

Triwizarding Secrets Part 2



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Brilliant Event

INTRO

CONSTANCE

Harry, you're back! How was your trip? Did you manage to uncover any new information about The Unforgivable abroad?

HARRY

No, unfortunately that tip about suspected cabal activity in Warsaw turned out to be a dead end. What about you? Have you and Hermione made any progress towards figuring out how Kit Gerrard was imprisoned in a portrait at Hogwarts?

CONSTANCE

Actually, we've been all wands at the ready over an International Statute of Secrecy breach. A Muggle journalist published an article exposing the existence of magic after stumbling upon Traces and witnessing a SOS Task Force agent returning Foundables.

We've had to devote all our resources to locating him, preventing him from exposing any further wizarding secrets, and keeping all traces of your surge away from Muggle eyes...

HARRY

My surge? Constance, I haven't manipulated the Calamity since November...

BRILLIANT MOANING MYRTLE

EDWARD SCOT

Our elusive reporter has released another exposé. This time he describes witnessing a woman free 'a ghostly-looking young girl' from a 'gigantic glass jar' with a 'magical explosion.' And, once again, he has photographic evidence.

HERMIONE

I don't understand. How do trained SOS Task Force agents not notice a Muggle with a camera taking pictures of them? Especially now, when the whole department is on high alert?

EDWARD SCOT

The witch in the photographs assured us that she took all the necessary precautions before confronting the Trace. But there's always the possibility that, out of fear or shame, she's not being entirely honest...

HERMIONE

One thing is clear: something is off here.

BRILLIANT MARAUDERS MAP

HARRY

The Marauder's Map, my Golden Egg, even Moaning Myrtle... There's no doubt this surge is made up of my memories of the Triwizard Tournament. I even feel like I usually do when a Foundable torn from me is returned.

HERMIONE

But you have no memory of actually manipulating the Calamity?

HARRY

No, though I may have done it subconsciously. Given how strong my connection is to the Calamity, it's not outside the realm of possibility that I could've started a surge without even realising it.

HERMIONE

You have been under a lot of stress and pressure lately. I wouldn't be surprised if that played a role in this.

HARRY

You're probably right... In fact, I'm sure of it. So why does something inside me keep screaming that this is wrong?

MERMAID STAINED GLASS

CONSTANCE

When I made Hufflepuff House Prefect, I was thrilled that I'd be able to use the Prefects' Bathroom. I spent the whole summer leading up to my fifth year dreaming of the long, luxurious soaks I'd take come September.

Unfortunately I found it impossible to relax with this ethereal beauty snidely staring at me the whole time. I was so self-conscious. It was a nightmare.

After that day, I made sure to only bathe while the mermaid was asleep.

RAINBOW BATH TAPS

CONSTANCE

At first, I didn't understand why Hermione was so insistent that we stop these exposés as quickly as possible.

Now I realise that this Statute of Wizarding Secrecy breach is like a leak in one of these faucets. It may seem insignificant at first, but every drop adds up. Let it go long enough and you're liable to wind up with a serious problem.

GOLDEN EGG

CONSTANCE

Good news! French Ministry officials apprehended Brice Badeaux. One of our SOS Task Force agents witnessed a Muggle investigating a Golden Egg Foundable in Nice. When she tried to confront him, he fled with the egg.

Brice managed to escape, but his curiosity got the better of him and he opened the Golden Egg. The ensuing screech it emitted betrayed his hiding spot and led our agent right to him.

MYSTERIOUS NOTE

1ST PIECE

CONSTANCE

Look, a tiny fragment of a note! I know you don't recall creating this surge, Harry, but what about this? Do you recognise it?

HARRY

No, and unless my habit of sleep talking has developed into sleep writing, I don't remember penning any notes either.

CONSTANCE

Then where did this come from?

5TH PIECE

CONSTANCE

That's odd, some of the note fragments we've assembled look scorched. Could this paper have been burned?

HARRY

Could it be...? No, must be a coincidence.

FINAL PIECE

CONSTANCE

We've managed to reassemble the entire note, but it's not very insightful. All that's written on it is your name, Harry.

HARRY

I had my suspicions when you mentioned the note looked scorched, but now I'm certain. This is the scrap of parchment Barty Crouch Junior used to enter me into the Triwizard Tournament.

How did this wind up attached to a Foundable?

CONSTANCE

It's been ages since you competed in the Triwizard Tournament. I doubt many people other than yourself remember that scrap of parchment even exists. Chances are it was probably you who sent it... right?

HARRY

Either that or someone's been rooting around in my head, peeking at my secrets...

END

HARRY

The SOS Task Force has put an end to the surge and the Muggle reporter who exposed the existence of magic was found. So why don't you look relieved?

HERMIONE

I should be relieved. We Obliviated his memories of magic, penned an article in his name discrediting his previous claims, and confiscated his evidence. But his behaviour while in custody bothers me.

The way he acted... it was like he knew he was about to be Obliviated. The Aurors tried to question him, but all he said was 'he warned me that you'd try to stop me.'

HARRY

You suspect someone within the wizarding community may have tipped him off?

HERMIONE

Yes, but who would willingly violate the International Statute of Wizarding Secrecy and, perhaps more importantly, why?