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GODRIC'S HOLLOW, CHURCH, SANCTUARY, 1981

Start

ALBUS is sleeping in a pew. GINNY watches him carefully. HARRY is looking out the opposite window.

HARRY

No. Nothing. Why isn't she here?

GINNY

We're together, your mum and dad are alive, we can turn time Harry, we can't speed it up. She'll come when she's ready and we'll be ready for her.

She looks at ALBUS's sleeping form.

Or some of us will be.

HARRY

Poor kid thought he had to save the world.

GINNY

Poor kid has saved the world. That blanket was masterful. I mean, he also almost destroyed the world, but probably best not to focus on that bit.

HARRY

You think he's okay?

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GINNY

He's getting there, it just might take him a bit of time – and you a bit of time too.

HARRY smiles. She looks back at ALBUS. He does too.

You know, after I'd opened the Chamber of Secrets – after Voldemort had bewitched me with that terrible diary and I'd almost destroyed everything—

HARRY

I remember.

GINNY

After I came out of hospital – everyone ignored me, shut me out – other than, that is, the boy who had everything – who came across the Gryffindor common room and challenged me to a game of Exploding Snap. People think they know all there is to know about you, but the best bits of you are – have always been – heroic in really quiet ways. My point is – after this is over, just remember if you could – that sometimes people – but particularly children – just want someone to play Exploding Snap with.

HARRY

You think that's what we're missing – Exploding Snap?

GINNY

No. But the love I felt from you that day – I'm not sure Albus feels that.

HARRY

I'd do anything for him.

GINNY

Harry, you'd do anything for anybody. You were pretty happy to sacrifice yourself for the world. He needs to feel specific love. It'll make him stronger, and you stronger too.

HARRY

You know, it wasn't until we thought Albus had gone that I truly understood what my mother was able to do for me. A

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counter-charm so powerful that it was able to repel the spell of death.

GINNY

And the only spell Voldemort couldn't understand – love.

HARRY

I do love him specifically, Ginny.

GINNY

I know, but he needs to feel it.

HARRY

I'm lucky to have you aren't I?

GINNY

Extremely. And I'd be delighted to discuss just how lucky at another time. But for now – let's focus on stopping Delphi.

HARRY

We are running out of time.

A thought occurs to GINNY.

GINNY

Unless – Harry, has anyone thought – why has she picked now? Today?

HARRY

Because this is the day that everything changed . . .

GINNY

Right now you're over a year old, am I right?

HARRY

A year and three months.

GINNY

That's a year and three months she could have killed you in. Even now, she's been in Godric's Hollow for twenty-four hours. What's she waiting for?

HARRY

I'm still not entirely following—

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GINNY

What if she's not waiting for you – she's waiting for him . . .
to stop him?

HARRY

What?

GINNY

Delphi's picked tonight because he's here – because her
father is coming. She wants to meet him. Be with him,
the father she loves. Voldemort's problems started when he
attacked you. If he hadn't done that . . .

HARRY

He'd have only got more powerful – the darkness would
only have got darker.

GINNY

The best way to break the prophecy is not to kill Harry
Potter, it's to stop Voldemort doing anything at all.

End