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Dear Angie, Thank you for your letter! I do enjoy receiving letters from fans, especially from Hong Kong - which is so far away from my home in Scotland! Ah yes, I still remember the mixed feelings I have as a final year student.

I was looking forward to getting out of school. At the same time, I was worried about supporting myself. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and began working in Amnesty International. Shortly afterwards, I worked at the Chamber of Commerce. To be frank, I didn't really have a career path in mind and just accepted the first job offer I received. Later on, I became jobless with the responsibility of taking care of my daughter, and was even relying on welfare to make a living.

It wasn't until I got the idea of Harry Potter, something that I am extremely passionate about, that motivated me to work hard as a writer. What I would like to say is - yes, life is unpredictable. Little did I imagine as I graduated that I would go through so much ups and downs. Indeed, I have met many successful people who struggled so much more than I did, and it was their dedication that helped them persist along the way. It seems to be that you have found an area of interest in your life. I do believe anything is possible if you've got enough nerve, as long as you cherish the important things in your life along the way, such as your friends and family.

Remember, you control your own life, and your own will can be extremely powerful. So give it a try, even if it doesn't work out at first, don't fret, we all have the magic inside of us to make things happen. There are many possibilities and everyone's pace is different. Just because others have succeeded doesn't mean you won't. Some failure in life is inevitable. It is

impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all - in which case, you fail by default.

Sometimes I would imagine myself as Neville Longbottom (a character in Harry Potter the series). He was always the unfortunate one, but it is his bravery that made him one of the greatest warriors in Hogwarts. The same goes to you, have a little more faith in yourself! With lots of love, J. K.

Rowling