

Chapter X Notes

Notes

R,P discuss the night before

R – ,that was murder‘

P – ,it was dark‘, ,we was scared‘ etc

Sam, Eric appear – try to pretend they were not at dance.

Finally, all 4 try to pretend they were not there.

Roger goes to J’s camp, sees rocks guarding it, hears J is going to beat Wilfred.

Roger – excited.

J makes plans, to hunt, keep away from beast, steal fire

Boys ask ,didn’t we (kill beast)?‘.

J says beast ,disguises itself‘ – changes appearance, cannot be killed

R,P S/E having nightmares, bad thoughts

Hear sounds outside

J, hunters attack, P has asthma

Fight

R - group discuss injuries

Realise that J, hunters have taken glasses, but left conch

Things to Notice

1. Ralph is the only boy who tries to face up to Simon’s death. Piggy shows a relative lack of moral sense by trying to explain the night’s events in a way that might be believed in court but is in fact dishonest. Sam and Eric are equally dishonest.
2. Roger’s character is beginning to reveal itself. He sees that Castle Rock is now a fort, with big rocks on the cliffs ready to fall on anyone who might enter, and hears that Jack is going to beat a boy for no reason. All this excites Roger. What role is he going to take now?
3. Jack now says the boys cannot kill the beast because the beast disguises itself. Why does it suit Jack that the boys continue to believe in the beast?
4. Stealing the glasses does two things for Jack. It gives him a permanent means of making fire. It also means that ,he was a chief now in truth‘. What exactly does this mean? At the same time, what does losing the glasses mean for Piggy and the rest of Ralph’s group?