***Holes***

***Chapter 11***

***Summary And Analysis:***

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X-Ray asks Stanley to give him anything else interesting that he might find. X- Ray explains that his nickname is pig latin for his real name, Rex. Actually X- Ray has very poor vision and will never be able to find anything that might be in the holes. X-Ray says that since he has been at the camp for a year and Stanley has only been there a month, it is more important for X-Ray to get the day off. Stanley agrees because he wants X-Ray to like him. Stanley wonders why everyone follows what X-Ray does. He realizes that X-Ray is the smallest boy apart from Zero and that he, Stanley, is actually the largest boy. As Stanley continues to dig his hole he imagines a confrontation between his school bully, Derrick Dunne and the boys here. He enjoys thinking of Derrick Dunne, who has so often tormented Stanley, being beaten up by the boys from the camp.

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

***Summary Part 1:***

[Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) returns to digging, seething about how unfair not being rewarded for his fossil is. Soon, he notices [X-Ray](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/x-ray-rex) watching him. X-Ray asks to talk and explains that he's been at Camp Green Lake a year, but he's found nothing. He admits his eyesight is poor and explains that his nickname doesn't have to do with his sight; it's just his real name, Rex, in pig Latin. X-Ray asks Stanley to give him anything interesting that he finds, as he's more deserving of a day off. Stanley agrees. As Stanley resumes digging, he thinks he made the right choice: it's more important for X-Ray, the group leader, to like him than it is to get a day off.

***Analysis Part 1:***

When Stanley recognizes that it's important to cozy up to X-Ray, even if it means never getting a day off, it shows that he recognizes that the social structure among the boys at Camp Green Lake is based on low-key bullying and intimidation, not necessarily camaraderie. This trickles down from the way that the adults treat the boys; the boys are learning by example that intimidation and cruelty are the only ways to gain power over their lives.

***Summary Part 2:***

[Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) marvels that [X-Ray](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/x-ray-rex) is the leader, since he's the smallest aside from [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni). Stanley thinks that [Armpit](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters) is the biggest before realizing that he himself is actually bigger. He thinks he likes his nickname, as it means the group has accepted him. Stanley thinks of how scared [Derrick Dunne](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters) would be of any of the boys here, and imagines his new "friends" standing up for him against Derrick. It eases Stanley's pain to know that in his mind, Derrick is suffering worse.

***Analysis Part 2:***

Stanley's realization that he's the biggest suggests that he may be coming to terms with the fact that if he chooses to take it, he may have more power than he gives himself credit for. This implies that he's beginning to understand the way that the social structure works at camp, and that possibly, he's becoming less kind.