

CHAPTER 1

My name is Doctor John Hamish Watson. My friend is Sherlock Holmes. He's a detective. I met him eight years ago. We lived together in Baker Street. Mrs. Hudson was our housekeeper.

It was April in 1883. I woke up. Sherlock Holmes was next to me. He was dressed. It was early in the morning. It was strange. He was dressed so early.

"I'm sorry, Watson. I didn't mean to wake you," said Sherlock.

"Is the house on fire?" I asked.

"No, a lady's here to see us," said Sherlock. I got up. The lady needed our help.

I liked working with Sherlock Holmes. I got dressed and went to the living room. The lady sat by the window. She had black clothes on.

"Good morning, madam," said Sherlock.

"Good morning," she said.

"My name is Sherlock Holmes and this is Doctor Watson. Call for Mrs. Hudson, Watson," said Sherlock.

"Tea? You are **shivering**. It will help you get warmer," Sherlock said to the lady.

shiver (v) to shake slightly because you feel cold, ill or scared



*“Tea? You are shivering.
It will help you get warmer,” Sherlock said to the lady.*

“I’m not shivering because I am cold,” she said.

“Why are you shivering?” asked Sherlock.

“I’m **scared**,” she said.

Her skin was grey and she looked very scared. She was thirty but her hair was grey. She looked much older.

“Don’t be scared. I’ll help you,” said Sherlock. “Did you take the train this morning?” he asked.

“Do you know me?” she asked.

“No. But your ticket is in your glove. You left very early. You went to the train station in a cart,” he said.

The lady was surprised.

“There is **mud** on your jacket in seven places. It’s only on the left side. It’s fresh. Only a cart makes mud splashes. They’re the same as those on your jacket. They’re on the left side because you sat next to the driver,” said Holmes.

“You’re right,” said the lady.

“My friend, Mrs. Farintosh, told me about you. I’m scared. I need your help. I can’t pay you now. I’m getting married in six months. I’ll have my own money when I’m married. I can pay you then,” she said.

scared (adj) afraid, frightened

mud (n) soft and wet earth

CHAPTER 2

Sherlock Holmes wrote down all his cases. He wrote in a little notebook. It was in his desk. Sherlock went to his desk and picked up the book. He looked for the notes about Mrs. Farintosh.

“Will you help me?” the lady asked.

“Yes, I will. Don’t worry about the money. Now, tell us about your problem,” said Sherlock.

“It is hard to explain. It’s little things,” she said.

“Tell me about them,” said Sherlock.



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COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test-1

Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. Doctor Watson's middle name is Hamish. T / F
2. The hissing sound came from a boiling kettle. T / F
3. A lion lived at Stoke Moran. T / F
4. Her uncle killed Julia. T / F
5. Doctor Roylott smoked strong Indian cigars. T / F
6. The gypsies stayed in the house at Stoke Moran. T / F
7. Helen and Julia locked their rooms at night. T / F
8. The bell rope in Julia's bedroom was fake. T / F
9. Doctor Watson carried a pistol. T / F
10. The speckled band was Miss Stoner's wedding ring. T / F

Test-2

Match the sentences.

Beginnings

1. Miss Stoner came to see Sherlock Holmes
2. Doctor Roylott met Mrs Stoner
3. The cheetah and the baboon
4. Percy Armitage asked Helen Stoner
5. Doctor Roylott went to see
6. Sherlock and Watson took the
7. Sherlock used his
8. Watson and Holmes took off their shoes
9. Watson and Holmes found
10. The speckled band was a

Endings

- a. scared Julia and Helen.
- b. Sherlock Holmes after Helen.
- c. and climbed in the window.
- d. Doctor Roylott dead in his room.
- e. train to Stoke Moran.
- f. when he worked in India.
- g. deadly swamp adder.
- h. magnifying glass to look at the floor.
- i. because she needed help.
- j. to marry him.

Test-3

Who said this in the story?

Doctor Roylott, Helen Stoner

Sherlock Holmes or Doctor Watson

1. “Why are you shivering?”

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2. “He borrowed the money from a friend.”

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3. “He’s a hard man. He doesn’t know his own strength.”

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4. “I know you, Mr. Holmes. You’re a meddler.”

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5. “It’s a fake!”

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6. “Is the house on fire?”

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7. “Don’t be scared. I’ll help you.”

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8. “Did you open the door?”

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9. “What did she say to you?”

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10. “Doctor Roylott’s in London.”

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Test-4

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Sherlock hit the snake with?
2. What was fake in Julia's room?
3. What street did Sherlock and Watson live on?
4. What is Doctor Watson's first name?
5. Which country did the snake come from?
6. Where did Sherlock go to find information about Doctor Roylott?
7. What is the name of Helen Stoner's house.
8. What is the name of Sherlock's housekeeper?
9. Who is Helen Stoner engaged to?
10. Where is Stoke Moran?

Test-5

Put the list in order by writing 1 to 10 in the green circles.

- a. Holmes and Watson decided to go to Stoke Moran.
- b. Holmes looked around the house.
- c. Doctor Roylott went to see Sherlock Holmes.
- d. Helen Stoner went to see Sherlock Holmes.
- e. Holmes and Watson took a train to Stoke Moran.
- f. Miss Stoner told Sherlock Holmes about her sister, Julia.
- g. Holmes and Watson found Doctor Roylott's dead body.
- h. Helen Stoner shut her door and barred her windows.
- i. Helen sent a signal to Holmes from Stoke Moran.
- j. Holmes found lots of strange things in Doctor Roylott's room.