



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXX – The Adventure of the Dancing Men

Assizes, The	Periodical session held by superior court judges who are directed the assizes or verdicts of juries for the purpose of trying criminal cases; Abe Slaney was initially condemned to death at the winter Assizes
Baker Street	Most famous of all London Streets, the residence of Sherlock Holmes from the 1880s to 1903, during the greatest part of his professional life as a consulting detective; also, the residence of John Watson for much of that same period
Bank of England	Most important banking institution of England; was the only bank in London which had the power to issue paper money, and acted as the principal business agent for the Government; there was £1,000 in Bank of England notes in Elsie Cubitt's hand-bag
Chicago	Second largest city in the United States, situated at the head of Lake Michigan in the State of Illinois; Old Patrick and Abe Slaney were members of a gang there; Abe Slaney was described as "the most dangerous crook in Chicago"
Cubitt, Elsie	Wife of Hilton Cubitt, who was being pursued by Abe Slaney, a former suitor, who killed her husband caused her to attempt suicide
Cubitt, Hilton	Norfolk squire, murdered in defense of his wife, Elsie, who had fled America to escape the criminal gang led by her father
East Anglia	Ancient English kingdom, corresponding to the modern counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, which flourished between the sixth and ninth centuries
East Ruston	Parish of Norfolk, located 6 miles south-east of North Walsham; Elrige's farm was in that area
Elrige	Norfolk farmer, owner of Elrige's Farm, where Abe Slaney stayed during his efforts to communicate with Elsie Patrick

German Ocean	(The North Sea) Body of water which Holmes and Watson traveled close to on their way to Ridingthorpe to investigate the mysterious writings found by Hilton Cubitt; it could be seen over the green edge of the Norfolk Coast
Hargreave, Wilson	New York Police official, with whom Holmes often exchanged information; according to Holmes, Hargreave “more than once made use of my knowledge of London crime”
Holmes, Sherlock	The world’s first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; 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; delivered a telegram to Holmes from Wilson Hargreave
Jubilee, The	Name given to the national celebration in 1887 of the fiftieth year of Queen Victoria’s reign, now more commonly called the Golden Jubilee; Hilton Cubitt met his wife during ‘the Jubilee’
King, Mrs.	Cook at Ridling Thorpe Manor; had heard the explosion and found the body of Hilton Cubitt and the wounded Elsie Cubitt
Liverpool Street Station	London railway station lying north of the City boundary, London terminus of the Great Eastern Railway; Hilton Cubitt arrived in London to consult Holmes at the station
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; last year, Cubitt had come up to London for the Jubilee where he met Elsie
Martin, Inspector	Official of the Norwood constabulary, who was assigned to investigate the murder of Hilton Cubitt at Ridling Thorpe Manor; ultimately arrested Abe Slaney for murder
New York Police Bureau	(New York Police Department) Hargreave was an official of the Bureau, and who was able to provide Holmes information on Abe Slaney
Norfolk	Eastern county of England; it is mostly under cultivation and there is much pastureland; Hilton Cubitt was a Norfolk squire
North Walsham	Town in Norfolk; Riding Thorpe Manor was nearby
Norwich	County-town of Norfolk; Abe Slaney was taken there for trial; his death penalty was issued at the Norfolk Assizes; Inspector Martin was also from Norwich

Parker	Vicar of Hilton Cubitt's parish in Norfolk; he and Cubitt stayed at a boarding house in Russell Square during the Jubilee, where Cubitt met Elsie Patrick
Patrick	Chicago gang-leader and deviser of the 'dancing men' cipher; father to Elsie Patrick
Patrick, Elsie	Daughter of a Chicago gang-leader; met and married Hilton Cubitt after meeting it him at the Jubilee; her former betrothed, Abe Slaney, pursued her to England and found her at Ridling Thorpe, where he ended up shooting her husband, Cubitt, and where Elsie was severely wounded; she later recovered and spent her life caring for the poor and administering her late husband's estate
Registry Office	(District Registry) Office in a provincial town for the transaction and recording of legal documents; Registrars may exercise limited judicial authority, including civil marriage; Hilton and Elsie Cubitt were married at a Registry Office near London
Ridling Thorpe Manor	Norfolk estate of Hilton Cubitt, the site of the appearance of the so-called Dancing Men and the tragedy that overtook the Cubitts
Russell Square	Square in central London, adjacent to the British Museum; Hilton Cubitt met his wife at a boarding-house there
Saunders	Housemaid at Ridling Thorpe Manor, the residence of Hilton and Elsie Patrick; she sent for the physician after the terrible shootings
Slaney, Abe	"The most dangerous crook in Chicago: and the murderer of Hilton Cubitt; Slaney had pursued Elise Patrick from the United States to England, believing she was betrothed to him, and began leaving the dancing men ciphers at her residence
South Africa	General term referring to the Boer republics and the British possessions in southern Africa; Holmes deduced Watson did not propose to invest in South Africa securities
Squire	In England, courtesy title of the chief landed proprietor, usually the lord of the manor, in a parish; Hilton Cubitt states he was a simple Norfolk squire
Thurston	Man with who Watson played billiards
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