

The Many Loves of Alastor Moody

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When he had been found, weeks after the Weasley wedding, injured and missing his magical eye, he had taken up residence at Grimmauld Place. The Order members checked on him frequently. The wards had not been breached when Yaxley grabbed onto Hermione's arm, and the Death Eaters gave up trying to enter the house when the first one who tried the door was flung across the square. No one with a Dark Mark could enter without a password.

Minerva had been gathering up magical Muggle children and placing them in safe houses across the Channel with Viktor's family, except for one small girl child who refused to go. A bright, feisty, red-haired little girl of six years old, she had taken one look at Moody and decided he would protect her.

Minerva had privately been amused at the horrified look on Alastor's face. But before long, she saw that her cantankerous, curmudgeonly husband was losing his heart to the child. There was no family left for the child. They had all died in an attack led by Lucius Malfoy.

Minerva quietly inquired into the procedures required for adopting Miss Eloise Mary O'Dowd when the Battle of Hogwarts was over. Kingsley Shacklebolt told her that Alastor had made the same inquiry within hours after the battle.

The summer Hogwarts was being rebuilt found Minerva McGonagall and Alastor Moody with a new child to raise.