

Delphi Side #1

ACT ONE SCENE SIX

illegal Time-Turner from Theodore Nott and has kept it. For investigation. Let me use that Time-Turner. Let me have my son back.

There's a long, deadly pause. HARRY is finding this extremely difficult. We watch as ALBUS moves closer, listening.

HARRY

Amos, playing with time? You know we can't do that.

AMOS

How many people have died for the Boy Who Lived? I'm asking you to save one of them.

This hurts HARRY. He thinks, his face hardens.

HARRY

Whatever you've heard – the Theodore Nott story is a fiction, Amos. I'm sorry.

Start

DELPHI

Hello.

ALBUS jumps a mile as DELPHI – a twenty-something determined-looking woman – is revealed looking through the stairs at him.

Oh. Sorry. Didn't mean to startle. I used to be a big stair-listener myself. Sitting there. Waiting for someone to say something the tiniest bit interesting.

ALBUS

Who are you? Because this is sort of my house and . . .

DELPHI

I'm a thief of course. I'm about to steal everything you own. Give me your gold, your wand and your Chocolate Frogs! *(She looks fierce and then smiles.)* Either that or I'm Delphini Diggory. *(She ascends the stairs and sticks out a hand.)* Delphi. I look after him – Amos – well, I try. *(She indicates AMOS.)* And you are?

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ALBUS (*rueful grin*)

Albus.

DELPHI

Of course! Albus Potter! So Harry is your dad? That's a bit wow isn't it?

ALBUS

Not really.

DELPHI

Ah. Have I just put my foot in it? It's what they used to say about me at school. Delphini Diggory – there isn't a hole she couldn't dig herself into.

ALBUS

They do all sorts with my name too.

Pause. She looks at him carefully.

AMOS

Delphi.

She makes to depart and then hesitates. She smiles at

ALBUS.

DELPHI

We don't choose who we're related to. Amos isn't just my patient, he's my uncle, it's part of the reason I took the job at Upper Flagley. But that's made it difficult. It's tough to live with people stuck in the past, isn't it?

AMOS

Delphi!

ALBUS

Upper Flagley?

DELPHI

St Oswald's Home for Old Witches and Wizards. Come see us some time. If you like.

AMOS

DELPHI!

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She enters the room with AMOS and HARRY in it. ALBUS watches her.

DELPHI

Yes, Uncle?

AMOS

Meet the once-great Harry Potter, now a stone-cold Ministry man. I will leave you in peace, sir. If peace is the right word for it. Delphi, my chair . . .

DELPHI

Yes, Uncle.

AMOS is pushed out of the room. HARRY is left, looking forlorn. ALBUS watches on, thinking, carefully.

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