

Baby Beasts Part 2



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INTRO

HERMIONE

A second Calamity surge is starting - similar to the first, focused solely around baby beasts... It just all seems so incredibly specific... More so than any other surge we've encountered. The more I think about it, the more I am convinced this is a message from Grim.

CONSTANCE

But what is he saying? Is he being held in a zoo? Or an animal sanctuary?

HERMIONE

Or a suitcase, like Newt Scamander's? I have literally no idea. We should keep trying to solve that little mystery while we return these babies to their rightful places. If this is a message from Grim Fawley, it's wrapped in a rather cruel package!

BRILLIANT BABY UNICORN

CONSTANCE

I don't know if you knew this, but the Unicorn is my Patronus. I simply love them. The babies are so adorable!

BRILLIANT BABY HIPPOGRIFF

CONSTANCE

Hmmm. I don't know if this is a coincidence, but I remember reading a recent Ministry report that the Forbidden Forest had seen an uptick in Hippogriff poaching... I think I'll check into that...

BABY HORNED SERPENT

CONSTANCE

This baby serpent has a jewel in it's head - so it's probably from North America. I wonder if this is another in-demand breed?

GIANT SQUID TENTACLE

CONSTANCE

Giant Squid tentacles are delicious, but they're hard to find because you can't hunt Giant Squid everywhere. However, Jakarta is famous the wizarding world over for them.

HERMIONE

And Jakarta is home to the most robust black market in all the wizarding world.

BABY DEMIGUISE

CONSTANCE

Demiguise are rare and impossibly hard to trap - they are the most desired, non-lethal fantastic beasts in black market-circles...

A lot of these babies are from species that are sought after...

BABY GRINDYLOW

CONSTANCE

Interesting. Some wizards harvest Grindylow young as a delicacy. It's entirely illegal, absolutely vomitous and happens only in the shadows of the wizarding world...

HERMIONE

All the creatures is this surge - and the last - have historically been subject to illegal, black market trafficking... That may be the connection. But why is Grim telling us this?

CONSTANCE

Perhaps he's being held by black marketeers?

HERMIONE

Perhaps... I think I need involve some members of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement into our research. There is definitely something here.

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HERMIONE

I asked a friend of mine in Magical Law Enforcement - Dorian Fungbury - to do some digging into illegal beast trading. Apparently, since the Calamity, the Ministry pulled resources away from combating the black market.

He reached out to some underworld contacts and found that the black market - particularly the illegal Magical Creature market in Indonesia - has utterly exploded. I think Grim Fawley knew this.

CONSTANCE

And he was using these surges to inform us about this... Brilliant...

You know, for him to be aware of this increase in smuggling it means he must be someplace where he can access this information...

HERMIONE

Brilliant observation, Constance. I think maybe we should spend some time looking into that. In the meantime, the Ministry has allocated new resources to deal with the menace of black market beast trading, so we all owe Grim a debt of gratitude.