



His Last Bow

Adventure XLVI -- The Adventure of the Dying Detective

Compilation of quizzes from the Diogenes Club and the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

1.	In this story, Holmes feigns an illness. What is the Victorian term for this action in which Holmes thought of writing a monograph?	
2.	Holmes is described as being untidy, having an addiction to music at strange hours, practicing his revolver indoors and conducting malodorous experiments. Why does the story indicate that Mrs. Hudson keep him on as a tenant?	
3.	Where was Holmes recently working on a case?	
4.	In what group of islands does Sumatra reside?	
5.	What two diseases does Watson admit to knowing nothing about?	
6.	At what time did Holmes agree to resume his conversation with Dr. Watson so that he could rest?	
7.	Who is Dr. Watson told to go and fetch?	
8.	Where would Dr. Watson find the person he was told to go and fetch?	
9.	What does Holmes say may overrun the world?	
10.	What Scotland Yard Inspector visits Holmes?	
11.	What type of box did Holmes receive?	
12.	What was the signal for the inspector to return?	
13.	To what does the term "coals of fire" refer?	
14.	What four methods did Holmes use to create the illusion of his condition?	
15.	What is unusual about Dr. Watson finding a tobacco pouch on the mantelpiece?	
16.	Where did Watson hide during Culverton's visit ?	

17.	“Three days of absolute _____ does not improve one's beauty, Watson.”	
18.	Who had Smith previously poisoned in a similar fashion ?	
19.	Why does Holmes ask Watson to rearrange the coins in his pockets ?	
20.	What instrument does Watson use to move the ivory box to the table, as instructed by Holmes ?	
21.	How many years had Watson been married when this story was written ?	
22.	What was Culverton's occupation ?	
23.	What was the name of Culverton's butler ?	
24.	What does Watson see in the mirror at Culverton Smith's home, which a careful reader might interpret as a hint that Smith is the villain?	

Answers		
1.	In this story, Holmes feigns an illness. What is the Victorian term for this action in which Holmes thought of writing a monograph?	Malingering
2.	Holmes is described as being untidy, having an addiction to music at strange hours, practicing his revolver indoors and conducting malodorous experiments. Why does the story indicate that Mrs. Hudson keep him on as a tenant?	His payments were princely
3.	Where was Holmes recently working on a case?	Rotherhithe – in an alley near the river. Chinese sailors down by the docks
4.	In what group of islands does Sumatra reside?	Indonesia
5.	What two diseases does Watson admit to knowing nothing about?	Tapanuli fever and black Formosa corruption
6.	At what time did Holmes agree to resume his conversation with Dr. Watson so that he could rest?	Six
7.	Who is Dr. Watson told to go and fetch?	Dr. Culverton Smith
8.	Where would Dr. Watson find the person he was told to go and fetch?	13, Lower Burke Street – between Notting Hill and Kensington
9.	What does Holmes say may overrun the world?	Oysters
10.	What Scotland Yard Inspector visits Holmes?	Morton
11.	What type of box did Holmes receive?	Ivory
12.	What was the signal for the inspector to return?	Turning up the gas
13.	To what does the term “coals of fire” refer?	Romans 12:21: “If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in doing so thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head.”
14.	What four methods did Holmes use to create the illusion of his condition?	Vaseline on his forehead, Belladonna in his eyes, Beeswax around his lips, Rouge over his cheekbones
15.	What is unusual about Dr. Watson finding a tobacco pouch on the mantelpiece?	This is the only instance in which Holmes is said to have used a traditional receptacle for his tobacco – usually it is a Persian slipper
16.	Where did Watson hide during Culverton’s visit ?	Behind Holmes bed

17.	"Three days of absolute _____ does not improve one's beauty, Watson."	Fast
18.	Who had Smith previously poisoned in a similar fashion ?	Victor Savage
19.	Why does Holmes ask Watson to rearrange the coins in his pockets ?	To better balance himself
20.	What instrument does Watson use to move the ivory box to the table, as instructed by Holmes ?	Sugar tongs
21.	How many years had Watson been married when this story was written ?	Two – in his second year of marriage
22.	What was Culverton's occupation ?	A Planter from Sumatra
23.	What was the name of Culverton's butler ?	Staples
24.	What does Watson see in the mirror at Culverton Smith's home, which a careful reader might interpret as a hint that Smith is the villain?	He believes he has seen a smile on Smith's face when he learns that Holmes is dying

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