

## Chapter 1

egotism : character trait of someone who loves to talk about himself

imperious : controlling; urgent

obscure : unclear; to hide from view by covering

latent : not shown

progeny : one's children

conveyance : the legal transfer of property

conciliate : to come together and be friends

interlace : to intertwine

pervade : to spread everywhere

lacerate : to cut, especially by tearing

## Chapter 2

consternation : sudden confusion or amazement

retrogression : a reversal in development from a higher to lower state

indiscretion : character trait of revealing private information

belligerent : aggressive

fastidious : delicate or refined; hard to please in matters of taste

vicarious : serving in the place of someone or something else

malingering : to pretend injury or sickness to avoid responsibility

arduous : difficult

cadence : rhythmic movement or series of sounds

courier : a messenger

## Chapter 5

formidable : exciting fear by size or strength

orthodox : following established traditions and beliefs

innocuous : harmless

superficial : concerned only with what is not necessarily real

indeterminate : unclear or unable to be determined

salient : conspicuous

inexorable : unyielding

remonstrance : statement of reasons against an idea or something

repugnance : the state of being opposed

impending : to be near at hand

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