

# Caught in the Act - A Tyrant

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Dean Thomas sat on the bench off to the side of the larger room and watched the proceedings unfold before him. The plenary Wizengamot, in their plum-coloured robes, had brought up charges against Dolores Umbridge for her acts of malfeasance and tyranny while at Hogwarts.

Thomas limned Umbridge as a power-mad fanatic completely out of her bailiwick. Thomas recounted the time when Umbridge had castigated Minerva in front of the students. The woman had used synecdoche when she accused Minerva of disloyalty when she actually meant she thought Minerva was a complete traitor. The Wizengamot was in a quandary when it came time to sentence the vicious witch. Some had voted for breaking her wand and others for sending her to Azkaban.

.....Words with Definitions. ....

bailiwick \BAY-luh-wik\, noun:

1. A person's specific area of knowledge, authority, interest, skill, or work.
2. The office or district of a bailiff.

malfeasance \mal-FEE-zuhn(t)s\, noun:

Wrongdoing, misconduct, or misbehavior, especially by a public official.

synecdoche \si-NEK-duh-kee\, noun:

a figure of speech by which a part is put for the whole or whole for a part or general for the special or vice versa

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castigate \KAS-tuh-gayt\, transitive verb:

To punish severely; also, to chastise verbally; to rebuke; to criticize severely.

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plenary \PLEE-nuh-ree; PLEN-uh-ree\, adjective:

1. Full in all respects; complete; absolute; as, plenary authority.
2. Fully attended by all qualified members.

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limn \LIM\, transitive verb:

1. To depict by drawing or painting.
2. To portray in words; to describe.

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quandary \KWAHN-duh-ree; -dree\, noun:

A state of difficulty, perplexity, doubt, or uncertainty.