

Restoration of order- Oresteia

- Areopagus trial
- Athena= dragon slayer– Peitho= Persuasion not violence



Restoration of order- Harry Potter

- Self- sacrifice
- Attempts persuasion → failure
- His signature spell → expelliarmus



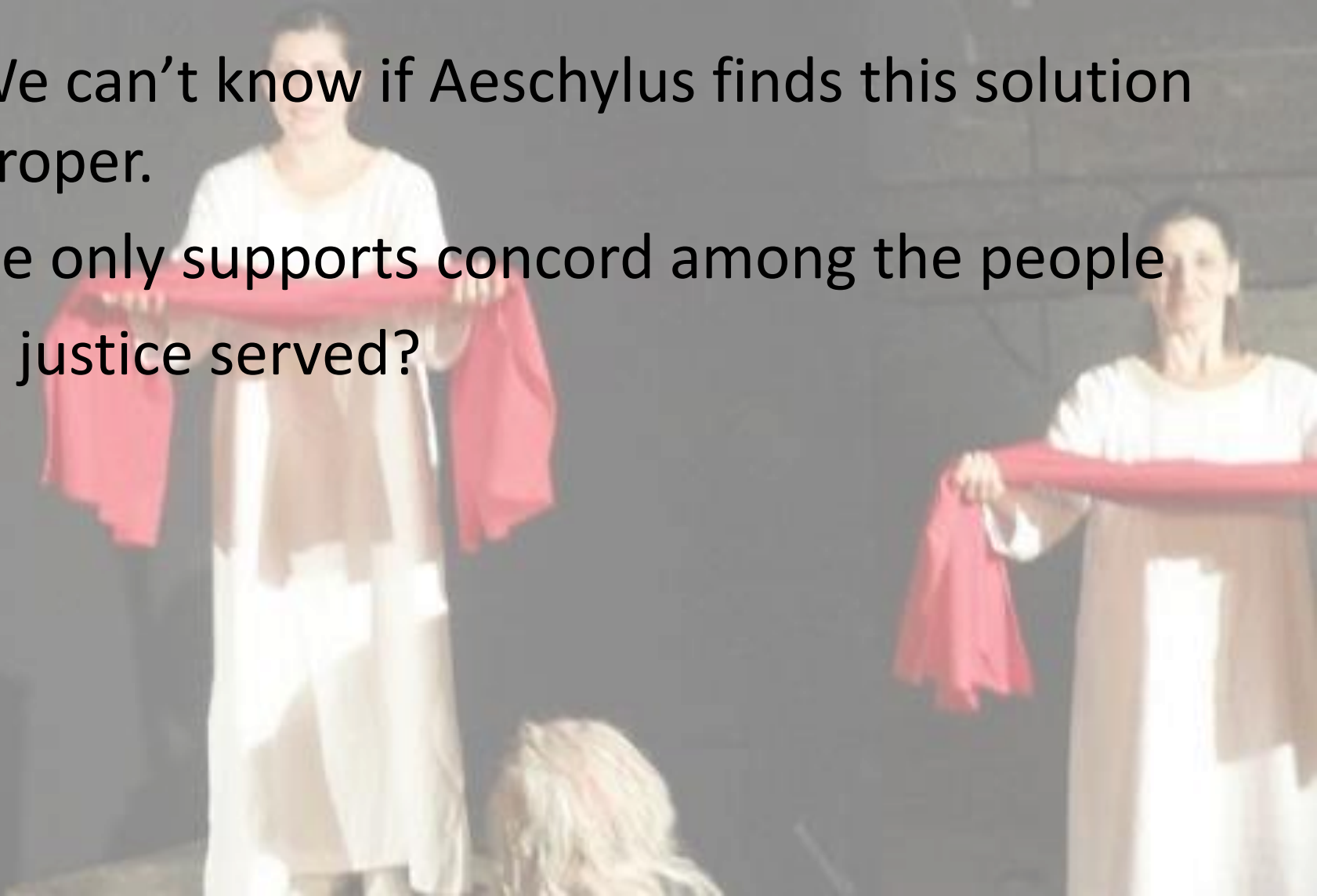
Is everything ok?

- *Oresteia*
 - Problematic trial
 - Gods involved
 - Problematic arguments
 - Does Athena bribe the Erinyes?



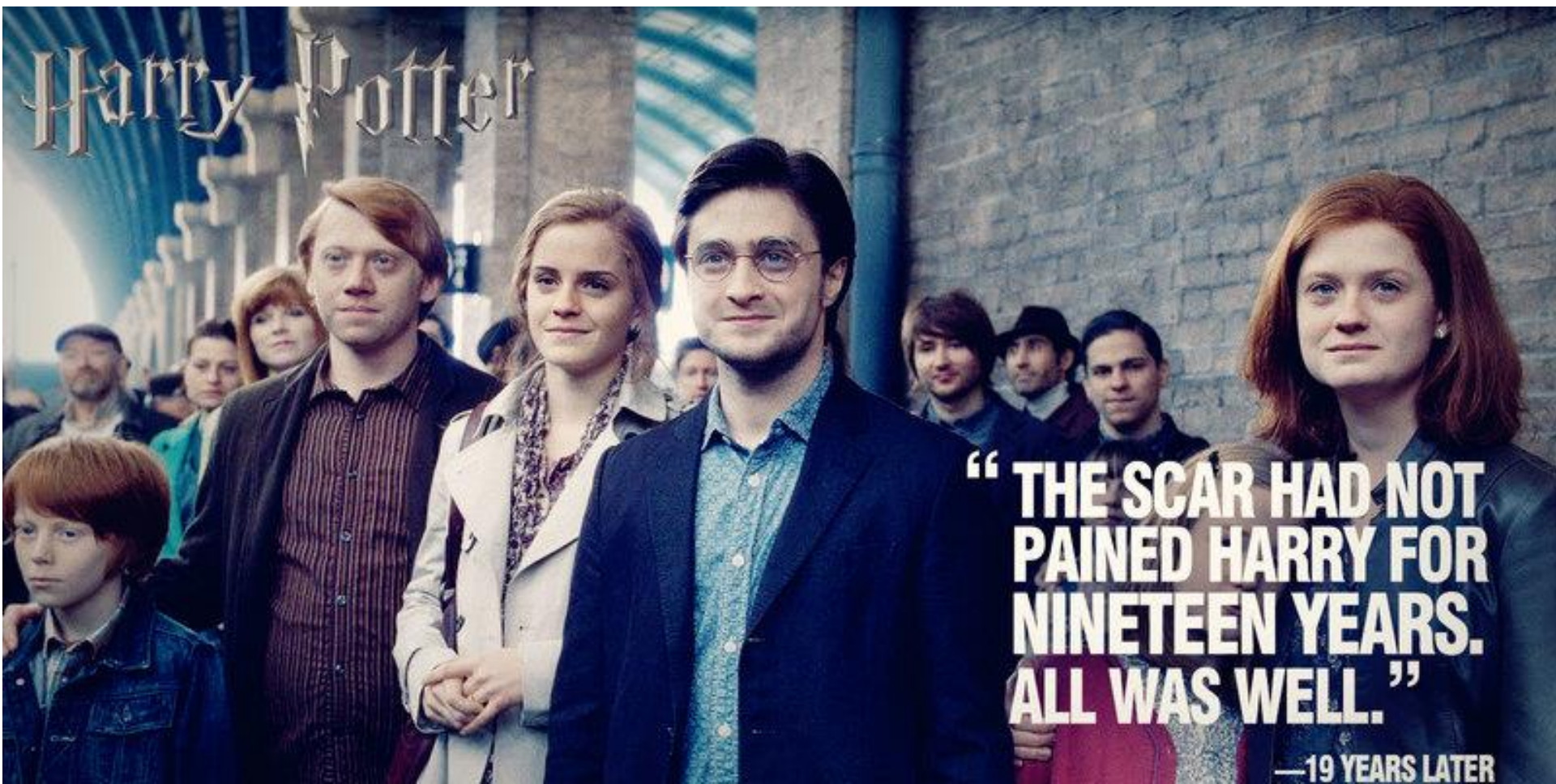
Is order restored?

- We can't know if Aeschylus finds this solution proper.
- He only supports concord among the people
- Is justice served?



Is order restored?

Last lines of 7th book



Is order restored?

1. Purity of blood still concerns wizards

- Still differences
- Ron's joke
- Metanarrative still important



Is order restored?

2. Wizards still use their power affecting and shaping the Muggle world

Ron— driver's license

“Magic is Might” → Voldemort

Is order restored?



Is order restored?

- The system has not changed- civic heroism
 - Only change of leaders- institutions remain the same
 - Questions unanswered: House Elves, other magical creatures
- Will there be need to cure the disease within the state in the future?

Summing up

- The disease within the state- its cure
- Sociopolitical issues
- Cosmogonic background
- The restoration of order is questioned

Conclusions

- Similar stories
- But some important differences
- *Oresteia* for postmodern audiences
- What changes? Why?

Conclusions

- *Oresteia: world at a threshold and in crisis*
- *The times of change*
- *Similar in Rowling's case*

In tragedy family, inheritance, identity, gender, justice and order are important → they keep being important for modern audiences

Difference- Gender

Aeschylus: how a wicked female usurped power by killing her partner, how male authority was re-imposed

Rowling: how a hero merges feminine and masculine attributes to dismiss negative masculinity

Orestes for the modern age

- Difference between good and evil– unusual for postmodern literature
- New approach of gender identity, diversity.
- Need to end discriminations to survive in modern society.
- Kind hearted hero, fulfilled personality, not too perfect so nearer the audience
- Common journey of the hero with the 1000 faces– what he teaches us