

Making the Wrong Choice

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Thank you, Severely Lupine, for going over this for me on such short notice. I really appreciate it.

Tom stood on the drive outside the Riddle house. *Godric's Hollow or Wheyhaven? Born as the seventh month dies... that could be either of them. Longbottom or Potter?*

He let his wand dangle in his hand, rolling it in his fingers, as he decided on which one to go after first. *The Longbottoms: Aurors, well liked, and Dumbledore's Order members...*

Potter? Severus begged me to spare the Mudblood—why?

Three of his followers stood by, waiting patiently for his orders. *Severus rarely takes notice of any witch, rarely cares who died and who was tortured... Why this witch? What hasn't he said? What is missing...? Does he fear for her that much or does he think her so powerful...? No, she is a Mudblood. Killing her would prove so much.*

He turned around slowly. Bellatrix was smiling at him as if she'd pounce on him any minute. Maybe he'd take her up on it after he dispensed with the brats. "Bella, you lead the attack against the Longbottoms. Do what you will, but I want the Longbottom boy dealt with. I'll deal with the Potters personally."

"Yes, my Lord," Bella cooed, turned, and barked orders like a commander.

Tom smiled, knowing that his cat would have fun tormenting her prey. Smiling, he Disapparated for Godric's Hollow.

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Author's Notes:

*My Saturday night drabble prompt:*

*Why did Voldemort choose Harry, not Neville, as his equal? Write his reasoning.*