

Lost Love Part 1



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INTRO

McGONAGALL

Hah, {FIRST_NAME}. There you are. I've got an urgent matter that requires your attention. It seems that the Calamity has taken an interest in me.

It's manifesting artefacts of a personal and private nature. I would appreciate it if you would pursue this matter with your usual diligence.

CONSTANCE

A mission from Professor McGonagall, and a chance to learn more about her? I want in!

Professor McGonagall is so private, it's easy to forget that she even had a life outside of Hogwarts. It would be fascinating to learn more about her. Does she have hobbies? Lost loves?

BRILLIANT SELF PLAYING HARP

CONSTANCE

Wow, Professor, I didn't know that you play the harp! Where did you learn?

McGONAGALL

It's an enchanted harp, miss Pickering. It plays itself.

BRILLIANT MINERVA MC GONAGALL

CONSTANCE

I never had Professor McGonagall as a teacher; she was already Headmistress by the time I was at Hogwarts. I bet she was brilliant.

ORDER OF MERLIN, FIRST CLASS

CONSTANCE

Oh, you know in all the time I was at school, no one heard McGonagall say much about the Second Wizarding War. But I've read everything I could on it, and she was a right hero.

PHOTOGRAPH OF DOUGAL MCGREGOR

CONSTANCE

Professor, if you don't mind me asking... who is the handsome man in this photo? He must be important to you for the Calamity to single him out.

MCGONAGALL

You think so, do you, miss Pickering?

CONSTANCE

Well, yes, Professor. The Calamity takes what we hold dear, so it follows that he's someone you care about. Right?

MCGONAGALL

Dougal McGregor is a man that I once knew, miss Pickering. That's all I'm prepared to say on the matter.

HOGWARTS CREST

CONSTANCE

McGonagall has dedicated her whole life to Hogwarts -- first as a teacher, then as Headmistress. That kind of commitment always requires sacrifice. I wonder what she gave up...

HORNBILL

CONSTANCE

Oh! Is this hornbill a pet, Professor?

MCGONAGALL

I used him as a teaching aid, miss Pickering. He was a good bird... but I've always been more partial to cats.

END

McGONAGALL

Well, it appears that the Calamity has stopped prying into my life. I trust that your thirst for knowledge about my personal affairs was quenched, miss Pickering?

CONSTANCE

Actually, Professor, now that you mention it... I have so many questions!

McGONAGALL

You have a keen and inquisitive mind, Miss Pickering. But you need to learn that you don't have the right to every answer just because you ask.

But I will tell you this much: Dougal McGregor was very dear to me.