

Adoration

"The doctor put the baby in Juana's arms. "He will get well now," he said. "I have won the fight." And Juana looked at him with adoration."

Deep love and respect.

Baptize

"He wondered what the pearl would be worth. And he wondered whether he had baptized Kino's baby, or married him for that matter."

A ceremonial immersion in water as an initiatory rite or sacrament of the Christian church.

Benediction

"Kino," he said softly, "thou art named after a great man - and a great Father of the Church." He made it sound like a benediction."

The utterance or bestowing of a blessing, especially at the end of a religious service.

Brood

"It is nothing," Kino said, but his eyes and his voice were hard and cold and a brooding hate was growing in him."

Think deeply about something that makes one unhappy.

Caress

"The neighbours showed one another with their thumbs how big the pearl was, and they made little caressing gestures to show how lovely it was."

Touch or stroke gently or lovingly.

Colonial

"A town is a thing like a colonial animal. A town has a nervous system and a head and shoulders and feet."

Relating to or characteristic of a colony or colonies.

Conceal

"He wrapped the pearl in the rag, then... dug a little hole with his fingers in the dirt floor, and he put the pearl in the hole and covered it up and concealed the place."

Keep (something) secret; prevent from being known or noticed.

Curt

"The baby is nearly well now," he said curtly. The doctor smiled, but his eyes in their little lymph-lined hammocks did not smile."

Rudely brief.

Despair

"But there was a price below which they dared not go, for it had happened that a fisherman in despair had given his pearls to the church."

The complete loss or absence of hope.

Disparage

"For it is said that humans are never satisfied, that you give them one thing and they want something more. And this is said in disparagement,"

To express scornfully one's low opinion of.

Dissemble

"Everyone knew why the doctor had come. He was not good at dissembling and he was very well understood."

Conceal one's true motives, feelings, or beliefs.

Fringe

"Juana stood up from the fire and backed away as he entered, and she covered the baby's face with the fringe of her shawl."

The line or relatively narrow space that marks the outer limit of something.

Judicious

"And when it was made plain who Kino was, the doctor grew stern and judicious at the same time. "He is a client of mine," the doctor said."

Having or showing good judgment and restraint especially in conduct or speech.

Lantern

"Standing in the door, he saw two men approach; and one of them carried a lantern which lighted the ground and the legs of the men."

A device that provides light and that usually has a glass covering and can be carried by a handle.

Lucent

"All of these things Kino saw in the lucent pearl and he said: "We will have new clothes."

Glowing with or giving off light.

Lust

"Every man suddenly became related to Kino's pearl, and Kino's pearl went into the dreams, the speculations, the schemes,... the lusts, the hungers, of everyone,"

A passionate desire for something.

Marvel

"Now the neighbours knew they had witnessed a great marvel."

Something extraordinary or surprising.

Prophecy

"But Kino's face shone with prophecy. "My son will read and open the books, and my son will write and will know writing."

A prediction.

Residue

"The essence of pearl mixed with essence of men and a curious dark residue was precipitated."

A small amount of something that remains after the main part has gone or been taken or used.

Scowl

"His dark eyes scowled into the little fire, and for the first time he knew that his knife was still in his hands, and he raised... it and saw a little line of blood on the steel."

An angry or bad-tempered expression.

Semblance

"For there were not many buyers really - there was only one, and he kept these agents in separate offices to give a semblance of competition."

The outward appearance of something, especially when the reality is different.

Spasm

"The spasm of the stomach muscles began, and the baby was very sick."

A sudden involuntary muscular contraction or convulsive movement.

Subjugation

"Kino stood in the door, filling it, and hatred raged and flamed in back of his eyes, and fear too, for the hundreds of years of subjugation were cut deep in him."

The action of bringing someone or something under domination or control.

Transfigure

"If these things came to pass, they would recount how Kino looked and what he said and how his eyes shone, and they would say: "He was a man transfigured."

To change in form, appearance, or use.