



## 1.4 DIARY OF A STRANGER

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mean?”

But Hermione is gone. You're alone in the aisle. You look outside. The sun is shining. It's Monday. You check the shelf. *The Philosophy of Time Travel* is there! You grab it from the shelf and start to leave the library. Then you see Hermione, sitting alone.

“Hey,” you say, “I found the book!”

Hermione looks at you quizzically for a second. Then a look of realisation dawns on her face.

“Oh,” she says, “I guess we meet later on in my timeline. Take a seat.”

You sit down.

“It's Monday,” she explains, “and, according to what I've been told, an earlier version of you is about to walk into this library and realise that the book that you have just grabbed is not on the shelf.”

Right on cue, you hear footsteps behind you.

“Don't look!” she snapped, as you turn to look around. She smiles at the stranger behind your back and then returns her gaze to you.

“We have to be quick,” she says. “I need you to listen carefully. I have to give you the second clue.”

Behind you, a voice shouts “Damn it!”

“Shhhh,” hushes Hermione. She stands up looking panicked.

“What's the clue?” you ask.

“There's no time now,” she says, “it's time for you to leave. Meet me on North Court on Thursday at 3. Bring the book. Go now.”

You stand up and hurry out of the library. The Device is shaking again. On your way out of the library, you catch a glimpse of a banner with a list of words on it.

## Day 1 – Biology

Not a picker? Made so ochre  
Nod off grand resonant sound  
Fruit struggle without place  
A shift breaks beliefs  
Mother copper to the French skin discolouration  
Saturated hydrocarbons? Base less lithium on decapitated ones  
Decapitated dog tops tall hatchling  
Cation suffers effect  
Flying animals? I don't think so!

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## Day 2 – History

“Greetings death's head”, he gestured with respect  
Spin falls from trachea briar  
Box losing opener at speed  
Strip tease stumbles  
Flamingos sheltering friends  
Sounds like our time  
Pardon the unending punter  
Rate the alternative lecture hall

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## Day 3 – Geography

Homo? Awful pansies  
Arise, us assorted marine fish  
A thousand dying, sending by post!  
“You essay,” he stood to an elevated position  
That bunch ain't about to release  
“Scorn the butchered”, said Din

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