

Wayne and Cedric

Scene: Wayne & Cedric

start The Narrator holds a book out. Wayne points his wand at it and attempts to summon it. He fails.

WAYNE HOPKINS: Asio book. Asio book. BOOK, come here. Pleaseio?
GAH! I HATE YOU, BOOK. YOU ARE THE WORST, BOOK.
YOU SUCK, BOOK.

(Cedric has entered and watched Wayne yell at this book.)

CEDRIC: Are we yelling at books, Wayne? HEY, BOOK! YOU'RE DUMB.
Ha! That is fun.

WAYNE HOPKINS: Ha. No, just trying to summon it.

CEDRIC: Ah, year four, pretty difficult tests. Asio book.

NARRATOR: Oh, yeah.

(The Narrator throws the book into Cedric's hands. Cedric knows this book.)

CEDRIC: Hey. "The Tragic Yet Rewarding History of the Puffs."

WAYNE HOPKINS: You make it look so easy.

CEDRIC: Try again.

(Cedric holds the book out. Wayne points his wand.)

WAYNE HOPKINS: Asio book!

(Nothing. A failure.)

CEDRIC: You know what the best part of being a Puff is, besides being so close to the kitchens? You fail. A lot. You fail and fail. You fail over here. You fail over there. And then you fail a lot more. But failure, Wayne, is just another form of practice. As long as you never stop trying. So...try again.

(Wayne concentrates. Cedric holds the book.)

WAYNE HOPKINS: Asio book!

(Nothing. But, after a moment, Cedric tosses the book to Wayne with a smile.)

CEDRIC: Eventually...you get better. You should hang on to that book. It can help whenever you're feeling, well, like a failure. It certainly helped me.

WAYNE HOPKINS: Ha. I'll need it. I suck at magic.

CEDRIC: ...How about this? To thank you for all your support, once the Third Task is done, I'll teach you everything I know.

WAYNE HOPKINS: Really?

CEDRIC: I'd be happy to.

WAYNE HOPKINS: Wow. We'll be like a wizard Batman and Robin.

CEDRIC: Bat...Man?

WAYNE HOPKINS: He's a...it's from a thing.

CEDRIC: *Which half is the bat?*

WAYNE HOPKINS: Don't worry about it.

CEDRIC: Hey, I better get going. I'll see you around.

(Cedric starts to exit.)

WAYNE HOPKINS: Cedric! Good luck on the Third Task.

(Cedric stops and smiles. He gives Wayne another thumbs up.)

CEDRIC: I'll be fine.

(He exits. Wayne looks to his book.)

WAYNE HOPKINS: Yes! Yes! Take that, book.

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Scene: The Third Task

The Narrator enters. Behind them, the Puffs fill the stands. They are decked out in even more yellow.

NARRATOR: It was a warm June evening. The Third Task was well underway, and the crowd sat with bated breath. It had come down to two. That night, one would become a champion, and *the other...the other would lose.*

MEGAN JONES: Come on! It's been hours. How hard is it to get through a maze?

LEANNE: Very hard!

WAYNE HOPKINS: Shhhhh!!!

J. FINCH: Anyone want to hear a riddle? What has eight legs? It's a spider!