***Maniac Magee***

***Chapter 11***

***Summary and Analysis***

***Brief Summary:***

Chapter 11. Maniac runs around in an attempt to find Amanda’s house on Sycamore Street. He is met again by Mars and a group of his friends. Mars attempts to get Maniac’s book despite his resistance. Maniac is backed up against a wall by the boys and clutches the book, fearing the worst. Suddenly, Amanda’s voice is heard above the crowd asking if the boy is Jeffery. When she confirms it is indeed Jeffrey, she asks why her book is ripped. Mars attempts to blame Maniac but Amanda knows better. Amanda abruptly starts kicking Mars and he runs off behind a crowd of laughing basketball players. Amanda and Maniac go to Amanda’s house to attempt to fix the damaged book.

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

***Summary Part 1:***

[Maniac](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/maniac-magee/characters/jeffrey-lionel-maniac-magee) smooths out the crumpled page of [Amanda](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/maniac-magee/characters/amanda-beale)’s book and wonders how he can give it back to her in this condition. Eventually he runs into [Mars Bar](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/maniac-magee/characters/mars-bar-thompson) again, this time with other kids. They slowly back him up against a brick wall, demanding the book. Just then Maniac hears Amanda calling his name. She walks her bike over and demands to know who ripped her book. When Mars Bar tries to blame it on Maniac, Amanda doesn’t believe him. She kicks his prized sneakers while yelling that dealing with her little siblings is bad enough; she won’t have anybody else messing with her books. Mars Bar runs away, to the mocking laughter of some high school kids. Amanda sadly examines the crumpled page, but Maniac promises they can fix it. She invites him over, and he accepts.

***Analysis Part 1:***

Amanda shows that she has an open mind about Maniac—she gives him the benefit of the doubt and doesn’t assume he’s to blame for Mars Bar’s misdeed. Her invitation home is a further proof of her kindness and her own willingness to cross boundaries for the sake of possible friendship.