

Excerpt from *The Monkey's Paw*

"I expect you'll find the cash tied up in a big bag in the middle of your bed," said Herbert, as he bade them good-night, "and **something horrible squatting** up on top of the wardrobe **watching you** as you pocket your **ill-gotten gains**." (91)

In W.W. Jacobs' "The Monkey's Paw," tension is created by using words that carry an insidious connotation in foreshadowing clues. The audience knows that something bad will happen to the Whites when Herbert teases his father about "**something horrible squatting** up on top of the wardrobe **watching you** as you pocket your **ill-gotten gains**." This allows the reader to make predictions about the consequences of the three wishes.

Prompt: How does the author create tension in "The Monkey's Paw"? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

Formula for a paragraph answering a prompt

**Topic Sentence:
Answers**

**Evidence & Explanation:
Supports**

Conclusion: Relevance