

One Year Later Part 1



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INTRO

HERMIONE

Hmm. I was just looking at my notes... Do you realize that we have reached one full year since Grim Fawley cast his spell and started this nightmare?

CONSTANCE

It seems so much longer ago...

HERMIONE

Apparently time does not fly in the midst of a crisis. And guess what else? There's yet ANOTHER surge to contend with...

used to look at these surges as a chance for hints about the Calamity in the hope of someday taming it... Now? It just seems like the spell is mocking us.

BRILLIANT AUROR HARRY POTTER

HARRY

So this is odd. I feel like I always do when a Foundable torn from me is returned... less anxious... except...

I have a distinct recollection of a conversation with Grim Fawley, and he's telling me that he's been held captive this past year...

HERMIONE

Well, that's quite impossible, isn't it?

HARRY

I mean, yes -- I never had that conversation with him, obviously. But it feels so bloody real...

HERMIONE

I don't wonder if having all these Foundables torn from us will have some after-effects... Maybe this is one? False memories...?

BRILLIANT PROPRIETOR RON WEASLEY

RON

Hermione? Can you explain something to me? Why do I feel like I've had a conversation with Grim Fawley?

HERMIONE

You used to have many with him, Ron. You were friends.

RON

Well, I didn't have this one! He was trying to convince me that he's been imprisoned for over a year.

HERMIONE

That's just silly...

RON

Tell me about it! I wonder if this whole stupid Calamity is now finding its way into my dreams. I feel like I'm cracking up.

OPENED PORTKEY PORTMANTEAU

CONSTANCE

You know, they're one of the things I've most admired about the Calamity spell, those Portmanteaus... Amazing attention to detail, to invent something mechanical like that.

MINISTRY OF MAGIC LANDMARK BANNER

CONSTANCE

I don't know if you're aware, but after I suggested using banners to identify areas of high family concentration, my boyfriend, Lucas Sparrowvale, spent six months traveling the world and placing them. How's that for dedication?

Someday, I may have him home to meet mum.

ACTIVATED DARK DETECTOR

CONSTANCE

I'm told that Minister Shackbolt himself invented these Calamity-focused Dark Detectors in just a few hours... we're very lucky to have his brilliant leadership during this crisis.

CRATE OF POTIONS

CONSTANCE

Do you realize that since the start of the Calamity, the Ministry has confirmed that nearly a BILLION potions have been consumed by Task Force members? Well, actually 763,263,276 -- but that's almost a billion! Incredible!

END

HERMIONE

his particular surge seems incredibly specific, doesn't it? Focusing almost exclusively on the SOS Task Force... Why?

HARRY

I wonder if me and Ron having the same exact memory is a coincidence? It almost feels like the Calamity is trying to speak to us...

HERMIONE

Don't be daft, Harry. Spells can't speak...

HARRY

Spell casters can, though. We don't yet know enough to be sure... But this surge feels very different than any of the others before it.