December

Jonas is close to frightened.

The community.

Plane- against the rules-

Cargo planes.

Anxiously.

Rasping voice of speakers.

Little sister Lily at child chare

Workers populating community

Bikes

Pilot in training will be RELEASED.

Released=grim=terrible punishment and failure

Coach- games

Back to present- now, with December approaching

Palpable

Jonas careful about language, unlike his friend Asher—building this character up by mentioning several of his characteristics. Possibly a foil to Jonas.

Distraught vs distracted- precision of language

Back to present (that was the second memory)

Eager instead of frightened.

He is an eleven.

Apprehensive\*\*

Ritual= evening telling of feelings

Like all parents/ all adults, they did not fight for their turn

Visiting group of 7s made lily angry

Smell, clenched fist

Animals—neither child knew what the word meant—used to describe someone that does not fit in

Maybe those 7s have different rules—all older members help in this process

Lily feels sorry for boy and sorry for fist—Lily’s feelings easiest to resolve

Jonas’s father is nurturer- mentions a specific case that is bothering him—unsound sleeper and small—might be released. Release of new children is sad.

Release of elderly is celebration—child is “what could we have done?”—especially troubling for nurturers

Father will bring baby home at night

Jobs are assigned

Family Units are created

Rule= two children- one male and one female

Mother has a position in department of justice; dealing with repeat defender (2nd time); third strike =s release—disgrace is unspeakable

They all comfort the mother.

This process is a ritual.

Jonas confesses he is feeling apprehensive.

Every adult went through the ceremony that Jonas is apprehensive about.

The ceremony of 12.

Lily obediently leaves the private conversation with Jonas.