***Holes***

***Chapter 45***

***Summary and Analysis:***

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The Warden shines a flashlight on Zero, who is holding the suitcase until she sees that there is a deadly yellow-spotted lizard on the suitcase. Stanley realizes he is standing in a lizard's nest. The Warden, along with Mr. Pendanski and Mr. Sir, wait for the lizards to leave. The Warden talks about how she grew up digging holes with her parents, looking for the suitcase. Mr. Sir makes reference to a woman asking questions and the A.G.***Summary and Analysis Part by Part:***

***Summary Part 1:***

[Mr. Pendanski](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-pendanski) shines the flashlight on [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni), who sits with the suitcase on his lap. [Mr. Sir](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-sir) points his gun at Zero. He's wearing nothing but pajama pants. The [Warden](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/the-warden) starts to speak, but stops and begins to back away. Two yellow-spotted lizards crawl up on the suitcase as Zero sits perfectly still. Mr. Pendanski gasps and then shines the flashlight into the hole. [Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) chokes back a scream as he realizes he's standing in a lizard nest. There are six in the hole, several of which are climbing on him. The Warden tells Mr. Pendanski that they won't have to wait long, and then they'll have a body to give "that woman" ([Ms. Morengo](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/ms-morengo)). She says that she doesn't care what happens as long as she gets the suitcase, and recounts having to dig holes every day as a kid.

***Analysis Part 1:***

The Warden's mention of digging holes herself as a child reinforces the idea that violence and abuse are cyclical. Though the novel never says if she has children of her own, she's perpetuating this cycle of violence and hard physical labor by taking on teenage inmates. This suggests that something will need to happen to break the cycle and reintroduce kindness into Camp Green Lake, as it's fairly clear that even if the Warden has found what she's looking for, that doesn't mean she's going to stop being cruel.