



The Shell and the Glasses

Lord of the Flies
Chapter 10

- after the feast, Ralph is in disarray**
- only Ralph, Piggy and Samneric left**
- Ralph realizes what happened with Simon**
- touches the conch, realizing what has been lost**
- call Simon's death murder**

- Piggy tries to justify their involvement**
- Not their fault; they were scared, it was dark, there was the dance and the chant**
- Ralph is reliving what happened, Piggy didn't see -
Ralph may have participated in the murder**
- Piggy blames Simon as a way to alleviate his own guilt**

- Ralph is afraid of what they are becoming**
- Samneric also afraid to implicate themselves in Simon's death**
- even though they refuse to admit it, each knows the others were there and the part they played**

Castle Rock



- have a defence system - can launch boulder at enemies
- “He’s a proper chief” (176) - Jack protects them unlike Ralph
- Tied up Wilfred
- Keeps power through violence

- Jack's natural aggression has a release**
- from the beginning he likes the idea of severely punishing anyone who breaks the rules**
- at Castle Rock he is able to carry this out**
- don't know what Wilfred did - could be nothing, just Jack showing his power, exerting control**
- Narrator now refers to Jack as "chief" and the boys as "savages"**

- **goal is to keep others out, otherwise the beast can get in**
- **similar mentality to other groups who shun outsiders**
- **think new people will corrupt, bring evil with them when in reality the potential to do bad things is always present**
- **This is what Simon understood**
- **Still see Simon as the beast, trying to convince themselves it is so**

- keep on the good side of the beast**
- it's better to be the right hand of the devil than in his path**
- no fire = no meat**
- resolve to steal fire, or glasses so they can make fire**
- dance has taken on magical properties - becomes a way to protect them from their enemies**

- They attack Ralph's group and make off with the glasses**
- Piggy thought they were after the conch**
- Jack cares little for order and democracy therefore they have no need of it**
- Piggy failed to understand his enemy was different than him**