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Dangerous Curiosity

Short Answer Key

1. He knows the paw causes misfortune and doesn't want them to suffer.
2. He is warned that it is dangerous but still wants to test it, showing that people often ignore warnings when something seems exciting or mysterious.
3. Herbert dies, and the Whites receive two hundred pounds as compensation, proving that wishes come true in unexpected ways.
4. The slow, heavy knocking makes the reader wonder if Herbert has truly returned or if something unnatural is outside the door.
5. He fears that whatever is outside may not be the son they knew but something terrifying.

