

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

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Sidney Paget,
April, 1892

The Adventure of the Noble Bachelor



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1906

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Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.

—THE ADVENTURE OF THE NOBLE BACHELOR—

BY A. CONAN DOYLE.

THE Lord St. Simon marriage, and its curious termination, have long ceased to be a subject of interest in those exalted circles in which the unfortunate bridegroom moves. Fresh scandals have eclipsed it, and their more piquant details have drawn the gossips away from this four-year-old drama. As I have reason to believe, however, that the full facts have never been revealed to the general public, and as my friend Sherlock Holmes had a considerable share in clearing the matter up, I feel that no memoir of him would be complete without some little sketch of this remarkable episode.

It was a few weeks before my own marriage, during the days when I was still sharing rooms with Holmes in Baker-street, that he came home from an afternoon stroll to find a letter on the table waiting for him. I had remained indoors all day, for the weather had taken a sudden turn to rain, with high autumnal winds, and the jezail

bullet which I had brought back in my limbs as a relic of my Afghan campaign, throbbed with dull persistency. With my body in one easy chair and my legs upon another, I had surrounded myself with a cloud of newspapers, until at last, saturated with the news of the day, I tossed them aside and lay listless, watching the huge crest and monogram upon the envelope upon the table, and wondering lazily who my friend's noble correspondent could be.

"Here is a very fashionable epistle," I remarked as he entered. "Your morning letters, if I remember right, were from a fishmonger and a tide waiter."

"Yes, my correspondence has certainly the charm of variety," he answered, smiling, "and the humbler are usually the more interesting. This looks like one of those



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Lord Robert St. Simon visits Sherlock Holmes because his fiancée, Miss Hatty Doran, disappeared on the day of their wedding, soon after the ceremony was completed. St. Simon had met Miss Doran during a trip to California, subsequently becoming engaged during her visit to London. St. Simon seems to be more disappointed by the potential loss of a large dowry than the actual disappearance of his new wife.

Holmes must determine what has actually happened to Doran, while Inspector Lestrade believes she is the victim of foul play at the hands of Flora Millar, a former dancer who was well-known to St. Simon.

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Gaston Simoes
da Fonseca,
1909

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Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
August 20, 1922	UK	Eille Norwood	Hubert Willis
February 10, 1994	UK	Jeremy Brett	David Burke

Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
December 22, 1930	Blue (NBC)	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
February 15, 1933	Blue (NBC)	Richard Gordon	Leigh Lovell
July 25, 1936	Blue (NBC)	Louis Hector	Harry West
October 13, 1940	Blue (NBC)	Basil Rathbone	Nigel Bruce
August 18, 1959	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
1966	CBC	Robert Clothier	Roy Brinson
August 07, 1967	SAB	Robert Langford	Kenneth Baker
January 23, 1991	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams
May 07, 1992	NPR	Edward Petherbridge	David Pearl

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Sherlock Holmes



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“Circumstantial evidence is occasionally very convincing, as when you find a trout in the milk, to quote Thoreau’s example.”

“Ah Watson, perhaps you would not be very gracious either, if, after all the trouble of wooing and wedding, you found yourself deprived in an instant of wife and of fortune.”

(Jeremy Brett, 1935, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, “The Eligible Bachelor”)

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Dr. John Watson



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"It was a few weeks before my own marriage, during the days when I was still sharing rooms with Holmes in Baker Street, ... and the Jezail bullet which I had brought back in one of my limbs as a relic of my Afghan campaign throbbed with dull persistence."

"Yes; it struck me as being a little out of the common."

(David Burke, 1985, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*,
"The Eligible Bachelor")

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Hatty Doran



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Daughter of a California millionaire with a reported dowry that will run to considerably over six figures. She vanished after her wedding and reunited with her first husband Frank Moulton who she thought had been killed. "She is what we call in England a tomboy, with a strong nature, wild and free, unfettered by any sort of traditions."

"I only wonder that I didn't fall down and do a faint right there before the altar."

(Paris Jefferson, 1985, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*,
"The Eligible Bachelor")

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Lord Robert St. Simon



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Lord Robert Walsingham de Vere St. Simon, age 41, the second son of the Duke of Balmoral. Dated danseuse Flora Millar before becoming engaged to Hatty Doran. “As to his dress, it was careful to the verge of foppishness, with high collar, black frock-coat, white waistcoat, yellow gloves, patent-leather shoes, and light-coloured gaiters.”

“...it is not my custom to discuss my most intimate personal affairs in this public manner.”

(Simon Williams, 1985, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, “The Eligible Bachelor”)

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Lord Backwater



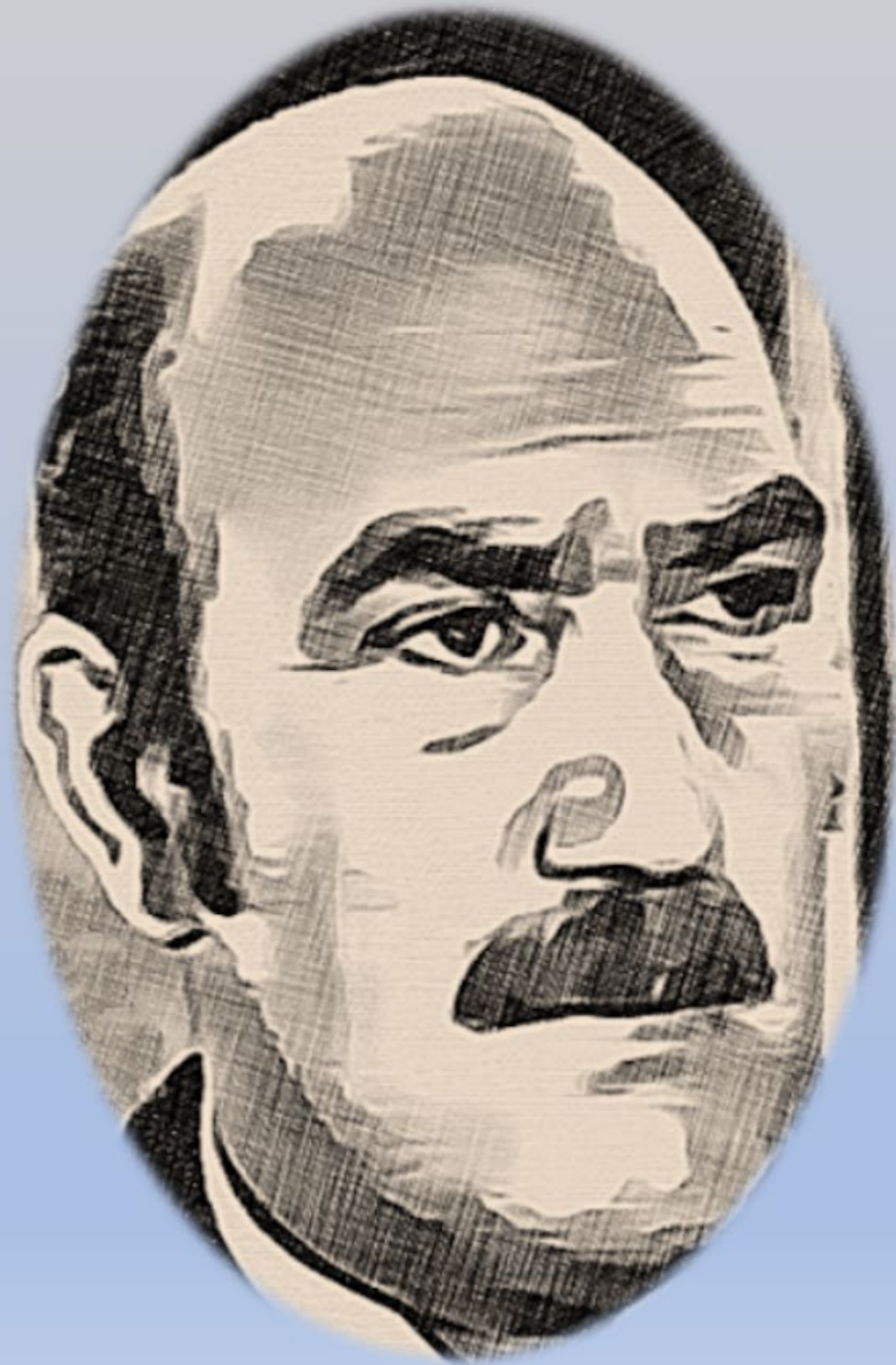
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Referred Lord St. Simon to Holmes. A dictionary defines "Backwater" as "a part of a river not reached by the current, where the water is stagnant."

In Silver Blaze, Backwater is the owner of the horse Desborough.

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Inspector Lestrade



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Scotland Yard inspector, arrested danseuse Flora Millar for the murder of Hatty Doran after recovering her wedding dress from the Serpentine.

“He opened his bag ... and tumbled onto the floor a wedding-dress of watered silk, a pair of white satin shoes and a bride’s wreath and veil, all discoloured and soaked in water.”

“I believe in hard work, and not in sitting by the fire spinning fine theories.”

(Archie Duncan, 1954, *Sherlock Holmes*)

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Duke of Balmoral



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Father Of Lord St. Simon
who was at one time
Secretary for Foreign
Affairs.

*“One by one the
management of the noble
houses of Great Britain is
passing into the hands of
our fair cousins from
across the Atlantic.”*

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Aloysius Doran



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Millionaire father of Hatty
Doran. “He is said to be
the richest man on the
Pacific slope.”

“He had nothing a few
years ago. Then he struck
gold, invested it, and came
up by leaps and bounds.”

(Bob Sessions, 1985, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*,
“The Eligible Bachelor”)

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Alice



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Maid to Hatty Doran. Came with Doran from California where she knew Frank Moulton. Was last person to see Doran at the hotel before she disappeared.

“I saw her in conversation with her maid.”

“And who is her maid?”

“Alice is her name. She is an American and came from California with her.”

“A confidential servant?”

“A little too much so. It seemed to me that her mistress allowed her to take great liberties.”

(Trea Hanley, 1985, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, “The Eligible Bachelor”)

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Francis Moulton



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Established a career as a goldminer. Married Hatty Doran in California. “Frank had been a prisoner among the Apaches, had escaped, came on to 'Frisco, found that I had given him up for dead and had gone to England, followed me there.”

“If I may give an opinion, we've had just a little too much secrecy over this business already.”

(Peter Wamock, 1985, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*, “The Eligible Bachelor”)

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Flora Millar



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A professional dancer at the Allegro and had known the Lord St. Simon for some years. She tried to push her way in to the wedding, was the last person to be seen with Doran at Hyde Park and was arrested as a suspect in her disappearance.

“Now my theory all along has been that Lady St. Simon was decoyed away by Flora Millar, and that she, with confederates no doubt, was responsible for her disappearance.”

(Joanna McCallum, 1985, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, “The Eligible Bachelor”)

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