

Chapter VIII from p154

Notes

R,P discuss 'what makes things go wrong'

P says it's Jack

J and group steal burning branches from R's fire

J invites R's group to a feast – to eat the pig meat.

R's group tempted by the idea of meat – not enough people in R's group to look after fire

S has hallucination/interior monologue in front of pig's head

Head tells him 'beast is part of you'

Tells him not to reveal this truth to anyone but to keep it to himself, otherwise boys will 'do you'

S faints at the end.

Things to Notice

1. Jack's motives for inviting Ralph to a feast are not kindness or hospitality. He wants to show that he is the right leader because he is a successful hunter and able to provide food.
2. Simon's conversation with the pig's head (the Lord of the Flies) is very significant. It tells Simon what he already knows – that the beast is 'not something you can hunt and kill' but is something inside us. However, it warns him that he must keep this knowledge to himself. If he tells it to other boys, and they listen to him, they will have nothing external to fear.