

Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest detective and the best friend of John Watson, opened the door to 221 B Baker Street for the 221th time since Sherlock and Watson had bought it, by Sherlock's count. Sherlock, the man who remembered the most obscure details and picked out the smallest of clues was at a loss. The disappearance of the Queen of England was the talk of any party, tavern, and home in any country ever since it was put in the papers a week after the actual disappearance. As this disappearance was one of gigantic proportions Scotland Yard and the Royal family tried to hide this fact as long as they could but eventually it got out to the whole world that the Queen of England was missing. The day after the kidnapping Sherlock received a call from Scotland Yard telling him what had happened and practically ordered Sherlock to help with the investigation. As Sherlock sat in his armchair and started going over the details of the case.

When he and Watson arrived at Balmoral Castle in Scotland in their carriage Inspector Gregory met them at the gate waving the guard to let them in. The Queen was on one of her horseback riding excursions on her horse Winston and after that neither she nor the horse had been seen again. Inspector Gregory started debriefing Sherlock on the specifics of the case on their way to the field where the Queen disappeared from.

"We have many witnesses saying that she started the day normally, going to the dining room at 8:00 to have her breakfast then at 9:15 started preparing for her horseback riding and at 9:30 left by herself to get her personal time without guards around her but in the enclosed grounds of Balmoral which is guarded by soldiers"

"Has there been any type of ransom note?" asked Sherlock

"No, but there was a note found in the field where the Queen had disappeared from with the Queens hair pin in it, it said "*Thomas Heathrow and wife*" in the Queen's handwriting"

"Do you have any leads on this Thomas Heathrow" asked Watson

"As a matter of fact we have him in custody. He is one of the other landowners around Balmoral Castle"

At this Sherlock stopped while waking.

"So why do you need my here"

"Because he or his wife will not tell us that he took the Queen, he claims to be innocent. We have tried to bribe him but he will not say a thing to his wife."

"So you want me to see if I can prove that he has the Queen"

After walking for about 15 more minutes they arrived at the place of the kidnapping. Sherlock studied the ground with his magnifying glass and it almost looked like he was shoving his face into the ground. As he stood started examining the area for about 45 minutes then said to Watson.

"There isn't much of a disturbance of the ground as you would think for a kidnapping"

"Can I see Mr. and Mrs. Heathrow and the room where the Queens was staying"

"Right this way" responded the Inspector

They started walking back to the front gate until they arrived and took a carriage down to Scotland Yard which took about 30 minutes and the whole way Sherlock stood as still as a statue contemplating in silence. When they arrived at Scotland Yard Sherlock and Watson were immediately escorted to the room where Thomas Heathrow sat. Sherlock started the question with some very standard questions but eventually went to very specific details that seemed relevant. Once the questioning was done Sherlock got up without a word and told Inspector Gregory that he was ready to see the Queens room. When they arrived at the room he looked around and saw a pile of brochures with advertisements for different stores in the trash bin. Then he told Inspector Gregory that himself and Watson were going back to England to think over the case. As Sherlock sat in his chair with his cocaine pipe thinking over the case analyzing all the details. Sherlock woke Watson at 4 A.M. and told Watson that they needed to go back to Balmoral. When they arrived at Balmoral Castle at 9:30 A.M. he immediately found Inspector Gregory who was at the gatehouse sleeping in the chair there. Inspector Gregory immediately looked at Sherlock and just by his expression knew he had figured it out. Sherlock, Watson, and Inspector Gregory got back in the carriage Sherlock and Watson had taken to Balmoral and gave instructions to the driver to take them to the town nearest to Balmoral. When they arrived at the town at 10:30 A.M. Sherlock ran out of the carriage with Watson and the Inspector behind him to the most unlikely place that they imagined, it was a building with a sign that said Chiropractor inside. Before they could even open the door a short woman with a veil on her face walked out. Sherlock skidded right in front of this woman and bowed. The Inspector and Watson stood at Sherlock with their eyes wide open. The short woman pulled back her veil to reveal the Queen of England.

“How did you find me”

“When I arrived at the place of the kidnapping there was almost no disturbance on the ground where there should have been a struggle. Another reason for my suspicion was when I talked to Mr and Mrs Heathrow neither of them showed signs of lying. When I arrived at your room I saw a brochure for this establishment for a chiropractor that today he was giving a discount to the first visitor. The store opens at 9:30 so I knew that you would be out at 10:30, just enough time for you to get a massage and relax before you must return to your duties.”

“You must have wrote the note to make Scotland Yard focus all their attentions on Mr and Mrs Heathrow instead on the other details”

“I understand that it must be stressful and would probably do the same to find time to relax”

During this whole explanation Watson and the Inspector stood there dumbfounded.

“Thank you for understanding. also please tell Mr and Mrs Heathrow they can go with a year's worth of their wages compliments of their Queen”

“I think it is time for you to resume your roles as Queen of England”

“Yes, Mr. Holmes, I do believe it is time.”

The End