***Holes***

***Chapter 45***

***Summary and Analysis:***

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While Stanley and Zero try to stay still, the Warden, Mr. Pendanski, and Mr. Sir discuss what to tell "the woman" and "the A.G.". Mr. Pendanski cruelly laughs that there will be plenty of graves to bury Stanley and Zero in after they die. The Warden says she will tell "the woman" that Stanley was delirious and ran away and the lizard bit him. Mr. Sir tells Stanley that Stanley's lawyer had shown up the day before to say that Stanley is innocent of stealing the shoes.

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

***Summary Part 1:***

Several hours later, [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni) and [Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) are still alive. As a lizard springs towards [Mr. Pendanski](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-pendanski), [Mr. Sir](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-sir) shoots it and then lights a cigarette. Mr. Pendanski suggests they shoot "them" anyway, and another counselor asks if he's referring to the lizards or the boys. Mr. Pendanski points out that they have lots of graves to choose from, and the boys will die anyway.

***Analysis Part 1:***

Mr. Pendanski's shockingly callous statement betrays that even though he was the kindest counselor the narrator named, it was all a front: he's just as cruel and heartless as the Warden and Mr. Sir, and he likely acted kindly so that he could use it as a weapon as needed.

***Summary Part 1:***

The [Warden](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/the-warden) tells the counselors that their story is simple: [Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) tried to run away, fell in a hole, and the lizards got him. She says they won't even give "them" [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni)'s body. [Mr. Pendanski](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-pendanski) notes that it doesn't make sense for Stanley to run if he knew he was getting released, but the Warden retorts that they couldn't release him yesterday because he was delirious. She stares at Zero and asks why he isn't dead yet. Stanley is barely listening and doesn't know what they're talking about. Instead, he remembers a time when he and [Stanley's mother](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-s-mother) rolled down a snowy hill. Stanley is so caught up in his memory, he doesn't hear [Mr. Sir](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-sir) tell him he's innocent and his lawyer came to pick him up.

***Analysis Part 2:***

The adult conversation going on here suggests that things have changed at Camp Green Lake: it may be moving towards being forced to comply with normal standards, given that the justice system has apparently discovered that Stanley is innocent. As Stanley escapes into his memory, it's notably one in which the natural world provides a sense of wonder and helps him get through this ordeal, much in the same way that God's Thumb helped him and Zero to survive for a week in the desert.

***Summary Part 3:***

Not long before 4:30am, the [Warden](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/the-warden) sends the counselors to the tents to deal with the campers. Only [Mr. Sir](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-sir) remains with her. [Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) glances at [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni), who slowly gives Stanley a thumbs-up. Stanley wonders what Mr. Sir was talking about; he knows his parents are too poor to hire a lawyer.

***Analysis Part 3:***

Stanley understands that his parents have very little power to truly take on the justice system and he's fairly certain that this is a fact that's not up for debate. The possibility that this has changed suggests that there may be more justice in the world than previously thought.