



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXXIV – The Adventure of Charles Augustus Milverton

Holmes seems to view Milverton with special loathing, chiefly because of the nature of his crime (blackmail, rather than mere murder) though perhaps also because of the oily pleasure with which he does his evil deeds.

And yet to deal with the case, he stoops to a form of love and betrayal not very different from what must have befallen Milverton's victims, and he laughs as he does it.

What moral distinction can be made?



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