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**This summary is part *Sparknotes*, part me, and part actual book.**

The boys eat as they travel toward the mountain. Ralph gazes at the choppy ocean and muses on the fact that the boys have become slovenly and undisciplined. Ralph looks at the ocean and thinks they may never be rescued. Simon, however, interrupts his thoughts:

**Simon:** You’ll get back to where you came from.  
**Ralph:** (*puzzled*) It’s so big, I mean—

**Simon:** All the same. You’ll get back all right. I think so, anyway.

**Ralph:** Got a ship in your pocket?

**Simon:** No.

**Ralph:** How do you know, then?

**Simon:** (*silent for a while)*

**Ralph:** You’re batty.

**Simon:** No, I’m not. I just *you’ll get back all right.*

That afternoon, the hunters find pig droppings, and Jack suggests they hunt the pig while they continue to search for the beast. The boys agree and quickly track a large boar, which leads them on a wild chase. Ralph, who has never been on a hunt before, quickly gets caught up in the exhilaration of the chase. He excitedly flings his spear at the boar, and though it glances off the animal’s snout, Ralph is thrilled with his marksmanship nonetheless. Jack holds up his bloodied arm, which he claims the boar grazed with its tusks.

Although the boar escapes, the boys remain in a frenzy in the aftermath of the hunt. Excited, they reenact the chase among themselves with Robert playing the boar. They dance, chant, and jab Robert with their spears, and get a bit carried away, hurting Robert some and nearly killing him. When Robert suggests that they use a real boar in the game next time, Jack replies that they should use a littlun instead. All the boys laugh.

Simon volunteers to return to the beach to tell Piggy and the littluns that the group will not return until late that night.

Darkness falls, and Ralph proposes that they wait until morning to climb the mountain because it will be difficult to hunt the monster at night. Jack challenges Ralph to join the hunt, and Ralph finally agrees to go simply to regain his position in the eyes of the group. Ralph shuts the whole group up when he asks Jack, “Why do you hate me?”

There is a pun when Jack asks Ralph if he is windy. “Windy” is British slang for scared. “Wendy” is British slang for a kid whose friends have all left him.

Ralph, Roger, and Jack start to climb the mountain **(note the difference in symbolism than the first group of three to climb the mountain)**. Ralph and Roger wait somewhere near the top while Jack climbs alone to the summit. He returns, breathlessly claiming to have seen the monster. Ralph and Roger climb up to have a look and see a terrifying specter, a large, shadowy form with the shape of a giant ape, making a strange flapping sound in the wind. Horrified, the boys hurry down the mountain to warn the group.