

Acquiesce

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Agree or give in to.

Affray

“A long series of poaching affrays and similar scandals had embittered the relationships between the families for three generations.”

An instance of fighting in a public place that disturbs the peace.

Ambush

“He strayed away by himself from the watchers whom he had placed in ambush on the crest of the hill, and wandered far down the steep slopes.”

An act or instance of lying concealed so as to attack by surprise.

Captive

“Relief at being alive and exasperation at his captive plight brought a strange medley of pious thank offerings and sharp curses to Ulrich’s lips.”

Kept in confinement or restraint.

Clumsiness

“When they drag me out from under these branches, it won’t need much clumsiness on their part to roll this mass of trunk right over on the top of you.”

Awkwardly done or made; unwieldy; ill-contrived.

Compact

“Neighbour,” he said presently, “do as you please if your men come first. It was a fair compact.”

A formal agreement between two or more parties.

Compromise

“The feud might, perhaps, have died down or been compromised if the personal ill-will of the two men had not stood in the way.”

A settlement of differences by mutual concessions.

Condolence

“Your men will find you dead under a fallen beech tree. For form’s sake I shall send my condolences to your family.”

An expression of sympathy.

Descend

“The descending twigs had slashed the skin of his face, and he had to wink away... blood from his eyelashes before he could take in a general view of the disaster.”

Move or fall downward.

Detest

“If there was a man in the world whom he detested and wished ill to it was Georg Znaeym, the inheritor of the quarrel and... raider of the disputed border-forest.”

To feel hate; dislike intensely.

Dispossess

“The dispossessed party had never acquiesced in the judgment of the Courts.”

To put (a person) out of possession, especially of real property.

Dispute

“if there was a man in the world whom he detested and wished ill to it was Georg Znaeym, the inheritor of the quarrel and... raider of the disputed border-forest.”

To engage in argument or debate.

Draft

“It was long before he could manage the unscrewing of the stopper or get any of the liquid down his throat. But what a Heaven-sent draft it seemed!”

A gulp or swallow.

Embitter

“A long series of poaching affrays and similar scandals had embittered the relationships between the families for three generations.”

To cause (someone) to feel bitter or resentful.

Feud

“The neighbour feud had grown into a personal one since Ulrich had come to be head of his family.”

A bitter, continuous hostility, especially between two families.

Flask

“Ulrich limited his endeavours to an effort to bring his one partially free arm near enough to his outer coat pocket to draw out his wine flask.”

A container that is shaped like a flattened bottle that is used to carry alcohol.

Gabble

“How the whole region would stare and gabble if we rode into the market square together.”

To talk quickly and in a way that is difficult to understand.

Game

“But the game for whose presence he kept so keen an outlook was none that figured in the sportsman’s calendar as lawful and proper for the chase.”

Animals hunted for food or sport.

Hearth

“But a man... cannot easily nerve himself to shoot down his neighbour in cold blood and without a word spoken, except for an offence against his hearth and honour.”

Home.

Hinder

“In all the countryside there are none that could hinder if we willed to make peace.”

To make slow or difficult the progress of.

Hollow

“The roebuck, which usually kept in the sheltered hollows during a storm-wind, were running like driven things tonight.”

A place or area (especially on the ground) that is lower than the area around it.

Inheritor

“If there was a man in the world whom he detested and wished ill to it was Georg Znaeym, the inheritor of the quarrel and... raider of the disputed border-forest.”

A person who receives (money, property, etc.) from someone when that person dies.

Interloper

“We fight this quarrel out to the death, you and I and our foresters, with no cursed interlopers to come between us. Death... to you, Ulrich von Gradwitz.”

A person who is not wanted or welcome by the other people in a situation or place.

Jest

“Ho, what a jest, Ulrich von Gradwitz snared in his stolen forest. There’s real justice for you!” And he laughed again, mockingly and savagely.”

A joking or mocking remark.

Languor

"In the pain and languor that Ulrich himself was feeling the old fierce hatred seemed to be dying down."

A lack of feeling or energy.

Marauder

"He strayed away by himself... listening through the whistling and skirling of the wind and the restless beating of the branches for sight or sound of the marauders."

One who raids or loots.

Mock

"Ho, what a jest, Ulrich von Gradwitz snared in his stolen forest. There's real justice for you!" And he laughed again, mockingly and savagely."

To criticize and laugh at (someone or something) for being bad, worthless, or unimportant.

Pestilential

"I heard nothing but the pestilential wind," said Georg hoarsely."

Likely to spread and cause disease.

Pinion

"At his side... lay Georg Znaeym, alive and struggling, but obviously as helplessly pinioned down as himself.

Restrain or immobilize.

Pious

"Relief at being alive and exasperation at his captive plight brought a strange medley of pious thank offerings and sharp curses to Ulrich's lips."

Deeply religious.

Plight

"Relief at being alive and exasperation at his captive plight brought a strange medley of pious thank offerings and sharp curses to Ulrich's lips."

An unfortunate, difficult, or precarious situation.

Poach

"A long series of poaching affrays and similar scandals had embittered the relationships between the families for three generations."

To trespass for the purpose of stealing game; also: to take game or fish illegally.

Precipitous

“The narrow strip of precipitous woodland that lay on its outskirts was... the most jealously guarded of all its owner’s territorial possessions.”

Extremely steep.

Prowl

“Ulrich had banded together his foresters to watch the dark forest, not in quest of four-footed quarry, but to keep a lookout for the prowling thieves.”

To move about or wander stealthily in or as if in search of prey.

Quarrel

“If there was a man in the world whom he detested and wished ill to it was Georg Znaeym, the inheritor of the quarrel and... raider of the disputed border-forest.”

To argue about or disagree with something.

Quarry

“Ulrich had banded together his foresters to watch the dark forest, not in quest of four-footed quarry, but to keep a lookout for the prowling thieves.”

An animal pursued by a hunter, hound, predatory mammal, or bird of prey.

Reconciliation

“For a space both men were silent, turning over in their minds the wonderful changes that this dramatic reconciliation would bring about.”

The act of causing two people or groups to become friendly again after an argument.

Roebuck

“The roebuck, which usually kept in the sheltered hollows during a storm-wind, were running like driven things tonight.”

A male roe deer.

Scandal

“A long series of poaching affrays and similar scandals had embittered the relationships between the families for three generations.”

An occurrence in which people are shocked and upset because of behaviour that is wrong.

Scourge

“This wind-scourged winter night Ulrich had banded together his foresters to watch the dark forest.”

Someone or something that causes a great amount of trouble or suffering.

Snare

“Ho, what a jest, Ulrich von Gradwitz snared in his stolen forest. There’s real justice for you!” And he laughed again, mockingly and savagely.”

Catch or trap someone.

Snatch

“The same to you, Georg Znaeym, forest-thief, game-snatcher.”

Quickly seize (something) in a rude or eager way.

Strew

“All around them lay a thick-strewn wreckage of splintered branches and broken twigs.”

Scatter or spread (things) untidily over a surface or area.

Succor

“In the cold, gloomy forest... they lay and waited for the help that would now bring release and succor to both parties.”

Help in a difficult situation.