done to all of us is unforgivable! You keep trying to win, but you've killed so many! At what cost are you willing to keep this up?!" Draco tightened his grip on his wand, scowling

"The lives of these Witches and Wizards are only a small sacrifice in the scheme of things Draco, we must continue the Dark Lord's wishes! The light shall not vanquish the darkness, you think you know better than me? I think not!" Lucius pointed his wand directly

"Draco! Don't!" Harry yelled, unable to move or he'd risk injuring

Lucius stood still, waiting for his son to back down. "This is my last

Draco only had one choice, he had to get everyone out, but that meant removing the threat his Father was causing. "The ministry will come in here and bring you back to Azkaban Father, you are not evenly matched with how many Aurors are out there." He took

Draco bravely took another step. "Crucio!!!!" Lucius struck Draco with the torturous unforgivable curse. Draco slammed down to the ground, writhing in shaking pain. "NOOO!!!!!" Harry let go of Severus, charging forward.

Lucius slammed Harry with a ball of fire from the tip of his wand,

Harry dodged the fireball, jumping onto Lucius. "Stop the spell!!!!" He shouted, punching him again and again in the face, pushing his knees

"I won't! Leave or he'll die!!!" Lucius slapped Harry hard across the

Severus watched Draco convusling on the floor, wincing at such a display of pain. "No! I cannot let this happen! Remus let go of me!"

Severus limped forward, managing to get close enough. "Harry

face, clawing at his shoulders trying to get him o .

Remus let go, still holding Sirius over his shoulder.

Remus caught Severus before he smacked to the ground.

"You'll what?!?! Always threatening me! Always beating me instead of being a good Father! And for what?! Pureblood Wizard's and Witches ruling the already dwindling population?! You have to stop this!!!"

enough! Go help Draco!" He pointed his wand at Lucius's head. Harry crawled fast over to Draco's curled up body, pulling him into his lap. "Draco! Draco hang in there! Oh my god!" Draco looked up at Harry as he shook, the unbelievable pain burning every nerve in his body. "H-harr." He couldn't even speak, blood dripping from his ears. Severus stood over Lucius on the ground. "I will kill you, right here in your home." He looked down at him. "Take the spell o of him or I'll

do it." He leaned down, pressing the tip of his wand to Lucius's

Lucius grimly smiled, spitting blood from his mouth. "You'll have to kill me old friend! I will NEVER be told what to do by anyone!!!!"

Severus looked behind him at Harry and Draco, hearing the su ering

"Draco please!!!" Harry held him close, crying as he felt the violent

Draco felt the life draining from him as the pain increased, his vision

Severus looked away, pained by watching. He looked down at Lucius

for the last time. "So be it." He put his boot to his throat.

screams coming from Draco's convulsing body.

Lucius started to laugh, choking from the force of the boot. "HAHAHAHAA!!!!!" He cackled, choking half to death. "AVADA KEDAVRA!!!" Severus hurled the killing curse down at Lucius, watching the green sparks shock the now lifeless body. Draco breathed in harshly, frantically screaming as he held on tightly to Harry's body. "Harry!!!!" He yelled. "It's okay! It's over I'm here!!!" Harry pulled Draco up into his lap, embracing him. "I got you I'm not going anywhere."

Draco cried miserably in Harry's arms, looking over to see the body of his Father lying dead under Severus. "Harry ughhh!!!!" He groaned

"Don't try to move! I got you, stay down." He moved the sweaty hair

loudly, his body in such pain from the Cruciatus curse.

from Draco's face, holding him.

Lucius was dead... Multiple Aurors came in through the door, rushing over to Harry and Draco felt himself pass out, his eyes closing from the pain. "Harry..." he whispered, falling unconcious. "Draco?" Harry called out, shaking him very lightly. "Oh no...Draco!" Aurors came and took them both out of the Manor, coming in and out

to get everyone out safely. Remus walked out with Sirius being carried by Healers who aided in anyone who was injured. Severus limped out himself, unable to let himself be bothered by fussing from any of the Aurors. Dead bodies of Death Eaters and Aurors were seen in the front yard of the Manor, Healers rushing around helping the wounded. Harry turned his head to see multiple Ministry o icials carrying out

Severus killed Lucius...Draco was almost tortured to death, we've lost

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so many lives at this point...Dear God why did it have to be this

the lifeless body of Lucius Malfoy.

way???