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

#### **Chapter 14- Snape’s Grudge**

***Summary and analysis***

***Brief Summary:***

Ron is an instant celebrity getting as much attention as Harry now because of his escape from Sirius Black. The boys wonder why Sirius did not simply kill Ron and then find Harry if he had the wrong bed. After all, he was alleged to be a coldblooded murderer.

There is a trip to Hogsmeade coming up and Harry and Ron have it planned that Harry will come via the secret passage, but this time he's bringing his invisibility cloak. As Harry is about to enter the passageway, Neville comes round the corner and sees Harry. He asks Harry to come help him with his homework, then he suddenly sees Snape standing behind Harry and jumps. Snape looks at the passage entry. Snape sends them back to their dorm and begins looking the passage entry over carefully.

Harry ditches Neville and checks the Map. Snape is back in his office, so Harry runs to the passage, jumps in, wipes the Map and heads to Hogsmeade. He finds Ron and the two head off the Shrieking Shack, the most haunted house in Britain. They peer through the fence and Ron says that his brothers told him all the entries are sealed.

Malfoy, Crabbe and Goyle come sauntering up and spot Ron, who appears to be alone as Harry has his cloak on. Malfoy immediately starts taunting Ron. Harry walks behind them and starts throwing mud at them. They think its ghosts from the shack; the cloak gets caught and Harry's head pops out. The three boys scream at the sight of Harry's head and run away.

Harry quickly runs back to the school before they can tell anyone. Just as he exits the secret passage and closes the door, Snape rounds the corner. Obviously, Malfoy has gotten back to the school first. Snape has no proof but tries to get Harry to confess. They argue about Harry's father, then Snape tells Harry to empty his pockets. Snape picks up the blank Map. When Snape tries to make the map revel its secrets, it insults him.

He calls Lupin into his office and asks him to look at the Map, because it seems to be full of dark magic, Lupin's specialty. Lupin looks at it and tells Snape that it is an insulting parchment; a joke, most likely from the local shop in Hogsmeade. Ron rushes in and confirms that he bought the joke parchment for Harry. Lupin puts the map in his pocket and escorts Harry and Ron out of Snape's office. He tells Harry that he knows the writers of the map and that he must keep it as it could be dangerous to Harry.

Snape is on to Harry and his dislike of him prompts his curiosity further. Harry finds out that Snape was bullied by his father and was not quite the hero he thought he was. This is hard to swallow, coming from Snape. Lupin saves Harry and the Map and obviously knows a lot more than he is letting on. It seems that he was closer to Harry's parents than Harry first believes and is astounded that Lupin knew the makers of the map and so much about it. It is also clear that Snape and Lupin have some history between them.

***Synopsis:***

* After Ron's close call, the school tightens up security even more.
* Ron becomes a celebrity for his near-death experience and he milks it for all it's worth, just like Tai in Clueless after her near-death experience at the mall.
* Sir Cadogan is fired.
* Neville receives a Howler from his grandmother, who rants about how he's shamed the family.
* Harry and Ron get a note from Hagrid and they go visit him.
* Hagrid shuts Ron down quickly and proceeds to talk to them about their treatment of Hermione.
* He basically lets them know that he's disappointed by their behavior towards a friend.
* Hagrid also tells them that Hermione is crazy stressed and busy yet still found time to help him with Buckbeak's upcoming trial, which the boys forgot about.
* But later that night, Hermione overhears the boys discussing how Harry's going to sneak out for the upcoming Hogsmeade weekend.
* She threatens to tell McGonagall and they get mad at her all over again.
* It's Hogsmeade day and Harry is interrupted by Neville as he tries to sneak out of the castle.
* Neville has been banned from the Hogsmeade trip and no one is allowed to tell him the password either; McGonagall was pretty pissed, apparently.
* Then Snape shows up and rudely questions Neville and Harry over why they're loitering in the halls.
* Snape is always rude, though, so that sort of goes without saying.
* Finally Harry shakes off Neville and sneaks out to Hogsmeade, wearing his Invisibility Cloak.
* He follows Ron around and the entire thing is less fun than they thought it would be since Harry is invisible.
* But then they encounter Malfoy, Crabbe, and Goyle and Harry decides to get some revenge.
* He throws mud at them and they flip out.
* But then the Invisibility Cloak slips and Malfoy sees Harry's head floating there.
* Malfoy runs for it, and Harry bolts back to the castle, trying to get there before Malfoy reaches Snape.
* Harry flies back out of the secret passage, but Snape quickly finds him and drags him to his office for an interrogation.
* Harry tries to lie and say that he's been in the castle the whole time, but Snape isn't buying it.
* Snape does his patented bad-cop routine and also insults Harry's dad, which sets Harry off.
* But Snape reveals that Dumbledore hasn't really told Harry the entire truth about his dad and his connection to Snape.
* To make matters worse, Snape then finds the Marauder's Map, which starts displaying insults towards him.
* But Lupin suddenly appears and breaks up the interrogation.
* Ron also comes flying in to corroborate Harry's story and Lupin leads them off.
* Harry's relief is very short-lived, though.
* Lupin confiscates the Map, saying that he knows what it is, and he shames Harry about his reckless behavior.
* The boys are chastened and head back to the Common Room, where they find a tearful Hermione.
* Hagrid lost his case and Buckbeak is going to be executed.

***Critical Analysis(Ch 13-14):***

After the second Black break-in, Hogwarts tightens its security measures. Doors are taught to recognize Black's face, and the Fat Lady's portrait is returned and guarded by several trolls. Neville is not given Gryffindor's password. One afternoon Harry and Ron receive an invitation to visit Hagrid for tea, and when they do, Hagrid lectures them on shunning Hermione, who he says has been heartsick at the loss of their friendship. "I thought you two'd value yer friend more'n broomsticks or rats," he finally says.

Another Hogsmeade visit comes around, and this time Harry goes through the tunnels with his invisibility cloak. In Hogsmeade, he and Ron visit the Shrieking Shack, the most severely haunted house in Britain, and when they (or really just Ron, because Harry is invisible) are taunted by Malfoy and his cronies, Crabbe and Goyle, Harry throws mud at them from under his cloak, providing both Ron and himself great amusement until the cloak slips off and reveals his head. Harry runs back to Hogwarts, but not before Malfoy has reported to Snape what had happened. Harry hides his cloak in the tunnel just in time, because Snape greets him in the hallway soon after he has emerged and summons him into his office, where Snape insults Harry's troublemaking tendencies and compares his arrogance to that of his father. Harry is furious and yells at Snape to shut up. Snape is furious, and demands that Harry empty his pockets. He finds the map, which insults Snape rather than revealing its secrets. Snape summons Lupin through his fireplace, and Lupin arrives, looks at the map and excuses it as a trick from Zonko's joke-shop. At that moment, Ron arrives and assures them all that he had bought it for Harry months ago. Snape is forced to let the boys go, but Lupin calls them into his office and scolds them gravely for having the map in their possession when Black was on the loose, and he notes that the map-makers may be trying to lure them out of the castle. "Your parents gave their lives to keep you alive, Harry," he tells them. "A poor way to repay them—gambling their sacrifice for a bag of magic tricks." As Harry and Ron walk away, they are accosted by Hermione, who informs them that Buckbeak lost the case and is going to be executed.

Chapter Thirteen is triumphant. Harry has the Firebolt in his possession once again and he can soar through the skies. He feels somewhat apprehensive and curious about Cho Chang; this is the first time in this series that Harry is ever really shy around a girl. During the game, what appears to be a triumph over three Dementors is really just a prank played by Malfoy. Harry still feels confident enough to cast a patronus, and still wins the game. The jubilant feelings within Gryffindor house run loud and late. Only in the middle of the night is the dark shadow of Black cast upon their tower. It is peculiar that Black does not even attempt to go after Harry; this is one sign that his escape motive is not exactly what it originally seemed.

Harry is always questioning his surroundings and enemies, but in Chapter Fourteen, he is forced to reconsider his own actions. This happens first at Hagrid's house, when Hagrid scolds Ron and Harry for shunning Hermione for the broomstick and cat incidents. Later, this happens when Lupin saves Harry from a furious Snape, taking the Marauder's Map and then saying gravely to Harry that his parents' sacrifice should have made him take more precautions with his life, instead of sneaking into Hogsmeade with Black on the loose. This is one of the only instances in which Harry's character is called into question. He cares deeply about Hermione, but he is undeniably furious when she intrudes by turning his broomstick in to the professors.

Harry is more concerned about being left out of Hogsmeade than he ever is about Black. Although Harry should stay in the castle and protect himself, his priorities are those of a thirteen-year-old boy. Harry has sought adventure without meaning to, and he has always been wary of allowing teachers access to his personal life. J.K. Rowling shows Harry enduring some typical teenage trials. Harry mutters when responding to adults, and he pretends to be embarrassed when Ron's mother hugs him at the train station.

Lastly, Lupin's deft handling of the map situation reveals great loyalty to Harry, but also foreshadows the discovery of his own involvement in the map- making. He speaks with great deliberation when he warns Harry that the mapmakers may be trying to lure him out of the castle. He knows Sirius Black's involvement in the map as well, and his clear awareness at the danger of the map demonstrates to Harry not only the great disappointment that he has caused Lupin to feel, or the great protectiveness that Lupin seems to feel for Harry, but furthermore the multitude of secrets existing within Hogwarts, the makers of the map, the ends of the tunnels on the map, and the strange tension between Snape and Lupin.

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

***Summary Part 1:***

The next day, [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) sees teachers putting security measures in place. [McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-mcgonagall) fires [Sir Cadogan](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sir-cadogan) and the [Fat Lady](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) returns with security trolls to guard her. Harry notices that the statue of the witch that leads to Hogsmeade remains unguarded, but [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) insists that [Sirius Black](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black) can't be getting in through Honeydukes. Ron becomes a celebrity overnight, though he doesn't understand why Black ran instead of murdering the entire dormitory. [Neville](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/neville-longbottom) is disgraced and McGonagall forbids anyone to give him the passwords. He also receives a Howler from his [grandmother](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) one morning.

***Analysis Part 1:***

Again, Ron is still correct that Sirius Black isn't using that particular tunnel, but that doesn't mean that the tunnel isn't still a liability—especially since it's implied throughout the novel that not all the teachers know about the tunnel, which means that the students might not be as safe as the staff would like to think they are.

***Summary Part 2:***

As [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) watches [Neville](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/neville-longbottom) run away with the Howler, [Hedwig](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) nips him so he'll take her letter. It's from [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid) inviting him and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) to come for tea in the evening. Ron is excited to get to tell Hagrid about his heroism, but Hagrid is uninterested. In Hagrid's cabin, they notice [Buckbeak](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/buckbeak) on the bed with Hagrid's awful brown suit, all ready for Buckbeak's hearing in front of the Committee for the Disposal of Dangerous Creatures. Harry feels guilty; he forgot about the trial.

***Analysis Part 2:***

When Harry realizes that he's let Hagrid and Buckbeak down in regards to the trial, it shows him understanding that a true friend doesn't forget this sort of thing. By recognizing this, Harry will be able to use the shame he feels here to change his behavior going forward and, hopefully, be a better friend.

***Summary Part 3:***

[Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid) looks uncharacteristically serious as he says that they need to talk about [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger). He says that she's been visiting him often to help with [Buckbeak](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/buckbeak)'s case, though she often cries because she has so much on her plate and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) is ignoring her. Hagrid says that he thought [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) and Ron would value friendship more than objects. Ron angrily says that he'd speak to Hermione if she got rid of [Crookshanks](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/crookshanks), and then the conversation turns to Quidditch.

***Analysis Part 3:***

With this, Hagrid is able to use his role as a friend, a mentor, and a teacher to give the boys the hard-hitting talk they need to hear about friendship. By encouraging them to put Hermione first, he gives them a boot towards adulthood, maturity, and in Ron's case especially, forgiveness.

***Summary Part 4:***

When [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) return to the castle, they see that a Hogsmeade trip is scheduled for next weekend. Harry quietly says that the passage isn't blocked up yet, but [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) appears behind them and threatens to tell [McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-mcgonagall) about the Marauder's Map if he goes to Hogsmeade again. Ron tells Hermione to leave it alone and Hermione leaves when [Crookshanks](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/crookshanks) jumps into her lap. Harry agrees to go with the Invisibility Cloak.

***Analysis Part 4:***

To Harry and Ron, Hermione's threat appears mean, but to the reader (and to any adult who might learn of the map), Hermione is fully justified and doing the right thing by making this threat. She cares for Harry's safety and knows that he's not taking it seriously. Therefore, as his friend, it falls to her.

***Summary Part 5:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) goes to breakfast with everyone else on Saturday morning, the Invisibility Cloak and the map in his pockets. After everyone else leaves, he heads for the third floor and checks the map by the witch statue. He sees [Neville](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/neville-longbottom) coming and can't get himself through the passage before Neville appears. Neville invites Harry to play a game and work on their essays for [Lupin](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-lupin), but [Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-snape) interrupts. His eyes flick to the witch statue as he sends both boys back to Gryffindor Tower. Harry ditches Neville at the portrait hole and then races back to the witch statue and climbs in.

***Analysis Part 5:***

When Snape's eyes flick to the statue, it suggests that he's aware that the statue protects a tunnel leading out of school. This makes him a dangerous enemy for Harry should things go wrong, as Snape then has more proof that Harry is misbehaving and disregarding adults' attempts to keep him safe.

***Summary Part 6:***

In Hogsmeade, [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) finds [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley). They decide to visit the Shrieking Shack, one of the most severely haunted buildings in Britain. Suddenly, they hear voices and see [Malfoy](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/draco-malfoy), [Crabbe](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters), and [Goyle](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) approaching. Malfoy is talking about [Buckbeak](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/buckbeak)'s hearing and when he sees Ron, he teases him that the Shrieking Shack would be more luxurious than the Weasleys' house. Harry sneaks behind Malfoy and throws mud at him. Ron, laughing, remarks on how haunted the Shrieking Shack is. Harry throws more mud at Crabbe and Goyle and Crabbe runs at Harry. Harry sticks out his leg to trip Crabbe, but Crabbe's foot tugs the cloak off of Harry's face. Malfoy screams and runs.

***Analysis Part 6:***

Out in Hogsmeade and away from teachers, Malfoy feels free to bully Ron mercilessly—there's nobody to stop him from being a jerk and while he’s "alone," Ron is defenseless. While this does show that Malfoy is very tuned into the social structures around him and knows how to play them to his advantage, it also indicates that he's aware of his lack of power—unlike Snape, Malfoy can't torment Ron or Harry openly, as he doesn't have the prestige afforded to teachers.

***Summary Part 7:***

[Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) races back to Honeydukes and hopes that nobody will believe [Malfoy](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/draco-malfoy). He decides to leave the cloak in the tunnel and just as he closes up the passage, [Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-snape) appears. Harry guiltily sticks his muddy hands in his pockets and follows Snape to his office. Snape tells Harry that Malfoy saw him in Hogsmeade. Harry tries not to blink and suggests that Malfoy was hallucinating, but Snape won't have it and Harry is forced to admit that nobody can confirm that he was in Gryffindor Tower.

***Analysis Part 7:***

In this situation, Harry is in especially deep trouble since Snape hates him so much. Because of this, Snape doesn't need to find much proof to feel justified in punishing Harry, and Snape will believe Malfoy before he listens to anything Harry has to say. This shows that even within Hogwarts, justice doesn't always function fairly.

***Summary Part 8:***[Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-snape) says that even though everyone is trying to keep him safe, [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) doesn't care about consequences. He says that Harry is just like [James](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/james-potter) and that James didn't care about rules either. Harry snaps, tells Snape to shut up, and says that [Dumbledore](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/albus-dumbledore) shared that his dad saved Snape's life. Snape asks if Harry knows the details. Harry doesn't, so Snape says that James and his friends played a joke on him that could've killed him; James was saving himself from punishment by "saving" Snape.

***Analysis Part 8:***While Snape tells Harry these things about James specifically to provoke Harry, it's worth noting that Snape has a point: Harry isn't taking Sirius Black seriously, and he's disrespecting every adult who's trying to keep him safe by breaking their rules. However, because these words come from Snape's mouth, Harry is less likely to believe him.

***Summary Part 9:***[Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-snape) asks [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) to empty his pockets. Harry pulls out his shopping bag from Zonko's and the Marauder's Map. He tells Snape that [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) gave him the Zonko's items as Snape picks up the parchment and starts to throw it in the fire. When Harry jumps, Snape hits the map with his wand and tells it to reveal its secrets. Words appear on the map, all insulting Snape's appearance. Snape summons [Lupin](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-lupin) through the fireplace and Lupin climbs out. He inspects the map and says it likely came from Zonko’s, but Snape says it must have come from "the manufacturers." Lupin asks Harry if he knows Moony, Wormtail, Padfoot, or Prongs, and Harry truthfully says he doesn't. Ron bursts in, out of breath, and says he gave Harry the Zonko's products a while ago.

***Analysis Part 9:***Snape's suspicion of the map and his mention that Harry got it from the manufacturers again suggests that Snape has information that Harry doesn't. When Lupin gives Harry the opportunity to tell the truth, he helps Harry's case  by giving him at least one shred of truth to hang onto. Then, when Ron insists he gave Harry the Zonko's products, it indicates that Lupin is actively helping Harry and saving him from Snape's ire—there's no way he could've known that Snape was the professor to intercept Harry without help, as all professors are dedicated to keeping Harry safe and in the castle at this point.

***Summary Part 10:***[Lupin](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-lupin) cheerfully takes back the map and tells [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) and [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) to follow him. In the entrance hall, Lupin says he knows that the parchment is a map and is aghast that Harry didn't turn it in. Harry asks why [Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-snape) thinks he got it from the manufacturers. Lupin hesitantly explains that they would've found it entertaining to lure Harry out of school and admits that he's met them. He says that he won't cover for Harry again and says that Harry is doing a poor job of repaying [Lily](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/lily-potter) and [James](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/james-potter)'s sacrifice. Harry feels awful. As Harry and Ron reach the corridor for the portrait hole, they see [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) coming towards them. Ron meanly asks if she told on them, but she shakily says that [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid) lost and [Buckbeak](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/buckbeak) will be executed.

***Analysis Part 10:***While Lupin says much the same thing that Snape did by bringing up all the people who have tried to keep Harry safe, it has more of an effect coming from him since Harry trusts and likes him. This shows how good teachers have a great deal of power, even when they reprimand students—their disappointment carries more weight, as Harry desperately wants to impress Lupin and be worthy of his respect. The effect of Lupin's words suggests that Harry will take them to heart going forward.