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The Call of the Wild

Vocabulary

Chapter 1-Into the Primitive:

1. demesne (1): domain
2. populous (2): with many people; well-populated
3. imperiously (2): like a king
4. sated (2): filled up; full
5. insular (2): protected; inexperienced
6. progeny (3): children; offspring
7. deft (3): skilled
8. futilely (3): unsuccessfully
9. vilely (3): rudely
10. hydrophobia (4): rabies
11. impending (5): soon to happen
12. calamity (5): disaster
13. surcharged (7): charged over normal price
14. slaver (7): saliva; slobber
15. primitive (8): early, not sophisticated, raw, uncivilized
16. dormant (8): hidden, buried, sleeping
17. cunning (8): wisdom, experienced; wily

Chapter 2-The Law of the Club and Fang:

1. primordial (10): ancient, prehistoric
2. reproof (12): blame, criticism
3. tuition (12): instruction; teaching
4. appeasingly (12): in an attempt to please
5. diabolically (13): with evil intent
6. disconsolate (13): unhappy, gloomy
7. gee (16): right
8. haw (17): left

Chapter 3-The Dominant Primordial Beast:

1. malingeringer (21): time waster; shirker
2. marauders (21): raiders, intruders
3. covert (26): hidden
4. insidious (27): sinister, dangerous
5. travail (27): work
6. placatingly (28): so as to calm down
7. inexorable (31): unstoppable, relentless

Chapter 4-Who Has Won to Mastership:

1. obdurate (32): stubborn
2. celerity (34): speed
3. lugubriously (38): sadly, gloomily
4. convulsive (39): producing upheaval, shaking

Chapter 5-The Toil of Trace and Trail:

1. salient (41): important
2. callow (41): inexperienced, immature
3. chaffering (41): discussion; bickering
4. apprehensively (41): with nervousness and fear
5. remonstrance (42): argument; objection
6. averred (44): claimed; avowed
7. jaded (45): dulled, satiated
8. voracious (46): extremely powerful
9. cajole (46): convince
10. innocuously (51): harmlessly
11. terse (51): concise, brief
12. inarticulate (52): tongue-tied

Chapter 6-For the Love of Man:

1. eloquent (55): expressive
2. nudge (55): push or prod
3. reverently (55): respectfully, as if something were holy
4. feigned (55): pretended
5. transient (56): not permanent; traveling
6. aroused (56): awakened
7. tenderfoot (58): one new at something
8. contagion (63): spreadable disease
9. conjuration (64): something created by magic

Chapter 7-The Sounding of the Call:

1. ramshackle (66): run-down
2. formidable (73): frightening; imposing
3. sequential (73): in order
4. simultaneous (73): at the same time
5. calamity (76): disaster
6. discomfited (80): ill at ease
7. muses (81): reflects, thinks