

## Ms. Gallagher Side 2

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*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

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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