



The Return of Sherlock Holmes

Adventure XXXI – The Adventure of the Solitary Cyclist

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
Carruthers, Bob	Employer of Violet Smith and partner of Jack Woodley; participated in plan to acquire the girl's fortune, but fell in love with her; his daughter was Miss Smith's charge
Charlington	Region of western Surrey, near Farnham, Chiltern Grange was located there; Charlington Hall, where Jack Woodley lived there; surrounded by the Charlington Wood
Chiltern George	House occupied by Bob Carruthers, who hired Violet Smith as a teacher to his daughter, and was involved in the plot to steal her inheritance
City, The	(City of London); commercial center of the Metropolis, forming the nucleus of the East End; legally the City is a separate municipality; Violet Smith indicated Carruthers went there two or three times a week
Coventry	Midland city of England, located in Warwickshire; Cyril Morton was employed there by the Midland Electric Company
Crooksbury Hill	Wooded eminence in the west of Surrey, just east of Farnham; the Farnham high-road passes nearby
Dixon, Mrs.	Housekeeper to Bob Carruthers, a very respectable, elderly person, who was hired to look after his establishment.
Farnham	Town in Surrey; Chiltern Grange was near there, the closest town to the residence of Bob Carruthers, in which Violet Smith was employed as a music teacher
Harden, John Vincent	Well-known tobacco millionaire whose peculiar persecution Holmes investigated in 1895; Holmes found the matter to be "a very abstruse and complicated matter"; the case was so intense, Holmes could not undertake personally Violet's issue

Holmes, Sherlock	The world's first and only consulting detective; born in approximately 1854; ancestors were country squires; 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.
Imperial Theatre	Theatre in Westminster, opened in 1876 as part of the amusement emporium known as the Royal Aquarium; James Smith, Violet's father, had been the orchestra conductor at the 'old Imperial Theatre'
Johannesburg	City of the South African Republic, or, after the country's conquest in the Boer War, the Transvaal Colony; Ralph Smith, Violet Smith's uncle, supposedly died there; he had Woodley and Carruthers pledge they would look after his relations; Jack Woodley was also known in the area, his name said to be "a holy terror from Kimberley to Johannesburg"
Kimberley	City of Cape Colony, center of South African diamond fields; Jack Woodley's reputation was known from Kimberley to Johannesburg
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, Kent, Middlesex, and Essex; Woodley told Violet Smith she would have the finest diamonds in London if she married him
Midland Electric Company	Coventry firm which employed Cyril Morton, the fiancé to Violet Smith
Morton and Kennedy	Famous Westminster electricians; Cyril Morton became vice-president of the firm after marrying Violet Smith
Morton, Cyril	Betrothed of Violet Smith, an electrical engineer who later became the senior partner of Morton and Kennedy, a well-known Westminster firm
Pall Mall	Major street in Westminster; it is the center of London club-life, most of the prestigious clubs, including the Diogenes, Carlton, and Baldwin Clubs; Charlington Hall, where Woodley was residing, was let by a firm of house-agents in Pall Mall
Peter	Groom of Bob Carruthers, hired to drive the dog-cart with Violet Smith from Mr. Carruthers to Farnham Station; struck down by Jack Woodley; later Holmes sent him to Farnham to deliver a note to the police-superintendent
Scotland Yard	Popular name given to the Metropolitan Police Force of London, and specifically to its

	Criminal Investigation Department (CID); the location of the CID is the New Scotland Yard, close to the Thames River; Watson noted Holmes cut lip and bruise which would have been the object of a Scotland Yard investigation
Smith, James	Former orchestra conductor at the Imperial Theatre, who died before December, 1894, leaving a widow and daughter, Violet Smith
Smith, Ralph	Brother of James Smith and uncle to Violet Smith, who went to Africa around 1870, where he died leaving no will, the heir to his fortune being Violet Smith; his acquaintances, Bob Carruthers and Jack Woodley, arranged for Woodley to woo and marry Violet Smith
Smith, Violet	Daughter of James Smith; went to work for Bob Carruthers as a teacher for his child, but soon found herself being forced upon by Jack Woodley; she sought assistance from Holmes as to the identity of the stranger who followed her each weekend when she wrote her bicycle to the train station; Carruthers and Woodley forced her to go through a sham marriage ceremony with Woodley
South Africa	General term referring to the Boer republics and to the British possessions in southern Africa; Ralph Smith made his fortune in the gold-fields of South Africa, and both Carruthers and Woodley came from there
Stamford, Archie	Forger who was arrested in Farnham, in Surrey by Holmes and Watson
Surrey	South-eastern County of England; Guilford is the county-town; Bob Carruther's estate in near Farnham was in Surrey
<i>Times, The</i>	Great daily newspaper of London, began in 1788; always claimed to be a national organ, not a political organ; it stood in a class by itself among all the London newspapers; Woodley and Carruthers advertised for the heirs of Violet Smith's uncle in the newspaper
Tudor	Family name of the English royal line which reigned from 1485-1603, beginning with Henry VII and ending with Elizabeth; Watson described Charlington Hall as possessing "Tudor chimneys", suggesting this old house was built during that period
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
Westminster	Heart of London's West End; nearly as ancient as the City itself, and contains many of the metropolis' most famous landmarks; the electrical firm of Morton and Kennedy, who Cyril Morton became senior partner, is located there
Williamson	Defrocked clergyman, who rented Charlington Hall, and who performed the invalid marriage ceremony between Jack Woodley and Violet Smith; he was sentenced to 7 years in prison for his part in the abduction; the realty agent described Williamson as a respectable elderly gentleman
Woodley, Jack	Known as Roaring Jack, the greatest brute and bully in South Africa, according to his partner, Bob Carruthers; he and Carruthers conspired to get at the fortune left to Violet Smith by her uncle; enroute from Africa, he won the right to court Violet in a card game, but the plan miscarried and Woodley was wounded by a gun shot, by Carruthers