Waiting for Godot

Act I

VOCABULARY

1. pubis—the forward portion of the hip bone
2. privation—lack of the basic necessities of life
3. insidious—intended to entrap
4. wheedling—persuading by flattery
5. voluptuously—suggesting unrestrained pleasure
6. pugilist—one who fights with his fists
7. mandrakes—plants believed to have magical powers
8. prerogatives—exclusive rights held by a person
9. vacuously—stupidly
10. proffers—offers
11. peremptory—commanding
12. magnanimous—generous in forgiving
13. voraciously—greedy in eating
14. effeminate—feminine
15. cretin—one who is mentally and physically challenged
16. goiter—a swelling of the neck
17. impertinent—inattentive
18. affectation—a false display
19. vehemently—in a forceful manner
20. ostentatiously—the act of making a showy display
21. grampus—a whale
22. mollify—to placate or calm
23. knook—a knucklehead
24. dudeen—a short stemmed clay pipe
25. Kapp and Peterson—a brand of pipe
26. effulgence—brilliant radiance
27. tray bong—slang for French phrase “tres bien” meaning very good
28. indignantly—angrily
29. aesthete—an admirer of beauty
30. consternation—surprise; panic
31. fob—a small pocket in the front of a vest, used especially to hold a watch
Act II

VOCABULARY

spread apart
sententious—full of meaning
charnel—house—a vault where corpses are kept
que voulez-vous—French phrase meaning “what do you want”
coquettishly—teasingly
gonococcus—bacteria found in venereal diseases
spirochete—bacteria found in venereal diseases
punctilious—attentive to details
morpion—a louse
aphoristic—in the form of a brief statement
caryatids—columns sculptured in the form of women
memoria praeteritorum bonorum—Latin phrase meaning “the past is always recalled to be good”