

*Of the two variants written in italics, one is wrong in each case. Cross them out.*

The story begins with the visit of a ~~Salvation Army~~ / *British colonial* officer, Sergeant Major Morris, *95 years old but still going strong* / *ravaged by illness and alcohol*, to the family of *an old friend* / *a former enemy*, Mr. White, at Laburnum Villa in England. *By chance* / *As planned before*, the conversation turns *into a terrible dispute* / *to a dried monkey's paw that Morris has brought back from India*. The Sergeant Major claims that it was made by *an old fisherman's friend* / *a famous fakir* who wanted to use it to *prove that breaking the predestined karma by fulfilling personal wishes can only bring bad luck* / *start an international finance business*. Morris himself had come into possession of the paw *after the death of* / *by stealing it* from its previous owner, and having had his *usual Continental breakfast* / *three wishes granted*, he could now pass it on. *Fearing* / *Notwithstanding the warnings about* the cursed nature of the talisman, Mr. White *accepts* / *destroys* the paw and, encouraged by *his wife* / *Morris*, makes a wish. He wishes to come into possession of *three more wishes* / *200 pounds sterling*. The wish is soon granted to him in a terrible way. His only son Herbert gets caught *by the police and is arrested* / *in a running machine in an accident at work and is killed*. As a *fine for speeding* / *token of appreciation*, Mr. White receives 200 pounds sterling from his son's employer.

After the *funeral* / *wedding party*, the old couple *give up their* / *slip into a* lethargic and depressive way of life. One night, however, Mrs. White is seized by *deep regrets* / *a sudden inspiration*. She begs *Sergeant Major Morris* / *her husband* to make a second wish: *more money for the death of their son* / *the return of their son to life*. Mr. White hesitates at first, but again he gives in to his wife's urging and he *throws the monkey's paw into the fire* / *utters the wish*. At first *nothing happens* / *there is a bright flash and a loud thunder*, and the disappointed couple go back to bed. Later that night they hear *someone singing a joyful tune* / *knocking on the front door*. Mrs. White is convinced that this can only be her *husband* / *son* (who must have taken a while to walk the distance from the *factory* / *cemetery* to the house) and runs to the front door in *joy* / *anger*. Mr. White, on the other hand who, unlike his wife, had seen the body *before* / *after* the funeral, is seized with *horror* / *happiness*. At the last moment he grabs the monkey's paw and *calls the police* / *utters his third wish*. When his wife opens the door, *their son stands* / *there is no one to be seen* in the empty street.

