

Baby Beasts Part 1



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INTRO

HERMIONE

Constance, the Ministry's internal Calamity Management Team reported that there appears to be yet another surge in Calamity activity. And it's rather ominous. The Calamity is focused almost exclusively on snatching baby beasts.

CONSTANCE

Baby beasts? How dreadful!

HERMIONE

It's horrid. Grim can't be behind this, can he? Stealing baby beasts is incredibly irresponsible. We don't know what kind of harm becoming a Foundable can do to an innocent baby.

CONSTANCE

I can't imagine he'd do something so irresponsible... Of course, he probably did start the Calamity...

HERMIONE

We need to return the babies as quickly as possible. There's no time to lose.

BRILLIANT BABY NIFFLER

CONSTANCE

I always wanted a baby Niffler. They're apparently nearly impossible to train, but someday I daresay I might try. I think they're divine.

BRILLIANT BABY NORWEGIAN RIDGEBACK

CONSTANCE

I remember once as a girl my family took me to a Dragon sanctuary in Norway. We got to see the babies up close and one of those little gits bit my finger. Hurt for a month.

BABY NIFFLER CAGE

HERMIONE

Strange. That is a very specific cage. I've seen ones like it in Jakarta - in the black market - they sell baby animals there and it's all very appalling... Why would the Calamity steal a black market display cage? It just doesn't seem to fit.

CONSTANCE

Could it be a message? You know, like the ones Grim sent during the last surge?

HERMIONE

It's possible, Constance... But if it is a message, what is he saying?

BABY AUGUREY

CONSTANCE

Why is it that all creatures have cute babies - except for birds? They're all hideous, and if one seems cute it's because it's actually so hideous you feel bad for it and start finding it cute out of guilt. It's weird.

BABY KNARL

CONSTANCE

As a child we lived next door to this Muggle girl, Silvia. I convinced her that hedgehogs loved it when you gave left them snacks overnight. She left out a plate and the next day her garden was destroyed. I felt so guilty! Top ten childhood regret.

BABY CRUP

CONSTANCE

Did you know I once had a Crup called Ross? I did. But we had to give him away when my brother turned out to be a squib and Ross just wouldn't stop nipping his bum. Scarred my brother for life.

I miss Ross.

END

HERMIONE

We've tamped down the surge a bit - for now. But I've been thinking about that Niffler cage... Perhaps this entire surge is a message from Grim? It is so incredibly specific.

CONSTANCE

All the creatures the surge focused on are incredibly valuable - even the Augurey is in demand... Maybe there's a hint in there somewhere?

HERMIONE

Perhaps... I just can't imagine what it is...

Regardless, it might be worth spending some time thinking... We have a few days to connect the dots before the inevitable "second surge" comes in. If Grim is sending us a message, what is it?"