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The Character of the Lord of the Flies

The Lord of the Flies otherwise known as the pig head on a stick is not your average character as the pig head cannot move, think, or speak. The head is instead a dead pig's head brutally jammed onto a large stick, then called the Lord of the Flies. The character is created by a small tribe lead by Jack, who turns psychopathic swiftly, this being an example of his inhumane ways. Not only is Jack turning psychopathic but yet the rest of the island's new inhabitants, turning their thought process to mush. The Lord of the Flies is a great example of the children's downward spiral into strong violence and gore.

To understand how the Lord Of The Flies came to be we have to fathom how Jack's tribe functions. The tribe focuses around hunting and raiding the peninsula or island that the remnants of the plane crash reside. This tribe is known for its violence within the Lord Of The Flies universe, severe damage has been afflicted to others and the vast greenery contained within the area. From the beginning of the story, the island's new inhabitants believed a beast hid in the bushes and was constantly attempting to murder the children this, of course, all being a sham that everyone believed. Jack's tribe was scared of the beast and made a sacrifice to it, the pig head. The tribe had chosen a large female pig to become the sacrifice. After the gory end to the pig's life, the boys stuck the head on a stick and left it in front of a large opening in the cave for the beast. Later Simon confronts the pig's head in the forest and the head seems to speak to him,

telling him that evil lies within every human heart and promising to have some “fun” with him. This may foreshadow (spoilers): Simon's death. Because of this, the Lord of the Flies becomes both a physical manifestation of the beast, a symbol of the power of evil and a type of demon entity who evokes rage within all human beings. In biblical parallels, the Lord of the Flies recalls the devil, just as Simon recalls Jesus. In fact, the name “Lord of the Flies” once translated means the biblical name Beelzebub, a powerful demon in hell sometimes believed to be Satan himself.

The Lord of the Flies plays a powerful part in the Lord of the Flies as it influences the island dwellers to become more enraged due to this intense gore, and mental wall the head throws the dwellers into. The Lord of the Flies, in the end, does massive damage to the dweller's mentality and their physical lives as well.