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Eng. Foundations III – Silver

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Lord of the Flies: Ch. 3 (48-57)

Huts on the Beach

Directions: Answer the following questions in full sentences. Provide page numbers indicating where you found the information, and, when possible, include a quote to support your response.

1. Identify a significant piece of information that is indirectly revealed in this quote:
“His sandy hair, considerably longer than it had been when they dropped in, was lighter now; and his bare back was a mass of dark freckles and peeling sunburn” (48).
 - **They’ve been on the island for a while now (long enough for their hair to grow long)**
2. With what has Jack become obsessed? What is he searching for at the opening of the chapter?
 - **Jack is obsessed with killing/hunting, but he hasn’t been able to catch a pig yet**
3. What is a compulsion?
 - **An action/state when someone is obsessed with or forced to do something**

Rephrase the following quote in your own words: “[Jack] tried to convey the compulsion to track down and kill that was swallowing him up” (51).

-The need/desire to hunt is taking over him

- Jack has the urge to kill a pig

- Jack has extremely violent tendencies

- Can only think about hunting

He’s turning more and more savage

4. Why are the littluns unable to sleep soundly at night?
 - **They are scared of the beastie and are having terrible nightmares → littluns not supported/comforted by the older kids**
5. What does Jack say he would like to do even more than he would like to be rescued? Provide a concrete detail.
 - **Jack wants to catch a pig even more than he wants to be rescued → “Rescue? Yes, of course! All the same, I’d like to catch a pig first” (53).**
 - **Selfish, bad priorities, doesn’t care about the wellbeing of others**

6. What is the biggest problem Ralph is dealing with regarding the other boys? What does this reveal about his personality and priorities?
- **The other boys aren't really listening to him**
 - **Is he a weak leader, or are the boys just not good listeners?**
 - **Ralph has leadership skills (kind of smart, physically strong), but he needs help at times → no one but Piggy and Simon are helping him**
 - **Ralph's priority: SURVIVAL**
 - **Ralph and Jack have very different perspectives**
7. Describe Simon. What does he look like? What is his personality like? Where does he go?
- **He faints**
 - **Skinny boy, black hair (55-56)**
 - **Jack and Ralph describe Simon as "queer" and "funny" (55) (queer = strange) → Simon is DIFFERENT somehow**
 - **Timid and shy**
 - **Helpful (helps Ralph with shelters, gets fruit for the littluns) (56)**
 - **He goes into the jungle to his "hideout"**
 - **Connection with nature**
 - **Isolates himself; likes to be alone → Why? Maybe helps him think?**

Annotations:

- **Jack has become an animal, long hair, violent thoughts and behavior (50)**
- **Simon is mysterious to the other boys (55)**
- **Simon is kind and caring to the littluns (56-57)**
- **Jack is thirsty → Ralph has set up organization to have water ready (50)**
- **Fear is starting to take over (52)**
- **Ralph is becoming more responsible and focused as a leader (50) → realizes the severity of the situation**
- **Jack: "If I could only get a pig, I'll come back and help with the shelter" (55) → ONLY hunting, not helping in other ways**
- **The boys are destructive**