

The Monkey's Paw:

Vocabulary

perils - something that causes injury, loss, destruction

placidly - calmly

amiably - friendly

poised - composed, dignified

torrent - stream of water w/ great rapidity/violence.

hospitable - warmly receiving guests

haste/hastily - hurried

condoling - express sympathy

burly - large bodily; sturdy

rubicund - red/ruddy

visage - face/appearance.

proffered - to put before for acceptance
- offer

doughty - resolute; steadfastly courageous

fakirs - Muslim/Hindu monks'

grimace - contorted, disapproving facial expression

wont - custom; habit

presumptuous - forward; bold.

keenly - sharp, piercing

doggedly - persistent

talisman - lucky charm

enthralled - to captivated/charmed

maligned - to speak evil of

antimacassar - slip cover? on chair

dubiously - doubtfully

credulity - gullibility - willingness to believe

anxiously - worried

simian - ape-like

prosaic - commonplace; dull

betokened - give evidence of

frivolous - lack of seriousness or sense

avaricious - greedy

bibulous - addicted/fond of drink

furtively - sly; shiftily; done by stealth

broach - mention/suggest for first time.

interposed - placed between/to intervene

wistfully - sadness/melancholy/longing.

assent - agree

averted - avoid/to ward off

liability - moneys owed/debts/owing.

apathy/apathetically - lacking feeling

fusillade - continuous discharge of firearms.