



# "THE MONKEY'S PAW"

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## Prequel – Short Story Assignment

*"The first man had his three wishes. Yes," was the reply, "I don't know what the first two were, but the third was for death. That's how I got the paw."*

In the first section of W. W. Jacobs's "The Monkey's Paw," Sergeant-Major Morris arrives with a mysterious magical talisman he claims to have gotten from a dead man who had originally received it from an old fakir. But the sergeant-major tells us almost nothing about the story of the paw's first owner—only that he made two wishes and then used a third wish to plead for his own death.

Your job is to write the story of the first owner of the monkey's paw. The story should include how he got the paw from the old fakir, how he used his first two wishes and the terrible consequences that must have followed, how he died, and how Sergeant-Major Morris eventually got the paw. As much as possible, try to emulate the mood found in the original short story.

○ Story Outline:

Beginning: How he got the paw from the old fakir?

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Middle Paragraph 1: What he wished for?  
What was the horrible consequence?

○ Middle Paragraph 2: What he wished for?  
What was the horrible consequence?

Middle Paragraph 3: How he died?

Ending: How Sergeant-Major-Morris got the paw?

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