***Holes***

***Chapter 48***

***Summary and Analysis:***

***Summary:***

Stanley's lawyer's name is Ms. Morengo and the man with her is the A. G., the Attorney General. The Warden says that Stanley does not even know what is in the suitcase and demands that he open it. Ms. Morengo tells Stanley not to open the suitcase and that he can leave freely. Stanley refuses to leave without Hector. Ms. Morengo demands to see Hector's records but because Mr. Pendanski has erased m any of them, they cannot be found. Ms. Morengo takes Hector and Stanley but before they leave Squid gives Stanley his mother's phone number and asks Stanley to call her and say that Alan (Squid) is sorry.

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

***Summary Part 1:***

[Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) holds his suitcase, so tired he can barely speak. [Mr. Sir](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-sir) fetches Stanley's belongings while [Mr. Pendanski](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-pendanski) grabs Stanley and [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni) food. [Ms. Morengo](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/ms-morengo) assures Stanley that he'll see his parents soon. The [Warden](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/the-warden) attempts to say that the suitcase itself belongs to Stanley, but the contents are hers. Ms. Morengo tells Stanley not to open the suitcase so the Warden can search it. The Warden is nearly hysterical as she argues with Ms. Morengo.

***Analysis Part 1:***

From the way that Ms. Morengo and the Warden interact, it's clear that the Warden hasn't spent much time with people who have far more power than she does. This suggests that unlimited power is actually a handicap in some cases, as it keeps her from arguing her case with any effectiveness.

***Summary Part 2:***

The [Attorney General](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters) tells [Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) he's free to go, so [Ms. Morengo](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/ms-morengo) bustles Stanley away. He turns around to look at [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni) and says he can't leave Hector. Zero looks from [Mr. Pendanski](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-pendanski) to the [Warden](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/the-warden) and [Mr. Sir](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/mr-sir), insisting he'll be fine. Stanley insists that the Warden will kill Zero if they leave him behind, but the Attorney General assures Stanley he's taking control of the camp and investigating it. When Stanley refuses to move, Ms. Morengo asks for Hector's file. The Warden sends Mr. Pendanski to get the file, though he returns to say the file is missing. The Attorney General is enraged, makes a phone call, and then calls the Warden into the office to talk.

***Analysis Part 2:***

Calling Zero by his real name is a way for Stanley to tell Zero that he truly cares about him, as a person and as a friend—it's a way for him to say that Zero is worth something, no matter what Mr. Pendanski says. Notably, this kindness leads to an attempt to learn more about Zero and his dealings with the justice system, which suggests that kindness and interest are important if one wants to truly receive justice.

***Summary Part 3:***

[Stanley](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/stanley-yelnats) turns when he hears [Armpit](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters) and [Squid](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters) coming out of the Wreck Room. Soon, the other Group D boys gather around and congratulate Stanley on being released. [Zigzag](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zigzag-ricky) apologizes for ratting out Stanley. Squid asks [Ms. Morengo](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/ms-morengo) for paper, writes a phone number, and asks Stanley if he'll call his mom to tell her that Alan says he's sorry. The boys disperse when the [Warden](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/the-warden) and the [Attorney General](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters) return. The Attorney General explains that he can't find any of Hector's records, including his release date or reason for incarceration. Enraged, Ms. Morengo takes [Zero](https://www.litcharts.com/lit/holes/characters/zero-hector-zeroni)'s hand and pulls him away with her and Stanley.

***Analysis Part 3:***

Just as when Stanley called Zero by his name, Zigzag's request that Stanley call his mom and use his given name is a way for Zigzag to behave kindly towards his mother and show her that he's still her son. The fact that Ms. Morengo feels she has the power to take Zero away from Camp Green Lake in the absence of records suggests that though the justice system crumbles without records, one can only get justice when the bad records disappear.