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Villain described in great detail	+ Red eyes + Swathed in red + Carries an ax + Begrimed with soot	
Dark symbolism	+ The carrion crows represent death + The trees with names carved in them represent individual people.	
Evil bargain	+ Tom's wife attempts to offer her household valuables for the pirate's treasure.	
Sinister quest of one of the characters	+ Toms goes to make a deal with the devil. + Tom's wife attempts to do the same.	
Gruesome find	+ The heart and liver of Tom's wife hanging in a tree	
Lesson learned	+ Don't be greedy + If something seems too good to be true, it probably is	
Builds suspense	+ Taking an "ill-chosen" route through the swamp	
Foreshadowing	+ The carrion crows foreshadow the death of Tom's wife + The devil is "begrimed with soot as if accustomed to working with fire"	

