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

#### **Chapter 16- Professor Trelawney’s Prediction**

***Summary and analysis***

***Brief Summary:***

After the Quidditch victory, final exams come around. Everybody is hard at work preparing. The care of magical creatures exam is easy, as Hagrid has become fearful of another injury and so will teach the class only boring, harmless creatures, like flobberworms. Harry receives full marks on the defense against the dark arts exam, which requires that he combat several of the creatures studied over the term. In Divination, Professor Trelawney asks Harry to find signs of the future inside a crystal ball, an assignment that he fictionalizes dutifully. Suddenly, Professor Trelawney's voice changes, her eyes look hypnotized, and she predicts that the Dark Lord's servant will rejoin him tonight before midnight. She snaps out of the trance and has no recollection of the prediction. Harry dashes out to tell Ron, but before he can say anything, Ron and Hermione inform him that Buckbeak lost the appeal and will be executed at sunset.

The three friends set out to comfort Hagrid, but only after Hermione has slipped downstairs to retrieve Harry's invisibility cloak from the secret tunnel. At Hagrid's cabin, they find Hagrid shaky but not hysterical as he explains that Lucius Malfoy must have threatened the Committee for Disposal of Dangerous Creatures. Hagrid accidentally drops a milk jug while attempting to serve them tea, and when Hermione begins to fill a replacement jug, she discovers Scabbers inside it. Ron grabs the rat, who is flailing in all directions, refusing to hold still in Ron's hands. Around this time, the executioners arrive and Hagrid shoos Harry, Ron, and Hermione back under the invisibility cloak and out of his cabin. As they walk away, they hear the thud of an axe.

In Chapter Fifteen, Hermione begins to lose her self-control. Her responses to Malfoy and to Professor Trelawney are shocking. Hermione understands from experience what this book seems to teach, that nothing has a simple, obvious reason or answer, and that the future is contingent upon so many constantly changing elements of the present. Hermione's character increases in its strength and helpfulness throughout these chapters.

The ways in which students play quiddich reflect their inner characters. The Slytherins play a dirty game, knocking players from their broomsticks during the game, grabbing Gryffindor heads and broomsticks instead of simply the balls, and even trying to trip and hurt Harry during the week before the game. The Slytherins fly on expensive broomsticks but are not very talented at flying on them, and they have a team of only boys, unlike the Gryffindor team, compiled of seven highly skilled, well-practiced girls and boys, flying on a full array of differing broomsticks. Gryffindor plays fairly but retaliates hard, and Harry beats Malfoy to the Snitch, despite Malfoy's many efforts to halt Harry's progress. Perhaps that is the greatest difference between the two rivaling houses, as symbolized by the rivaling Quidditch teams: Gryffindor works hard to succeed for their own desire for success, whereas Slytherin feels that it oughtn't have to work for its own success and so tries to prevent other teams from succeeding, in order NOT to have to succeed themselves.

***Synopsis:***

* It's everyone's favorite time of year: finals!
* Hermione is completely stressed out due to the huge number of finals she has.
* On top of all their school work, Buckbeak's appeal is approaching.
* Hagrid sends a note that says the Ministry is sending an executioner to the appeal.
* We think the Ministry is trying to tell us something.
* So finals begin and everyone's anxious and tired from all the work they have.
* Finally, the day of Buckbeak's appeal arrives.
* But first, the boys have their last final: Divination.
* Hermione heads off to her Arithmancy final.
* All the kids have to go in separately and read the future from a crystal ball for their exam.
* Harry ends up being the last one to go in.
* He makes up a story about seeing Buckbeak flying away and Trelawney seems bummed out – she was hoping for more blood and gore, clearly.
* Harry thinks the exam is over, but then Trelawney starts acting weirder than usual.
* She goes into a sot of trance and starts talking in a very harsh voice.
* She says that "The servant will break free and set out to rejoin his Master. The Dark Lord will rise again with his servant's aid, greater and more terrible than before" (16.2.68).
* Harry is stunned.
* Trelawney snaps out of it and has no memory of what she just said.
* So Harry makes a run for it, but he doesn't have time to tell Ron and Hermione about what Trelawney said.
* Hagrid lost his appeal and Buckbeak is going to be executed at sunset.
* The trio want to sneak out to be with Hagrid, but Harry doesn't have his Invisibility Cloak.
* He left it in the passageway after he dashed back from Hogsmeade during his last disastrous visit – you know, the one in which he threw some mud at Malfoy.
* So Hermione sets off and gets it, impressing both the boys.
* The trio gather under the cloak and sneak off to Hagrid's, just like the good old days.
* They go inside Hagrid's cabin and try to console him.
* Buckbeak is tied up outside so he can get some fresh air in his final moments.
* Hagrid is devastated.
* Hermione starts to make him some tea, when suddenly she finds a rat in Hagrid's milk bottle.
* Oh no, Hagrid's going to get slapped with a citation from the Health Department!
* But this isn't just any old rat: it's Scabbers.
* Consider our minds blown.
* The gang doesn't have time to stand around looking shocked, though; the executioner approaches and Hagrid hustles the trio, plus Ron's rat, out of the cabin.
* They set off slowly and make little progress because Scabbers keeps trying to get away.
* Finally the three hear an ominous thud and they're horrified to realize that Buckbeak is now dead.

***Critical Analysis:***

The weather is starting to break and it is warm and sunny outdoors. While the students of Hogwart's want to be outside enjoying the warm weather, they cannot. Finals have started and they are under the gun to study.

While Harry, Ron and Hermione are in the common room of their dorm, Hedwig, Harry's owl, flies in with a note from Hagrid. The appeal for Buckbeak is set for the sixth, the last day of exams. They are coming to Hagrid for the hearing with an executioner, which indicates that the council has already made up its mind.

They somehow manage to make it through exams, with Hermione being the most stressed with all the classes she has been miraculously taking during the term. The last day of exams arrives and Harry, Ron and Hermione run into the Minister of Magic, Cornelius Fudge. He is on his way to see Hagrid with his associates, for the final appeal for Buckbeak.

Their last exam for the day is Divination with Professor Trelawney. She calls the students up to her room one by one and has them gaze into a crystal orb and make predictions. Harry's turn comes and he sees Buckbeak. However, he does not see him getting executed. Professor Trelawney is about to dismiss him when she suddenly goes into a trance that looks like a seizure to Harry. She says in an odd disembodied voice, "The Dark Lord lies alone and friendless, abandoned by his followers. His servant has been chained these twelve years. Tonight, before midnight . . . the servant will break free and set out to rejoin his master. The Dark Lord will rise again with his servant's aid, greater and more terrible than ever he was. Tonight. . .." Her head then feel forward and when she looked up she did not seem to know what she had said to him. She thinks she had just dozed off from the heat. Harry quickly leaves her class very shaken.

He runs to tell Ron and Hermione but doesn't get a chance as they hand him a note, telling them that Buckbeak has lost the appeal and the hippogriff will be executed at sunset. He tells them not to come down to the hut.

After dinner, they decide to go anyway to try and comfort Hagrid. They retrieve Harry's Invisibility Cloak from the secret passage and go to the Hut. While in his hut, they find Scabbers, Ron's rat hiding in a jug. Then, as Ron picks him up, the Committee to execute Buckbeak heads towards the Hut. Hagrid chases them out. They grab the cloak and go out the back door. They hide in the woods and hear Buckbeak's execution.

Professor Trelawney seems to have had a real prediction for the first time Harry has known her. What she says is very unnerving. It also tells the reader that the plot is about to accelerate in the next chapters as the book nears its end. The prediction is vague enough to not give the final outcome away, while also containing hints to the ending.

***Critical Study(Ch13-16):***With all the evidence pointing toward Crookshanks having eaten Ron's rat Scabbers, Hermione and Ron's friendship seems all but over. But with the Ravenclaw match around the corner, Harry barely has time for his studies, let alone for acting as a counselor for his friends. He's practicing on his Firebolt every chance he gets. The day of the match, Harry finds himself facing a new Seeker for the Ravenclaw team, a girl named Cho Chang, with whom Harry immediately becomes smitten. Before long, Harry has his eyes on the Golden Snitch, but as he approaches it, he spots several cloaked figures flying below him. Instead of fainting at the sight of Dementors, he deploys a successful Patronus Charm and catches the Snitch, winning the match for Gryffindor. When he lands, he learns that the "Dementors" were not, in fact, Dementors, but Malfoy and his cronies attempting to sabotage him.

When they return to the Gryffindor common room, a huge celebration awaits. Every Gryffindor (except for Hermione, who is buried in a book called *Home Life and Social Habits of British Muggles*) parties until 1 AM, at which point Professor McGonagall tells them to settle down and head to bed. Upon falling asleep, Harry dreams that he is following a silvery-white orb through the forest. His chase intensifies as the orb speeds up, and he hears galloping somewhere nearby. Suddenly, Harry jolts awake to the sound of Ron screaming. Ron says that he woke up to [Sirius Black](https://www.gradesaver.com/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/study-guide/character-list#sirius-black) standing over him with a knife. All the Gryffindors gather in the common room, joined by McGonagall, who upon hearing Ron's story, asks Sir Cadogan, the guard-portrait, whether he let a man into the dorms. Sir Cadogan says that he did, because the man had a slip of paper with a whole week's worth of passwords on it. Furious, McGonagall demands to know who was foolish enough to write all of the passwords down and then lose the piece of paper. Neville timidly raises his hand.

The morning after Black's second infiltration, Harry and Ron receive a letter from Hagrid asking them to come over for tea. He meets them in the entrance hall and walks them to his cabin, where he expresses his concern for Hermione. Hagrid says she's been visiting him a lot since Christmas, because she feels lonely and overwhelmed by school. Hagrid expresses disappointment in Harry and Ron for shunning Hermione over a broom and a rat. He says that she's a good friend, and despite all her schoolwork, has still found time to help with Buckbeak's defense. Harry and Ron are ashamed that they all but forgot about Buckbeak's trial. When they arrive back at the castle, the bulletin is up for the next Hogsmeade visit. Hermione overhears Harry and Ron conspiring to meet in the village and threatens to tell McGonagall about the map if Harry goes this time. She is shocked that Harry would even consider going after Black infiltrated the castle a second time. Ron shames Hermione, telling her she's done enough damage already.

On the morning of the Hogsmeade trip, Harry pretends to go back to the common room, for Hermione's sake. After they all leave, he sneaks down to the statue of the one-eyed witch and throws his bag down the chute. Before he can climb through, Neville turns the corner and jovially asks Harry to hang out (part of Neville's punishment for supplying Black the dorm passwords is being banned from Hogsmeade trips). While Harry is thinking of an excuse to ditch Neville, Snape discovers them in the hallway and orders them to return to the Gryffindor common room. Harry lets Neville into the common room and doubles back to the statue, goes down the chute, throws on his invisibility cloak, and meets Ron in town.

While in the Village, Harry and Ron visit a haunted landmark called The Shrieking Shack, with Harry remaining invisible. When they reach the Shack, they find Malfoy and his cronies already up there, Malfoy in the process of bragging about his role in the execution of Hagrid's beloved hippogriff. Harry, taking advantage of his invisibility, slings handfuls of mud at Malfoy and his friends' heads. He trips them and torments them in various ways from the safety of invisibility. As they're running away, one of them trips on Harry's invisibility cloak, uncovering Harry's head, which Malfoy sees floating disembodied over the snow. Malfoy clearly registers that he saw Harry's head and sprints away. Harry makes a run for Honeydukes, hoping to return to the castle before Malfoy can tell Snape what he saw, but by the time he climbs out of the one-eyed witch's back, Snape is rounding the corner.

Harry left his cloak in the tunnel, in case he was stopped on the way back to his dorm, but Snape finds the blank sheet of parchment in his pocket. Though Snape is unable to reveal the contents of the Marauder's Map, he is immediately suspicious of it. He demands the map reveal itself to him, but instead, the map insults him. Phrases appear on the parchment that say things like, "Mr. Moony presents his compliments to Professor Snape, and begs him to keep his abnormally large nose out of other people's business," and "Mr. Padfoot would like to register his astonishment that an idiot like that ever became a professor" (287). Snape summons Lupin, claiming that there is obviously dark magic behind this piece of parchment in Harry's pocket, but Lupin assures him that it is just a prank toy that insults its users. However, when Lupin has Harry alone, he reveals that he *knows*what the Marauder's Map is, and he is deeply disappointed in Harry for continuing to put himself in danger when so many people are trying to keep him safe.

Hermione shows Harry and Ron a tear-soaked letter she received from Hagrid reporting that Buckbeak lost his case. After their next Care of Magical Creatures class, Malfoy calls Hagrid pathetic, and Hermione smacks him across the face. Thoroughly impressed, Ron and Harry continue to their Charms class, but when they turn around, Hermione is gone. She reappears after class on their way to Divination, and Ron asks her why she wasn't in Charms. Hermione says, "What? Oh no! I forgot to go to Charms!" (295). Neither Harry nor Ron understand how she could *forget*to go to Charms when she was with them during Care of Magical Creatures, but Hermione swiftly changes the subject. Once they're in Divination, Professor Trelawney continues to harbor fear among her students. When she claims to see a Grim in Harry's crystal ball, Hermione loses it. She makes it clear that she thinks Trelawney can't actually predict the future and storms out of the class.

Harry spends the whole Easter holiday studying for finals and preparing for the last Quidditch match of the season, against Slytherin. Throughout the break, Harry has terrible Quidditch-related dreams. One night, he wakes up and thinks he sees a big, black dog lurking in the Forbidden Forest, but it's just Crookshanks. Then, moments later, an actual black dog emerges from the trees and joins Crookshanks in a walk across the grounds. This is the third time Harry has encountered the black, Grim-looking dog from afar, and it makes him very nervous.

The match against Slytherin finally arrives, and it is brutal. Fouls left and right, especially from the Slytherin team, result in an inordinate amount of penalty shots. Harry is operating on strict orders to *only catch the Snitch if they're leading 50 points or more over Slytherin*, so his job for the first part of the game is to keep Malfoy from catching it, which he manages successfully. Once Gryffindor is firmly leading by 60 points, Harry begins his hunt for the Snitch. He sees Malfoy dive for it first, but Malfoy's broom is no match for Harry's Firebolt. Harry catches the Snitch and wins the match. When he sees Dumbledore awaiting the Gryffindor team on the ground holding the massive Quidditch Cup, Harry is the happiest he's been perhaps in his entire life.

Harry's elation at winning the Cup lasts about a week, up until the beginning of finals. The perfect weather outside seems to be mocking them for having to hunker down indoors and focus on their books. Harry and Ron are thoroughly confused by Hermione's exam schedule, which includes several exams at the same exact time. But, one by one, the students get through their exams. The first is Care of Magical Creatures, which is excessively easy due to Hagrid's inability to function with Buckbeak's execution around the corner. Then there is Transfiguration and Charms, which goes off without a hitch. Harry scores perfect marks on the Defense Against the Dark Arts final, for which Lupin designed an obstacle course of magical creatures for the students to combat. For the Divination final, Professor Trelawney conferences with her students one on one, asking them to look into a crystal ball and tell her what they see. During Harry's conference, Trelawney seems to have some sort of seizure. Her eyes roll back, her voices darkens and changes, and she emits the following prophecy:

*The Dark Lord lies alone and friendless, abandoned by his followers. His servant has been chained these twelve years. Tonight, before midnight ... the servant will break free and rejoin his master. The Dark Lord will rise again with his servant's aid, greater and more terrible than ever before. Tonight ... before midnight ... the servant ... will set out ... to rejoin ... his master ...*" (324).

Upon snapping out of her trance, Trelawney has zero recollection of making this prophecy. When Harry tries to alert his friends to what happened during his Divination final, they are already preoccupied with the news that Buckbeak will be executed in front of Hagrid's cabin at sundown. Against Hagrid's wishes, Harry, Ron, and Hermione throw on Harry's invisibility cloak and visit him at his cabin to console him. While there, Ron spots his rat Scabbers, now emaciated, on the floor of Hagrid's cabin. Ron takes Scabbers into his pocket on their way out of the cabin; several men from the ministry approach to get on with the execution. The three friends are still within earshot, walking back to the castle under Harry's cloak, when they hear the swing of the executioner's axe.

***Analysis***

As we move deeper into the second half of the novel, we learn more about Harry's father's past, which in turn elucidates Harry's current situation. For example, in Chapter 14, entitled "Snape's Grudge," Harry defends his father's memory against Snape, who says to Harry, "How extraordinarily like your father you are, Potter. He too was exceedingly arrogant" (284). Harry tells Snape to "shut up," and claims he knows the truth about his relationship with his father—"He saved your life!" Harry says to Snape, "Dumbledore told me! You wouldn't even be here if it wasn't for my dad!" (285). Snape sets the record straight for Harry, assuring him that the only reason his life needed saving was as a result of a prank that James Potter played on him with his friends. James only saved Snape's life because he got cold feet, and in saving Snape's life he was also saving himself from grave consequences.

Continuing in the vein of false accusations and revisionist history, Snape's story calls into question Harry's whole perception of his father, who was killed before Harry could really develop any sort of meaningful memory of him. For Harry, the characters and personalities of his parents are merely a sum of the anecdotes and impressions told to him by the people who knew them. Harry is finding out that these impressions may not contain the entire truth, and people like Snape, who Harry has assumed to be a motiveless villain for his entire time at Hogwarts, provide different perspectives on what Harry's parents were actually like. As the title of the chapter suggests, Snape's animosity towards Harry finally makes sense; it is a response to the anger and frustration that Snape has harbored after years of being bullied by Harry's father.

Another character about whom we gain insight during these chapters is Professor Trelawney, who has a spontaneous prophetic event while conducting Harry's Divination final. For the duration of the book, Rowling obviously portrays Trelawney as a bit of a hack, and leads to the reader to the assumption that she lacks any true powers of Divination. Arguably the most reliable figure at Hogwarts, Professor McGonagall, whose word is synonymous with the truth, frequently belittles Trelawney and regards her with disdain and suspicion. So, of course, as readers, we go along with what the narrative and the most trustworthy voices in the book signal to us as the truth. But then, in Chapter 16, Trelawney appears to have an *actual*prophecy that bears real importance on the plot of the novel and the fate of the wizarding world. The irony of her prophecy is that she doesn't even remember making it. This also reveals a truth about Divination: that perhaps it *cannot*be taught, but is something uncontrollable even for those who possess the "inner eye."

If we explicate the contents of Trelawney's prophecy, it seems to point to Sirius Black as the "servant" of the Dark Lord. The most obvious interpretation of the statement that this person has been "chained" for twelve years would be to Black's imprisonment in Azkaban; but if this novel has told us anything about obvious truths, it is that they require deeper investigation before they can be accepted. For example, Ron's rat Scabbers appears behind Hagrid's cupboard right before Buckbeak's execution, when all evidence pointed to Crookshanks eating him. At least one thing seems clear: at midnight, the night of Buckbeak's execution, someone will try to revive the Dark Lord. Only time will tell the true identity of his servant...

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

***Summary Part 1:***

As June arrives, most of the students want nothing more than to enjoy the sunshine. However, with exams approaching, nobody has that luxury. [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) notice [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger)'s exam schedule and can't help but ask how she expects to sit two exams at once, but Hermione won't say. She looks up as [Hedwig](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters) flies through the window with a note from [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid). It says that [Buckbeak](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/buckbeak)'s appeal will be on the last day of exams, at Hogwarts, and an executioner will attend. Ron shouts that they can't decide to kill Buckbeak without a fair appeal, but Harry suspects that [Lucius Malfoy](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/lucius-malfoy) had a hand in this, especially given that [Malfoy](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/draco-malfoy) has started making comments about Buckbeak's impending death.

***Analysis Part 1:***

Hermione's refusal to tell the boys that she's traveling through time shows how seriously she takes the rules told to her about time travel. This helps to create the sense that Hermione still relies heavily on rules and doesn't believe in questioning them, let alone breaking them. In her case, this is a mark of immaturity and represents a lack of critical thinking skills, as at this point, she still believes books hold absolute truth and rules are all for good.

***Summary Part 2:***

 As exam week begins, the third-years take their Transfiguration and Charms exams, then Care of Magical Creatures, Potions, and Astronomy. [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid)'s exam involves keeping flobberworms alive for an hour, which is easy and gives [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) a chance to talk to [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid). Potions is a disaster. Harry's potion refuses to cooperate and he thinks he sees [Snape](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-snape) mark a zero on his notes. For History of Magic, Harry writes everything he remembers about [witch hunts](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/symbols/witch-hunts).

***Analysis Part 2:***

Though Harry does admit that he doesn't perform well for his Potions exam, it's unclear if he actually did poorly enough to warrant a zero. This offers the possibility that Snape is failing Harry on purpose because he doesn't like him, which again shows that Snape is a poor teacher. Further, it's also possible that Snape's exam was beyond his students' abilities, given that he doesn’t teach them well anyway.

***Summary Part 3:***

[Lupin](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-lupin)'s exam is their second to last, and it entails an outdoor obstacle course that asks students to tackle the creatures they learned about. [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) receives full marks, [Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley) slips up with the hinkypunk, and [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) does well until she gets to the boggart. She bursts out of the trunk screaming—her boggart was [McGonagall](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-mcgonagall), telling her that she'd failed everything.

***Analysis Part 3:***

Unlike Snape's exam, Lupin's is designed in such a way as to allow students to be successful. With this, he gives his students confidence in their abilities to perform what they've learned this year, as the creatures they can now tackle will show up throughout their lives.

***Summary Part 4:***

[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) run into [Fudge](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/cornelius-fudge) at the front doors. Fudge greets Harry warmly and explains he's here to witness a hippogriff's execution and to check on the [Sirius Black](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/sirius-black) situation. Ron interrupts and asks if the appeal has already happened. It hasn't, but Fudge looks confused. Two men step out of the castle to join him. One is old and the other carries an axe. Hermione stops Ron from saying more until they're in the Great Hall, when she tells Ron that [Mr. Weasley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/mr-weasley)'s job could be in danger if Ron is rude to Fudge.

***Analysis Part 4:***

Even if Harry, Ron, and Hermione don't want to respect the Ministry of Magic at this point given what's happening with Buckbeak, Hermione recognizes that they at least have to look like they do. This shows that she understands that the Ministry does have real power even though, in this case, they're using it in the wrong place.

***Summary Part 5:***

After lunch, [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) head for [Trelawney](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-trelawney)'s tower while [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) leaves for Muggle Studies. The boys find the class sitting on the landing; Trelawney is seeing everyone individually. Nobody will say how the exam went when they emerge. Harry goes last. Trelawney asks him to look into the crystal ball and he decides to make something up. He says he sees a hippogriff flying away. As Harry gets up to leave, Trelawney goes rigid and speaks in a strange voice. She says that tonight, [Voldemort](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/voldemort)'s servant will rejoin him. Her head drops and then suddenly, she seems back to normal. She seems shocked when Harry tells her what she just said.

***Analysis Part 5:***

It's worth noting that Trelawney's prediction has multiple interpretations. For someone who believes that Black is Voldemort's servant the prediction makes sense, while it also holds true if Pettigrew is the servant. To make all of this even more ironic, Harry's made-up prediction does come true. This continues to discredit Divination as Trelawney is teaching it, while also suggesting that Harry can rely on positive thinking as much as anything else.

***Summary Part 6:***

As [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter) heads for Gryffindor Tower, he wonders if [Trelawney](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/professor-trelawney) made an actual prediction. In the common room, 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) to tell them but stops when they give him [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid)'s note—[Buckbeak](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/buckbeak) lost, and he tells them not to visit. Harry laments that they could go if they had the Invisibility Cloak, but they’re not allowed out in the halls. Hermione perks up at this, asks how to open the passage in the stone witch, and runs off. She returns with the cloak fifteen minutes later.

***Analysis Part 6:***

Hermione's willingness to break rules and fetch the Invisibility Cloak shows that she's becoming more willing to behave out of character as her experiences of time travel continue to take a toll on her. This suggests that time travel, when used in this way, can fundamentally affect a person's personality.

***Summary Part 7:***

After dinner, [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) don the Invisibility Cloak and walk down to [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid)'s. He lets them in and tells them they shouldn't have come. As Hagrid makes tea, he drops a milk jug and it shatters. Hermione takes over for Hagrid and Hagrid explains that [Dumbledore](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/albus-dumbledore) can't do anything, but he'll sit with Hagrid during the execution. Hermione offers to stay, but Hagrid insists they go back to the castle. As Hermione begins to pour milk into a new jug, she shrieks. [Scabbers](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/scabbers-peter-pettigrew) is in the jug.

***Analysis Part 7:***

What Hagrid says about Dumbledore suggests that though he is Hagrid's boss, he still believes that Hagrid is deserving of friendship and care like anyone else. This shows that Dumbledore believes it's his responsibility to care for and respect his staff, not just his students.

***Summary Part 8:***[Ron](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/ron-weasley), shocked, grabs [Scabbers](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/scabbers-peter-pettigrew). The rat looks awful and struggles desperately. Suddenly, [Hagrid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/rubeus-hagrid) sees the execution party coming to his hut and he ushers [Harry](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/harry-potter), Ron, and [Hermione](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/hermione-granger) out his back door. Harry sees [Buckbeak](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/harry-potter-and-the-prisoner-of-azkaban/characters/buckbeak) in the garden and Hagrid tells the trio to leave before the execution happens. They try to hurry up the lawn, but Scabbers makes it difficult by biting Ron and flailing. They hear men's voices and begin to walk again, Scabbers still squeaking. Hermione sways in disbelief as they hear the axe fall.

***Analysis Part 8:***The fact that Scabbers is struggling so much should raise suspicion, especially given that he wasn't living a life of luxury in Hagrid's milk jug. This suggests that he was hiding from someone or something, which, if Ron chooses to look and accept it, helps to discredit Scabbers's identity as a normal garden rat.