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The author creates a sense of danger and chaos by describing the wind as "screeched" and "like a wild beast."

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The word choice makes the storm feel intense and creates urgency for the reader.

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Life is a winding forest path, with sunlight bringing hope and shadows casting uncertainty. Gentle streams refresh, jagged rocks challenge, and thunder signals trials ahead.