***Harry Potter and Prisoner of Azakaban***

#### **Chapter 10-The Marauder’s Map**

***Summary and analysis***

***Brief Summary:***

Harry begins to wonder if he is weak because of his reaction to the Dementors. He is the only one who seems to pass out every time they come near. He spends the weekend in the hospital wing with ample visits from friends. When he returns to classes, he finds that Lupin is back on the job.

After class, Lupin pulls Harry aside to ask about the game. He wants to know if his broom can be repaired and Harry tells him that there is no way. It is in bits. Harry takes the opportunity to ask Lupin if he is weak because of the way he reacts to the Dementors. Lupin tells him that he is not weak; it is just that his past was much more difficult than any of the others in the school and the Dementors feed on painful memories.

Harry asks Lupin if he can teach him how to defend himself from them. Lupin says that he will, but it must wait until after the upcoming holiday break. Ron and Hermione decide to stay at the school for the holidays and Harry is very grateful. There is to be a last trip to Hogsmeade before the break starts. Everyone leaves and Harry is again left alone at the castle. As he heads back to the dorm, Fred and George Weasley, Ron's twin brothers, motion him into an empty classroom.

The twins present him with The Marauder's Map, which looks to Harry like a blank piece of parchment, until George taps the paper with his wand and says "I solemnly swear that I am up to no good." The ink on the paper starts to become visible. It is a map showing all the details of the castle and grounds. In addition, it shows every person, spirit and animal in the school and their movements, represented by small labeled dots. The best feature of the Marauder's Map is that it shows all the secret passageways in the school; there is one that goes right into Hogsmeade. They give Harry the map as an early Christmas gift and show him how to wipe it clear by tapping it and saying, "Mischief managed!." Then, the twins head out to Hogsmeade.

Harry heads to the secret passage entrance to Hogsmeade. His heart is pounding as he heads down the passage way, which ends at the top of a long flight of stairs with a trap door above. The door opens into the cellar of Honeydukes magical candy shop. He sneaks up into the shop and sees Ron and Hermione discussing which candies they should purchase to bring back to Harry. They jump when he comes up behind them and ask how he got to Hogsmeade. He tells them about the Map and Hermione wonders if Sirius Black also knows about the secret passageways.

Ron and Hermione show Harry around the village and then they all head for the Three Broomsticks Pub for butterbeers. There is a blizzard outside and they want to get out of the snow. Ron gets the drinks as Hermione and Harry find a table in the back of the room. They have a toast and then the door to the Pub opens. McGonagall, Flitwick and Fudge, the Minister of Magic. enter. Harry hides under the table, while Hermione enchants a Christmas tree to rest in front of their table, hiding them from view. The teachers and the Minister take a table on the other side of the tree.

The group begins talking about Sirius Black. Harry, Ron and Hermione overhear the entire conversation. They learn that Sirius and Harry's father were very best friends. Sirius was their human "secret keeper" in a spell that kept Lilly, James and Harry hidden from Voldemort. Unless the secret keeper spoke, Voldemort would never know where to find them. Dumbledore cast the spell because he suspected someone had been leaking information to Voldemort about the Potters whereabouts. James Potter trusted Sirius Black completely and would make no other his secret keeper, even when Dumbledore offered to shoulder the task himself. After the Potters were killed and Harry was taken from the house by Hagrid, Black took off. A boy who had tagged along after James and Sirius all throughout school, Peter Pettigrew, hunted Black down and was killed trying to stop him. The only thing left of Peter was one of his fingers. Sirius was captured and taken to Azkaban, where he has remained ever since.

McGonagall, Hagrid, Flitwick and Fudge all get up and leave to head to the castle for dinner with Dumbledore. Harry and Hermione look under the table at Harry with shocked, sad expressions on their faces.

***Synopsis:***

* Harry stays in the hospital for the rest of the weekend and gets lots of visits from his friends.
* But he can't stop thinking about hearing his mother's murder, something he doesn't tell anyone: "Harry felt sick and humiliated every time he thought of them. Everyone said the Dementors were horrible, but no one else collapsed every time they went near one. No one else heard echoes in their head of their dying parents" (10.1.4).
* Thankfully, Lupin returns to class and ensures everyone that they don't need to do Snape's unfair werewolf essay.
* Lupin pulls Harry aside to discuss the Quidditch match.
* Harry tells Lupin everything: what happens when he's around the Dementors, and that he's really worried about them. Lupin tells Harry that he can teach him a way to fight them after the holidays.
* Christmas approaches and it's time for another Hogsmeade trip.
* Harry resigns himself to a boring Saturday, but he's suddenly yanked aside by Fred and George.
* The twins let Harry in on their greatest secret: the Marauder's Map.
* They found the map their first year and discovered that it lists all the secret passages in and out of the school. Plus, the map shows everyone inside the castle, making it easy to monitor things and to skirt professors.
* Harry is amazed.
* The twins show him a passage that leads directly to Hogsmeade and wish him good luck.
* So Harry sets off and manages to successfully sneak into Hogsmeade.
* Ron and Hermione are thrilled to see their friend. Well, Hermione is worried about all the rule-breaking at first, but she comes around.
* The three head to the Three Broomsticks for some Butterbeers.
* But then a group of adults tromp in, consisting of McGonagall, Hagrid, Flitwick, and Fudge.
* Whoops.
* Harry ducks under the table and the trio have to sit and wait for the grown-ups to leave.
* Madam Rosmerta, the manager of the Three Broomsticks, joins the adults for a drink and they all discuss the Sirius Black situation.
* And, boy, do they talk about it.
* Harry, Hermione, and Ron learn all about what Sirius Black did – he was a traitor who murdered thirteen people.
* But Black was also James Potter's BFF in school and was Harry's godfather.
* Black betrayed the Potters to Voldemort!
* Hagrid is enraged when he recalls that Black was at the Potters' house after Voldemort was there. Black tried to take Harry, but Hagrid insisted that Dumbledore wanted Harry to go live with the Dursleys.
* Black gave Hagrid his flying motorcycle to use and then left, only to encounter Peter Pettigrew later that day.
* Peter chased after Sirius in a grief-stricken rage and Black killed Peter.
* Black apparently just laughed as he was hauled off to Azkaban. And, years later, Fudge was astonished by how normal Black appeared in jail.
* Harry, Ron, and Hermione are completely stunned and horrified to learn all of this.

***Brief Analysis:***

After the fall from his broomstick, Harry is miserable, not only about the loss of his Nimbus or the game, but also about the strange effect of the Dementors on him, and his continued sightings of the Grimm right before disaster strikes. Lupin returns to teach around this time, excuses them from Snape's overload of werewolf homework, and after class explains to Harry that the Dementors affect him because his past is more horrible than other people's pasts, and the Dementors are creatures designed to drown humans in misery and despair. Finally, Lupin promises to teach Harry an anti-Dementor spell after Christmas, so Harry's spirits lift.

Around this time, a second Hogsmeade visit rolls around, and Harry is approached by Fred and George Weasley, who surreptitiously introduce him to a map that locates all Hogwarts' rooms, passages, and even people. It is called The Marauder's Map. It is invisible on parchment until the viewer taps it and says "I solemnly swear that I am up to no good." It is signed by four names: Padfoot, Prongs, Moony and Wormtail. Harry uses the map to navigate his way under the school and into the basement of Honeydukes, a sweetshop in Hogsmeade, where he encounters Ron and Hermione. Ron is delighted to see Harry, but Hermione is worried that Black might have access to Harry, or to the tunnels through which Harry came. Together they load their arms with wizard treats and then walk to the Three Broomsticks Pub, where they drink hot butterbeer served by Madam Rosmerta. All of a sudden, Cornelius Fudge enters the pub with several Hogwarts teachers, including Hagrid, McGonagall, and Professor Flitwick. Harry hides underneath a table and overhears as they discuss Black's role not only in killing thirteen people, a dozen innocent Muggles and a wizard named Peter Pettigrew, but also in betraying Harry's parents. Fudge explains to Rosmerta and the teachers that Black had been Harry's parents' best friend Secret-Keeper, under a charm that is impervious if the Secret-Keeper is faithful. Black had given away the secret of Harry's parents whereabouts to Voldemort, who in turn found and killed them. Thus, Black is the cause of the death of Lily and James Potter.

Harry has finally gotten the answers to several of his most troublesome questions in this very long chapter. He discovers that he is not weak because the Dementors have a terrible effect on him. He is riddled with horrible memories that draw the Dementors to him to feed on his suffering. He also gets the whole story of Sirius Black and exactly why he would be after Harry, personally. From this knowledge, he understands why Mr. Weasley told him to not go looking for Black. Ron's dad knew that if Harry found out that Black betrayed his parents, he would want revenge.

The Marauder's Map is an excellent addition to the story. Its obvious part in the plot is that Harry is able to get to Hogsmeade and join his friends. However, it is so much more, as it is a central thread in pulling together the plot. The existence of the map means that there are secret entries into and out of the castle. This translates to a way for Sirius Black to have gotten into and out of the school. It also reveals all who are in the school at any given time, showing their names, not their images. The Marauder's Map promises to be a useful plot device in later chapters, as well as a fun aid in accomplishing some mischief.

***Critical Study(Ch9-10):***Snape's experience teaching Defense Against the Dark Arts is symbolic, not only because he has always wanted the job, but also because he demands that the class learn to recognize and kill werewolves. This is certainly aimed to inform them about Lupin's true form, and to ultimately have the school fire Lupin on account of student fear. Snape is as nasty as ever, and here he is truly in his element; later in the book we are granted a better idea of why exactly Snape is so distasteful to Harry, his friends, and to Lupin, but now we just see pure, unadulterated conniving bitterness. Chapter nine marks the lowest point of Harry's time at Hogwarts this year. He loses his first Quidditch game, loses his beloved broomstick, and caves in when faced with Dementors. Quidditch has been the only outlet where Harry feels positively able to succeed, and for his breaking of his winning streak due to the already vulnerable situation with the Dementors, is the worst possible thing that could happen.

Prospects look up when Lupin promises anti-Dementor lessons, and especially when Fred and George give Harry the Marauder's map; in light of the structure and fear of the last week, it is a great relief for Harry to be able to sneak out of the castle and join his friends in Hogsmeade, not to mention that good solid rule-breaking is always good for the morale. Harry is led out of the castle by this map, which is especially important because this map signifies the collaborative efforts of the four animagi who ultimately tie the plot together. Hogwarts presents a sort of safety net, and during the climactic ends of each of these books, Harry must leave the familiar castle confines and wind up elsewhere, in a hidden chamber or dungeon, or even in the Forbidden Forest. These places are out of Dumbledore's reign, and Harry is forced to take care of himself. This map is Harry's first entrance into the world where this climactic, dangerous exchange will ultimately take place, although he has no idea of it at the time.

When Harry overhears of Black's responsibility for his parents' deaths, he is suddenly thrust into involvement. He has snuck into Hogsmeade and so has no right to the information, but he heard it all the same and is forced to reevaluate his involvement in Black's capture. Not only is he the moderately uninvolved subject of Black's pursuit; now he has every reason to want Black captured and dead. Harry listens, stunned, as these events are recounted in the pub, and once again he is astonished by how much everybody except for he himself, knows about his life.

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

***Summary Part 1:***

[Madam Pomfrey](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) keeps [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) over the weekend. He spends his time mourning his broken broomstick and seeing visitors, though nobody is able to make him feel better. Harry doesn't tell anyone about the Grim and keeps quiet about what happens to him when the dementors get close—Harry knows now that he hears [Lily](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/lily-potter) screaming and [Voldemort](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/voldemort) laughing as he murders her.

***Analysis Part 1:***

The fact that Harry hears his mother dying suggests that time and his memories of what happened aren't as distant as Harry might have thought. This shows that the dementors' true power is condensing time and filtering a person's conception of time to leave them with only the bad moments.

***Summary Part 2:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) is relieved to get back to normal life on Monday, though [Malfoy](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/draco-malfoy) taunts Harry by imitating Harry falling off during the match and, during Potions, he mimes [dementors](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/symbols/dementors). [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) throws a crocodile heart at him and [Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-snape) takes 50 points from Gryffindor. Fortunately, [Lupin](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-lupin) is back to teach Defense Against the Dark Arts, though he looks ill still. As soon as the class is seated they start complaining about Snape and their werewolf homework. Lupin smiles and excuses them from the essay; only [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) is disappointed.

***Analysis Part 2:***

For Hermione, not doing assigned homework—even if it is from Snape and not fair—is unthinkable. This is because she still believes in the sanctity of adult authority figures and while she's willing to question Snape on a personal level, she's unwilling to go so far as to challenge him as a teacher in charge of her grades.

***Summary Part 3:***

[Lupin](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-lupin) asks [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) to stay after class. He offers condolences for Harry's broomstick and sighs that the Whomping Willow was planted the year he arrived at Hogwarts and is a vicious tree. Harry asks if Lupin heard about the [dementors](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/symbols/dementors) and then asks why the dementors affect him so much. Lupin tells Harry that he's not weak; he just has a darker past than most. He explains that dementors are foul creatures that drain positivity out of the world. If given the chance, a dementor will feed on a person's happiness and leave them with only the worst experiences of their life. Quietly, Harry admits that the dementors make him hear [Voldemort](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/voldemort) murdering [Lily](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/lily-potter).

***Analysis Part 3:***

Everything about this conversation suggests that Lupin is beginning to take on a mentorship role for Harry, while Harry is learning to trust Lupin even with extremely personal information. Again, Lupin's willingness to give Harry unabridged information about the dementors shows that he believes Harry is both mature enough to hear the truth and deserving of hearing it. This shows that he recognizes that Harry is growing up.

***Summary Part 4:***

[Lupin](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-lupin) awkwardly almost touches [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter)'s shoulder and then curtly says that the [dementors](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/symbols/dementors) are getting angry since [Dumbledore](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/albus-dumbledore) won't let them on the grounds. He says that at Azkaban, which is on an island, the dementors are so successful that the prison barely needs walls or water to keep prisoners in—most of them go mad. Harry and Lupin briefly discuss [Sirius Black](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black)’s escape, and then Harry remembers that Lupin was able to deter the dementor on the train. He asks if Lupin will teach him to fight dementors. Lupin agrees, but says they need to wait until the new year.

***Analysis Part 4:***

The way that Lupin describes the prison suggests that happiness and camaraderie are essential if a person wants to remain truly alive, since dementors deprive a person of both of those things. When Harry asks for help in learning to deter the dementors, it again shows that he trusts Lupin and knows that Lupin will tell him the truth and treat this request fairly.

***Summary Part 5:***

This promise, combined with Hufflepuff losing to Ravenclaw in a Quidditch match, makes [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) feel much better. Two weeks before term ends, it begins to snow and feel like Christmas. Both [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) and [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) decide to stay at Hogwarts over the Christmas holidays, and everyone but Harry is thrilled when the school arranges another Hogsmeade trip for the last weekend of term. Harry decides to spend the day researching broomsticks to replace his Nimbus.

***Analysis Part 5:***

Ron and Hermione's decision to stay at school is intended to make Harry feel less alone, especially since he has no other choice of where to go for the holidays. This shows that gestures of friendship don't have to be grand; they can be as small as simply being there for someone.

***Summary Part 6:***

On the morning of the Hogsmeade trip, [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) walks [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) and [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) to the doors but before he can return to Gryffindor Tower, [Fred](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/fred-weasley) and [George](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/george-weasley) wave him into an empty classroom. Fred pulls out an old piece of parchment and George explains that when they were first-years, they got in trouble with [Filch](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/filch). While he was threatening them, they noticed a cabinet labeled "Confiscated and Highly Dangerous." George set off a Dungbomb and Fred grabbed the parchment out of the cabinet. George taps the parchment and says, "I solemnly swear that I am up to no good." A map of Hogwarts appears. The top reads that Moony, Wormtail, Padfoot, and Prongs present the Marauder's Map.

***Analysis Part 6:***

It's important to keep in mind that Fred and George take a very dim view of "justice" as espoused by those in charge of Hogwarts, like Filch. As far as they're concerned, what Filch says is less meaningful or important than whatever disallowed thing they want to do. This shows Harry that it is possible to put himself above the law and work around it, while this map is implied to be the ticket to doing so.

***Summary Part 7:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) looks at it and sees that throughout the castle, there are dots labeled with names. It also shows a number of secret passages into Hogsmeade. [Fred](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/fred-weasley) points out several that [Filch](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/filch) knows about, one that starts under the Whomping Willow, and one that leads into Honeydukes. The entrance is right outside the classroom they're in. They tell Harry how to clear the map and say that they'll see him at Honeydukes. Harry feels excited until he remembers that once, [Mr. Weasley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/mr-weasley) warned him to not trust something that can think if he can't see where its brain is. He reasons that he's not using it for anything too bad, so he consults the map, which tells him how to open the hump of a stone witch outside the classroom, and climbs in.

***Analysis Part 7:***

Mr. Weasley uttered that phrase in reference to Tom Riddle/Voldemort's diary, which was an evil object and, importantly, was something that only Ginny interacted with. In the case of the Marauder's Map, it's telling that both Fred and George use it, and that they choose to pass it on to Harry. Simply because the map has been handled by so many people, it seems less nefarious than the diary did—and it's also telling that it was created by four people, not one.

***Summary Part 8:***[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) slides down a long slide and then follows a dark passageway. He begins to climb stairs until his head hits a door. He slowly climbs into a cellar and as an employee comes down to fetch a box of Jelly Slugs, Harry sneaks up the stairs and into the shop. He finds [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) and [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger), surprises them, and then tells them about the map. Ron is enraged that [Fred](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/fred-weasley) and [George](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/george-weasley) never gave it to him, while Hermione insists that Harry hand the map in. She thinks that [Sirius Black](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black) might be using the passages and Harry wonders if Black knows about the passage to Honeydukes. Ron, however, points to a notice saying that [dementors](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/symbols/dementors) patrol the streets of Hogsmeade at night and says that Black doesn't stand a chance.

***Analysis Part 8:***It's worth noting that Ron is right—Black is, at this point, hiding in the Forbidden Forest, not in Hogsmeade. It's perfectly logical to expect that Black wouldn't be able to sneak into the Honeydukes tunnel without raising suspicion. This shows that at least in times like this, when Ron's happiness is at stake, he's able to think logically and critically and come to reasonable conclusions given the information in front of him.

***Summary Part 9:***[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter), [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley), and [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) walk through the village and decide to get butterbeer in the Three Broomsticks. Blushing at the sight of the bartender, [Madam Rosmerta](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters), Ron goes to fetch drinks. The trio sits at a table in the back next to a Christmas tree. Just as Ron returns with the butterbeer, they see [McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-mcgonagall), [Flitwick](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters), [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid), and [Fudge](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/cornelius-fudge) walk through the door. Hermione and Ron shove Harry under the table, while Hermione moves the Christmas tree in front of their table. Harry watches the adults sit at the table next to theirs through the branches.

***Analysis Part 9:***By keeping Harry from being seen by the teachers, Ron and Hermione ensure that he (and they as well) won't get into trouble for sneaking out. This ensures that Harry will be able to use the Marauder's Map again and that he'll have his friends to thank for that. However, it's also worth noting that Harry's trip to Hogsmeade does ignore its potential dangers; he's still young and naïve.

***Summary Part 10:***[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) watches [Rosmerta](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters)'s feet as she brings drinks to the table and [Fudge](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/cornelius-fudge) invites her to join them. Fudge is in town because of [Sirius Black](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black) and assures Rosmerta that the [dementors](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/symbols/dementors) are a necessary precaution. [McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-mcgonagall) and [Flitwick](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) both express anger that they want to get inside the school, but Fudge delicately sidesteps. Thoughtfully, Rosmerta says that she knew Sirius as a boy and he never seemed the sort to go to the Dark Side. Fudge and McGonagall ask if she remembers Sirius's best friend, [James Potter](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/james-potter). At this, Harry drops his tankard.

***Analysis Part 10:***When Fudge sidesteps McGonagall and Flitwick's concerns, it shows that he believes the dementors are good and necessary, even if they are dangerous. McGonagall's concerns, however, suggest that she prioritizes her students' safety over anything else. Learning that James was friends with Sirius Black tells Harry that adults are keeping things from him.

***Summary Part 11:***[McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-mcgonagall), [Flitwick](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters), and [Fudge](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/cornelius-fudge) tell [Rosmerta](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) that [James](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/james-potter) trusted [Sirius](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black)—Sirius was his best man and is [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter)'s godfather. Fudge says that when the Potters went into hiding, [Dumbledore](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/albus-dumbledore) suggested they use the Fidelius Charm, which hides a secret inside a single person. Black became the Potters' Secret Keeper, though Dumbledore was concerned that someone close to the Potters was working with [Voldemort](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/voldemort). Within a week Black betrayed his friends, which backfired when Harry destroyed Voldemort.

***Analysis Part 11:***The implication that it's been purposefully kept secret that Black is Harry's godfather suggests that the adults knew that Harry would become far more emotional about the whole thing knowing that Black betrayed his parents. What the adults believe also shows that they can easily follow Ministry policy without having all the information.

***Summary Part 12:***At this, [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid) begins to shout and says that he was the last person to see [Sirius](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black), at the Potters' house when he went to fetch [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter). Sirius had asked for Harry and when Hagrid insisted on following [Dumbledore](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/albus-dumbledore)'s orders, Sirius lent Hagrid his flying motorbike. [Fudge](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/cornelius-fudge) continues the story and says that [Peter Pettigrew](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/scabbers-peter-pettigrew) found Sirius before the Ministry did. [Rosmerta](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) remembers Pettigrew as an untalented follower of [James](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/james-potter) and Sirius. Pettigrew found Sirius on the street and Sirius blew him and the street up, and then laughed.

***Analysis Part 12:***Given what Harry learns in the Shrieking Shack, it becomes clear that Pettigrew used people's opinion of him as an untalented follower to his advantage—it made it look even more like Black murdered him in cold blood, and that he was trying to do the right thing by standing up to Black. This shows that he expertly manipulated the high emotions of the time.

***Summary Part 13:***[Rosmerta](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) asks if [Sirius Black](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black) is actually mad, and [Fudge](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/cornelius-fudge) says he's not sure. The last time he was at Azkaban, Black seemed normal and asked for Fudge's paper. Fudge says that they just hope to catch him before he finds [Voldemort](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/voldemort). With this, the teachers decide to head back to Hogwarts.

***Analysis Part 13:***By questioning Black's mental state, Fudge is forced to accept that the dementors might not be as successful as he'd like to think they are, since he and others imply that the whole point is for prisoners to go mad.