***Harry Potter and the Chambers of Secret***

***Chapter 5***

***Summary and analysis***

***Brief Summary:***

Chapter 5 brings the long-awaited return to Hogwarts. The morning of the return to school is chaotic and stressful, with all of the Weasleys and Harry rushing to find everything and get packed. Harry wonders how everyone can possibly fit into Mr. Weasley's car, but Mr. Weasley has placed a spell on the car that makes it much bigger on the inside than it appears to be from outside. Finally, everyone is ready and they leaveonly to have to return three times for forgotten items. At last, running extremely late and getting more and more agitated, they are on their way.

Their destination is King's Cross Station in London. There is a special platform at King's Cross, known as Platform Nine and Three Quarters, in between Platforms Nine and Ten. This is the Hogwarts Express's point of departure. This platform is unseen to Muggle eyes, and those wanting to find the platform have to run headlong at a spot between Platforms Nine and Ten; it only opens at the last minute before impact, to allow that person onto Platform Nine and Three Quarters. Harry and Ron are the last of their group to run at the magic spot but, instead of passing onto the magic platform, they crash unexpectedly into the wall. They land in a jumbled heap, attracting unwanted attention from nearby Muggles. Worried about how they will return to Hogwarts now that they have missed the train, they decide to use the magic car to fly above the train and follow it back to the school.

The initial excitement of flying in the car soon wears off. The invisibility shield is faulty and keeps revealing the car to the Muggles below. In addition, the temperature is rising, making Harry and Ron increasingly uncomfortable. They manage to follow the train but didn't realize how long the journey would take. By the time Hogwarts comes into view, the car is struggling badly, and eventually crashes onto the grounds. Unfortunately for Harry and Ron, the car comes to a halt in front of the Whomping Willow, a vicious enchanted tree that uses its long, thick branches to attack anyone who comes near it. The Whomping Willow attacks the car, smashing the windscreen. The car ejects Harry and Ron, leaving them to climb the hill to Hogwarts while it drives off into the distance.

Incredibly late, Ron and Harry are worried about getting into trouble, especially for using magic when they're not allowed to. They watch the start-of-term ceremonies through the windows, noticing that Professor Severus Snape is missing and wondering where he is. Unluckily for them, he is standing behind them. They are in deep trouble, and Snape takes great pleasure in telling them this as he escorts them to his office. Fortunately, Professor McGonagall and the headmaster Professor Dumbledore are lenient. Harry and Ron receive a warning and a detention, with their families being informed by letter about their behavior and punishment. They have missed the start-of-term ceremonies but are given food to eat in Snape's office. They return to their common room to be greeted like heroes. This cheers them, despite the punishments, and they go to bed feeling happy and pleased to be safe.

***Brief Analysis:***

The power of authority is explored in Chapter 5. Severus Snape is powerful in accordance with his status as a professor at Hogwarts; as such, he is able to give orders to Harry and to punish him. It is clear, though, that his power is limited, with Professors McGonagall and Dumbledore overriding his wish for Harry to be expelled. We see that, within the status of Professors, there are different degrees of power, depending on character and rank. Professor Dumbledore is the most powerful professor, as he has the highest status. He also has power through the respect of others for him, something that is not automatically achieved through status but is more dependent on the character of the individual.

Harry and Ron's loyalty to Hogwarts is also apparent. Rather than miss the start of term, they risk getting into trouble, just so they can return to school on time. This shows that their dedication and loyalty to the school is more important to them then their own safety.

***Summary in Detail:***

Harry enjoys every minute of the summer at The Burrow. The night before leaving for Hogwarts, the Weasleys and Harry eat a delicious meal and dessert, set off wizard fireworks, drink a final mug of hot cocoa and finally go to bed. The next morning is pure chaos, with six children preparing their luggage for the year at Hogwarts. Mr. Weasley has enchanted his Ford Anglia so that it will fit all of them plus their luggage and pets comfortably, and after several returns for forgotten items, they finally arrive at King's Cross in time to catch the Hogwarts Express train at platform nine-and-three-quarters. The Hogwarts students arrive at the platform by walking through the wall between platforms nine and ten, and all of the Weasleys successfully do so. When it is time for Harry and Ron to go through the wall, the wall closes up and refuses to let them through. They miss the train, and in a flash of inspiration, they decide to follow the train in Mr. Weasley's flying Ford Anglia.

The ride to Hogwarts is relaxing. The boys skim the clouds, keeping sight of the red Hogwarts train below. Several hours later, night falls and the boys are bored and hungry and wondering how much longer the trip could possibly be. The Anglia runs out of gas and begins to fall toward the Hogwarts lake. Ron and Harry do their best to control it, but still the car engine dies and the car plunges straight into a strange sprawling tree in the Forbidden Forest. The tree is the Whomping Willow, the only tree in the forest that will strike back when struck. Its thick, angry branches wallop the car, Harry, and Ron. The boys manage to collect their things. They flee toward the Hogwarts castle just in time to spy through the windows the great feast and the "Sorting" process, in which first-year students try on the "sorting hat" are selected (through the judgment of the hat) for the four different houses, Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff, and Ravenclaw. While the boys observe the professors' table, they wonder at the absence of Professor Severus Snape, the mean and slimy Potions professor, and as they speculate, Snape appears behind them and directs them into his office.

The boys explain their story, but Snape silences them, brandishing in their faces a newspaper article proclaiming that Muggles have noticed a flying car. Snape also reprimands them for damaging the Whomping Willow, an extremely valuable tree. Harry and Ron know that they are in trouble, and that Snape is delighted at the prospect of punishing them. Snape leaves to fetch Albus Dumbledore, the headmaster, and Minerva McGonagall, the head of Gryffindor House, where Harry and Ron live. When these two stern figures arrive, Harry and Ron are lectured further on what they have done, given detentions, and told that they will be permitted to remain at Hogwarts. Snape is severely disappointed by their easy punishment. Professors Dumbledore, Snape, and McGonagall return to the feast, not without leaving Harry and Ron a plate of sandwiches and a jug of pumpkin juice for dinner.

Harry and Ron eat and return to their part of the castle, Gryffindor Tower, through a portrait of a fat lady, to whom they must give a secret password ("wattlebird," a disapproving Hermione informs them). They are greeted in the common room by a delighted crowd, clamoring to hear about their flying arrival. Percy, Ron's brother and a Gryffindor prefect, moves towards them with a scolding look on his face, and Ron and Harry hurry up to their rooms, where they are welcomed as heroes by their awestruck roommates, Seamus Finnigan, Dean Thomas, and Neville Longbottom.

***Analysis in Detail:***

Many of the adventures in the novel entail Harry, Ron, and Hermione sneaking around, finding alternate ways to achieve certain ends. Often, Harry and his friends bravely set out on their own to remedy a situation, and other times, like this one, they are impeded by events beyond their control and forced to be resourceful. Sometimes they are caught (usually by Snape) and other times they are not. In this case, Harry and Ron are not seeking glory or adventure, but rather they simply want a fast and painless way to get back to Hogwarts. Ironically, this is one of the times when they are caught and punished and accused of calling unnecessary attention to themselves. For Harry, this is the ultimate insult; attention is always called to him, simply because of who he is, regardless of whether he wants it or not. But because Harry and Ron both are curious, courageous and resourceful, they tend to be involved in many attention- getting scenarios, sometimes with heroic aims, other times simply to explore, and still other times simply to escape a bad situation. This arrival with a crash is only the first of many times they will be noticed on a large scale.

In this chapter, food plays an important role. At the Dursley house, Harry is vastly underfed, usually given some bread and cheese or a bit of cold soup. Among the cozier and more joyful images during the last night at The Burrow is that of a large meal with Harry's favorite dessert (treacle pudding) and another mug of hot cocoa. In addition to being appreciated and included by the Weasleys, Harry is also well fed, kept healthy. His comfort greatly contrasts the unhappy, unhealthy lifestyle from which Harry escapes. At Hogwarts, right after Harry and Ron have been lectured and punished by the three angry, worried professors, Professor McGonagall conjures a self-refilling plate of sandwiches for the boys to eat alone, before going up to bed. They are punished by being secluded for their meal and given a detention, but never once is food withheld. Even while in dire trouble at Hogwarts, direr than Harry could have mustered at Privet Drive, he is still kept above a certain respectable standard of living. From what we have seen, the punishments of wizards are infinitely more humane than that of regular humans. If we had come to this point of the story with any doubt as to the good intentions of the magical world, they should be dispelled in this chapter.

***Critical Study:***

The end of the summer vacation is bittersweet for Harry. He is looking forward to Hogwarts, but his month at the Burrow has been the happiest of his life. On their last evening, Mrs. Wesley cooks Harry’s favorite foods and Fred and George produce a fireworks display. The next morning they are running late. Mr. Wesley, unbeknownst to his wife, magically expands the small car so that all eight people and their belongings fit. They have to go back to the Burrow multiple times for forgotten possessions. Mr. Weasley tries to convince Mrs. Weasley to let him fly the car to save time, but even with an invisibility booster, she says no.

Harry is familiar with how to catch the Hogwarts Express from the previous year: To get to platform nine and three-quarters, you have to walk through the solid barrier dividing platforms nine and ten, carefully, to avoid being seen vanishing by Muggles. With only five minutes until the train departure, Percy, Mr. Weasley, Fred, George, Mrs. Weasley, and Ginny all walk through. When Ron and Harry run last towards the barrier, they crash into it conspicuously. They try again to push through, but it remains solid. The train has left without them.

Ron proposes that they fly the car to Hogwarts, assuring Harry that even underage wizards are allowed to use magic in an emergency, and that his parents can return home by apparating. Harry agrees. Once they are in the air over London, the car’s invisibility booster fails. They need to see the Hogwarts Express to follow it. So they drop below the clouds every half-hour to check on the train. As night falls, the car begins to whine. Just as they reach Hogwarts castle, the engine dies. When Ron swerves to avoid running into the castle wall they hit a huge tree. Ron’s wand snaps, almost in two. The tree they hit attacks them with its boughs. The car restarts long enough to move them out of reach, then ejects them and their luggage, and disappears into the darkness.

Harry and Ron watch the Sorting Ceremony through a window of Hogwarts. The Sorting Hat sorts first-year students into the four houses: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw, and Slytherin. Harry remembers that the Sorting Hat almost put him in Slytherin, the house known for turning out Dark witches and wizards. But he ended up in Gryffindor, along with the Weasleys and Hermione. Last term the three friends helped Gryffindor win the House Championship, beating Slytherin for the first time in seven years.

[Professor Severus Snape](https://www.gradesaver.com/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/study-guide/character-list#professor-severus-snape), the Potions teacher and the head of Slytherin House, discovers them outside. Snape is “cruel, sarcastic, and disliked by everybody except for students of his own house.” He and Harry especially dislike each other. Snape leads Harry and Ron to his office and mocks them for their dramatic entrance. He tells them that they were seen by Muggles, produces a newspaper account, and points out, nastily, that Ron’s father works at the Misuse of Muggle Artifacts Office. Harry feels sick, worrying that Mr. Weasley could get into trouble for bewitching the car, realizing that he hadn’t thought of that before. Snape says that he has also found damage to a valuable Whomping Willow tree.

Snape fetches Professor McGonagall, head of Gryffindor house, in the hopes that she will expel Harry and Ron. Professor McGonagall enters, looking angry. She raises her wand, causing Harry and Ron to flinch, but it turns out she is lighting the fire. When she hears their story, she asks Harry why he didn’t simply send a message to Hogwarts via his owl. Harry realizes, again, that he missed the obvious. Dumbledore, Hogwarts' headmaster, enters and hears their story. He says that what they have done is serious but decides not to expel them. He will write to their families. He tells Harry and Ron that if they do anything like this again, he will have no choice but to expel them. Professor McGonagall disciplines Ron and Harry by assigning them detention. She waves her wand and produces a plate of bottomless sandwiches and iced pumpkin juice.

After they eat their fill, Harry and Ron head up to Gryffindor tower. They reach the passage where the secret door is hidden, behind a painting of a fat woman who asks them for the password. They’re stuck because they don’t know it, until Hermione shows up. She wants to know where they’ve been, relating the “ridiculous rumors” of them being expelled for crashing a flying car. When she learns that Harry and Ron had in fact flown a car, she disapproves. They enter to cheers from Gryffindor House students, who think that driving a car into the Whomping Willow was an inspired entrance. Ron and Harry rush to bed to avoid Percy. The other second-year Gryffindor boys ([Seamus Finnigan](https://www.gradesaver.com/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/study-guide/character-list#seamus-finnigan), Dean Thomas, and [Neville Longbottom](https://www.gradesaver.com/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/study-guide/character-list#neville-longbottom)) join them in their dorm, all awestruck. Harry grins.

***Summary and Analysis Part by Part***

***Summary Part 1:***

The morning that the Hogwarts Express is set to leave, [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) and the Weasleys drive the car to King’s Cross Station, though they make many return trips to the Burrow on the way for forgotten items. By the time they arrive, it is almost the departure time. They finally arrive at King’s Cross, and [Mr. Weasley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/mr-weasley) and [Percy](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters) hurry ahead into the barrier at platform nine and three quarters, followed by [Fred](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/fred-weasley) and [George](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/george-weasley), and then by [Mrs. Weasley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/mrs-weasley) and [Ginny](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ginny-weasley). But when Harry and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) try to go through, they crash into the barrier rather than being able to magically walk through it.

***Analysis Part 1:***

It is later revealed that it is Dobby who prevented Harry and Ron from being able to pass through the barrier, in his latest attempt to prevent Harry from returning to Hogwarts. He does this out of a kind of loyalty, hoping that he will be able to save Harry from the terrible things that he expects to occur at Hogwarts.

***Summary Part 2:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) don’t understand why they cannot enter the barrier, watching the clock tick until they see that they have missed the train. They worry that [Mr. Weasley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/mr-weasley) and [Mrs. Weasley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/mrs-weasley) won’t be able to get back to them. Harry suggests they wait by the car, but then Ron suggests that they fly the car to Hogwarts, and his parents can simply Apparate home.

***Analysis Part 2:***

Harry and Ron’s worry about what might have happened to the barrier, and what might have happened to Ron’s parents, serves as another example in which their lack of information sparks a kind of fear. They’re not sure why this has happened, and they’re afraid they won’t be able to get to Hogwarts for the year.

***Summary Part 3:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) load the car, and Ron starts the car. He presses the Invisibility Booster, making themselves and the car invisible, but as they start to rise over London, the Invisibility Booster sputters out and the car can be seen again. Ron takes them above the clouds, but then they realize they have to find the Hogwarts Express in order to follow it. They duck below the clouds over London, see the train, and follow it north.

***Analysis Part 3:***

Harry and Ron are so worried about their ability to get to Hogwarts that they decide breaking the rules and flying the car there is the best decision. But it is clear that their fear is their primary motivator: had they taken a few extra minutes to think through their options and garnered more information about their situation, they could have avoided their rule-breaking, as McGonagall points out later.

***Summary Part 4:***

A few hours later, [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) are approaching the school, and Harry imagines how awed the other students will be when they land on the front lawn. But the car engine begins to whine, and Ron starts to grow nervous that they may not make it to the school. They see Hogwarts in the distance, but the car starts to lose speed. When they reach the lake, the engine dies completely. Harry and Ron crash spectacularly into a giant tree, which they soon learn is the Whomping Willow—a tree that can attack with its branches. Ron’s wand snaps in two and the car ejects Harry and Ron before driving away into the darkness.

***Analysis Part 4:***

Part of what enables Harry and Ron’s rule-breaking is that spur each other on and inspiring each other’s bravery. They are also motivated by the idea of gaining even more notoriety from the other students. Thus, unlike some of their other escapades in the books, they don’t quite have the same moral justification here for breaking the rules.

***Summary Part 5:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) drag their luggage to the front steps, where they can see through a front window that the Sorting has started in the Great Hall. Harry recalls his own Sorting, during which he had been terrified that the hat might have sorted him into Slytherin—but instead it sorted him into Gryffindor with Ron and [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/hermione-granger).

***Analysis Part 5:***

Harry’s Sorting becomes a key worry for him. The fact that the hat almost did sort him into Slytherin makes him question his own identity as he starts to note more and more similarities between himself and Voldemort over the course of the book.

***Summary Part 6:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) wonders where [Professor Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/professor-snape) is, noticing that he is not at the feast. Harry and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) speculate hopefully that he has left, or that he has been fired because everyone hates him, until they realize Snape is standing right behind them. Snape takes Ron and Harry to his office, and reprimands them because they were seen flying by seven Muggles. Harry realizes how much trouble [Mr. Weasley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/mr-weasley) could be in, because he was the one who enchanted the car.

***Analysis Part 6:***

Harry and Ron have their own prejudice against Professor Snape, but it differs from the prejudice of the Malfoys in key ways: while the Malfoys make harmful generalizations about Muggles and Muggle-borns, Harry and Ron don’t respect Snape because he treated them and other students very unkindly in their first year.

***Summary Part 7:***

[Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/professor-snape) then retrieves [Professor McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/professor-mcgonagall), who asks them to explain what happened. After hearing [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley)’s story, she asks why they didn’t send an owl. [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) realizes how stupidly they acted. Then [Dumbledore](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/professor-dumbledore) arrives, and Harry can hear the disappointment in his voice as he asks Harry to explain what happened. After hearing the story,  Dumbledore concludes that he will not expel them, but he says that their offense is a serious one and he will be writing to both of their families. He then leaves Professor McGonagall to dole out their punishment.

***Analysis Part 7:***

While Harry and Ron perhaps did not have to break the rules in this circumstance, Dumbledore understands that they didn’t do any true harm and also believed that they were doing the right thing. Additionally, Harry’s immense loyalty to Dumbledore and his view of Dumbledore as a mentor is shown here in the fact that he does not want to disappoint Dumbledore.

***Summary Part 8:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) argues that they acted before the start of the term, and therefore Gryffindor shouldn’t have points taken from it. [Professor McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/professor-mcgonagall) agrees, almost smiling, but she still gives Harry and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) detention. She then conjures sandwiches and says that they should go straight to the dormitory after they have finished eating. She also tells Ron that [Ginny](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ginny-weasley) has been sorted into Gryffindor.

***Analysis Part 8:***

It is ironic that Harry uses a technicality about the rules in order to prevent himself from being punished for breaking the rules. Yet Harry is also demonstrating loyalty to his friends, hoping to avoid having the other students in Gryffindor pay for the thoughtless decision that he and Ron made.

***Summary Part 9:***

When [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) return to the portrait of the Fat Lady who guards Gryffindor tower, [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/hermione-granger) is there, asking where they’ve been and about the rumors that they have been expelled for flying a car. Harry notes that they haven’t been expelled, but that they did fly there. Hermione is shocked at what they did.

***Analysis Part 9:***

Of the three protagonists, Hermione is the one who feels the most duty towards the rules—although, as Rowling demonstrated in the first book and continues to do so in this one, Hermione is willing to break the rules as well when it means being loyal to her friends or doing what is morally right.

***Summary Part 10:***

When [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters/ron-weasley) enter the common room, everyone is cheering and clapping at their “inspired” entrance. However, they see [Percy](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters) incredibly upset, and head up to bed in order to avoid another lecture. But in their room with the other Gryffindor second-years ([Seamus](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters), [Dean](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters), and [Neville](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-chamber-of-secrets/characters)), the other boys are awestruck, and Harry and Ron can’t help but grin.

***Analysis Part 10:***

Percy’s disappointment here foreshadows the negative consequences of what they have done—particularly the punishment that Mr. Weasley receives as a result. And even though Harry is usually quite humble, flying the car is interpreted by many to be arrogant, strengthening Harry’s identity as an attention-seeking celebrity.

***Important Quotations:***

***Quotation 1:***

"You were seen," [Professor Snape] hissed, showing them the headline: FLYING FORD ANGLIA MYSTIFIES MUGGLES. He began to read aloud: "Two Muggles in London, convinced they saw an old car flying over the Post Office tower...at noon in Norfolk, Mrs. Hetty Bayliss, while hanging out her washing...Mr. Angus Fleet, of Peebles, reported to police...Six or seven Muggles in all. I believe your father works in the Misuse of Muggle Artifacts Office?" he said, looking up at Ron and smiling still more nastily. (5.135)

***Explanation:***

Professor Snape hates Harry's guts, so he is obviously pleased at this chance to threaten Harry with expulsion for almost exposing the wizarding world with his flying car. At the same time, Professor Snape is pointing out a real danger: Wizards are doing their best to keep themselves secret from us. Some Muggles did see Harry and Ron's flying car. So they did break wizarding law. What do you think of the wizarding policy of keeping themselves a secret from Muggles? What do you think would happen if wizards suddenly announced themselves to our world? What would happen to wizards? What might happen to Muggles?