Vocabulary List for “A Running Brook of Horror”

**Dexterity**: the ability to use your hands skillfully; the ability to easily move in a way that is graceful

**Impunity**: freedom from punishment, harm, or loss

**Invulnerable**: impossible to harm, damage, or defeat

**Provocation**: an action or occurrence that causes someone to become angry or to begin to do something

**Reverent**: showing a lot of respect : very respectful

**Entomology**: a branch of science that deals with the study of insects

**Herpetology**: a branch of zoology dealing with reptiles and amphibians

**Maul**: to attack and injure (someone) in a way that cuts or tears skin : to attack (someone) and cause a bloody injury

**Mishap**: an unlucky accident or mistake; a small mistake or amount of bad luck

**Sluggish**: averse to activity or exertion; slow to respond