

22nd Day
Month of the Snake
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My Dear Profs. Murgetroid and Dumbledan,

Enclosed is the artifact we discussed as per our most recent Floo correspondence. I trust you counterjinxed the envelope OK.

On Fogmoon, the lab procured a baby cursed with a time-lapse Av. Ked. and, with the bouquet you provided us (many thanks!) they achieved all but the final step with no mishaps. But there's obviously something missing--no yellow foam, and the vapors were still acrid. We suspect some ingredient has been left out on purpose.

A few notes:

1. The sigil is indeed non-standard.
2. I know we've been over this before, but I also know you two all too well--do not attempt the spell! The next time I see you in the Prophet, I want you to be holding the Academy of Magical Research prize, not waving from a barred window with your new dementor friends.
3. I visited the dig site again myself (ghastly place--the apple falls close to the tree, I suppose) and could find no other pages, or anything else besides rats and broken furniture. I bet HWMNBN got there long before we did, and his secrets and trinkets have followed him to his grave.
4. Everyone at Blas Art has come down with migraines. Wear gloves, *protego*, etc. before handling that wretched thing, and for god's sake don't write on it, or the curator will have my head.

I will continue to send owls whenever we make progress, but I pray you will find time to address this soon. Ever since they unearthed that scepter at the Daly City dump, it's been like a *workamenti* spell aimed at my desk.

May you have an enlightening Epulum Jovis.

Gradatim Ferociter,

Smeevis Willingwitz
Order of Merlin, Second Class