

# FANTASTIC BEASTS THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD

## CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

### **NEWT SCAMANDER (Eddie Redmayne)**

Newt Scamander, a brilliant Magizoologist, is a courageous and resourceful wizard who was instrumental in the capture of the infamous Dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald during his recent excursion to New York. Since then, Newt's book, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, has become a runaway bestseller, bringing him unwanted fame. He would prefer to carry on quietly with his life's work: studying, rescuing and caring for magical animals. However, his former professor and friend, Albus Dumbledore, has another job in mind for him—a mission that will again set him directly in the path of the dangerous, and increasingly more powerful, Grindelwald.

### **TINA GOLDSTEIN (Katherine Waterston)**

Tina Goldstein has been reinstated as an Auror at MACUSA (Magical Congress of the USA), but, while she remains dedicated to the job of enforcing magical law, she has not lost her independent streak. Leaving New York, Tina has traveled to Paris on a cryptic—and wholly unauthorized—investigation of her own. She knows Credence survived MACUSA's attempt to destroy him in New York, but she is also aware that, as an Obscurial, he is considered a threat to the wizarding community and is in grave danger. Employing all of her skills, Tina is finally closing in on Credence, but her perilous pursuit has also put her on a collision course with other powerful forces hunting him.

### **QUEENIE GOLDSTEIN (Alison Sudol)**

Queenie Goldstein is a free-spirited witch who is also a Legilimens—able to read minds—which can sometimes be as much a curse as it is a blessing. Queenie has fallen in love with No-Maj baker Jacob Kowalski, despite the wizarding world laws forbidding the relationship and the painful rift it has caused between her and her sister, Tina. Intent on finding a way for her and Jacob to be together, she has used magic to whisk Jacob, unwittingly, to England, where magical laws are more permissive. However, the ruse backfires, threatening their budding romance and leaving Queenie desperate...and vulnerable.

**JACOB KOWALSKI (Dan Fogler)**

Jacob Kowalski is a No-Maj who adores baking and Queenie Goldstein—not necessarily in that order—but he is aware that wizarding world laws forbid their relationship. While Jacob shares Queenie’s desire for them to be together, he is nevertheless upset to find himself suddenly in England, having no memory of how he got there, and realizing that Queenie had magically taken matters into her own hands. With Queenie able to read his mind, his thoughts, while unspoken, are enough to drive her away in tears, and he will need Newt Scamander’s help to go after her. Despite his concern over Queenie, Jacob is thrilled to be reunited with his friend Newt and to join him on another adventure in the wizarding world.

**ALBUS DUMBLEDORE (Jude Law)**

Albus Dumbledore is the Defence Against the Dark Arts professor at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where one of his former students was Newt Scamander. Newt has since become a trusted friend and protégé, though the always shrewd Dumbledore has no compunction about using Newt for a noble purpose. Aware that Grindelwald has escaped custody, Dumbledore also knows he will waste no time in furthering his cause: elevating wizards to rule over Muggles. His own formidable powers notwithstanding, Dumbledore is unable to move against Grindelwald himself—for reasons he alone knows—and must rely on Newt to try and thwart the Dark wizard’s plans.

**GELLERT GRINDELWALD (Johnny Depp)**

Gellert Grindelwald is a powerful Dark wizard, as charismatic as he is cunning, who believes wizards should have dominion over all non-magical people. He wreaked havoc across Europe before being captured by MACUSA in New York, thanks in no small part to Newt Scamander. However, just as he forewarned, Grindelwald has made a daring escape. Setting up a new base of operations in Paris, Grindelwald expands the scope of his power and influence as more wizards flock to his cause, some unaware of his true agenda.

**CREDENCE (Ezra Miller)**

Credence was once believed to be non-magical; however, he turned out not only to be an Obscurial but an extraordinarily powerful one—the only one ever known to have survived past childhood. Credence has come to Paris, where he is desperately searching for his real mother, hoping to learn his true identity. More self-assured than he had been under the abusive rule of his adoptive mother, Mary Lou Barebone, Credence is still vulnerable and alone, save for one friend, a Maledictus. However, he now has total control of his Obscurus—the magical force that had been suppressed within him for years—making him a danger in the eyes of some and a potential tool to others.

**NAGINI (Claudia Kim)**

Nagini is a Maledictus—a carrier of a blood curse that ultimately destines her to transform permanently into a beast. First seen as a beautiful young woman, she is the star attraction at Circus Arcanus, a wizarding world circus, where her transformative powers are being exploited by its cruel owner and Ringmaster, Skender. But Nagini has also found a friend in one of the menial workers there, Credence. After they escape from the circus together, Nagini becomes Credence’s confidante and companion in his search for his identity.

**LETA LESTRANGE (Zoë Kravitz)**

Leta Lestrange is an old friend of Newt Scamander and shared a close bond with him when they were classmates—and both outsiders—at Hogwarts. She is now working at the British Ministry of Magic as the assistant to Torquil Travers, the Head of Magical Law Enforcement. Leta is also engaged to Newt’s older brother, Theseus, which has created some awkward tension between them.

**THESEUS SCAMANDER (Callum Turner)**

Theseus Scamander is the older brother of Newt Scamander, though they seemingly have very little in common. Theseus is more outgoing and demonstrative than Newt. A celebrated war hero, Theseus is now the Head of the Auror Office at the British Ministry of Magic and is engaged to Leta Lestrange. Theseus is often torn between his love for his brother and his loyalty to the Ministry and his job.

**YUSUF KAMA (William Nadylam)**

Yusuf Kama is an elegant French-African wizard who says he is the last male in his pureblood family line. After many years of obsessively searching for Credence, he has finally tracked him down in Paris. But to what end?

**NICOLAS FLAMEL (Brontis Jodorowsky)**

Nicolas Flamel is an approximately 600-year-old wizard living in Paris. An alchemist, he is the creator of the Philosopher’s Stone and believed to be immortal. Flamel is a close friend of Albus Dumbledore and was already expecting Newt’s arrival, as he knew Dumbledore had sent Newt on a mission to Paris.

**ABERNATHY (Kevin Guthrie), CARROW (Maja Bloom), KRAFFT (Simon Meacock), KRALL (David Sakurai), NAGEL (Claudius Peters), and ROSIER (Poppy Corby-Tuech)**

Abernathy, Carrow, Krafft, Krall, Nagel and Rosier are Gellert Grindelwald's inner circle of acolytes, who will do or sacrifice anything in service to their master's nefarious cause.