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M: Rainsford says, "Can't see it" (pg 1). Whitney says, "The fear of pain and the fear of death" (pg 1). These fragments create a casual or conversational speaking style. The dialogue between Rainsford and Whitney as they discuss a spooky island and hunting as a sport seems natural and real because of the fragments.

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