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4. What hints are we given about what has happened to the boys?
5. What is the 'scar' that is often mentioned at the beginning of this chapter?
6. Who makes the first leadership decisions and what are they?
7. Between Ralph and Piggy, who is cleverer? Explain your answer.

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8. What are your first impressions of Jack?
9. Why doesn't Piggy ask for the names of the choirboys?
10. What are Jack's reasons for why he should be chief? Do you think that these are valid reasons?
11. Why do you think Piggy is not considered to be chief?
12. What reasons are given for why Ralph is voted chief? Do you think that this is a good choice?
13. Which word tells us that although Piggy voted for Ralph, he didn't really want to? Why might this be?
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