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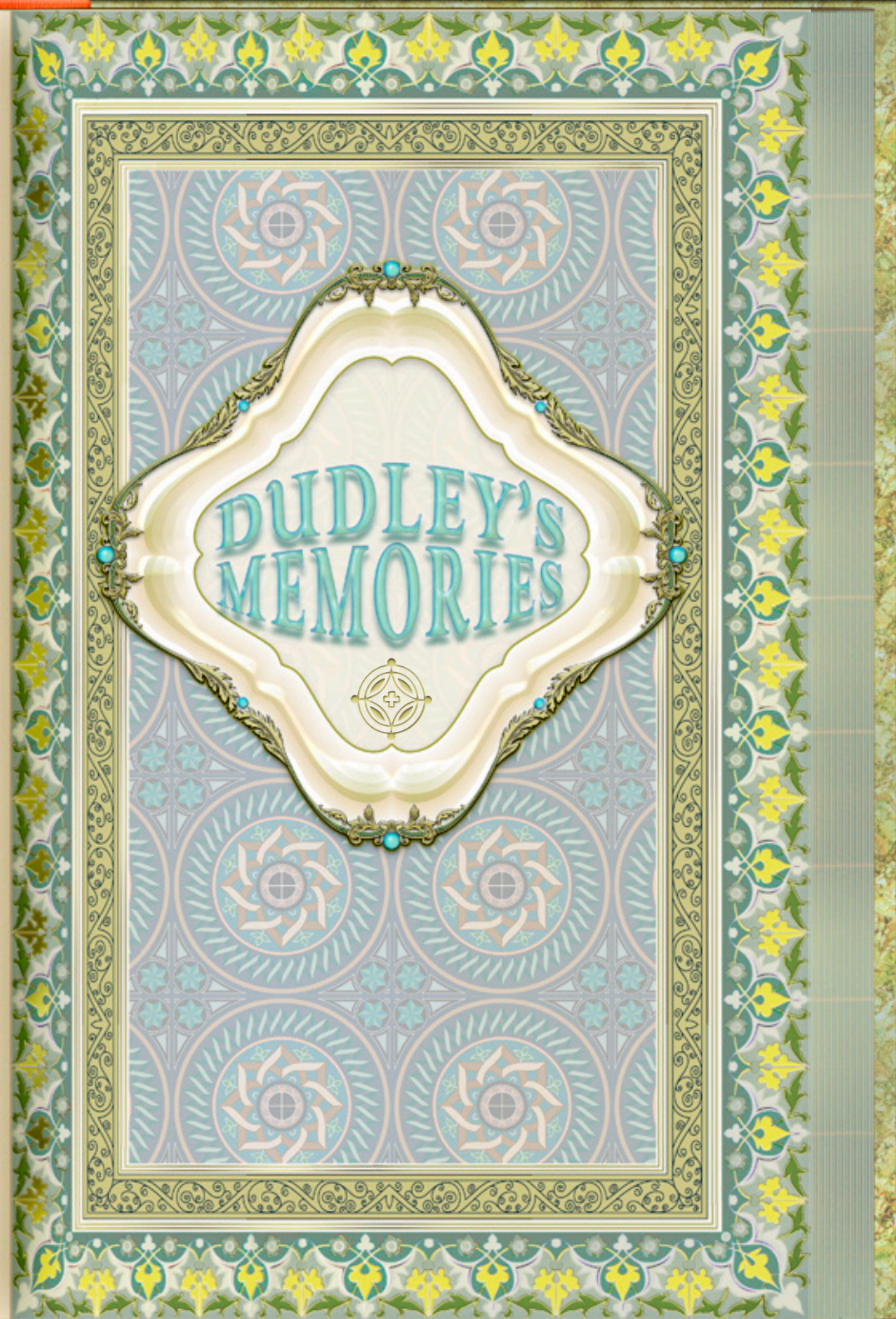
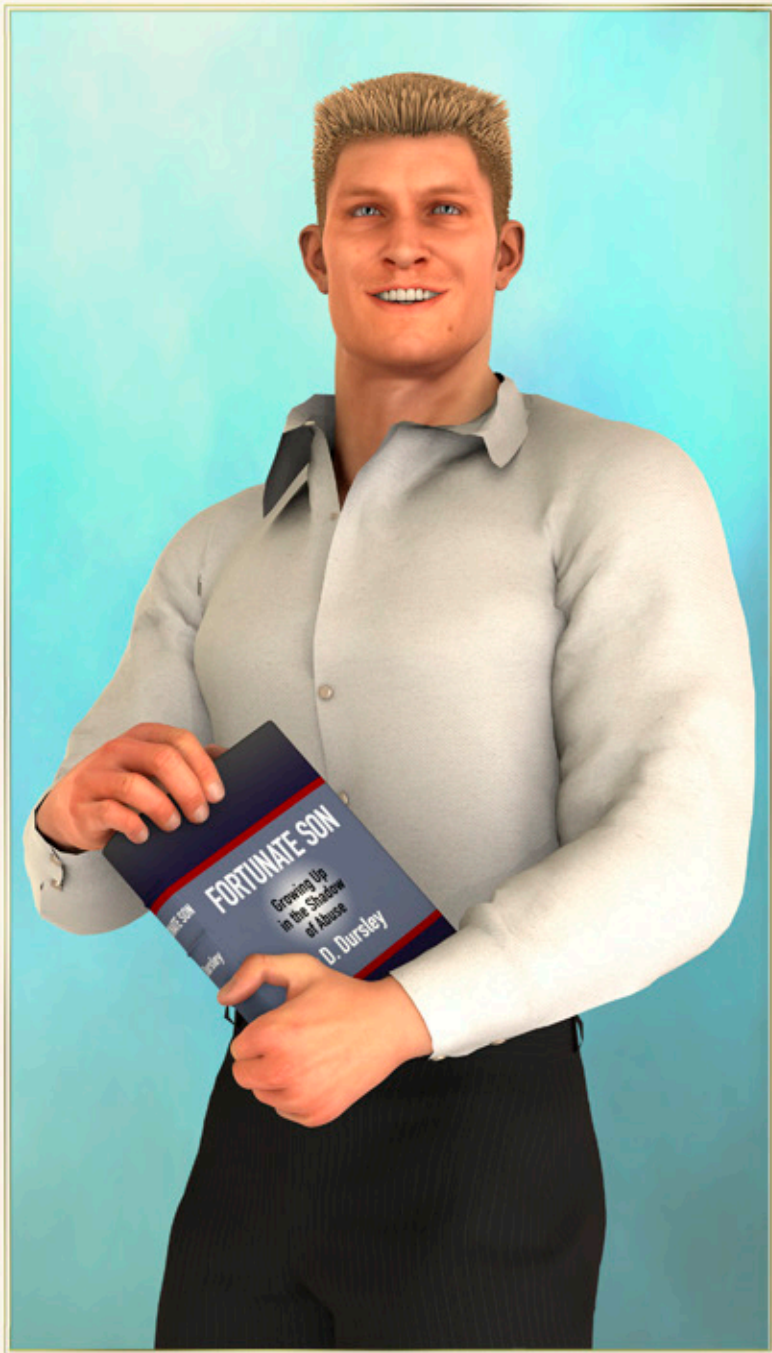
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“MASTER?”

croaked Kreacher, Harry's elderly house elf, appearing in the drawing room with his customary crack.

Harry sat at the table, trying to help little Lily with her maths. Well, Lily wasn't so little. She was ten years old and quite the young lady, as she would remind anyone who mistook her for a little girl.

“Yes, Kreacher?” asked Harry, looking up from the table where they sat.

“Master has a visitor. Would Master like me to

CHAPTER I



And thereby we embark upon an adventure for which none of the active participants were quite prepared.

Harry's visitor is Minerva McGonagall. She is concerned about a problematic Hogwarts letter which needs to be delivered to a Muggle family. She would like Harry to accompany her.

The letter is to one Elinor Barton-Dursley of #4 Privit Drive, Little Whinging, Surry.

Harry agrees to go. With Ginny (for support). Nothing that he finds is what he expects.

His cousin Dudley had got his act together, and is working as a social worker, mainly dealing with children in bad situations.

He has also been hoping to contact Harry.

During the visit, Dudley is called out on an emergency. Harry accompanies him. They encounter a situation in need of intervention.



DINNER AT PRIVIT DRIVE



INTRODUCING TIM DAWSON

Hermione, whose work entails an ongoing liason with the Muggle authorities has met Dudley before. She knows him as Mr Barton.

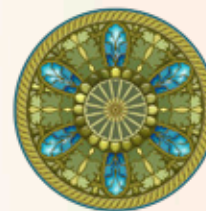
The three of them address the emergency.

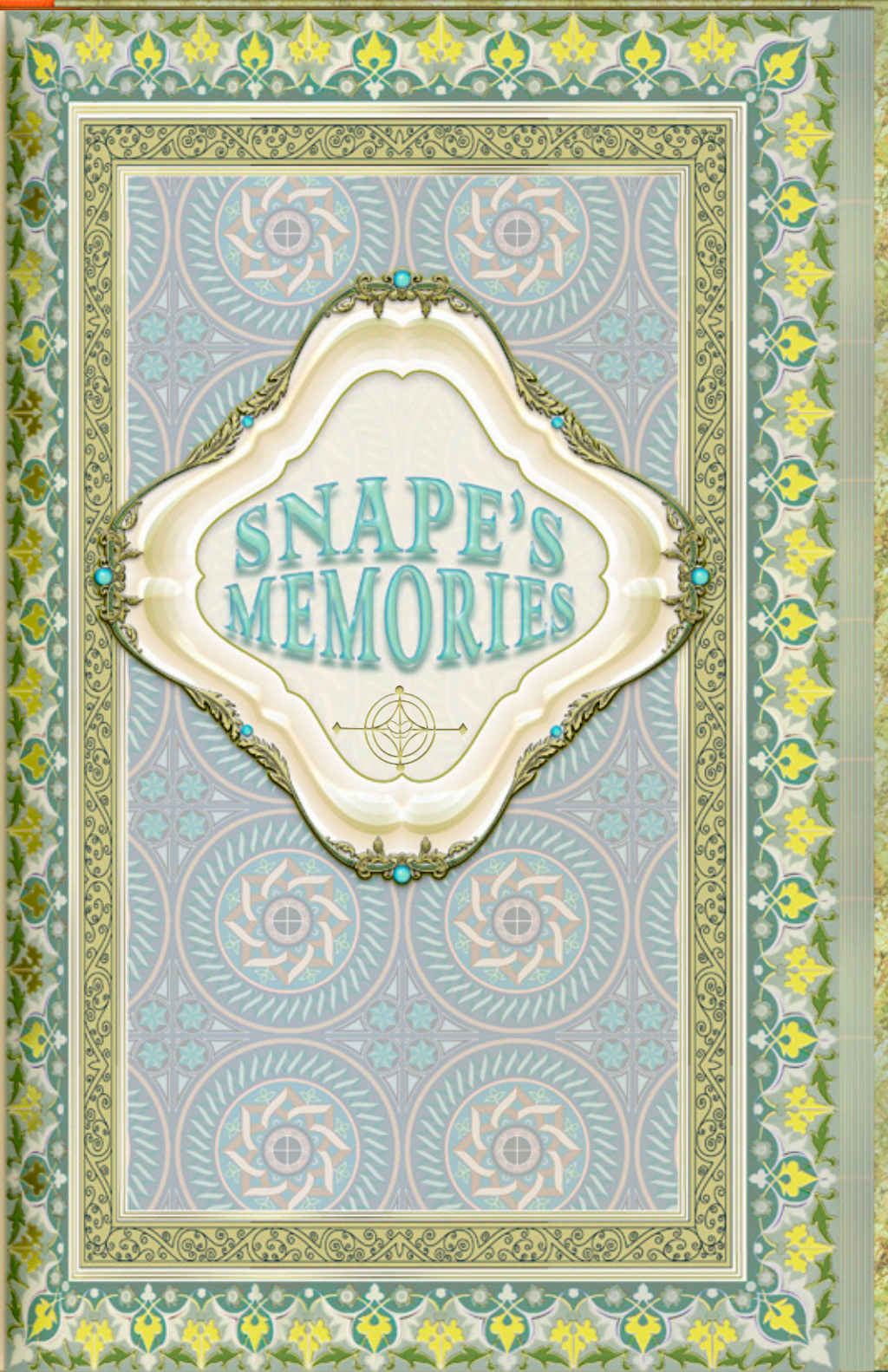
Which introduces us to Tim Dawson, aged seven.

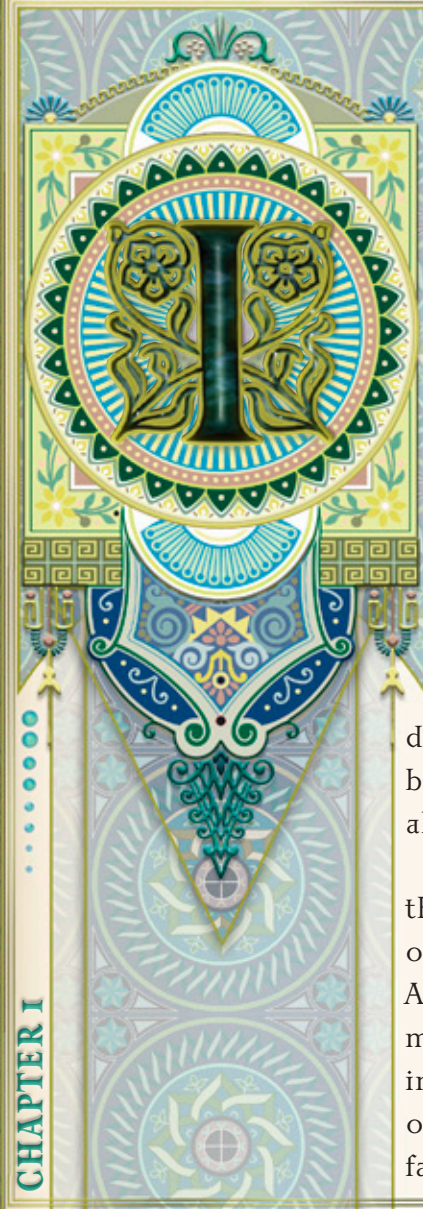
Muggle-born wizard (so far as anyone can tell), in immediate need of foster placement.

Harry and Ginny are happy to step up and offer Tim a home. Their youngest will be leaving for Hogwarts in the fall, and they are certainly willing and able to care for another child.

No one ever imagined that the welcoming of Tim into the Potter family would function very much like kicking an anthill. Before anyone realizes it, the Pot- ters, most particularly Harry, find themselves need- ing to confront a myriad of ghosts dating from that horrible final year of the war with Voldemort.







In a panic, a thin undersized boy hurtled down a stone staircase that was clearly intent on changing where it came out onto the third floor. If it did that, he'd have to double back, and he'd be even later than he already was.

As soon as he realized this, the boy hopped up onto the stone railing. As the stair ponderously moved, the boy leapt into the air, counting on his magic to slow his fall down to something

That passage was a dream of course. One of many which Harry will have over the next several months. Few of which he will remember upon awakening.

Which is a pity in a way. Many of the discussions he engaged in during those dreams — if dreams they actually were — might have constituted useful information.



HARRY POTTER & FAMILY

But then, he would have also had to come to grips with the identity of the "father figure" with whom he is discussing the issues and problems of parenthood.

Since the war, Harry and Ginny have built a good marriage, and are responsible for a happy family. They are more than willing to share it with a child in need.

It soon becomes evident that there is something physically wrong with Tim. In the meantime, Harry has an abused, seven-year-old child to introduce to the wizarding world. As well as trying to discover the cause of Tim's disturbing collection of injuries. And whether there is any way in which he can be helped.

Some information is eventually provided via a friend of Tim's late grandmother. This raises more questions.

Tim may not be Muggle-born at all. The indications are that his father was a wizard.

A Dark wizard. Tim is suffering from curse damage.

And then there are the dreams which Harry *knows* are not dreams, but memories. *Other people's* memories. They are trying to tell him something.

At that point, Tim's mother is murdered. And we are overtaken by the "adventure" part of the proceedings. Adventures tend not to be fun for anybody.

Fortunately, even when things are at their worst, Tim has valuable help. The Dark Man is still watching over him. As he has for as long as Tim can remember.



DISCUSSIONS WITH A DEAD MAN



"MR POTTER, IF I WANTED A BEZOAR, WHERE WOULD I GET ONE?"



AN ENCOUNTER WITH MR CLARK



PANIC ATTACK (ACCIDENTAL MAGIC)



DREAMING A MEMORY OF WARTIME



"TELL ME MR POTTER, WHEN THEY SENT YOU BACK. WAS IT A PUNISHMENT OR A REWARD?"



PREPARING FOR MARY DAWSON'S FUNERAL



PROFESSOR SNAPE'S WAND CHOOSES A NEW MASTER



TESTING THE "TEARS" POTION



"MASTER HARRY, LITTLE MASTER TIM HAS CALLED FOR KREACHUR."



DEALING WITH A DARK WIZARD



OFFICIAL DEBRIEFING AT ST MUNGO'S



RECOVERING AT GRIMMAULD PLACE



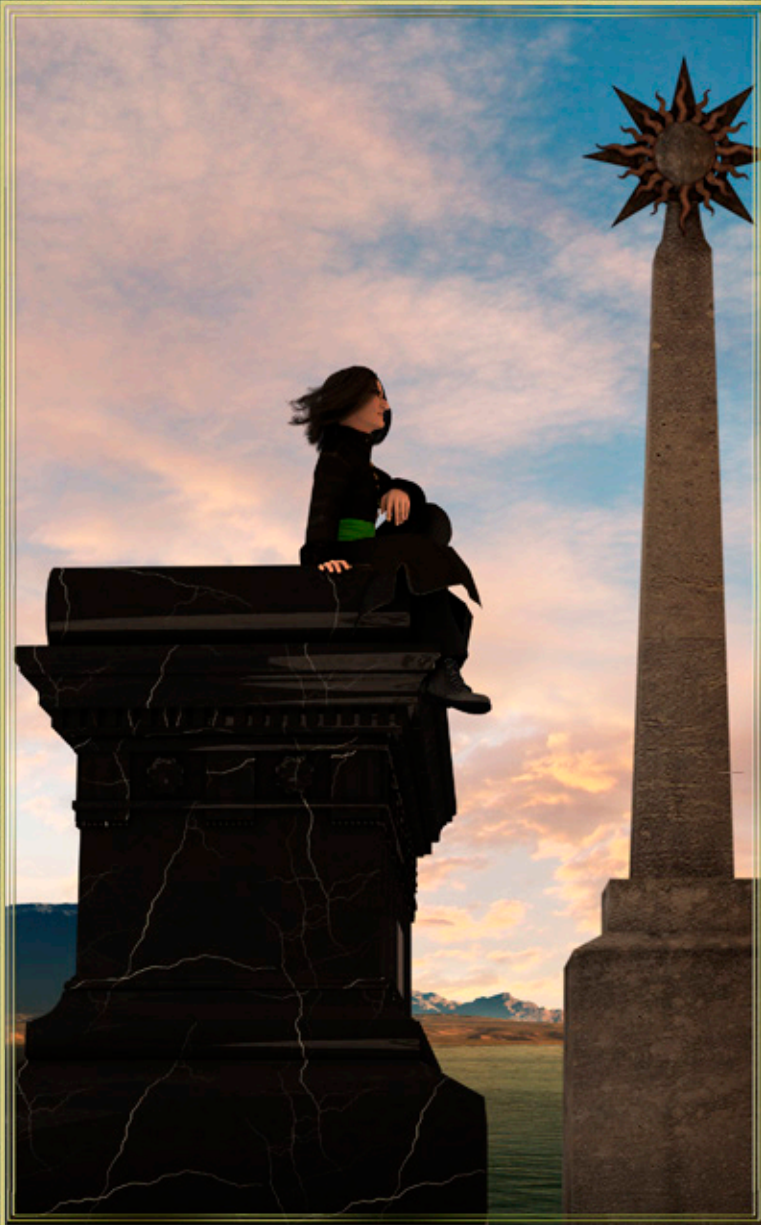
And so it ends, in a formal adoption. Tim is now officially a Potter.

There are a few more dreams, none of which Harry remembers upon waking.

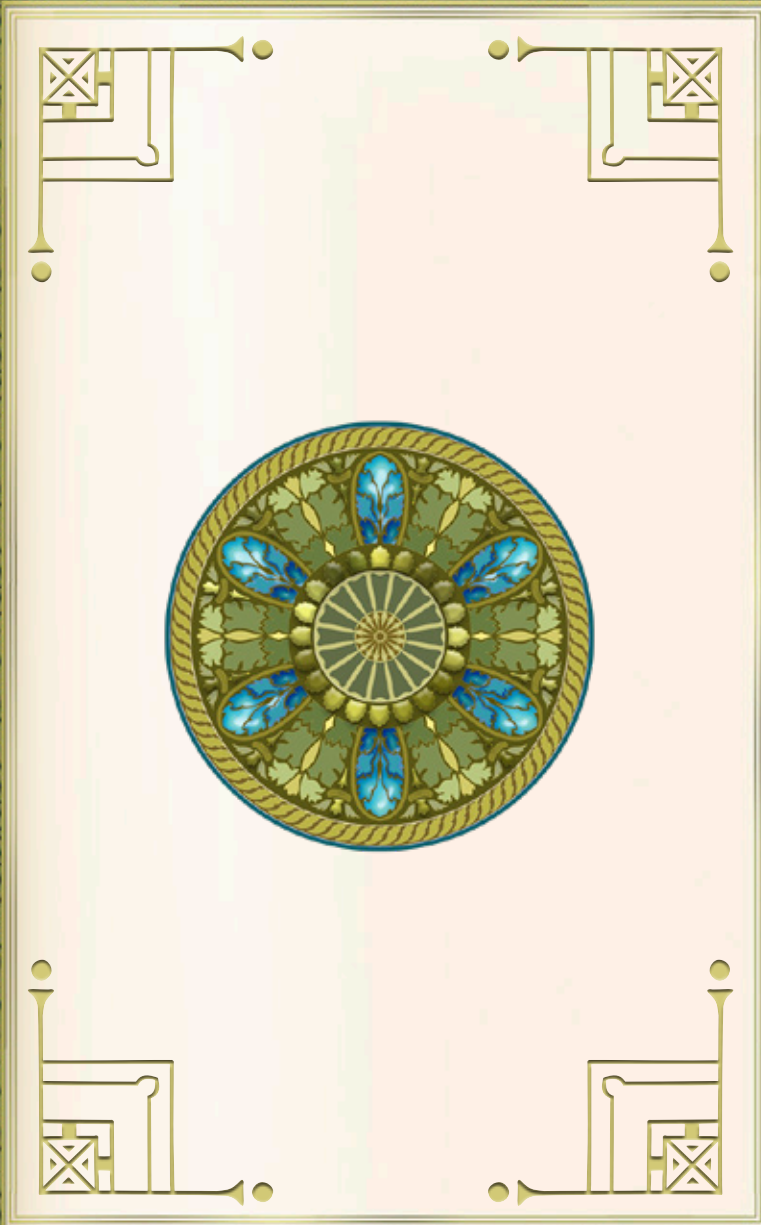
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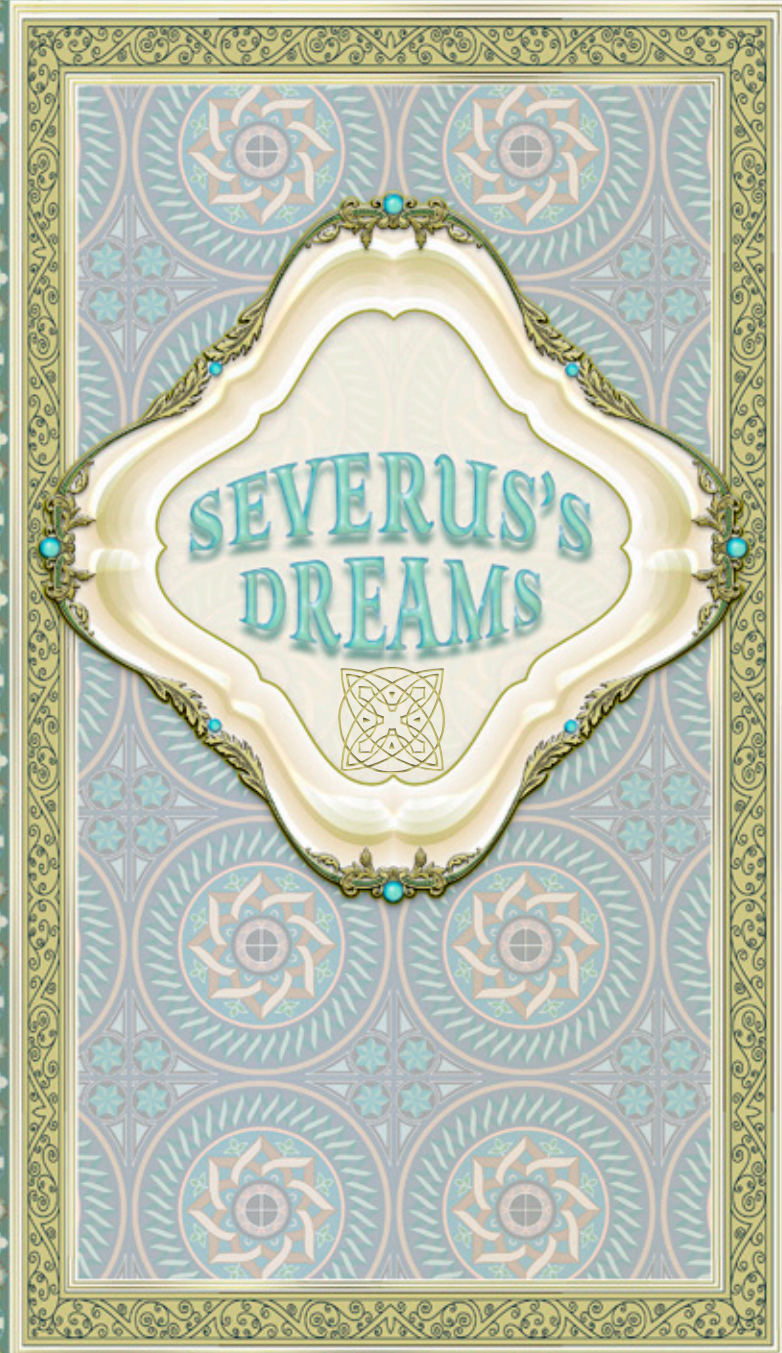
And what appears to be a blessing and a departure.

THE POTTER FAMILY, COMPLETE



THE LAST SNAPE DREAM, A FAREWELL







CHAPTER I
A COLD CHRISTMAS



T was uncommonly cold, this Christmas holiday, at Hogwarts.

No Christmas trees graced the Great Hall this year, although there was one in the staff room and the hospital wing. The staff eschewed the usual merriment this year, opting for more private gatherings.

The Carrows were spending this Christmas Eve carousing with the Dark Lord's inner circle. Severus had been to that meeting and then made his excuses. Fortunately, he was known for his dislike of revelry, so it wasn't taken amiss.

Our timeline now becomes something other than altogether linear.

In the wake of the fallout from the conclusion of, and the hearing pertaining to, the issues regarding Tim's abductor/father, and once Harry had recovered enough from his injuries, the Potter family left Britain for a few years. Harry took a consulting position with an Auror office in the Carribean. Tim had accompanied them. The three older Potter children joined them during Hogwarts breaks.

Now, however, they have returned. And Tim is a first year Hogwarts student.

A head injury shortly before the Christmas break throws Tim into consternation. The Dark Man, who had disappeared after Tim was formally adopted by the Potters, is back. And he is extremely upset.

Meanwhile, back on the Christmas Eve of 1997, at Hogwarts, Headmaster Snape was given a bottle of Heart's Ease, by Madam Pomfrey, this is a restricted, and highly dangerous potion.

Even knowing that it could be a trap, he takes it.

And finds himself trapped in the mind of a child in an impossible, unimaginable future.

This is, after all, a Christmas Story.

Past. Present. And Yet to Come.



FLOORING FROM THE HEADMISTRESS'S OFFICE



A RELAPSE FROM THE HEAD INJURY



A HIDING PLACE IN A CHILD'S MIND



Tim's "Thinking Place"



A VISIT TO GODRIC'S HOLLOW



PAYING RESPECTS AT HOGWARTS



CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE POTTERS'



Tim finally tells his parents that the Dark Man has returned. Ginny sends for Phoebe. A mind healer who has worked with Tim before.

This opens the box. Tim, and Snape, uncover the event in which Snape first became Tim's Dark Man.

There is a long overdue conversation between Snape and Harry. Followed by departures in and out of time.

MIND HEALER PHOEBE



THE COMING OF THE DARK MAN



A DISCUSSION WITH JAMES



CONFRONTING PAST AND FUTURE



A MEETING BEYOND LIFE



CHRISTMAS IN THE HOSPITAL WING, 1997

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