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HOW DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING HAS HAPPENED TO HIM?

I HAVE NOT SEEN YOU IN THREE YEARS AND SUDDENLY YOU PAY ME A VISIT WITHOUT YOUR ALTER EGO.

TELL ME WHAT IS AMISS.



YOU HAVE NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH YOUR BROTHER?

NOT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.



CAUTIONING HIM MY TIDINGS WERE NOT PLEASANT, I TOLD HIM OF HIS BROTHER'S CONDITION AND HOW I PROPOSED TO REMEDY IT.

MORIARTY?

YES.



THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO ACCOMPLISH.

WELL, THE SIMPLEST SOLUTION IS TO INDUCE PROFESSOR MORIARTY TO GO TO VIENNA HIMSELF.



MYCROFT WAS SILENT ON OUR JOURNEY TO MORIARTY'S HOME. I WAS TEMPTED TO ASK HIM ABOUT PROFESSOR MORIARTY AND THE TRAGEDY HE REFERRED TO, BUT HELD MY TONGUE.



STOP HERE, CABBIE.



WE MUST BE ON OUR GUARD.


IT WOULD NOT DO TO REVEAL OUR VISIT TO SHERLOCK, SHOULD HE HAVE CHOSEN THIS NIGHT TO STAND VIGIL.



I TOLD THE DRIVER TO WAIT, AND PRESSED A SHILLING INTO HIS PALM, PROMISING HIM ANOTHER WHEN WE RETURNED.



THERE.



WE PERCEIVED THE SITUATION WAS AN IMPOSSIBLE ONE.



AS LONG AS HOLMES WAS OPPOSITE THE PROFESSOR'S DOOR, WE COULD NOT HOPE TO ENTER...

UNEXPECTEDLY, THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED FOR US.



HE'S LEAVING!

PRAY HE DOES NOT RETURN.

QUICKLY-- WE MUST ACCOMPLISH OUR ERRAND WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.



WATSON, COME ON!



DR. WATSON?

YES, AND THIS IS MR. MYCROFT HOLMES. MAY WE COME IN?

MASTER MYCROFT! WHY--

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, PROFESSOR.



DO NOT TURN UP THE GAS.

SHOULD MY BROTHER RETURN, HE MUST NOT NOTICE ANY CHANGE IN YOUR WINDOW.



WHAT IS TO BE DONE?



WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD DEPART FOR VIENNA IN THE MORNING.



IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RELATE WHAT BRIBES AND THREATS WE EMPLOYED BUT MYCROFT CONVINCED HIM.



I PEERED INTO THE STREET. HOLMES WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.



IT WAS EVIDENT TO ME THE PROFESSOR HAD YIELDED TO MYCROFT'S REQUEST BECAUSE OF SOME HOLD THE LATTER HAD OVER HIM....



IT'S ALL UP TO SHERLOCK NOW.

I WONDER IF WE'VE MADE IT TOO HARD FOR HIM.



I THINK NOT.

HIS MIND IS THE SAME INSTRUMENT IT EVER WAS. MORIARTY IS HIS MAN AND HE'LL FIND THE WAY TO HIM. THE REST IS UP TO YOUR VIENNESE DOCTOR.

GOOD NIGHT, WATSON.



I MUST HAVE MADE MY WAY TO BED FOR THE NEXT THING I KNEW MY WIFE WAS STANDING OVER ME.

ARE YOU WELL, DEAREST?

WHAT'S THIS? BREAKFAST IN BED? I TELL YOU I AM--

PREMONITION TELLS ME YOU JUST HAVE TIME TO EAT IT.

