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Whipping winds beat their worn bodies
Shores ablaze with torchlight
They call in the boats
But the shadows are thick
And the rain is fierce

Waves wash ashore the wreckage
Of the last fighting crew
And the men all stranded
Call to the sky for their mothers and wives
Standing on some distant shore

Lightning licks down the trees
Thunder shakes the beach
In awe they turn as one
And see the beast malevolent
And see the teeth

Melting into shadows
And sifting through sand
Eating its fill
The jungle swallows the men whole
And spits out the bones