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Rescue and Reckoning: Chapters 11-12 of 'Lord of the Flies'



In Chapters 11 and 12, the gripping conclusion of William Golding's novel "Lord of the Flies," the surviving boys on the deserted island face the ultimate challenge of survival and the consequences of their actions. With the arrival of a rescue party, the island's dark and tragic journey comes to an end.

Chapter 11: Castle Rock

In Chapter 11, the tension between Ralph and Jack's groups escalates as they confront each other on Castle Rock:

- Ralph and Piggy, along with Samneric, decide to approach Castle Rock to reason with Jack and his followers.
- The confrontation between the two groups turns violent, leading to the tragic death of Piggy and the theft of Samneric by Jack's group.
- The conch shell, once a symbol of order and authority, is destroyed, signaling the complete breakdown of civilization among the boys.

The chapter showcases the extreme deterioration of the boys' society and the loss of rationality.

Chapter 12: Cry of the Hunters

In the final chapter, the island descends into chaos and destruction as Ralph becomes the hunted:

- Ralph is now alone, as Piggy is dead, and Samneric have joined Jack's savage tribe.
- Jack and his tribe, guided by their primal instincts, set the entire island ablaze in their pursuit of Ralph.
- Just as all hope seems lost, a naval officer arrives on the scene, rescuing the boys from their descent into madness.

The chapter brings the story to a powerful conclusion, highlighting the rescue and the sobering realization of the boys' descent into savagery.