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## Twisted Wishes

On a dark, stormy night, the White family sat inside their cozy home as rain tapped against the windows. Mr. White, his wife, and their son, Herbert, listened intently as Sergeant-Major Morris told them a strange tale about a mysterious monkey's paw. "It grants three wishes," he said, his voice serious. "But beware—the wishes come with consequences."



Curious and excited, Mr. White took the monkey's paw from Morris despite his warnings. "Let's test it," Herbert said with a grin. So, Mr. White made a simple wish—for two hundred pounds to pay off their house. Nothing happened at first, and the family laughed at the silliness of it all.

The next day, however, tragedy struck. Herbert was killed in a terrible accident at the factory where he worked. Soon after, the White family received two hundred pounds as compensation. The wish had come true—but at a heartbreaking cost.

Grief consumed Mrs. White. She begged her husband to use the monkey's paw again. "Wish our son back!" she pleaded. With a trembling hand, Mr. White made the second wish. A slow, eerie knock soon echoed at their door. Mrs. White rushed to open it, but Mr. White, fearing what might be outside, frantically grabbed the monkey's paw. As the door creaked open, he made his final wish. The knocking stopped. When Mrs. White flung open the door, there was nothing there but the cold, empty night.

The White family had learned too late that fate cannot be controlled. The monkey's paw had granted their wishes—but at a terrible price.

