



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXVIII – The Adventure of the Empty House

Adair, Hilda	Sister of Ronald Adair; daughter of the Earl of Maynooth; lived with Ronald and his mother at 427 Park House; with her mother, discovered the body of Ronald Adair
Adair, Ronald	Second son of the Earl of Maynooth, murdered by Sebastian Moran, once he determined Moran was cheating at cards; formerly engaged to Edith Woodley; solution of his murder was tied to the return of Holmes in 1894
Anglo-Indian Club	Club to which Colonel Sebastian Moran belonged
Australia	Smallest of the continents; since 1901 it has been a federated commonwealth composed of its six former British colonies; The Earl of Maynooth was governor of one of the Australian colonies
Bagatelle Card Club	London club, where Colonel Sebastian Moran where Ronald Adair played whist upon the evening of Adair's murder
Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Baldwin Club	Club in Pall Mall in which Ronald Adair was a member
Balmoral, Duke of	British peer, of the St. Simon family, at one time Secretary for Foreign Affairs; Ronald Adair won a large sum at cards from Lord Balmoral (not the proper title)
Blandford Street	Short West End street connecting Manchester Street with Baker Street; Holmes led Watson down Blandford Street on their way to Camden House
<i>British Birds</i>	Title of a book carried by Holmes while in disguise as a bibliophile

C.B.	(Companion of the Bath) lowest class of the order of knighthood known as the Knights of the Bath; Sir Augustus Moran, father of Sebastian Moran, was a C.B.
Cabul	(Kabul), capital of Afghanistan, captured by the British in 1879 during the Second Afghan War; Colonel Sebastian Moran was present at the taking of the city
Camden House	House opposite Holmes' rooms on Baker Street, from which Sebastian Moran attempted to shoot him
Carstairs	Town in the south of Scotland; Edith Woodley, former fiancé of Ronal Adair, was from there
Catullus, Gaius Valerius	Famous Roman lyric poet; in his disguise as an old bibliophile, Holmes carried a volume entitled <i>Catullus</i>
Cavendish Club	London club located on Regent Street; Ronald Adair was a member
Charasiab	(Charasia) Town of Afghanistan, twelve miles south-west of Cabul; British won a battle there during the Second Afghan War; Colonel Sebastian Moran fought in the battle of Charasiab and his bravery was cited in the official dispatches
Charing Cross Station	London terminus, with Cannon Street Station, of the South Eastern railway, constructed in 1864 between the Strand and the Embankment; Holmes stated Matthews had knocked out his left canine tooth in the waiting-room
Church Street	Street in Kensington, lying to the west of Hyde Park; Holmes, in his disguise as an old bibliophile, claimed to have a bookshop there
Conduit Street	Street in Westminster, extending between Bond Street and Regent Street; Colonel Sebastian Moran lived there
Eton College	One of the famous schools of England, at Eton in Buckinghamshire; originally intended for the sons of poor but worthy Englishmen; Colonel Sebastian Moran was educated there
First Bengalore Pioneers	Indian Army regiment from which Colonel Sebastian Moran was forced to resign
Florence	Celebrated city of Italy; Holmes fled to Florence from Reichenbach after ridding the world of Professor Moriarty, and the start of his 3 year hiatus
Foreign Office	Department of the British Government, headed by a Cabinet minister, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Holmes communicated the results of his visit to Khartoum to the Foreign Office
France	Republic in the south-western part of Europe; Holmes spent the latter part of the

	great hiatus in the south of France
Grenoble	Town in the south of France; Oscar Meunier, who created the bust of Holmes that was sat in the window of 221b Baker Street, lived there
Hardy, Sir John	Member of the Bagatelle Card Club, who played cards with Ronald Adair and two others, before Adair was killed later that night
<i>Heavy Game of the Western Himalayas</i>	Book written by Colonel Sebastian Moran, published in 1881
Himalaya Mountains	Great mountain chain which separates Tibet from India; Colonel Sebastian Moran was the author of the <i>Heavy Game of the Western Himalaya</i>
Holmes, Mycroft	Brother of Sherlock Holmes, seven years the elder brother, he ostensibly audited the books in some of the government departments, but in Sherlock's words, Mycroft occasionally was the British Government; Mycroft maintained the rooms at 221b during Sherlock's great hiatus, providing Sherlock funds when needed
Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; Watson described Holmes as "bohemian" in his habits and lifestyle; said to have a "cat-like" love of personal cleanliness, at the same time Holmes is an eccentric with no regard for contemporary standards of tidiness or good order.
<i>Holy War, The</i>	Famous allegorical tale of good and evil written by John Bunyan; in his disguise as an old bibliophile, Holmes carried a volume entitled <i>The Holy War</i>
Hudson, Mrs.	Landlady of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson at 221b Baker Street; she was thrown into violent hysterics upon Holmes return and help manipulate the wax bust that was placed in the window for Moran to shoot at
Hyde Park	Extensive park in Westminster, it is the place in London perhaps most frequented by the fashionable world; informally known as 'the Park'; Watson strolled across the Park on his way from Kensington to Park Lane
India	Extensive British possession of southern Asia; was administered separately from the rest of the British Empire; Holmes tells Watson of Colonel Moran's actions in India as a game hunter

Indian Army	Military establishment of British India, distinct from the British Army; historically the force developed as three separate armies – the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay armies; Colonel Sebastian Moran had served in the first Bangalore Pioneers
Jowaki Campaign	One of two British military expeditions against the Jowaki, a Pathan clan living just east of the Afghan frontier; Colonel Sebastian Moran had served in the Jowaki Campaign
Kensington	Western metropolitan borough of London, once an exclusive suburb inhabited by members of court; Watson at one time lived there
Khalifa, The	Name given to Seyyid Abdullah ibn-Seyyid Mohammed, ruler of the Sudan from 1885 until his death; Holmes claimed to have visited the Khalifa at Khartoum during the Great Hiatus
Khartoum	Capital of the Sudan, at the confluence of the White and Blue Nile; Holmes claimed to have visited Khartoum during the Great Hiatus
Lauder	Town of central Scotland; Mrs. Stewart had lived there; Holmes was convinced Sebastian Moran was behind her death in 1887
Lestrade, G.	Inspector at Scotland Yard; he assisted Holmes in the taking of Sebastian Moran; Holmes stated Lestrade had handled the Molesey Mystery fairly well
Lhasa	Capital of Tibet, great center of Buddhism and is visited by thousands of pilgrims each year; Holmes said he visited Lhasa and the head lama during the Great Hiatus
London	Largest city in the world during the Victorian period, capital of England and the British Empire, located in the south-eastern part of England on the River Thames; extended into the counties of Surrey, Ken, Middlesex, and Essex; Watson indicated all of London was interested in the murder of Ronald Adair
M	Holmes told Watson his collection of “M’s” in the index was a fine one, including Moriarty, Morgan, the poisoner, and Merridew of abominable memory, and Mathews, who knocked out Holmes’ tooth
Manchester Street	Street in the West End, running parallel to Baker Street; Holmes led Watson down the street on their way to Camden House, across the street from their lodgings
Mathews	Man who knocked out Holmes’ left canine tooth in the waiting-room at Charing Cross Station, while not a large issue, it was a case that interested Watson

Maynooth, Earl of	Governor of 1894 of one of the Australian colonies; his wife, Lady Maynooth returned to England for a cataract operation, bringing their daughter Hilda Adair and their son Ronald; Maynooth is an Irish town a few miles from Dublin
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Mecca	City of Arabia; as the birthplace of Mohammed, it is the holiest city in the Moslem world; Holmes looked in at Mecca during the Great Hiatus, an act that would have been extremely risky as the unfaithful were killed for entering Mecca
Merridew	Entry of 'abominable memory' in Holmes' commonplace book
Meunier, Oscar	French sculptor who created the bust of Holmes used to trap Sebastian Moran, which Mrs. Hudson rotated every 15 minutes; the bust was so well done, Watson, upon seeing it, threw out his hand to make sure Holmes was still standing by him
Milner, Godfrey	Card-playing companion of Ronald Adair; Milner and his partner, Lord Balmoral, lost £420 to Adair and Moran at one sitting
Molesey	(East and West Molesey) Town of northern Surrey, on the Thames; Holmes said Lestrade had handled the "Molesey Mystery" fairly well in his absence, but with less than his customary obtuseness; case happened while Holmes was away
Montpellier Laboratory	In southern France; Holmes visited there during the Great Hiatus long enough to conduct some research on coal-tar derivatives
Moran, Colonel Sebastian	Indian Army officer and renowned heavy-game hunter was forced to leave India and went to London, where he was sought as the chief of staff for Professor Moriarty; he witnessed Moriarty's death at the Reichenbach Falls and attempted to kill Holmes there; was later arrested for the murder of Ronald Adair, who had threatened to end Moran's card-playing livelihood
Moran, Sir Augustus	Former British minister to Persia, and father to Colonel Sebastian Moran
Morgan	Poisoner entered in Holmes' commonplace book

Moriarty, Professor James	The Napoleon of Crime; endowed with a phenomenal mathematic facility, he wrote a treatise upon the binomial theorem, and authored <i>The Dynamics of an Asteroid</i> ; his criminal activities finally led to a personal confrontation with Holmes at the Reichenbach Falls and the Professor's death
Murray	Member of the Bagatelle Card Club, with whom Ronald Adair played upon the night of his death
<i>Origin of Tree Worship, The</i>	Name of a book Holmes carried in his disguise as an old bibliophile when Watson encounters him outside of Ronald Adair's house; Watson accidentally knocked the volume out of Holmes' hand
Oxford Street	One of the principal streets in London, running from Holborn into the West End; Ronald Adair's house was the Oxford Street end of Park Lane
Oxford University	Oldest and most famous English university, located in the City of Oxford, on the Thames 55 miles north of London; Colonel Sebastian Moran attended school there
Park Lane	Street in Westminster, forming the eastern boundary of Hyde Park and extending from Oxford Street to Piccadilly; the Adairs lived at 427 Park Lane
Park Lane Mystery	Murder of Ronald Adair, as the newspapers called it, since the Adairs lived on Park Lane
Parker	Sentinel posted by Sebastian Moran to watch the Baker Street rooms; Parker was known as a professional garrotter
Peerage	In Great Britain, the rank of dignity of a peer, a holder of the title of one of the five degrees of hereditary nobility: Duke, Earl, Viscount, and Baron; the Earl of Maynooth was a peer
Persia	Kingdom of south-western Asia; during the Great Hiatus, Holmes passed through Persia
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Scotland Yard	Popular name given to the Metropolitan Police Force of London, and specifically to its Criminal Investigation Department (CID); the location of the CID is the New Scotland Yard, close to the Thames River; Lestrade was a Scotland Yard inspector

Scotland Yard Museum	Maintained at new Scotland Yard, where items relating to CID's cases are kept on display; Holmes remarked Von Herder's infamous air gun would finally embellish the museum
Sherpur	Fortified plain outside Cabul, the scene of a British victory in the Second Afghan War; Colonel Sebastian Moran fought there
Stewart, Mrs.	Woman whom Holmes believed was murdered by Sebastian Moran, but nothing could be proved, even after the Moriarty gang was broken up
Switzerland	Republic of central Europe; Holmes and Watson fled to Switzerland, where the final events of the Moriarty case took place
Tankerville Club	London club of which Colonel Sebastian Moran was a member
<i>Three Months in the Jungle</i>	Book written by Colonel Sebastian Moran, published in 1884
Tibet	Extensive region of south-central Asia, lying between India and China; Holmes stated he traveled for two years in Tibet during the Great Hiatus, visiting Lhasa and spending some days with the "head Lama"
Von Herder	Blind German mechanic who constructed Sebastian Moran's air gun to the order of Professor Moriarty; the weapon, firing soft-nose revolver bullets, ended up in the Scotland Yard Museum
Watson, John H.	Friend and biographer of Sherlock Holmes, it appears he was borne in the early 1850s; took his Degree of Doctor in Medicine in 1878; served as a staff surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; while serving in the Army Medical Department, he was severely wounded in the Battle of Maiwand in Afghanistan; his wound and general impairment of health earned him a retirement and wound pension
Watson, Mary	(Mrs. John H. Watson) nee Morstan, not a great deal is known about her life after she is married to Watson; she was a devoted and thoughtful wife, ever wishing her husband to be happy; it is presumed she passed away sometime between 1891 and 1894, cause unknown; "in some manner [Holmes] had learned of my own sad bereavement, and his sympathy was shown in his manner rather than in his words"
Woodley, Edith	Of Carstairs, formerly Ronald Adair's fiancé, "but the engagement had been broken off by mutual consent some months before, and there was no sign that it had left any very profound feeling behind it"