



# SERAFINA and the SEVEN STARS

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# WORD CARTOON

Select a vocabulary word and create a cartoon that either shows what the word means, or correctly uses the word.

word \_\_\_\_\_

definition \_\_\_\_\_

sentence \_\_\_\_\_

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for drawing a cartoon related to the word.

word \_\_\_\_\_

definition \_\_\_\_\_

sentence \_\_\_\_\_

A second large, empty rounded rectangular box with a thick black border, identical to the one above, for drawing another cartoon.

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### FOUR SQUARE Vocabulary Style

- Select a vocabulary word.
- Write the word in the center box.
- Record the information from each circle in the square it's attached to.

|  |                                |  |   |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| <p>The definition in your words.</p>   |                                |  | <p>What the word has to do with the book.</p> |
|  | <p>Center box for the word</p> |  |   |
| <p>A connection you have to the word— a memory, how it makes you feel...</p> |                                |  | <p>3 synonyms for the word</p>                |

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## A WORD GRAPHIC

#1

Word:

It looks like this:

Definition:

Synonyms

Antonyms

An original  
sentence:

#2

Word:

It looks like this:

Definition:

Synonyms

Antonyms

An original  
sentence:



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### Southern Mountain Expressions

American dialects contain a number of words, phrases, sayings, and structures that make them distinct from other dialects of English. *Serafina and the Seven Stars* captures a number of these from the southern mountain dialect of Serafina's time:

#### Words:

|            |  |       |
|------------|--|-------|
| Haint      | a ghost  | p. 11 |
| Chock-full | full to overflowing                              | p. 48 |
| Varmints   | troublesome wild animals                         | p. 66 |
| Reckon     | to think something, usually from figuring it out | p. 69 |

#### Phrases:

|                      |   |        |
|----------------------|---|--------|
| Seventh heaven       | the highest level of heaven (based on ancient astronomy); the most happy or delighted | p. 41  |
| Right determined     | extremely determined  | p. 41  |
| Timbers were shaking | shaking the foundation of something   | p. 41  |
| Right peculiar       | extremely strange   | p. 45  |
| Giving me fits       | driving me crazy; being extremely difficult   | p. 59  |
| Lickety-split        | super-fast  | p. 60  |
| Conjured up          | created; made up; imagined  | p. 60  |
| Somethin' fierce     | incredibly much   | p. 60  |
| Putting on airs      | acting snobbish or superior   | p. 63  |
| Tickled fine         | extremely happy   | p. 69  |
| Somethin' hard-gone  | very difficult; extremely serious   | p. 69  |
| Knock-down, drag-out | describes a brutal fight in which anything is done to win                             | p. 150 |



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### Southern Mountain Expressions

#### Sayings:

“Skittish as a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs” (p. 26) gives a great image of a cat trying not to get its tail caught under a rocking chair, as way of saying someone is very nervous and jumpy.

“Gettin’ above my raising” (p. 27) means acting like you’re better than the family or circumstances you came from.

“Could makes heads or tails of” (p. 59) means to figure something out. Not being able to make heads or tails of something is like not being able to tell which side of a coin is heads, and which is tails.

“Keep your eyes peeled” (p. 66) means to keep a sharp lookout for something; to be extremely watchful and observant.

“Workin’ like it’s harvest day” (p. 70) means working very hard with complete focus.

“Make herself scarce” (p. 79) means to get out of somewhere, quick.

“What in tarnation is going on?” (p. 226) means “what on earth is happening.” “Tarnation” is a polite substitute—a euphemism—for “damnation.”

“I didn’t just fall off the turnip truck.” (p. 329) means “I’m not so stupid as someone who just showed up here and doesn’t know what’s going on.”

#### Structures:

“Can’t hardly believe it none” (p. 59) is a “triple negative” form. “Can’t,” “hardly,” and “none” all mean “not,” and Standard Written English asks us to stick to a single negative instead of stacking them up like this. But in many dialects, all the negative words just serve to emphasize how this speaker really, really, really cannot believe what he is being told.



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### Vocabulary Words and Definitions

#### Chapter 1

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Retracted        | pulled back into something that covers it                    |
| Invigorated      | has been given life and energy                               |
| Flailing         | moving in an uncontrolled way                                |
| Agitation        | a state of deep disturbance and upset                        |
| Lurched          | made a sudden sideways or forward motion                     |
| Exasperation     | a state of being very annoyed                                |
| Entwined         | twisted together   |
| Ensnared         | caught in a trap or a place of no escape                     |
| Limestone        | a type of white stone commonly used in building              |
| Sinister         | likely to cause something bad, harmful, or dangerous         |
| Rambunctiousness | uncontrolled, playful, highly energetic behavior             |
| Encroaching      | gradually taking over the space of another                   |
| Sulfur           | a yellow chemical element that has a strong, unpleasant odor |
| Barreling        | moving very fast, often in a dangerous or uncontrolled way   |

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**Chapter 2**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Disgorging      | releasing, letting out  |
| Tweed           | a woolen cloth woven with different colored threads                         |
| Footmen         | male servants who wait on guests at parties                                 |
| Arsonist        | someone who illegally sets fire to things                                   |
| Doppelgänger    | someone or something that looks like another person                         |
| Wraith          | spirit of a dead person   |
| Barrel-chested  | having a large, round chest that suggests strength                          |
| Satchel         | a small bag   |
| Immensity       | extremely great size  |
| Gargoyles       | carved figures of humans or animals on a building; often mythical creatures |
| Chain mail-clad | wearing a garment woven of tiny metal rings to offer protection in battle   |
| Treacherous     | very dangerous and difficult to deal with                                   |
| Flinchy         | moving suddenly from fear   |
| Bushels         | units for measuring an amount of fruit or grain                             |
| Discouragement  | a feeling of having lost hope or confidence                                 |
| Bask            | to lie or relax happily in a bright and warm place                          |
| Prosperity      | the state of being successful, usually by making a lot of money             |
| Renowned        | known and admired by many people  |
| Contentment     | the state of being happy and satisfied                                      |
| Tranquility     | the state of being quiet and peaceful                                       |
| Drench          | to make something completely wet  |
| Incumbent on    | necessary as a duty   |
| Furrowed        | wrinkled  |
| Somber          | serious and sad   |
| Conductor       | person who collects money or tickets from passengers on a train or bus      |



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### Chapter 3

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Wisteria     | a plant that grows as a thick vine with bunches of purple flowers      |
| Lattice      | a structure made of crossed wooden strips                              |
| Silhouette   | a dark shape against a light background; an outline                    |
| Orb          | something shaped like a ball   |
| Contraptions | pieces of equipment or machinery that are unusual or strange           |
| Catamount    | a mountain lion  |
| Devise       | to invent or plan  |
| Frayed       | worn down  |
| Naught       | nothing  |
| Ally         | a person that helps another do something                               |
| Revelry      | a wild and noisy celebration   |
| Plight       | bad or difficult situation   |
| Kindred      | of a similar type; of the same family                                  |
| Hordes       | large groups of people   |
| Winches      | machines used for pulling or lifting heavy things with a rope or chain |
| Primal       | very basic and powerful  |
| Tousle       | to make someone's hair untidy  |
| Scuff        | to scratch the surface of something by scraping it                     |
| Apparition   | ghost or spirit of a dead person                                       |

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**Chapter 4**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Pergola       | a structure built of columns with an open roof of cross rafters                     |
| Pang          | a sudden, strong feeling  |
| Mums          | short for chrysanthemums, plants with brightly colored flowers                      |
| Conservatory  | a room or building with glass walls used for growing plants                         |
| Scofflaw      | someone who violates the law  |
| Fugitive      | a person who is running away to avoid being captured                                |
| Drawing room  | a formal reception room   |
| Constellation | a group of stars that forms a particular shape in the sky and has been given a name |
| Meteor storm  | streaks of light in the sky produced by the passage of meteors                      |
| Incandescence | white or glowing because of great heat  |

**Chapter 5**

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Slumped   | moved down or forward suddenly        |
| Buckled   | collapsed; bent suddenly              |
| Tentative | not done with confidence              |
| Vast      | very great in size, amount, or extent |



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### Chapter 6

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Albino      | a person or animal born with a medical condition that results in very pale skin, white hair, and pink eyes |
| Labored     | done with great effort   |
| Spindly     | long, thin, and usually weak   |
| Commune     | communicate with something in a personal or spiritual way  |
| Infusing    | causing a person or thing to be filled with something  |
| Wary        | not having complete trust in someone or something  |
| Poachers    | people who hunt or fish illegally  |
| Mesmerize   | to interest or amaze (someone) so much that nothing else is seen or noticed                                |
| Obscuring   | hiding, covering up  |
| Prestigious | respected as successful and important  |
| Rotisserie  | a piece of equipment that turns meat over heat as it cooks   |
| Kin         | a person's relatives   |
| Placid      | calm and still   |
| Dumbwaiters | elevators for carrying food from one floor of a building to another  |
| Newfangled  | recently invented or developed and hard to understand  |
| Ember       | a glowing piece of wood or coal from a fire  |
| Tabby       | a cat that has dark and light stripes or spots on its fur  |
| Sheathe     | to cover something with something that protects it   |
| Unsheathe   | to take something out of a sheath or cover   |

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**Chapter 7**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Void         | a large empty space   |
| Haggard      | looking very thin and tired, especially from hunger, worry, or pain |
| Adept        | very good at doing something that is not easy                       |
| Afoot        | developing or happening now; in progress                            |
| Wake         | what is left behind by someone or something moving                  |
| Fretting     | worrying or being concerned   |
| Slung        | threw something with a sweeping motion                              |
| Expanse      | large, open space   |
| Linger       | to be slow to leave a place   |
| Amber        | dark orange-yellow color  |
| Ajar         | slightly open   |
| Suite        | a group of rooms  |
| Damask       | thick cloth with patterns woven into it                             |
| Perplexed    | unable to understand something clearly                              |
| Pursed       | formed into a tight circle or line                                  |
| Bewilderment | extreme confusion   |

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**Chapter 8**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Muted      | soft in color  |
| Glumly     | in a depressed way   |
| Adversary  | an enemy or opponent   |
| Figment    | something produced by the imagination that does not really exist           |
| Dispel     | to make something go away or end   |
| Ascended   | went up  |
| Promenade  | a public place for walking   |
| Profusion  | a large amount of something  |
| Adorned    | to make someone or something more attractive by adding something beautiful |
| Fanciful   | coming from the imagination; unusual or appealing                          |
| Clutch     | a small group of things or people  |
| Agitated   | deeply disturbed and upset   |
| Surmised   | formed an opinion about something without knowing the truth                |
| Flitting   | moving quickly from one place or thing to another                          |
| Cataloging | listing or describing something in an organized way                        |
| Hedge      | a row of shrubs or small trees planted close together                      |



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### Chapter 9

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Griffins   | mythical animals that are half eagle and half lion                          |
| Arc        | a line or shape curved like part of a circle                                |
| Gruff      | low and rough   |
| Jaunty     | lively in manner or appearance  |
| Naive      | having a lack of experience or knowledge                                    |
| Perturbed  | annoyed   |
| Mink       | small weasel-like animal  |
| Jostled    | pushed against someone  |
| Ilk        | sort or kind  |
| Filigreed  | decorated with delicate and complicated designs made of gold or silver wire |
| Queasy     | having an unpleasantly nervous or doubtful feeling                          |
| Inhabitant | someone who lives in a particular place for a period of time                |



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### Chapter 10

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Shirk          | to avoid doing something you are supposed to do                                |
| Apprehensively | with fear or uneasiness that something unpleasant is going to happen           |
| Sass           | rude or disrespectful speech   |
| Lavishly       | richly; expensively  |
| Appointed      | having all the furniture, equipment, etc., that is needed                      |
| Gold-leafed    | covered with a thin layer of gold  |
| Chaise lounge  | a long reclining chair   |
| Wistfully      | with sad thoughts and feelings about something that made you happy in the past |
| Canopied       | covered with a piece of cloth that hangs over as a shelter                     |
| Denizen        | a person, animal, or plant that lives in a certain place                       |
| Devout         | devoted to a particular belief, etc.   |
| Opulence       | the quality of being very expensive  |
| Abruptly       | very suddenly  |
| Conception     | an idea of what something is or should be                                      |
| Livery         | uniforms worn by servants  |
| Colleague      | a person who works with you  |
| Gangly         | tall, thin, and awkward  |
| Quintessence   | perfect example of something   |
| Stately        | very impressive  |
| Decorum        | correct or proper behavior that shows respect and good manners                 |
| Boisterous     | noisy and lively   |
| Rogue          | a man who causes trouble in a playful way                                      |
| Flourishes     | a dramatic, noticeable movement  |
| Bunk           | foolish or untrue words or ideas   |
| Convolutions   | things that are very complicated and difficult to understand                   |
| Guff           | annoying criticism; nonsense   |



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### Chapter 11

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Rampant        | growing quickly in a way difficult to control              |
| Barrel-vaulted | an arched structure curved like a barrel                   |
| Sprays         | attractive arrangements of flowers                         |
| Embodiment     | a perfect representative or example of something           |
| Indignant      | angry about something that is unfair or wrong              |
| Keenly         | strongly; intensely  |
| Hail from      | to have been born or raised in a place                     |
| Hue            | color or shade of a color                                  |
| Immaculate     | perfectly clean; without flaws                             |
| Irksome        | annoying or irritating                                     |
| Remnants       | parts of something that are left when other parts are gone |
| Conspired      | secretly planned   |
| Dwell          | to think about for a long time                             |
| Flemish        | from northern Belgium                                      |
| Tapestry       | a heavy cloth with pictures or designs woven into it       |
| Scoundrel      | a person who is cruel or dishonest                         |

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**Chapter 12**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Contemplative | deep in thought  |
| Cavalry       | the part of an army that had soldiers who rode horses        |
| Fresh-faced   | having a young, healthy, and innocent appearance             |
| Cleft         | a narrow area that looks like a small dent in someone's chin |
| Erect         | straight up and down   |
| Fencer        | one who fights with swords                                   |
| Saber         | a long, heavy sword with a curved blade                      |
| Camaraderie   | a feeling of good friendship among people in a group         |
| Overbearing   | trying to control other people                               |
| Enthralled    | fascinated by  |
| Distaste      | a strong feeling of not liking someone or something          |
| Safari        | a journey to hunt animals, especially in Africa              |
| Trekking      | to go on a long and/or difficult journey                     |
| Rotund        | fat and round  |
| Recoiled      | quickly moved back from something shocking or disgusting     |
| Mettle        | strength of spirit   |
| Bowie knife   | a short single-sided hunting knife with a curved back edge   |
| Affront       | an action that insults someone                               |
| Vulgar        | not showing good manners, taste, or politeness               |
| Profoundly    | requiring deep thought or wisdom to understand               |
| Minute        | (pronounced "my-noot") very small; tiny                      |
| Harrowing     | upsetting; dangerous   |
| Composure     | calmness of mind, manner, or appearance                      |
| Cunning       | clever at getting what one wants                             |
| Elusive       | hard to find or capture                                      |
| Quarry        | animal or person being hunted or chased                      |



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### Chapter 13

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Grit          | mental toughness and courage  |
| Flustered     | upset or nervous  |
| Winced        | made an expression that indicates embarrassment or pain                   |
| Squeamish     | easily shocked, offended, or disgusted                                    |
| Billiard room | a room with a pool table for playing pool (billiards)                     |
| Loggia        | an area on the side of a building that has a roof and is open on one side |
| Availed       | made use of   |
| Braggart      | a person who brags a lot  |
| Fend          | to do things without help   |
| Tuberculosis  | a serious disease of the lungs  |
| Trodden       | walked on   |
| Acacia        | a tree that grows in warm regions and has white or yellow flowers         |
| Savannah      | a large flat area of land with grass and very few trees                   |

### Chapter 14

|            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Murky      | dark or foggy; cloudy               |
| Bayed      | barked with long howling sounds     |
| Relentless | keeps going without becoming weaker |
| Dismounted | got down from                       |
| Treed      | chased up a tree                    |
| Levered    | moved something with a lever        |
| Plummeted  | fell suddenly straight down         |

### Chapter 15

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| Cocked | pulled or bent back         |
| Ghouls | evil supernatural creatures |
| Vile   | evil or immoral             |

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**Chapter 16**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Haunch       | the upper part of an animal's or person's leg |
| Pivoted      | turned sharply                                |
| Grazed       | touched something while moving past it        |
| High-pitched | making a high sound                           |
| Spooked      | scared; frightened                            |
| Valiantly    | bravely, with courage                         |

**Chapter 17**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Racked   | caused to suffer pain or damage                         |
| Gritting | pressing tightly together                               |
| Writhing | twisting from side to side                              |
| Debris   | broken pieces and old objects that are no longer wanted |
| Remorse  | feeling of being sorry for doing something bad or wrong |

**Chapter 18**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Anguish         | extreme suffering, grief, or pain                               |
| Torso           | the main part of the body not including the head, legs, or arms |
| Second-guessing | questioning the actions or decisions of someone                 |
| Somersaulting   | rolling on the ground by bringing your feet over your head      |
| Overwhelming    | so confusing or difficult that you feel unable to do it         |

**Chapter 19**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Headlong       | without taking time to think; with the head leading forward |
| Whip-poor-will | a bird whose call sounds like its name                      |
| Otherworldly   | seeming to belong to or come from another world             |



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### Chapter 20

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Euphoria         | a feeling of extreme happiness and excitement                |
| Twinge           | a sudden feeling   |
| Resignation      | a feeling that something unpleasant cannot be changed        |
| Bout             | a period of time during which someone suffers from something |
| Trampled         | damaged by having been walked on heavily                     |
| Incomprehensible | impossible to understand                                     |
| Roiling          | moving in a violent and confused way                         |
| Lichen           | a type of small plant that grows on rocks and walls          |
| Pedestal         | the base of a statue or column                               |

### Chapter 21

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Terra-cotta | a reddish clay used for pottery and tiles    |
| Vestibule   | an entrance hall to a building               |
| Striations  | lines or grooves                             |
| Turmoil     | a state of confusion or disorder             |
| Churning    | swirling and mixing together with force      |
| Dismay      | a feeling of worry, disappointment, or upset |
| Faltered    | spoke weakly                                 |

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**Chapter 22**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Brusque      | behaving in a direct, brief, and unfriendly way                                   |
| Holstered    | put away in a leather case  |
| Sidearm      | a weapon worn on your hip or in your belt   |
| Commotion    | noisy excitement and confusion  |
| Cobblestoned | paved with round stones   |
| Dappled      | marked with many spots  |
| Girth        | a band or strap placed around the body of an animal to hold something on its back |
| Terrain      | the physical features of a tract of land  |
| Rabid        | affected with rabies, a deadly disease  |
| Comrades     | close friends you have worked with, fought together with, etc.                    |
| Steed        | a horse   |
| Gullies      | long narrow areas in the ground that water moves through when it rains            |
| Commission   | a position of high rank in the military   |
| Deftly       | done with skill and accuracy  |
| Raring       | ready and excited to do something   |
| Canter       | the way a horse moves when it is running fairly fast                              |

**Chapter 23**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| Scoured  | searched for something very thoroughly |
| Waned    | became smaller in appearance           |
| Kneading | pressing and squeezing with your hands |

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**Chapter 24**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Animalier   | an artist who specializes in realistic portrayals of animals |
| Nook        | small space or corner  |
| Cranny      | small opening  |
| Flush out   | to force out; to bring out into the light                    |
| Nightshift  | a night shirt or gown worn for sleeping                      |
| Seeping     | flowing slowly through small openings in something           |
| Benevolent  | kind and generous  |
| Cloven hoof | an animal foot that is divided into two parts                |

**Chapter 25**

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Caterwaul | a very loud and unpleasant sound |
|-----------|----------------------------------|

**Chapter 26**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Unsettling | making you upset, nervous, worried, etc.              |
| Morphing   | gradually changing into a different shape             |
| Vermin     | small insects or animals that are considered pests    |
| Azaleas    | bushes with colorful flowers that bloom in the spring |
| Rouse      | wake up   |
| Frescoes   | paintings done on wet plaster walls                   |

**Chapter 27**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Outlandish   | very strange; extremely different from what is expected |
| Inexplicable | not able to be explained or understood                  |
| Settee       | a medium-sized sofa with arms and a back                |
| Stoked       | stirred or added fuel to                                |

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**Chapter 28**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Butcher block | a block made with thick strips of wood, used for cutting up meat |
| Spit          | a thin rod or stick used for holding meat over a fire            |
| Venison       | the meat of a deer   |
| Grappled      | held and fought each other; wrestled                             |
| Temples       | the small, flat areas on each side of your forehead              |
| Stanch        | to stop something from flowing                                   |

**Chapter 29**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Undulating | having a wavy surface, edge, or markings |
| Refuge     | place that provides safety or protection |
| Heinous    | very bad or evil; deserving of hate      |

**Chapter 30**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Scullery  | a room near the kitchen used for washing dishes and doing messy kitchen tasks |
| Buffeting | hitting repeatedly  |
| Stoic     | showing no emotion when something bad is happening                            |
| Torrent   | a large amount of water that moves very quickly in one direction              |

**Chapter 31**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Gargantuan  | very large; gigantic  |
| Ventilation | allowing fresh air to enter and move through a room or building |
| Primordial  | existing from the beginning of time                             |
| Incessantly | without stopping  |

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**Chapter 32**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Sinewy      | having strong and lean muscles  |
| Bulbous     | big and round   |
| Prodigious  | very big  |
| Succulent   | juicy   |
| Penchant    | a tendency to behave in a certain way                                   |
| Valet       | a man's personal servant, who takes care of clothing and other tasks    |
| Accomplices | people who help someone do something illegal                            |
| Wrangled    | argued about  |
| Bile        | a yellowish-green, acid-tasting liquid made by the liver to digest fats |

**Chapter 33**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Consolation   | something that makes a person feel less sadness or disappointment |
| Vestiges      | the last small part that remains of something that existed before |
| Porte Cochere | a passageway that lets vehicles pass from a courtyard to a street |
| Magnitude     | the size, extent, or importance of something                      |
| Scrabbling    | moving the hands or feet in an awkward and hurried way            |
| Filched       | stole   |
| Ominous       | suggesting that something bad is going to happen in the future    |

**Chapter 34**

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Relent    | become less determined                |
| Crops     | short whips used in horse riding      |
| Careening | going forward quickly without control |

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**Chapter 35**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Greatcoat   | a heavy overcoat  |
| Wallop      | a very hard hit   |
| Beseeched   | begged  |
| Insolent    | rude; disrespectful                                       |
| Resolve     | a strong determination to do something                    |
| Deviousness | willingness to lie and trick people to get what is wanted |
| Subside     | become less strong or intense; move to a lower level      |
| Searing     | extremely intense   |

**Chapter 36**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Catastrophic | terribly disastrous                                    |
| Rife         | full of something unpleasant                           |
| Fathom       | understand the reason for                              |
| Commandeered | took something by force for military or other purposes |

**Chapter 37**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Trundled  | moved in or as in a wheeled vehicle                   |
| Tilled    | plowed  |
| Delirious | not able to think or speak clearly                    |
| Tampered  | changed something in a way that caused damage or harm |

**Chapter 38**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Deflected | caused something moving to change direction              |
| Medieval  | from the period of European history between 500 and 1500 |



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### Chapter 39

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Jittery     | very nervous                                       |
| Suffocation | death from being unable to breathe                 |
| Guttural    | growling; formed or pronounced in the throat       |
| Vambrace    | a piece of armor worn to protect the forearm       |
| Gauntleted  | wearing armored or protective gloves               |
| Blanched    | grew suddenly pale from fear or embarrassment      |
| Pallor      | paleness of the face, especially caused by illness |

### Chapter 40

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Alabaster       | a white stone used to make vases and decorations |
| Battle standard | a military flag carried into battle              |

### Chapter 41

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Blinders     | leather pieces placed on a horse's head to keep the horse from seeing what is beside it |
| Intricate    | having many interrelated facets or parts  |
| Facade       | the front of a building   |
| Châteauesque | like a large castle or home, especially in France                                       |
| Alcoves      | small sections of rooms set back from the rest of the room                              |
| Harpies      | evil creatures in Greek mythology that are part woman and part bird                     |
| Minotaurs    | monsters in Greek mythology that are part man and part bull                             |
| Satyrs       | creatures in Greek mythology that are part man and part goat                            |
| Esplanade    | a level, open area for walking  |



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### Chapter 43

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Inconceivable | impossible to imagine or believe                                |
| Scintillating | sparkling with brilliant light                                  |
| Specimen      | something collected as an example of a particular kind of thing |

### Chapter 44

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Drastic     | extreme; severe; very serious                                |
| Warranted   | required; deserved   |
| Dumbfounded | very shocked or surprised                                    |
| Battening   | tie down or close something to prevent it from being damaged |

### Chapter 45

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Daunting   | intimidating; very difficult   |
| Titans     | a family of giants in Greek mythology                                |
| Nymph      | minor goddesses in Greek mythology that live in nature               |
| Druid      | someone who practices ancient religions found in Britain and Ireland |
| Calamitous | causing great harm or suffering                                      |
| Manifest   | shown clearly  |
| Ethereal   | seems to belong to another world; heavenly                           |
| Morale     | feelings of loyalty and enthusiasm for a group                       |
| Acrid      | bitter and unpleasant in taste or smell                              |

### Chapter 46

|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Conciliatory  | intended to make someone less angry   |
| Constriction  | narrowing; squeezing                  |
| Impervious    | not bothered or affected by something |
| Bloodcurdling | causing great horror or fear          |
| Singed        | burned slightly                       |



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### Chapter 47

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Stupor      | a condition in which someone is not able to think normally |
| Confounding | confusing and surprising                                   |
| Point-blank | from a very close distance                                 |

### Chapter 48

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Gouging    | cutting a deep hole in  |
| Ming vases | vases from an ancient Chinese dynasty known for its porcelain |

### Chapter 49

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Relief       | a way of decorating wood, stone, metal, etc. with designs that stick out above the surface |
| Wrought-iron | made of iron that has been bent into decorative designs                                    |

### Chapter 50

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Revulsion | a very strong feeling of dislike or disgust        |
| Axles     | the bars on which wheels on carriages or cars turn |

### Chapter 51

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| Nock     | to fit an arrow against a bowstring  |
| Chimeras | fire-breathing monsters in Greek mythology that are part lion, goat, and snake |

### Chapter 52

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Sloughed   | got rid of something unwanted                      |
| Lagoon     | area of water separated from other bodies of water |
| Bedraggled | wet or dirty from being in rain or mud             |
| Corrupted  | caused something to become immoral                 |
| Wyvern     | a mythical two-legged animal resembling a dragon   |

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**Chapter 53**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Sphinxes | winged monsters in Greek mythology with women's heads and lions' bodies |
| Maw      | the mouth, jaws, and throat of an animal                                |

**Chapter 54**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Lacerating | cutting; tearing   |
| Unnerving  | upsetting; making someone unable to think clearly                |
| Maelstrom  | a dangerous area of water that moves very fast in a circle       |
| Hunkered   | bent or crouched down  |
| Barrage    | heavy and continuous firing of weapons during a battle           |
| Converged  | came together at one point                                       |
| Malevolent | wishing to harm someone  |
| Inert      | unable to move   |
| Cusp       | the point when something is supposed to change to something else |
| Cowered    | bent the body down out of fear                                   |
| Engulfing  | flowing over and completely covering                             |
| Rending    | tearing  |
| Luminous   | producing or seeming to produce light                            |

**Chapter 56**

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Raucously | roughly and noisily |
|-----------|---------------------|

**Chapter 57**

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| Submerged | under the surface of water         |
| Leverage  | increase in force by using a lever |
| Bramble   | bushes or vines with thorns        |

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**Chapter 58**

Mobbed crowded aggressively  
Stumped was too difficult for someone to answer

**Chapter 59**

Vengeance desire to hurt someone because you believe they hurt you

**Chapter 60**

Strewn scattered; spread  
Gravely very seriously  
Whimsical unusual in a playful way  
Pristine in perfect condition  
Plaintive expressing suffering or sadness  
Paddock small field where horses are kept  
Gait a particular way of walking  
Sorrel reddish-brown

**Chapter 62**

Kerchief a square piece of cloth that can be worn around the neck or as a head covering  
Scones small, sweet breads  
Clotted cream a very thick kind of cream  
Scorned rejected; turned down; refused

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**Chapter 63**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Derailed    | caused to get off-track   |
| Executor    | someone who is named in a will as the person who will make sure the instructions in the will are followed               |
| Beneficiary | a person who receives money or property when someone dies   |
| Trust       | an arrangement in which someone's property or money is legally held or managed by someone else for a set period of time |
| Majority    | the age at which a person is given the full rights of an adult  |
| Checkmated  | a winning move in chess, in which the opponent is defeated  |

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### QUIZ Chapters 1-5

| Vocabulary Word     | Definition   |
|---------------------|--|
| — 1. Agitation      | A. gradually taking over the space of another  |
| — 2. Ensnared       | B. to lie or relax happily in a bright and warm place                                  |
| — 3. Encroaching    | C. a state of deep disturbance and upset   |
| — 4. Doppelgänger   | D. someone or something that looks like another person                                 |
| — 5. Chain mail     | E. something shaped like a ball  |
| — 6. Bask           | F. white or glowing because of great heat  |
| — 7. Incumbent on   | G. serious and sad   |
| — 8. Somber         | H. caught in a trap or a place of no escape  |
| — 9. Orb            | I. not done with confidence  |
| — 10. Contraptions  | J. to invent or plan   |
| — 11. Devise        | K. necessary as a duty   |
| — 12. Revelry       | L. a garment woven of tiny metal rings to offer protection in battle                   |
| — 13. Constellation | M. a wild and noisy celebration  |
| — 14. Incandescence | N. pieces of equipment or machinery that are unusual or strange                        |
| — 15. Tentative     | O. a group of stars that forms a particular shape in the sky and has been given a name |



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### QUIZ Chapters 6-10

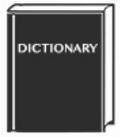
| Vocabulary Word   | Definition  |
|-------------------|---|
| ___ 1. Albino     | A. devoted to a particular belief   |
| ___ 2. Infusing   | B. large, open space  |
| ___ 3. Newfangled | C. unable to understand something clearly   |
| ___ 4. Void       | D. an enemy or opponent   |
| ___ 5. Expanse    | E. recently invented or developed and hard to understand  |
| ___ 6. Perplexed  | F. annoyed  |
| ___ 7. Adversary  | G. foolish or untrue words or ideas   |
| ___ 8. Figment    | H. a line or shape curved like part of a circle   |
| ___ 9. Profusion  | I. something produced by the imagination that does not really exist   |
| ___ 10. Arc       | J. with sad thoughts and feelings about something that made you happy in the past                             |
| ___ 11. Perturbed | K. to avoid doing something you are supposed to do  |
| ___ 12. Shirk     | L. a large amount of something  |
| ___ 13. Wistfully | M. causing a person or thing to be filled with something  |
| ___ 14. Devout    | N. a person or animal born with a medical condition that results in very pale skin, white hair, and pink eyes |
| ___ 15. Bunk      | O. a large empty space  |



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### QUIZ Chapters 11-17

| Vocabulary Word      | Definition   |
|----------------------|--|
| ___ 1. Rampant       | A. a feeling of good friendship among people in a group    |
| ___ 2. Embodiment    | B. twisting from side to side                              |
| ___ 3. Indignant     | C. keeps going without becoming weaker                     |
| ___ 4. Irksome       | D. a perfect representative or example of something        |
| ___ 5. Contemplative | E. bravely, with courage                                   |
| ___ 6. Camaraderie   | F. made use of   |
| ___ 7. Rotund        | G. annoying or irritating                                  |
| ___ 8. Mettle        | H. feeling of being sorry for doing something bad or wrong |
| ___ 9. Composure     | I. calmness of mind, manner, or appearance                 |
| ___ 10. Availed      | J. fat and round   |
| ___ 11. Relentless   | K. growing quickly in a way difficult to control           |
| ___ 12. Vile         | L. evil or immoral   |
| ___ 13. Valiantly    | M. strength of spirit                                      |
| ___ 14. Writhing     | N. angry about something that is unfair or wrong           |
| ___ 15. Remorse      | O. deep in thought   |



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### QUIZ Chapters 18-29

| Vocabulary Word       | Definition   |
|-----------------------|--|
| — 1. Overwhelming     | A. impossible to understand                                    |
| — 2. Headlong         | B. very strange; extremely different from what is expected     |
| — 3. Euphoria         | C. a very loud and unpleasant sound                            |
| — 4. Incomprehensible | D. so confusing or difficult that you feel unable to do it     |
| — 5. Striations       | E. to stop something from flowing                              |
| — 6. Dismay           | F. became smaller in appearance                                |
| — 7. Brusque          | G. a feeling of worry, disappointment, or upset                |
| — 8. Deftly           | H. done with skill and accuracy                                |
| — 9. Waned            | I. behaving in a direct, brief, and unfriendly way             |
| — 10. Benevolent      | J. very bad or evil; deserving of hate                         |
| — 11. Caterwaul       | K. lines or grooves  |
| ___ 12. Morphing      | L. without taking time to think; with the head leading forward |
| ___ 13. Outlandish    | M. kind and generous   |
| ___ 14. Stanch        | N. gradually changing into a different shape                   |
| ___ 15. Heinous       | O. a feeling of extreme happiness and excitement               |



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### QUIZ Chapters 30-45

| Vocabulary Word       | Definition  |
|-----------------------|---|
| ___ 1. Stoic          | A. extreme; severe; very serious  |
| ___ 2. Incessantly    | B. a tendency to behave in a certain way                                |
| ___ 3. Penchant       | C. without stopping   |
| ___ 4. Consolation    | D. having many interrelated facets or parts                             |
| ___ 5. Relent         | E. become less determined   |
| ___ 6. Insolent       | F. not able to think or speak clearly                                   |
| ___ 7. Fathom         | G. very nervous   |
| ___ 8. Delirious      | H. intimidating; very difficult   |
| ___ 9. Deflected      | I. caused something moving to change direction                          |
| ___ 10. Jittery       | J. something that makes a person feel less sadness<br>or disappointment |
| ___ 11. Intricate     | K. showing no emotion when something bad is<br>happening                |
| ___ 12. Scintillating | L. feelings of loyalty and enthusiasm for a group                       |
| ___ 13. Drastic       | M. sparkling with brilliant light                                       |
| ___ 14. Daunting      | N. understand the reason for  |
| ___ 15. Morale        | O. rude; disrespectful  |



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### QUIZ Chapters 46-64

| Vocabulary Word    | Definition  |
|--------------------|---|
| — 1. Bloodcurdling | A. wet or dirty from being in rain or mud                     |
| — 2. Stupor        | B. in perfect condition                                       |
| — 3. Gouging       | C. crowded aggressively                                       |
| — 4. Revulsion     | D. the mouth, jaws, and throat of an animal                   |
| — 5. Bedraggled    | E. cutting a deep hole in                                     |
| — 6. Maw           | F. caused to get off-track                                    |
| — 7. Inert         | G. causing great horror or fear                               |
| — 8. Raucously     | H. under the surface of water                                 |
| — 9. Submerged     | I. unable to move   |
| — 10. Mobbed       | J. rejected; turned down; refused                             |
| — 11. Vengeance    | K. desire to hurt someone because you believe they hurt you   |
| ___ 12. Whimsical  | L. a condition in which someone is not able to think normally |
| ___ 13. Pristine   | M. a very strong feeling of dislike or disgust                |
| ___ 14. Scorned    | N. roughly and noisily  |
| ___ 15. Derailed   | O. unusual in a playful way                                   |



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| 3. A   | 3. E    | 3. N     | 3. O     | 3. B     | 3. E     |
| 4. D   | 4. O    | 4. G     | 4. A     | 4. J     | 4. M     |
| 5. L   | 5. B    | 5. O     | 5. K     | 5. E     | 5. A     |
| 6. B   | 6. C    | 6. A     | 6. G     | 6. O     | 6. D     |
| 7. K   | 7. D    | 7. J     | 7. I     | 7. N     | 7. I     |
| 8. G   | 8. I    | 8. M     | 8. H     | 8. F     | 8. N     |
| 9. E   | 9. L    | 9. I     | 9. F     | 9. I     | 9. H     |
| 10. N  | 10. H   | 10. F    | 10. M    | 10. G    | 10. C    |
| 11. J  | 11. F   | 11. C    | 11. C    | 11. D    | 11. K    |
| 12. M  | 12. K   | 12. L    | 12. N    | 12. M    | 12. O    |
| 13. O  | 13. J   | 13. E    | 13. B    | 13. A    | 13. B    |
| 14. F  | 14. A   | 14. B    | 14. E    | 14. H    | 14. J    |
| 15. I  | 15. G   | 15. H    | 15. J    | 15. L    | 15. F    |