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1. Verb - Past Tense

2. Noun - Plural

3. Adverb

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"Off there to the right - somewhere - is a large island," said Whitney. "It's rather a mystery - "

"What island is it?" Rainsford .

"The old charts call it 'Ship-Trap Island,'" Whitney replied. "A suggestive name, isn't it? Sailors have a curious dread of the place. I don't know why. Some superstition - "

"Can't see it," remarked Rainsford, trying to peer through the dank tropical night that was palpable¹ as it pressed its think warm blackness in upon the yacht.

"You've good eyes," said Whitney, with a laugh, "and I've seen you pick off a moose moving in the brown fall brush at four hundred yards, but even you can't see four miles or so through a moonless Caribbean night."

"Nor four yards," admitted Rainsford. "Ugh! It's like moist velvet."

"It will be light enough in Rio," promised Whitney. "We should make it in a few days. I hope the jaguar guns have come from Purdey's. We should have some good sport hunting up the Amazon. Great sport hunting."

"The best sport in the world," _____ Rainsford.

"For the hunter," amended Whitney. "Not for the jaguar."

"Don't talk rot, Whitney," said Rainsford. "You're a big-game hunter not a philosopher. Who cares how a jaguar feels?"

"Perhaps the jaguar does," observed Whitney.

"Bah! They've no understanding."

"Even so, I rather think they understand one thing at least --fear. The fear of pain and the fear of death."

"Nonsense," laughed Rainsford. "This hot weather is making you soft, Whitney. Be a realist. The world is made up of two classes - the hunter and the hunted. Luckily, you and I are the _____ Noun - Plural _____. Do you think we've passed that island yet?"

"I can't tell in the dark. I hope so."

"Why?" asked Rainsford.

"The place has a reputation - a bad one."

"Cannibals2?" suggested Rainsford.

"_____ Adverb _____. Even cannibals wouldn't live in such a

God-forsaken place. But it's got into sailor lore3, somehow. Didn't you notice that the crew's nerves seem a bit jumpy today?"