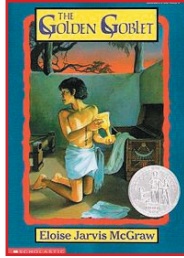


GLOSSARY

The Golden Goblet
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■ CHAPTER 1

crucible a vessel made of material that does not melt easily; used for high temperature chemical reactions (a melting pot)

ingot a mass of metal cast in a convenient form for shaping

amulet an object worn, especially around the neck, as a charm against evil or injury

annealing to make less brittle by heating then cooling (as with glass or steel)

tempered hardened

ingratiatingly in a flattering manner

sibilant of, characterized by, or producing a hissing sound like that of /s/ or /sh/

servile abjectly submissive; slavish; of or suitable to a slave or servant

side to move sideways

frond the leaf of a fern

scribe A public clerk or secretary, especially in ancient times

bosses knob-like ornaments; studs

diffident lacking confidence

fowler a bird catcher; someone who hunts wild birds for food

surly rude, unfriendly disposition

brusquely roughly; in an abrupt manner

graven sculpted

■ CHAPTER 2

aspects appearances

jocular playful, jesting

irresolute uncertain

meander to follow a winding and turning course

thicket a dense growth of shrubs or underbrush

papyrus a tall, aquatic, Mediterranean plant

crag a steep rugged cliff or rock

spasmodically relating to abnormal muscular

contractions

extricate to release or free from entanglement

temerity boldness; presumptuous daring

unprepossessing not creating a favorable impression

negligently carelessly

contemptuous full of disdain or scorn

bewildered confused

fishmonger one who sells fish for food

ingrate ungrateful person

invariable constant, not changing

vindictively intended for revenge; vicious

reproachful with an expression of disapproval

deigning [*DANE • ing*] condescending; lowering oneself

mourner a person who is feeling grief (as grieving over someone who has died)

funerary of or suitable for a funeral or burial.

■ CHAPTER 3

jubilant expressing joy

buoyant cheering or invigorating; lighthearted

droll having a humorous or odd quality

dullard a stupid person

idle inactive; avoiding work or employment; lazy

obeisance [*o • BEY • sunts*] homage; a bow to show respect

mollified soothed in temper; appeased

ferment agitation

rapt carried away with emotion

abashed embarrassed

flippant lacking seriousness

bulwarks a wall-like defensive structure

dike a low wall of earth and rock built to prevent floods

insolent rude; disrespectful

■ CHAPTER 4

scrupulously painstakingly, with great care

irascible [*ih • RASS • ih • bull*] hot tempered

glibly with careless ease

peremptorily as a command

■ CHAPTER 5

complacently in a satisfied manner

furtive stealthy; sly

obsequious [*uhb • SEE • kwee • us*] fawning; sycophantic

■ CHAPTER 6

sarcophagus a stone coffin, often inscribed or decorated with sculpture

akimbo hands on hips and elbows turned outward

interminable [*in • TER • muh • nih • bull*] endless

monotony boredom; lacking in variety

malevolent wishing harm to others

elusive tending to avoid capture

nocturnal occurring in the night

recede to move back or away from

■ CHAPTER 7

scythe a long, curved single-edged blade with a long bent handle, used for mowing or reaping

desiccated dried up

respite [*RES • piht*] temporary delay

menial humble; servile

belligerent eager to fight; hostile or aggressive

bower shelter of boughs or vines

voluminous large; having great volume

■ CHAPTER 8

austere stern; severe; strict

self-recrimination the act of blaming oneself

■ CHAPTER 9

exhilarating stimulating; invigorating

■ CHAPTER 10

stealth secret procedure

enigmatic perplexing; mysterious

truncated shortened as if by having a part cut off

audacious extremely bold or daring

barque a sailing ship

■ CHAPTER 11

laconically using few words; expressing much in few words

morosely gloomily or sullenly ill-humored, as a person or mood

abstracted lost or deep in thought; preoccupied

rogue a dishonest, knavish person; scoundrel

malice ill intent; desire to inflict injury, harm, or suffering on another, either because of a hostile impulse or out of deep-seated meanness

■ CHAPTER 12

tactfully with consideration; with a keen sense of what is appropriate or tasteful

chortle a gleeful chuckle

ludicrously so as to arouse or deserve laughter

■ CHAPTER 13

hillock a small hill

restive restless; uneasy

■ CHAPTER 14

futile incapable of producing any result; ineffective; useless; not successful

citadel any strongly fortified place; stronghold.

vengeance desire for revenge

■ CHAPTER 15

blemish a defect or flaw; something that detracts from the appearance

scandalized shocked or horrified by something considered immoral or improper

■ CHAPTER 16

profound intense; complete

antechamber a chamber or room that serves as a waiting room and entrance to a larger room or an apartment

incredulous disinclined to believe; skeptical

tremulously characterized by trembling, as from fear, nervousness, or weakness.