

Ms. Gallagher Side 2

17.

*later the same day
it's day one of class project presentations
before the bell
Miss Gallagher and Mr. Smith meet*

START → **MISS GALLAGHER**

so I just wanted to make sure we both understand why I'll be here
the school board felt like it would be a good way to cover our bases
and after today I'll really just be a
presence
I'll monitor and provide accounts to the administration and be here for the students if they
have any questions or concerns but
I won't say anything during class unless I need to
and I won't interfere with your authority
today, though, it's a little tricky
since Miss Holcomb will be here for one day only, it would be great if I could kind of
take the lead this time
and have you just solely be taking notes for grading purposes

MR. SMITH
whatever you think is best

MISS GALLAGHER
great
well then unless you have any questions / or anything -

MR. SMITH
I just wish I had seen this coming
you know?

...
I mean
I saw that she had a crush on me
I knew her history with mental illness
and I didn't shut it down
I just had no idea she would -
it's crazy
I like to think the best of people
especially my students

MISS GALLAGHER
right

MR. SMITH
anyway

it's all taken care of now
and thank you for being here
I'm really lucky to have you, Bailey
(checks watch)
almost time to get started!

MISS GALLAGHER

...
you know
I'm a tri delt

MR. SMITH

nice
I'm delta tau delta

MISS GALLAGHER

my little was Lorin Kerr
do you know her?

MR. SMITH

Lorin Kerr...

MISS GALLAGHER

she's a year younger than me
apparently she was in your first class?
when you were student teaching?
over at Russell County?

MR. SMITH

what a small world
you know, it's been so long
I'm terrible with names

MISS GALLAGHER

yeah
I'm the same way
it's funny, though
she remembered you real well
my grand-big knew you too
Tiffany Mueller?
she was a senior in high school when you were a senior in college
she met you at a party

MR. SMITH

can't say I remember her either

MISS GALLAGHER
and I knew Ellen
I mean just a little
through Fran
but I heard about all your
yeah

MR. SMITH
Ellen and I had a very
complicated relationship
and it was a long time ago

MISS GALLAGHER
I didn't believe them
any of them
because you were you
because I knew you
my brother knew you
everybody knew you
you were always so nice to me

...
so there must have been a misunderstanding, right?
they all must have just gotten confused?
they were all crazy?

the bell rings
students start shuffling in
Miss Gallagher breaks away from a staredown with Mr. Smith

END

welcome, welcome everybody!
as soon as we've taken our seats we'll just dive right in

Shelby and Raelynn come in wearing full-out 1600s attire
or like, at least their non-budget version of full-out
definitely at least bonnets
one of them carries a visible music-playing device
they're a little nervous

oh my goodness, you two look amazing!
why don't you go ahead and get set up right here at the front

they stand at the front of the classroom
get their music all ready to go, check in with each other

all right
everybody settle down