

# Circus Calamitous Part 1



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## INTRO

### CONSTANCE

Did you hear? The Calamity has brought the circus to town!

### HARRY

Hang on, Constance. These Foundables are from the Circus Arcanus, an exploitative traveling show from the 1920s. It may even have had ties to Grindelwald.

### CONSTANCE

Well, if it's that awful, should we be returning things to it?

### HARRY

We have to, I'm afraid. It might seem counter-intuitive, but there's no telling what the consequences would be if Foundables weren't returned to their proper place in time.

## BRILLIANT GRAPHORN

### CONSTANCE

Ooh, that must be a Graphorn! They're terribly strong beasts. I bet this one was used to pull a wagon or something else horrible.

## BRILLIANT ZOUWU

### CONSTANCE

Oh, a Zouwu! I've heard of those. They're incredibly fast and can travel a thousand miles in a day. Seems like such a sad life to send it back to.

### HARRY

The alternative is that it remains trapped in that whirlwind until some Muggle comes across it and violates the Statute of Secrecy – potentially dying in the process.

### CONSTANCE

I know you're right, Harry. I just hate to think of returning that magnificent beast back to a cold cage.

## CIRCUS ARCANUS HOUSE ELF

### CONSTANCE

I know we need to return these Foundables, but we're sending a House-Elf back to a time of slavery.

### HERMIONE

Constance, that House Elf has lived his life already. We don't know what that life entailed. Sending these Foundables back presents a bit of a moral quandary, no doubt.

But we can't know the ramifications of failing to do so. What if this House Elf had some unsung role in bringing down Grindelwald? Not sending him back could be disastrous.

## FIREBREATHER

### CONSTANCE

I'd much rather be one of the circus' non-beast performers. At least that fellow could get out and stretch his legs among the crowd...

**HARRY**

I'm not so sure about that. From what I've learned, some of the performers may have been there against their will.

**ONI**

**CONSTANCE**

I never thought I'd see an Oni in person. Circus Arcanus must have been an amazing thing to witness... unless you were actually a part of it. Then, not so much.

**SKENDER THE RING MASTER**

**CONSTANCE**

He's a rather unpleasant-seeming fellow, isn't he? Why do I think he was the one who ran the whole show...

**HARRY**

Yeah, he was, by all accounts, a deeply awful individual. I'm not sorry to see him go.

**END**

**CONSTANCE**

It would seem that the latest surge has begun to subside. It's funny, I hadn't really given much thought to the moral complexities of the Calamity until now.

I think, in some ways, returning things to an unpleasant past -- or returning unpleasant things to an unsuspecting past -- is the hardest part of being a member of this task force.