



His Last Bow

Adventure XLVI – The Adventure of the Dying Detective

Ainstree, Dr.	Greatest living authority upon tropical diseases, whom Watson wished to bring into Holmes' case
Asiatic	Referring to the continent of Asia; Holmes said it was surprising Victor Savage had contracted an obscure Asiatic disease in the heart of London
Black Formosa Corruption	Dreadful-sounding disease, of which Watson confessed he had never heard of
China	(The Chinese Empire) Largest empire of Asia; before falling ill, Holmes had been working among Chinese sailors in the London dock region
East End, The	Part of London which lies to the east of the Temple, embracing the City and the dock regions; Holmes said he believed he contracted an Asiatic disease while working among the Chinese sailors there
Fisher, Penrose	One of the best medical men in London, whom Watson wished to bring to Holmes to treat his illness
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.
Hudson, Mrs.	Landlady of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson at 221b Baker Street; Watson writes she was fond of Holmes and stood in the deepest awe of him; she hurried to Watson when she believed Holmes to be dying
Kensington	Western metropolitan borough of London, once an exclusive suburb inhabited by members of court; Culverton Smith lived in the area, on Lower Burke Street
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 Holmes may have been the worst tenant in London
Lower Burke Street	Residential street, in the borderland between Notting Hill and Kensington, in which Culverton Smith, the Sumatra planter, lived at No. 13
Meek, Sir Jasper	One of the best medical men in London, whom Watson wished to fetch for Holmes, but was denied by Holmes
Morton	Old acquaintance from Scotland Yard, assigned to investigate the murder of Victor Savage, and who entered 221b at the rising of the gas lamp and arrested Culverton Smith
Notting Hill	Residential district in Kensington; Lower Burke Street lay in the borderland between Notting Hill and the ancient region of Kensington
Rotherhithe	Region of Bermondsey, comprising most of the extensive Surrey side dock system; Holmes had been working on a case in an alley in the area before “falling ill”
Savage, Victor	Nephew of Culverton Smith, murdered by Smith by means of a microbial infection of Asiatic strain; he was murdered due to a threat of reversion
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; Morton was a Scotland Yard inspector
Simpson’s Dining Rooms	Well-known restaurant in the Strand; Holmes wanted something nutritious at Simpson’s after the arrest of Culverton Smith, breaking his 3 day fast
Smith, Culverton	Resident of No. 13 Lower Burke Street; murderer of his nephew Victor Savage, who attempted to murder Holmes as well with a poison contained in a spring-loaded box; Holmes told Watson Smith was the only one who could help him with his illness
Staples	Solemn butler of Culverton Smith, who Holmes asked Watson to bring to his bedside
Sumatra	Large island of the Dutch East Indies; Culverton Smith was a well-known planter there; Holmes claimed to suffer from a coolie disease from Sumatra

Thames	Most important, though not the largest, river in Great Britain; it rises in south-central England and flows south-easterly, and enters the North Sea through a broad estuary; London is situated on both sides of the Thames; Holmes had been working on a case near the river before falling ill
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