



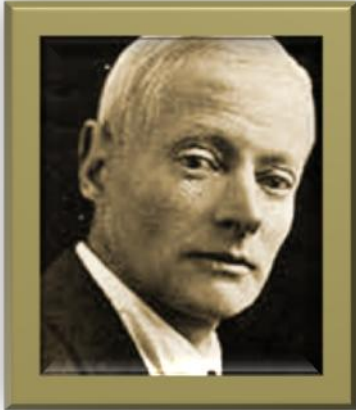
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THE MONKEY'S PAW

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About the autor

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Is a British man educated in private school. In 1879 he began work as a clerk in the civil service, in the Post Office Savings Bank, and by 1885 he had had his first short story published. He got married in 1900. In the 1901 census he is shown living with his wife, Agnes Eleanor Williams (20 years old) and 3 month old daughter in Kio afford a domestic servant and cook, and his sister and sister-in-law were also living with them. By 1902 he

published the Lady of the Barge, an anthology of short stories where the Monkey's paw is included.

THE MONKEY'S PAW is a suspense story, developed in a the White's House, located in a lonely place and far away of the city, the acces to the house is difficult, the roads are not in good conditions and that help to imagine that the place is a kind of big house, instead, the home of a family conformed by Mr White, wife and son, the principal character here is the event: to believe that you can obtain the happiness in the things that you don't have, Mr White, who is a man manipulated by his wife desires and a man with a good relation with his son.

The history is divided into three parts, in the first part develops the previous knowledge about the monkeys paw, in the second part the story catch the attention when the most important success happened and affect all the family and in the third part the misterious outcome happened.

The family White recived a guest, The Sargent-Major Morris, and old friend who fight in the war of India, as a soldier, he had probably some bad memories about death and murder, however the hospitality of the family and the conversations go until arouses the curiosity about an extrange object: a monkey's paw. The visitor tells them that the paw is magical and explain that it can grant three wishes to 3 persons, he explain that he had their 3 wishes done but he wants to get rid of the object because this caused much damage and do not want to harm anyone else.

The family catched by the curiosity and some of ambition do not allow to get rid of that, the Major say that they will be responsables of the futures success, they made their first request, in this case, the family was not sure that they needed something else, because Mr white say: " It seems to me I've got all I want" but the insistance of his wife made the first request: \$200 pounds. We musn't defy the destiny and try to obtain the easy things, we don't know the way how the universe obeys for what we ask. The concecuence of that was the accident happened in the factory where the song worked, and how the 200 pound come to Mr White, charging him the life of his son.

The suffering of the couple supported them in the sadness until to the mother think in to ask at the monkey's paw to turn to the life of her son. Mr White knows that this can bring more dangerous consecuences and the suspense came in this part of the story because to certain science it isn't known what happens, I think that the mother's love blinded her to being

congruent and not to think that if her first wish had cost the life of his son would have to think about the price that they must pay for having their son back.

The emotions in all the story are mixed, love by the family, uncertainty, fear, curiosity, that is described by the narrator in third person, but he is not part of the characters, the question about this story could be:

¿Are you happy with your life as is right now?

¿is it your destiny?

Probably never will know the answer to this questions but the autor plant the seems of doubt, what would you do if you had the opportunity to ask for three wishes?