

## Abandon

"But now it was gone, and there was no retrieving it. And knowing this, she abandoned the past instantly. There was nothing to do but to save themselves."

To leave and never return to (something or someone).

## Butcher

"Kino looked down at her and his teeth were bared. He hissed at her like a snake, and Juana stared at him with wide unfrightened eyes, like a sheep before the butcher."

Someone who kills animals and prepares their meat to be eaten.

## Conceive

"Never once did the thought enter his head, any more than he could have conceived breaking a boat."

Form or devise (a plan or idea) in the mind.

## Divert

"Juan Tomás went out among the neighbours to divert their suspicions, and he gave them theories and ideas of what had happened to Kino and to Juana and to the baby

To change the direction or use of (something).

## Dull

"Kino, my husband," she cried, and his eyes stared past her. "Kino, can you hear me?" "I hear you," he said dully."

To become or cause (something) to become less clear, distinct, bright, or shiny.

## Edifice

"He saw a little glow ahead of him, and then without interval a tall flame leaped up in the dark with a crackling roar, and a tall edifice of fire lighted the pathway."

A building, especially a large, imposing one.

## Embrace

"Juan Tomás embraced his brother with the double embrace and kissed him on both cheeks. "Go with God," he said, and it was like a death."

Hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.

## Exhilaration

"Kino, hurrying toward his house, felt a surge of exhilaration."

A feeling of excitement, happiness, or elation.

## Fondle

“And when Kino saw this knife his eyes lighted up, and he fondled the blade and his thumb tested the edge.”

Stroke or caress lovingly or erotically.

## Forestall

“And Kino, looking closely, saw deep worry come into his brother's eyes and he forestalled him in a possible refusal.”

Prevent or obstruct (an anticipated event or action) by taking action ahead of time.

## Gourd

“And after each trip among the neighbours Juan Tomás came back with something borrowed. He brought a little woven straw bag of red beans and a gourd full of rice.”

A fleshy, typically large fruit with a hard skin, some varieties of which are edible.

## Insult

“And Kino said: “Oh, my brother, an insult has been put on me that is deeper than my life.”

Speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse.

## Lament

“She, being the nearest woman relative, raised a formal lament for the dead of the family”

A passionate expression of grief or sorrow.

## Leprosy

“I do not want to bring danger to you,” Kino said. “I know I am like a leprosy. I will go tonight and then you will be safe.”

A serious disease that causes painful rough areas on the skin and that badly damages nerves.

## Preserve

“He was an animal now, for hiding, for attacking, and he lived only to preserve himself and his family.”

Maintain (something) in its original or existing state.

## Relative

“She, being the nearest woman relative, raised a formal lament for the dead of the family.”

A person connected by blood or marriage.

## Retrieve

“But now it was gone, and there was no retrieving it. And knowing this, she abandoned the past instantly. There was nothing to do but to save themselves.”

Get or bring (something) back; regain possession of.

## Rummage

“As she rummaged in a box by the wall, Kino's voice said quietly: "Apolonia, do not cry out. We are not hurt.”

To search for something especially by moving and looking through the contents of a place.

## Skirl

“Now the darkness was closing in on his family; now the evil music filled the night, hung over the mangroves, skirled in the wave beat.”

To emit a high shrill tone.

## Sorrow

“There was sorrow in Kino's rage, but this last thing had tightened him beyond breaking.”

A feeling of sadness or grief caused especially by the loss of someone or something.

## Stifling

“The wind screamed over the Gulf and turned the water white... and a fine sandy dust rose from the land and hung in a stifling cloud over the sea.”

(Of heat, air, or a room) very hot and causing difficulties in breathing; suffocating.

## Surge

“And rage surged in Kino. He rolled up to his feet and followed her as silently as she had gone, and he could hear her quick footsteps going toward the shore.”

To suddenly increase to an unusually high level.

## Theory

“Juan Tomás went out among the neighbours to divert their suspicions, and he gave them theories and ideas of what had happened to Kino and to Juana and to the baby

A belief, policy, or procedure proposed or followed as the basis of action.

## Whimper

“Coyotito whimpered and Juana muttered little magics over him to make him silent.”

To make a quiet crying sound.