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Animal Farm- Chapter 7 Closerreading

For the following quotes from Chapter 7, identify Orwell's deeper meaning of the authority showcased by the pigs and the manipulation occurring with the animals on the farm. Be specific and identify the symbolism to the Russian Revolution.

1. "In these days Napoleon rarely appeared in public, but spent all his time in the farmhouse, which was guarded at each door by fierce-looking dogs. When he did emerge, it was in a ceremonial manner, with an escort of six dogs who closely surrounded him and growled if anyone came too near. Frequently he did not even appear on Sunday mornings, but issued his orders through one of the other pigs, usually Squealer."
2. "Napoleon ordered the almost empty bins in the store-shed to be filled nearly to the brim with sand, which was covered up with what remained of the grain meal."
3. "When the hens heard this, they raised a terrible outcry. . . . They were just getting their clutches ready for the spring sitting, and they protested that to take the eggs away now was murder. For the first time since the expulsion of Jones, there was something resembling a rebellion."
4. "Whenever anything went wrong it became usual to attribute Snowball. . . . It seemed to [the animals] as though Snowball were some kind of invisible influence, pervading the air about them and menacing them with all kinds of dangers."
5. "We know now -it is all written down in secret documents that we have found -that in reality [Snowball] was trying to lure us to our doom. . . . I could show you this in his own writing, if you were able to read it."
6. "'Ah, that is different!' said Boxer. 'If Comrade Napoleon says it, it must be right.'"

7. "That is the true spirit, Comrade!" cried Squealer, but it was noticed he cast a very ugly look at Boxer with his little twinkling eyes. . . . To the amazement of everyone, three of [the dogs] flung themselves upon Boxer."
8. "The four pigs waited, trembling, with guilt written on every line of their countenances. Napoleon now called them to confess their crimes. They were the same four pigs as had protested when Napoleon abolished the Sunday Meetings. . . . Without any further prompting they confessed that they had been secretly in touch with Snowball ever since his expulsion."
9. "I would not have believed that such things could happen on our farm. It must be due to some fault in ourselves. The solution, as I see it, is to work harder."
10. "If she could have spoken her thoughts, it would have been to say that this was not what they aimed at when they had set themselves years ago to work for the overthrow of the human race. The scenes of terror and slaughter were not what they had looked forward to on that night when Old Major first stirred them to rebellion."
11. "[Squealer] announced that, by special decree of Comrade Napoleon, 'Beasts of England' had been abolished. From now onwards it was forbidden to sing it. . . . 'It's no longer needed, comrade,' said Squealer stiffly. "Beasts of England' was the song of the Rebellion. But the Rebellion is now completed."
12. Animal Farm, Animal Farm, / Never through me shalt thou come to harm!