

The Rent Collector

Vocabulary

1. **berate** - scold or criticize angrily
2. **brazen** - bold without shame
3. **cistern** - a tank for storing water
4. **ingenious** - clever, original and inventive
5. **inherent** - existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
6. **intrinsic** - belonging naturally; essential
7. **jest** - a thing said or done for amusement; a joke
8. **maniacal** - of or relating to mania or a maniac
9. **melee** - a confused hand-to-hand fight or struggle among several friends
10. **noxious** - harmful, poisonous or very unpleasant
11. **obstructed** - block or get in the way of
12. **pacifist** - a person who believes in pacifism or is opposed to war of violence of any kind
13. **palpable** - readily or plainly seen, heard, perceived, etc.
14. **pander** - a person who furnishes clients for a prostitute
15. **paradox** - a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth
16. **prostrate** - lying flat with your face down
17. **putrid** - decaying or rotting and emitting a foul smell
18. **subdue** - overcoming, quieted, or bring under control
19. **tumult** - violent and noisy commotion or disturbance of a crowd or mob; uproar
20. **wry** - using or expressing dry humor