***Holes***

***Chapter 32***

***Summary and Analysis:***

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A new boy, who was arrested for stealing cars, is assigned to Zero's cot. His name is Brian but X-Ray names him Twitch because he fidgets. Stanley continues to worry about Zero and when Mr. Sir drives in the truck to give them water, Stanley impulsively decides to steal it. He doesn't know how to drive but Twitch yells a few directions at him and Stanley races away. Soon Stanley drives the truck into a hole. He gets out and runs away.

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

***Summary Part 1:***

Two days later, Group D gets a new boy named Brian, though [X-Ray](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/x-ray-rex) calls him [Twitch](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters). Twitch explains that he was arrested for stealing a car. As Twitch talks, [Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) lies on his cot and wonders if it actually no longer smells or if he's just used to it. He wonders if [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni) might still be alive and thinks that he's most worried that it's maybe not too late—Zero could somehow still be alive in the desert, looking for water.

***Analysis Part 1:***

Here, Stanley's private musings about his cot serve as a symbolic representation of the way the camp normalizes toxic behavior, relationships, and situations. It reinforces that at Camp Green Lake, toxicity becomes a part of the background, just as the smell of the cot does.

***Summary Part 2:***

The next morning, when the water truck arrives, [Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) wonders if it's not too late to save [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni). He watches [Mr. Sir](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-sir) fill canteens and wonders if he left the keys to the water truck in the ignition. Carefully, Stanley steps around and observes that the keys are right there. He takes a deep breath and reasons that driving can't be that hard. Quickly, Stanley climbs into the cab, starts the truck, and steps on the gas pedal. The truck doesn't move, and [Twitch](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters) yells for Stanley to put it in gear. Stanley does and the truck jumps forward. Stanley picks up speed until suddenly, the truck bounces and the airbag inflates. He realizes he drove into a hole and reasons he can't even blame his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing-great-great-grandfather for this. Stanley abandons the truck and runs into the desert with his empty canteen.

***Analysis Part 2:***

It's notable that Twitch is the one to offer Stanley help in this situation; this is his first day, which suggests that Twitch probably isn't so acclimated to the toxicity of Camp Green Lake's culture yet. As a result, he's more willing to help someone else out than the other boys are. Stanley's decision to go out after Zero at all shows that he's decided to reaffirm his belief in the power of kindness and friendship, as he recognizes that Zero can't survive out there by himself. Note too that at this point, Stanley still sees the natural world as being against him, given his lack of water.