

Imray Came Back

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Choose the right option. These are some words you will have to use.

Astonished : greatly surprised; shocked

Behaviour: actions or reactions; the way someone acts

Bulk : mass of material

Corpse : dead body

Crawl : move with your body stretched out along a surface

Foresaw: (past form of "foresee") know something before it happens

Former: before the present time

Lean : move the top part of your body in a particular direction

Still : without moving

Sudden : very quickly and without warning

The narrator suggested getting the karait down and breaking its back. He put a light near the corner of the ceiling where the _____ was. The snake remained _____. Strickland stood on a chair with a gun in his hand. The snake _____ it was in danger and _____ away into the ceiling. Strickland pushed open the small door in the ceiling and _____ through it. He couldn't see the snake, but he touched something with his gun. Suddenly, the centre of

the ceiling broke open and down came a _____ which landed on the dinner table, breaking some plates and glasses. Both men _____ went to see what the thing on the table was. They were _____ to see it was a dead man's body - Imray's _____. All of a _____, the karait appeared from under the dead body, trying to escape. Strickland pushed it off the table and hit it with his gun, breaking its back.

It was crystal _____ that someone had murdered Imray and _____ the body up in the ceiling. This explained the noises that could be heard at night and Tietjens' _____. When Bahadur Khan went in to take the dinner things away, Strickland interrogated him about Imray's disappearance. Bahadur Khan said that Imray had gone to Europe. _____ of the other servants had said that, so it was obvious that Bahadur Khan was lying. Under _____, Imray's _____ servant confessed to having killed his _____. He believed Imray was involved in his son's illness and subsequent death, and that explained the reasons for his murder.

Bahadur Khan refused to go to the police station and showed the men the karait's teeth in his foot. He was dead in no _____ than an hour. From then on, the ghost of Imray stopped walking in the house at night. And Tietjens returned to her place in the house.