

Battle of the Department of Mysteries

Part 1



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INTRO

HERMIONE

It's odd, over the years I haven't really thought very much about the night my friends and I ran across Voldemort's Death Eaters in the Department of Mysteries. I mean, I think of Sirius often, but not much of that night. Lately, for some reason, I keep having a recurring nightmare about it.

CONSTANCE

Interesting. Is it possible that it could be tied to the most recent surge in the Calamity?

HERMIONE

There's a new surge?

CONSTANCE

Yes. And it seems to be centered around objects from that Department and, well, your friends when they were kids. Seems fairly coincidental, yes?

HERMIONE

Interesting. Well, as always, we need to nip this surge in the bud and not let it get out of hand. Return everything! But that is a strange coincidence - it's an incredibly specific place and time for the Calamity to focus.

BRILLIANT BELL JAR

HERMIONE

If I were to go back into the Department of Mysteries - I've never been admitted back in - I would spend a lot of time in this room (pardon the pun). There was something truly amazing about that Bell Jar that I've never forgotten.

BRILLIANT TANK OF BRAINS

HERMIONE

The "Tank of Brains". I still have no idea what they really are or how they "live" - but they can be lethal. What is a bit odd is that very few people have actually seen or even know of this tank... Why was it turned into a Foundable?

LUNA LOVEGOOD

CONSTANCE

Once, when I was briefly exploring a career in Magizoology, I met Luna. She was incredibly helpful... But she was also a bit...

HERMIONE

Unusual? That's Luna. She is completely herself at all times. You know she, almost more than anyone else, taught me to never judge people on first impressions. I originally wrote her off as a bit daft, but she turned out to be one of the most brave, insightful people I've ever known.

RON WEASLEY

HERMIONE

Ron nearly died that night, you know... When I think about it now - as a mother with my own children - what we were doing in those rooms was utter insanity. And yet, if we hadn't? Voldemort would have continued consolidating his power underground, hiding in the shadows...

THE VEIL

HERMIONE

I have never understood why the Ministry has kept this here. I've fought for its removal and destruction, but there are people who will not let it be removed.

CONSTANCE

Who wouldn't want it removed? It's ghastly...

HERMIONE

I really shouldn't say... I really shouldn't...

Oh, all right - I'll say this: one of the more prominent defenders of that wretched thing has a name which rhymes with Spareth Meansass.

END

HERMIONE

There is no debate - this surge is very specifically focusing on that night in the Department during fifth year...

GARETH GREENGRASS

That's one interpretation. I wouldn't say it's "not debatable." I will say that I am greatly concerned that top-secret objects - objects that are not widely known about and rarely discussed - are now being routinely stolen by the Calamity.

HERMIONE

Well, you would agree that there must be some reason, wouldn't you Minister?

GARETH GREENGRASS

Yes. There is some reason. And, hopefully, when this surge inevitably returns, we can figure out how to stop this nonsense before more Ministry secrets are splayed all across the bloody globe for all to see.