



### ACT TWO SCENE FIVE

#### THE FORBIDDEN FOREST

*The forest seems to grow bigger, thicker, and amongst the trees – people searching – looking for the missing wizards. But slowly people melt away until HARRY is left alone.*

*He hears something. He turns to his right.*

**Start**

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HARRY

Albus? Scorpius? Albus?

*And then he hears the sound of hooves. HARRY is startled.*

*He looks around for where the noise is coming from.*

*Suddenly BANE steps forward into the light. He is a magnificent centaur.*

BANE

Harry Potter.

HARRY

Good. You still recognise me, Bane.

BANE

You've grown older.

HARRY

I have.

BANE

But not wiser. For you trespass on our land.

PART ONE

HARRY

I have always respected the centaurs. We are not enemies.  
You fought bravely at the Battle of Hogwarts. And I fought  
beside you.

BANE

I did my part. But for my herd, and our honour. Not for you.  
And after the battle, the forest was deemed centaur land.  
And if you're on our land – without permission – then you  
are our enemy.

HARRY

My son is missing, Bane. I need help finding him.

BANE

And he is here? In our forest?

HARRY

Yes.

BANE

Then he is as stupid as you are.

HARRY

Can you help me Bane?

*There's a pause. BANE looks down at HARRY imperiously.*

BANE

I can only tell you what I know . . . but I tell you not for  
your benefit but for the benefit of my herd. The centaurs do  
not need another war.

HARRY

Neither do we. What do you know?

BANE

I've seen your son, Harry Potter. Seen him in the  
movements of the stars.

HARRY

You've seen him in the stars?

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I can't tell you where he is. I can't tell you how you'll find him.

HARRY

But you've seen something? You've divined something?

BANE

There is a black cloud around your son, a dangerous black cloud.

HARRY

Around Albus?

BANE

A black cloud that may endanger us all. You'll find your son again, Harry Potter. But then you could lose him forever.

*He makes a sound like a horse's cry – and then makes hard away – leaving a bewildered HARRY behind.*

*HARRY begins to search again – now with even more fervour.*

**End**

HARRY

Albus! Albus!

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