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## Glossary

### **Pompous**

- Page 1, “THE DOCTOR: from time to time, comically **pompous**.”
- Affectedly and irritatingly grand, solemn, or self-important.

### **Victorian**

- Page 3, “A **Victorian**-style country house and garden.”
- The Victorian Era is British history between 1820 and 1914. Named after Queen Victoria, because her reign was from 1837-1901 and is characterized by a class-based society.

### **Bureau**

- Page 3, “There is a **bureau** L of the hallway door and a closet L of the **bureau**.”
- A chest of drawers; a dresser.

### **Hillocks**

- Page 3, “There are **hillocks** and hidey-holes, bushes, and undergrowth...”
- A small hill or mound.

### **Scarlet Fever**

- Page 4, “Nana: Tommy and Mary and a lot of other children have **scarlet fever**.”
- An illness caused by bacteria that results in bright red rashes over majority of the body, a sore throat, and a high fever. Often stems from strep throat but can develop on its own.

### **Fortissimo**

- Page 10, “As the roar reaches **fortissimo**, the lid flies open...”
- A term in music for very loud. Often used as a direction for how the music’s score should be played,

### **Patchwork**

- Page 11, “With, MOUSE’s help, BULKA, a **patchwork** rag puppy...”
- The craft of sewing together many small pieces of cloth with different designs, colors, and textures.

### **Frayed**

- Page 11, “...rag puppy with multi-colored ears and a tail made of **frayed** bundles of...”
- Damaged, weakened, or worn down by strain or irritation.

### Sawdust

- Page 14, "MOUSE: Feels like he's stuffed with **sawdust!**"
- Powdery particles of wood produced by sawing.

### Papier-mâché

- Page 15, "I'm made of the best **papier-mâché** and covered..."
- A mixture of paper and glue that becomes hard when dry.

### Resolute

- Page 17, "MOUSE (*marching **resolutely** toward the bed*)
- Firm determination.

### Velveteen

- Page 19, "...nobody else in the toy box is made of **velveteen.**"
- A cotton fabric that resembles velvet but is not velvet.

### Astride

- Page 23, "He is **astride** the Skin Horse."
- With one leg on each side, riding a horse.

### Deteriorate

- Page 27, "The CREATURE begins another roar, but it **deteriorates** rather..."
- To become impaired in quality, functioning or condition.

### Knickknacks

- Page 27, "...and a variety of kitchen **knickknacks** topped off with..."
- A small item intended to be an ornament but used for decoration.

### Sneer

- Page 28, "MOUSE: He's just so...(Searches for a word, finds it, **sneers.**)...different."
- To smile or laugh with facial contortions that express scorn or contempt.

### Windchimes

- Page 30, "There is a sudden breeze, the sound of **windchimes**, and the echoing..."
- A cluster of small often sculptured pieces of metal or glass suspended to make noise when blown by wind.

### Pulsate

- Page 34, "The closet interior glows and **pulsates** with red light..."
- To throb or move rhythmically.

### Obscured

- Page 44, “He is **obscured** by great piled of quilts...”
- To conceal or hide by as if by covering.

### Spectacles

- Page 44, “The DOCTOR wears **spectacles**, a frock coat, a high silk hat...”
- A device used to correct vision.

### Frock Coat

- Page 44, “The DOCTOR wears spectacles, a **frock coat**, a high silk hat...”
- A knee-length double-breasted coat.

### Crabcake

- Page 48, “DOCTOR: **Crabcake?**”
- A patty of flaked crab meat typically served fried with tomato sauce.

### Abrupt

- Page 61, “RABBIT 2: Let’s get out of here. (*They start an exit R, then stop **abruptly**.*)”
- Action or change without preparation or warning; sudden and unexpected.

### Deliberate

- Page 62, “(*She turns toward the hillock and then very **deliberately** crosses to it, moves around behind it.*)”
- To think about carefully.

### Ominous

- Page 69, “There is an **ominous** growling and burbling sound.”
- Foreshadowing evil. Synonyms: Sinister, ill, threatening.

### Alcove

- Page 71, “The U window **alcove** comes to life with...”
- A small section of a room.

### Sheer

- Page 71, “TOY FAIRY appears behind the **sheer** curtains...”
- A very thin or transparent texture.

### Vapor

- Page 74, “A thick red **vapor** pours down the walls, pooling on the floor.”
- A diffused matter, such as smoke or fog, suspended floating in the air.

**Dissipate**

- Page 74, “The red vapor thins and begins to **dissipate.**”
- To spread thin and gradually vanish.

**Burlap**

- Page 75, “DOCTOR enters from the hallway, carrying a large **burlap** sack with a drawstring.”
- A heavy plain-woven fabric usually of hemp used for bagging and wrapping.

**Raggedy**

- Page 76, “DOCTOR: And we must throw that **raggedy** little rabbit away, too!”
- Messy, torn, looking a little dirty.

**Gladstone**

- Page 78, “Even your big **gladstone** bag!”
- A suitcase with flexible sides on a rigid frame that opens flat into two equal compartments.