Word Meaning of THE COMET 1

 hobnob - have friendly talk/ spend time together

 wretched - used to express anger or annoyance

 muttered - say something in a low or barely audible voice, especially in dissatisfaction or irritation

 repress - restrain or prevent (the expression or development of something)

 utterly - absolutely; completely

 oblivious - forgetful

 tete-a-tete - private meeting/ talk between two persons

 acquired - (here) bought

 astronomer - a scholar of the science of the sun, moon, stars, planets, etc.

 huddled - crowd together; nestle closely

 designing - acting in a calculating, deceitful way

 ensnared - catch in or as in a trap

 amateur - a person who is incompetent or inept at a particular activity

 eccentric - unusual/ unlike the orbits of other planets

 recedes - goes back; disappears

 gigantic - of very great size or extent; huge or enormous

 optimistic - hopeful; expecting the best

 faint stars- (of a sight) barely perceptible; unclear

 nebulous - hazy

 smudges - spots/ marks

 optics - Dibya’s eyes (glass) through which he detected the comet

 meticulous - careful and exact

 ontrovert - one who is preoccupied with his/her own thoughts and feelings—not interested in things outside oneself

 disgust - strong dislike or disapproval

 calamities - disasters/misfortunes

 butler - the chief manservant

 deferentially - respectfully

 provost - the head of certain university colleges, especially at Oxford or Cambridge, and public schools

 beckoned - summon (someone) by beckoning (making a gesture) to them