

# Hogwarts Book 1

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*It's about Hogwarts Past when the Marauders ruled the school! It's about April White and her adventures with Lily and their friend Willow to try to survive with them and the threat of Voldemort.*

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## 1 - Chapter 1 \*\*New Friends\*\*

It was the most beautiful day England had seen it weeks. It was warm with a slight breeze. April White smiled into the sunshine as she walked onto platform 9 3/4. Carrying her trunk and her cage. She eyed a large steam engine train that would take her to her new school. It was bright red with gold around the edges to give it a more elegant look. It was labeled also in gold, "Hogwarts Express". Excitement and worry filled her stomach. She waved to her parents and smiled getting in a line to board the train. There was a burst of laughter and a yell of "JAMES POTTER!!!" April tilted her head to see. A boy was laughing with messy jet black hair, with glasses and a wand pointed at a second kid who was on the ground weezing. The second boy had greasy black hair and cold eyes as he coughed. April tried to hold back a laugh as she boarded the train. On board she walked through the passages and looked through a compartment that was empty. Luckily she found one. There was a girl with Long straight red hair and hazel eyes that was reading a book.

"Um... is this seat taken?" April said gesturing to the other window seat across from her.

"No go ahead, you can sit there." The girl said smiling and going back to the book. April closed the door behind her and sat next to the window and smiled. She moved her trunk to an open space above her and put her cage up also.

"I'm April White and you are?"

"Willow, Willow Miles."

"Well it's nice to meet you-" She was cut off as someone opened the door in a huff.

"Such a Loser...that stupid boy..." The girl looked up and smiled pleasantly. "Sorry...Can I sit here?"

"Sure!" said April and Willow at once. The girl sat down and put her trunk with April's.

"My name is Lily Evans sorry to come in and be in a huff, but that stupid James Potter... Why must he pick on that poor kid."

"You saw it too?" April said.

"Yeah...he's such a jerk.." Lily said crossing her arms.

"Oh My name is Willow Miles." She said looking over her book with a smile.

"Mines April White."

"It's nice to meet "normal" people around here." Lily said laughing.

"I wouldn't say "normal", acutally." April said laughing. Willow closed her book.

### 3 - Chapter 2 \*\*The Start of the Marauders\*\*

At the same time James Potter had boarded and was trying to find seat for himself. He smiled to himself. 'If being at Hogwarts means.. I can.. have more...fun, then... this year won't be so bad..after all..' He thought. Opening a compartment sat a boy with soft, short black hair. He looked up and grinned. Another kid sat near the window he was looking at the history of Hogwarts. He had short brown hair that went over his eyes.

"So your the Kid who pranked Snape." Said the black haired kid standing.

"Yeah that was me." Said James

"Well I'm Sirius Black." He said grinning and holding out his hand. "I hope we can be Best Friends." James took his hand and shook it.

"James Potter and If you can pull a Prank your a friend." Sirius laughed. "Who's this?" Asked James nodding in Remus' direction. Remus looked up and smiled.

"I'm Remus Lupin."

"Can you cause Mischief and Trouble?" James said putting out his hand. Remus thought for a second.

"Not really but I can get you out of it." James laughed and Remus shook his hand.

"Well I guess we'll be good friends then." he said grinning.

"So who was that kid I made choke?" James said looking at Sirius. Sirius took a seat and James put his trunk above them.

"His name Severus Snape. He'll be the scum of this school.. as you can tell."

"Yeah the whole time I was saying Goodbye to my parents he kept glaring at me and muttering things to himself. So I got annoyed...-" The compartment door opened and a fat kid with blonde hair was breathing heavily and holding his trunk. "Ccc can I sit hher-h-here?" They all looked at him.

"Suure..." Said James. He put his trunk above Remus and sat down beside him.

"I'm Pp., Peter.. Pettigrew.." He breathed in and out.

"James Potter."

"Sirius Black"

"Remus Lupin." Remus looked at him. "Why are u breathing so heavily?"

"I almost missed the train...." He said breathing normally. "Thanks for letting me sit here." He smiled.

"No problem." said James.

"I'll tell you what, to show my graditute I will buy us all something from the cart." He said grinning at James.

"It's alright with me.." James smiled and and looked at everyone. "Guys I think this is the start of a beautiful friendship." Peter smiled happily.

"We need a name James." Said Sirius.

"Hmmm... let me think.." He said.

"Marauders?" Remus chimed in.

"Marauders?" they all said.

"What's a Marauder?" Peter asked raising an eyebrow.

"To raid for Plunder." Remus said.

"I like it!" Sirius said standing. James stood and looked at Remus and Peter and they stood.

"To the Marauders!" James said putting a hand in. Sirius, Remus and Peter followed and put there hands on top of his.

"To the Marauders!" They all repeated.



## 4 - Chapter 3 \*\*Houses Of Hogwarts\*\*

"Ohh Food!!!" April said bouncing. She grabbed her money bag and bought food from the snack cart and it rolled away.

"Let's get to know each other." declared Lily. Willow nodded and sat her book down. "I'll start first smiled Lily." "As You know My name is Lily Evans, I Hope to be put into Ravenclaw, and My wand is Pheonix feather, Redwood 8 3/4inches and that's about it And I have an Owl named Pepper that is black and white." Willow smiled.

"I also hoped to be put into Ravenclaw. Now I'll tell you about me. I'm poor wizarding family and many generations have been put into Ravenclaw. Also my wand is Dragonheart string 10inches. I also enjoy reading I have a medium brownish owl named Chrisma." Willow said. April swallowed the rest of her chocolate frog.

"It sounds like a dating service." said April they all laughed.

"It's your turn April."

"Well I would like to be put into Gryffindor..." She started looking at them. "If your all put into Ravenclaw I'll be all alone." Willow looked at her sadly.

"Maybe we'll have classes together." She said.

"Or maybe.. we'll be put into Gryffindor you never know with the sorting hat." Lily said.

"what's the sorting Hat?" April asked looking at Willow and Lily. Willow took out a book.

"Well it says that the sorting hat puts you into houses." Willow stated.

"The houses are Gryffindor, Slytherian, Ravenclaw and Hufflepuff." Lily continued.

"That's kool." April smiled. "Oh yes to continue about me Unicorn hair Mahogany 8inches. I also have an all black owl named Shadow. And to tell you the truth I'm really nervous about going."

"Yeah we all get like that sometime." Lily said with confidence. "But it doesn't matter what houses we get sorted into we'll all be friends."

"Yep." Added Willow. April smiled.

"Want some jelly beans?"

Lily looked into the box. "Sure." April took a handful and gave some to Willow and Lily. Lily placed one into her mouth and chewed. Her face gave a a horrifed expression and she spit it out.

"What kind?" April said looking at the box.

"Sardine..." She said wiping her mouth. There was a coughing sound and Willow spit out one.

"Vomit." She squeaked and with digust wiped her mouth. April took one at ate it.

"Ew... Ear wax..." She spit it out and laughed. "I never knew that these jelly beans would be so awful.

The train raced on at a steady pace and they closed in on Hogwarts.

## 5 - Chapter 4 \*\*James Potter a Hero or Trouble Maker?\*

It was starting to get cloudy as the Hogwarts express train pulled into there station. James opened the door and jumped out. Kids from the train starting fileing out as well. Lily walked out and doing so the clouds parted and the ray of sunlight shined on her making her hair shine and her body glow. James looked over at the sametime. His eyes widen and for the first time he was startled and amazed. This girl didn't look human, she looked like an angel and James let out a blush. His heart starting beating faster and he started to get uneasy. And for the first James Potter was in love.

"What's wrong James?" called Sirius jumping down. He turned and his blush disappeared.

"What? ah- nothing." Remus and Peter stepped down. April and Willow both followed Lily.

"Now where do we go?" Willow said looking around. They were in a sea of students.

"Fris yers`! Oer here!" Called a very tall and round man with a beard. He held a lantern in one hand and towered over them. April, Lily, and Willow nodded in his direction and walked towards him as many of the other first years crowded around him. "Now my name is Hagrid.. and I'll be takin' you to the castle. We'll be travelin' by boats, come along now." He guided the first years to a dock which held small boats with no paddles just lanterns. Lily climbed into one with April and Willow. James watched and followed. Sirius, Remus, and Peter climbed in also. The other remaining boats were filled. They pushed off from the dock and started moving on there own.

"How are they moving?" April asked looking at Willow.

"They are probably bewitched by some form of Magic." She said turning to her left where Remus was sitting. "Am I right?" Lupin smiled.

"yes I believe so." Lily looked up in awe at the Castle before them. It was now dark out and the castle seemed to gleam with life and warmth. James sat comfortable next to Lily admiring her. April eyes twinkled and she smiled at the castle. Looking into the watery depths of the lake she placed her finger on top of it trailing water as they moved. Little ripples started to appear from her. James looked back at Sirius who was sitting beside him and elbowed him snapping him out of his thought. James started rocking slowly. Sirius eyes widen and a large smile appeared and he also start rocking. Peter swayed a little and looked across to James with a questionable face. James smiled and started rocking harder. Peter getting the hint also started to rock. Remus looked up from his book and his eyes wandered to James and Sirius who were rocking.

April took back her hand and looked at them.

"On the count of three." James whispered. The rocking started to slow. Lily ignored there senseless stupidity and stared at the castle.

"One.." Lupin looked at them and shook his head in warning.

"Two." Sirius said.

"THREE!" James, Sirius, and Peter stood up and grabbed the boat real hard and rocked into it turned almost on it side. Remus grabbed Willow's shoulders and held tight on to the side. James put his arms around lily to steady her. A loud sounding splash was heard and they turned there attention to a wading April.

"What Happen!" Yelled Hagird holding his lantern over.

"April! fell into the water!" Lily yelled to him. Willow hung over the boat side and Lily did too.

"April!!! Are u ok?!" They said in unison.

"yeah I'm ok.." She said starting to swim to the boat. There was laughter from three people. Lily turned to James.

"Why are you laughing!!! It's your fault my friend is in that water!!!"

"I'm sorry I think it's rather funny." James said in between laughs.

"Your sickening!!" She scowled.

"Ahhh noo!" Hagird yelled in anguish. "Ye don't know what's in the water do yea`? They turned there heads in his direction. "There be a terrible.. beast... a Giant.. Squid." Hagird waved his umbrella and the boats stopped moving. They all looked at April who was making an effort to get back to the boat. She stopped.

"huh?" She felt something wrap around her leg.

"April Hurry and get back here!!!" Lily said despartely.

"Somethings..got my..leg..." She said trying to swim. She puts her arms down and placed a hand on the thing that's got her. It was slimy and very long. She screamed. "I'm stuck!!!!!!!!!" Her head disappeared with a jerk and came back up. "IT"S PULLING ME DOWN!!!!!" Her head disappeared again and reappeared. she coughed and managed to say. "HEL-!" Before disappearing.

"We have to something!!" Lily said frantically. James stood up. I'll Get her!

## 6 - Chapter 5 \*\* The Giant Squid\*\*

"You'll what!!" Lily demanded standing up. The boat rocked.

"Hey watch it!" Sirius said wobbling.

"You heard me I'm going to get her!!" James jumped into the water. "Sirius! Take off your robes and tie these robes together to make a rope to pull us!" James said swimming off.

"You heard the man now everyone off with your robes!" Sirius said grinning.

"That man is a complete idiot." Lily muttered handing her robe to Sirius.

"I think he's a smart idiot" Peter said grinning with pride as Sirius took his robe.

"Well whatever he is he's certainly brave." Added Willow as Remus handed her and his robes to Sirius also.

James swam out to where she disappeared and pointed his wand to his head. A bubble appeared around his head. He dived down under and the bubble holding oxygen for him. He took out his wand again and said in the bubble.

"Lumos!" The little light helped him swim. The water was as dark as midnight and the only light came from James' wand.

"Where are they?!" Lily said tapping nervously.

"Ahhh keep calm.. Love, everything will turn out right." Sirius said tying the last knot. Lily rolled her eyes.

"My name is Lily Evans not "Love"!" She yelled. Sirius choose to ignore.

"Well I'm done roping the robes together. It's all up to James now.." He said looking out into the darkness. They all followed his gaze.

"I hope they'll be alright." Willow said staring.

"Me too." Remus said nodding.

James swam and saw April's body. Her eyes were closed. He swam down and unwrapped the Squid's tentacles from her leg and muttered.

"Stupefy!" Yelled James and the squid grew limp. James grabbed April and pulled her with him as they swam to the surface. James broke the surface with April. "Hurry the rope!!" Sirius threw it out in front of James. James grabbed it holding tightly onto April. She was getting paler. Making it to the boat James could barely swim anymore. "Get April!" Lily and Remus grabbed her limp body and lied her out into the boat. Willow looked at her frail looking body and started to tear up. Remus hugged her shoulders with sympathy.

"Is she dead?" She said with fear.

"If she doesn't get air into her lungs." James said holding onto the side of the boat wading.

"Someone give her mouth to mouth!" Lily said yelling at the boys. Peter looked away in a blush.

"I'll do it.." Said Sirius grinning pervertedly. He leaned down opening her mouth and putting his on hers breathing life into her being. He sat up pushing on her chest and breathing back into her mouth. He sat up again repeating his steps. April coughed up water her face becoming it's peach color again. Sirius ignored her cough and placed his mouth on hers. April's faced blushed red and her eyes widen.

'IS HIS MOUTH ON MINE!' She thought and pushed him off."I CAN BREATHE NOW!!!" She said slapping him. Willow gave April a huge hug with Lily. James got on the boat.

"Glad to see you talking."

"Uh...yeah.. who saved me? Was it you James?" April said looking at him.

"Hey it was nothing." James said. April smiled.

"Is everythin' ok?" Yelled Hargid.









## 9 - Chapter 7 \*\*Hogwarts Sorting\*\*

April walked beside them. She was still chattering away horribly. But it all disappeared as she stepped into Hogwarts. Many like herself were taken aback by the medieval look and feel of the castle. Numerous paintings on the wall waved and smiled to them. Light came from many lanterns and candles that were on the wall or hanging from the ceiling. They stopped at two tall large oak doors. A young teacher walked smiling at the new students she put on her square glasses and stood in front of them.

"Hello and Welcome to Hogwarts school of witchcraft and wizardry. My name is Professor McGonagall. Now inside these doors is the Great hall. In there you will be sorted into your houses. Now please keep quiet and follow me.." She pushed open the large doors. Inside there were four large tables crowded with other Hogwarts students. At the far end were the teachers talking among themselves. Everyone in the great hall stopped talking as they entered. April looked around. Some people giggled as she walked passed and she blushed with embarrassment and looked down. In the middle of two tables was a stool with a old looking hat. At first it looked like a piece of over worn clothing. Then it's seam became a mouth and the shadows on the hat became it's eyes. It began to sing:

"Another year... Another day. This is our Hogwarts school way. Here I sit waiting for this day. When a group of students shall be sorted again. I was made by the awesome Founders of this school to sort you. These four houses are very different indeed. Just like you and me. So sit back and let me rest upon your head." He ended and the whole hall was bursting with applause. Professor McGonagall walked to the in front and picked up the hat and held a piece of parchment with the other hand.

"Now as I call your name please take a seat on the stool to be sorted. Bleatrix Black" A young girl walked through them and sat on the stool. It touched her head for a moment and yelled.

"Slytherian!!" She smiled very pleased and took a seat in an empty spot.

"Narcissa Black!" Called out McGonagall. A young girl with black hair and eyes walked and sat down on the stool. The hat fell on her head and yelled.

"Slytherian!!" She smiled and walked over sitting next to Bleatrix.

"Sirius Black!" Called McGonagall. Sirius blinked and smiled.

"My turn!" He muttered to James as he walked up to the stool. He sat there and his eyes went to the Slytherian table. Bleatrix and Narcissa waved to him. He looked away and his eyes met April's. She smiled at him and gave him the thumbs up sign. The hat was placed on his head and it pondered for a while.

"HMMMMMMMM Gryffindor!!!" It yelled out. Sirius was in shock he wasn't planning on being in Gryffindor at all. Bleatrix and Narcissa's eyes widen in horror. He stood and walked to the Gryffindor table sitting.

"Lily Evans!" Lily smiled and walked over. James watched her every move. She sat on the stool and the sorting hat was placed on her head.

"Gryffindor!!" The hat yelled out. Lily's eyes widened with disappointment and she took her place at the table. It went through some more names and then got too.

"Remus Lupin!" Willow and James patted him on the shoulder and he walked up sitting on the stool. The hat was placed on his head and it yelled out.

"Gryffindor." Sirius cheered at least one of his friends made it to Gryffindor. More names were called and then it came to.

"Lucious Malfoy." A young boy with light blonde hair and green eyes walked forward with confidence and sat on the stool. Instead when the hat fell on his head it said.

"Slytherian!!" He stood up smiling wide and sitting beside his friends.





## 11 - Chapter 9 \*\*The First Feast Of The Year\*\*

April was slightly warmer in here and happier. All of her worries of not being with her friends had past. She talked with Lily and Willow trying to cheer them up. They were obviously still down about not getting into Ravenclaw. Over the chatter a strong voice sounded out.

"Welcome my students to my first year being Hogwarts' Headmaster. This should be an exciting experience for all of us. My name is Albus Dumbledore. And as this school's new headmaster. I want to see many things happen. Have fun and learn at the same time." He smiled and April noticed that he had a very long auburn beard and hair at that matter. His eyes were behind a pair of have moon glasses. Everything about him was warm and friendly. He continued. "Now we added a new tree to Hogwarts The Whomping Willow." Remus looked away nervously. "Now the Whomping Willow does what it's called. If you get to close it will hurt you. You can get as close as you want. Just make sure you don't get injured. Alright with all that said I think we could have our Feast!! Let's eat!!" There was a rumble of noise and all of there plates filled with hot food. There globets filled with pumpkin juice and the Great hall became filled with talk. April eyed the food and dug in eating.

"It's very good!" Smiled Willow forgetting everything.

"It sure is!" Lily said swallowing.

"I Hope there's dessert!" April said setting down her empty goblet. April eyes moved over to James who was talking excitingly to Sirius and Remus.

"Oh man the first thing I'm gonna do is check out this Whomping Willow." He said talking a mouthful of food afterward.

"Sounds like fun to me!" Sirius said devouring his food.

"I think.....it sounds scary." Sirius and James looked over at Peter.

"Ahh come off it Peter, It won't be that bad. " Sirius said through mouthfuls. Remus sat there focusing on his food and trying to ignore the conversation completely.

"Yeah Peter.. I'll protect you." Said James downing his Goblet. Which magically refilled with more juice.

"Really!! Aww thanks!" Peter said smiling at James. James smiled and continued with his food.

Soon after everything was cleared from dessert and Dumbledore stood up once again. "Now with dinner past us. It's time for us to relax and get settled before school starts tomorrow. Your house Prefects will show you to your Doromitories." Two people from each of the house tables stood up.

"Alright follow me." Said the boy with brown hair walking out of the great hall. April and the others stood up following him to the stairs. They stairs were made up of white marble and there were dozens of portaits smiling at them. April was in shock. It was just like a castle from a story book but yet better. "Oh yes one more thing becareful with the stairs they change from time to time." The boy walked to a large portait of a fat woman in a pink dress. he walked to her and she said.

"Password." April's eyes went wide with curiosity. Sirius and James were also watching with same expression.

"Murtlap." Said the prefect and the portait swung open revealing a hole. They followed the Prefect in and they all looked around at the Gryffindor Common room. "Now Remember the password is Murtlap. If you don't the Fat lady in the portait won't let you in. To your left up the stairs is the boys dormitories and the right up the stairs are the girls. Your stuff is already up there also. April looked around then ran up the right stairs.

"Where is she going?" asked James to Lily.

"To get a change of clothes.." She said in an annoyed tone.







((I'm on a roll another chapter added. Hey thanks all u guys your your nice comments! ~AngelKagome))





## 15 - Ch.13) Pin cushions and snails

Lily had her wand instantly at her hand. "Transfermaro!" She yelled pointing at the pin cushion. It twitched and did nothing. Other students were trying there attempt as well. Remus tapped it quickly saying the spell. It transformed into a snail. Willow clapped.

"Good work Remus!" She said smiling. Remus smiled blushing and looked away with embarrassment. Willow copied him and her pin cushion turned into a snail also.

"Same to you Willow." He said smiling. She nodded blushing with embarrassment as well. April looked over and noticed a snail crawling in her hair. Gazing over at her partner she saw Sirius laughing. Her eyes narrowed. She quickly grabbed the snail dropping it on Sirius' hair.

"AH!! MY HAIR!!" He grabbed the snail looking over at April who was smiling innocently at him tapping her wand against her pin cushion.

"You said it wrong.. Evans.. It's TransFORMaro.. Not TransFERmaro. Maybe you should get your eyes checked." James said smiling. Lily gripped her wand in her right hand tightly.

"Thank you.. for your kind advice.. POTTER... But I assure you.. My eyes are fine.." Lily tapped her pin cushion quickly saying. "Transformaro." James smiled and did the same. Lily glared at him.

"What I can do a tranfiguration spell as well as you can.." He said with a certain ' I'm better then you tone' Lily gripped her wand tightier. There was a kid tapping his wand. His name was Frank Longbottom. He had short dark brown hair and blue eyes. He eyed the board warily and looked over to his partner Narcissa Black. Who was yawning and filing her nails. She hadn't botherend trying, she was busy admiring a certain James Potter and Lucius Malfoy.

"Rememeber you wanna make sure you point the tip of the wand at the pin cushion and yell Transformaro! Or it won't work!" Yelled McGonagall. Frank hit his wand against the pin cushion.

"TRANSFORMARO!" He yelled. The spell hit the pin cushion and started it on fire. McGanagoll ran over to put it out. Sirius laughed with many or the other students. Peter waved his wand wildly. Bleatrix eyed it with caution as she looked over at the fire from Frank Longbottom's pin cushion. Bleatrix felt a wand hit her cheek. She glared dangerously at Peter and looked at at her pin cushion.

"Alright Evans I have a little wager. We'll have a contest to see who can make the most pin cushions turn into snails. If I win you buy all my friends including myself a Butterbeer." Lily looked over at Willow and Remus. They were talking and sharing ideas at the latest book. Her eyes moved to a red faced blonde haired girl who was angrily trying to get a stain off of her shirt. Black was laughing at her in his chair who was tilting back in his chair on two legs. His feet on the table. She looked backed to James who had his hand out. Lily took his hand (that was suprising firm) and shook it.

"Your on." While Professor McGonagall was busy with Frank Longbottom and so were most of the students. Snape and lucius were to busy laughing at Frank to notice. Snape gazed at James and then to his pin cushion.

"Transformaru!" His pin cushion twitched and turned into a half pin cushion snail. He gave a frown. Lily and James had ther wand ready there new pin cushions ready also.

"TRANSFORMARO!" They yelled at the same time and both there pin cushions turned into snails. Lily reached for another pin cushion. James reached for his and hit Lily's off. Lily glared and grabbed hers as James transformed his. Lily copied as James grabbed another pin cushion.

"Accio pin cushion!" She yelled and caught James' pin cushion.

"Transformaro!" She yelled. James glared and then smiled casually.

"ERRR Sirius.. I'm gonna kill you.." April said trying to get the stain from her shirt. Sirius laughed.



## 16 - Ch.14) Nonsense

April groaned as she dropped an armful of books down. Lily and Willow looked up from their homework. It was a beautiful fall day. It wasn't too cold and it wasn't too warm. There were endless leaves on the ground and the air had a slight chill to it. It made the Weeping Willow sway slowly, that is what Lily, Willow, and April were sitting under.

"I take it you got a lot of homework?" Lily said smiling.

"Ya' Think?" April said in a pouty mood. She slumped down stubbornly and opened the cover of the book. There was a small scratching sound of quills coming from Willow and Lily. April sighed boredly. She started reading the first page.

'Welcome 1st year on your exciting journey through potions.' April's mind started to wander over to the sound of students cheering. April's eyes went over to the large thrashing tree. It looked as if it was loathing the students who were around it. She edged to get a closer look. She watched as students tried dodging the fast dangerous moving branches trying to touch something. April tried edging further.

"April? What are you doing?" Lily asked looking up. April looked back nervously.

"Nothing!" She said quickly crawling back and picking up her book and rereading the first sentence. Lily looked over at the Whomping Willow and looked down ignoring them completely. April looked up again and then looked to Lily and Willow. They were totally absorbed into their homework. April stood up quietly and snuck towards the Whomping Willow.

"April?" April turned quickly and smiled nervously.

"Look guys.. I can't really do homework now.. To put it plainly, I hate it with a passion." Willow and Lily blinked.

"And you think we like doing homework?" Willow said putting her parchment and quill down.

"Not really its just I would rather do it later." April started walking towards the Whomping Willow.

"Where is she going?" Lily asked putting her stuff aside standing.

"Whomping Willow." said Willow.

"Let's follow her." Lily said walking towards where April went off too.

April came upon the group of students around the Whomping Willow. They were busily trying to dodge the branches while trying to touch a knot like thing in the trunk. It looked as though no one was successful. She saw James, Sirius, Remus, and Peter watching with mild interest from the Beech Tree. Lily and Willow stood next to her. Remus was watching over the top of his book and Sirius became very alert watching April. James' eyes grew big and he smiled seeing Lily.

"Is this why you came over April? To see this?" Lily asked in an ashamed tone. "There only being idiots, There going to get themselves hurt. Maybe even killed."

Willow nodded. "The tree looks very deadly. What was the reason of coming over anyways April?"

April sighed and looked at them. "Well it seemed interesting and I was curious."

"Curiosity killed the cat." Willow said quietly. April blinked and watched as the kid with dark brown haired tried touching the knot but failed miserably with a large scratch on his face.

"So White? Trying to chance your luck about touching the knot in the tree." April felt a warm breath in her ear. It made her cold body shiver. She turned glaring.

"Hello-Snuffles." Sirius twitched. "Maybe I am trying to. What's it to you?"

Sirius' voice turned icy cold.

"Oh no reason. Just wanting to know how chicken you are?" Willow looked over at James who smiled brightly back and walked to Lily. Willow's cheeks blushed watching James.





## 17 - Ch.15.) Prove it

April eyed the tree wearily. She felt many curious eyes on her. Willow watched in fear. Lily glared at James who was continuously trying to get closer to her. April felt her heart beat faster and a small feeling of sinking came to her stomach. She started walking more towards the tree. As it thrashed more violently. April turned her head slowly looking at everyone's face. Sirius gave a large cocky grin, while Lily and Willow's were a look of 'You can still get out!' April took a deep breath and turned back around and staring at the tree. She started at a quick pace then she started to run. She watched as many branches came from everywhere trying to hit her. She blocked her face with her arms and pushed her way through dodging and ducking trying to miss branches. She felt a branch wipe against her bare legs. Of course it was common, Hogwarts uniforms for girls was complete with a blouse with your House (Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, etc..) symbol on the front of the t-shirt embroidered with gold and maroon (Or whatever color house like Ravenclaw was dark blue and light blue.) They also wore mini skirts that was embroidered in Gold and Maroon (for Gryffindor that is. They also had dark black cloaks that would tie at the neck. (of course April had left it beside the Weeping Willow. Also the girls would wear socks pulled up to their knees. Of course it bothered them but they found, in the winter it was very convenient. Now the boys uniforms were much similar. They wore nice dress shirts with their house crests on them, of course there would be a tie (but sadly all the Marauders weren't wearing their ties). They also wore black slacks and a cloak that also had their house crests on them. April struggled seeing the knot in her view. But as she got closer it became a jungle of snapping branches. She yelled out in pain when another stronger branch wiped against her legs and arms.

"April!" yelled Willow. Sirius was grinning proudly at his admit of embarrassment.

"AH!" April yelled from inside the massive growth of swinging branches.

Willow gasped. "Lily!! We have to do something!! Or April could be seriously hurt." James smiled 'This could be another advance to win Lily's affection.' Lily looked around from James to Peter. Willow looked at Sirius who was grinning with a cunning smile. Willow eyes narrowed into a glare.

'How could she so stupid', she thought bitterly. 'This was an act of sabotage and the criminal was none other than Sirius Black. It was his sort of "Pay Back" at April from humiliating him in front of the class. But on the same note, How was this embarrassing? This could be only pain or even worse death.' Willow nodded to herself.

"Sirius!! GO GET HER!" She bellowed. Everyone turned their attention to Willow. "It's all your fault in the first place!" Sirius blinked. "You heard me go get her!! or I'll hex you into next week!" Peter gapped and stepped away. He was afraid Willow might turn on him next. Lily smiled at Willow with admiration. Sirius's eyes looked as though he was thinking. Then he ran off.

"OWW!!" April yelled. James watched closely as Sirius disappeared into the large forest of vines. He came back a sec later with April dragging her out like she was his prey. April fought against him.

"I ALMOST GOT IT!" Sirius had a small scratch on his left cheek that bled a little down his face. He wiped it away. April's legs were badly scratched like she had been mauled by a cat. Sirius let April go, wiping his cheek again.

"There I got her." He said bluntly like it was nothing. April stood wincing.

'Damn small cuts really do hurt worse.' April walked and grabbed Sirius' shirt. He looked into her eyes and she gazed into his. Everything became very still and then. WHACK! Sirius put his hand to his face. His right side of it stinging like crazy.

"THAT'S FOR TRYING TO KILL ME!" April said angrily and stalked away grabbing her belongings and

