

FROM THE DESK OF
Mycroft Holmes

My Dear Friend,

Some thoughts from I, Mycroft Holmes, to YOU. There is a vast criminal operation up to no good in London and its surrounds. My brother, SHERLOCK, his trusted friend, DR. JOHN WATSON, and Watson's clever and courageous wife, MARY WATSON, are hunting down clues. Sherlock's BAKER STREET IRREGULARS, young WIGGINS and NALINI, scour the streets listening for criminal plans and following suspects. Their work is crucial!

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Sherlock has learned that a formidable new master villain is staging dark acts across our fair city. You must help us stop them by finding their central base and uncovering their identity. Sherlock has informed INSPECTOR LESTRADE of the threat. Coincidentally, Sherlock's rival and occasional enemy IRENE ADLER is also in London right now. Where she fits in, we have not been able to determine.

Sherlock also received this note, a taunting insult:

TO SHERLOCK HOLMES:

I am London's all-seeing planner of mayhem and mischief! You think you are clever, and you say a great detective notices everything. I laugh at you! For I am THE OBSERVER!

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The Irregulars have told Sherlock the talk on the street by crooked types suggests we must look out for distractions COVERING UP criminal actions while they happen!

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Of course, Sherlock's long-suffering landlady, and housekeeper, MRS. MARTHA HUDSON, and her house-helper niece from Greenwich, JACQUELINE TURNER, are very worried about everyone. When we get to the bottom of this, and justice wins the day, they've promised to cook us all a nice celebratory feast. I've asked for roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, of course – a Holmes family favourite. You are invited!



SH

Watson, I have nothing but respect for **MILLICENT FAWCETT**, leading figure in the suffragette movement. She'll be out today, doing what she does, arguing a winning position! If you spot her, give her heed! She often carries a sign and wears a sash.

Sherlock

Sorry I missed you earlier, Mister Holmes, my niece Jacqui Turner and I are shopping. Mister Mycroft says you have a most important case, we shall try not to bother you much right at the moment. Jacqui noticed you were right busy, so she'll leave a cold supper on a tray for you for when you get in this evening. I will give Dr. Watson the message you left for him about going down to the Square.

Mrs. Hudson

SH

Watson,

There has been a true UPRISING of movements in the underworld. I am convinced a wave of crimes throughout London is imminent, and it is no coincidence.

This note is left for you, and Mrs. Hudson or her niece will see you get it, for I must run. Meet me as quick as you can at Trafalgar Square, old boy! We have a case - one of the biggest of our careers!

Watson, Wiggins and Nalini report dark rumblings, offers of evil work being made to many a low type. There are schemes unwinding, I am sure of it.

We must be off!

LOST PROPERTY NOTE

Dear Mr. Holmes,

I fear my precious Lancaster photographic camera has been stolen! Can you assist me in recovering it? My assistant says I probably left it at the location I was using it, but, surely not, sir?

Humbly,

George Flicker

SH

Things to be wary of, my friend:

- A warning has reached me to look out for messages scrawled in public spaces, and any numbers that might communicate a secret meaning.
- Any crimes being committed.
- A villain whose name is being uttered in seedy dens: "The Observer". I fear we will know what it means before very long, and we shall not be happy about that!

