



The Casebook of Sherlock Holmes Adventure LIV -- The Adventure of the Illustrious Client

Compilation of quizzes from the Diogenes Club and the Crew of the Barque Lone Star

1.	Why does Holmes at first deny Sir James Damery's request to investigate the case of baron Adelbert Gruner?	
2.	Why does General de Merville not wish that his daughter marry the baron?	
3.	Who assists Holmes and Watson in investigating baron Gruner?	
4.	Where does Miss Violet de Merville meet the notorious Baron Gruner?	
5.	Of all his many interests and hobbies, on what subject is Baron Gruner an authority?	
6.	What does Kitty Winter use when she attacks the baron?	
7.	How does Baron Gruner convince Miss de Merville not to believe the horrid stories of the past?	
8.	How does Watson convince Gruner that Holmes is no longer a threat?	
9.	This story was published by the Strand magazine in 1925. It was published in the United States a year earlier in what magazine?	
10.	Who was most probably the Illustrious Client?	
11.	The phrase "the wages of sin" occurs in what previous book?	
12.	What is the more common name of vitriol?	
13.	What information does the baron's ex-mistress present Holmes that may convince Miss de Merville that she should not proceed with the marriage?	
14.	Who agrees to assist Holmes in convincing Violet de Merville that she should not marry Gruner?	
15.	What was the first permanent capital of Japan?	
16.	What was Sir James Damery's telephone number? (the only one mentioned in the Canon, by the way)	

17.	Give two criminals' names.	
18.	Name at least five cities from the story.	
19.	Name 9 animals from the story.	
20.	What other royal person was mentioned in the story?	
21.	What English monarch is mentioned by name in the case?	
22.	Name the three diseases mentioned in the story.	
23.	Outside what building was Holmes attacked by two men in the hire of Baron Gruner?	
24.	What did Holmes steal from Baron Gruner's house?	
25.	What was unusual about the news vendor who was selling papers announcing the attack on Sherlock Holmes?	
26.	What case did Sir James Damery negotiate with Sir George Lewis?	
27.	"I disregard the _____, but this is the sort of man who says rather less than he means."	
28.	Holmes says, "Miss Winter's advent rather amazed her (Miss de Merville)." What does 'advent' mean in this sentence?	
29.	Where does Violet meet Baron Gruner?	
30.	What was Violet de Merville's father's profession?	
31.	On the seventh day the stitches were taken out, in spite of which there was a report of erysipelas in the evening papers. What is "erysipelas" ?	
32.	What clue leads Watson in determining the true client of the case ?	
33.	Where does this story start(setting) ?	
34.	What does Holmes state all great criminals have ?	
35.	What is Watson's alias when he visits Gruner ?	

Answers

1.	Why does Holmes at first deny Sir James Damery's request to investigate the case of baron Adelbert Gruner?	Sir James is acting as an intermediary for a client who wishes to go unnamed
2.	Why does General de Merville not wish that his daughter marry the baron?	Baron Gruner has a very shady reputation, including the fact that many believe he murdered his first wife
3.	Who assists Holmes and Watson in investigating baron Gruner?	Shinwell Johnson, who had once been a criminal
4.	Where does Miss Violet de Merville meet the notorious Baron Gruner?	On a Mediterranean yachting voyage
5.	Of all his many interests and hobbies, on what subject is Baron Gruner an authority?	He has written a book on Chinese pottery
6.	What does Kitty Winter use when she attacks the baron?	She throws vitriol in his face
7.	How does Baron Gruner convince Miss de Merville not to believe the horrid stories of the past?	Gruner claims he has hypnotized her.
8.	How does Watson convince Gruner that Holmes is no longer a threat?	Holmes tells Watson to spread the word that Holmes' injuries are life threatening
9.	This story was published by the Strand magazine in 1925. It was published in the United States a year earlier in what magazine?	Collier's
10.	Who was most probably the Illustrious Client?	King Edward VII
11.	The phrase "the wages of sin" occurs in what previous book?	Romans 6:23
12.	What is the more common name of vitriol?	Sulphuric acid
13.	What information does the baron's ex-mistress present Holmes that may convince Miss de Merville that she should not proceed with the marriage?	The baron keeps a brown leather-bound book listing all of the people he has ruined complete with photos and details of each case.
14.	Who agrees to assist Holmes in convincing Violet de Merville that she should not marry Gruner?	Miss Kitty Winter – ex-mistress to the baron
15.	What was the first permanent capital of Japan?	Nara

16.	What was Sir James Damery's telephone number? (the only one mentioned in the Canon, by the way)	XX.31
17.	Give two criminals' names.	Charlie Peace and Wainwright
18.	Name at least five cities from the story.	Kingston, Liverpool, London, Prague, Peking
19.	Name 9 animals from the story.	Cat, cobra, mice, moths or butterflies, pigeon, raven, bear, horse fancier, fish
20.	What other royal person was mentioned in the story?	Chinese Emperor Shomu
21.	What English monarch is mentioned by name in the case?	Queen Anne (Watson was "living in my own rooms in Queen Anne Street at the time.")
22.	Name the three diseases mentioned in the story.	Scurvy ("scorbutic" Shinwell Johnson). .leprosy. .erysipelas (skin infection also called St. Anthony's Fire)
23.	Outside what building was Holmes attacked by two men in the hire of Baron Gruner?	Café Royal
24.	What did Holmes steal from Baron Gruner's house?	Gruner's little book
25.	What was unusual about the news vendor who was selling papers announcing the attack on Sherlock Holmes?	He was one-legged
26.	What case did Sir James Damery negotiate with Sir George Lewis?	The Hammerford Will
27.	"I disregard the _____, but this is the sort of man who says rather less than he means."	Blusterer
28.	Holmes says, "Miss Winter's advent rather amazed her (Miss de Merville)." What does 'advent' mean in this sentence?	Coming or arrival
29.	Where does Violet meet Baron Gruner?	A Mediterranean cruise
30.	What was Violet de Merville's father's profession?	An Army general
31.	On the seventh day the stitches were taken out, in spite of which there was a report of erysipelas in the evening papers. What is "erysipelas" ?	Saint Anthony's fire; acute disease of the skin marked by localized inflammation and fever

32.	What clue leads Watson in determining the true client of the case ?	The coat of arms on the side of the brougham transporting Sir James
33.	Where does this story start(setting) ?	A Turkish bath on Northumberland Avenue
34.	What does Holmes state all great criminals have ?	A complex mind
35.	What is Watson's alias when he visits Gruner ?	Dr. Hill Barton

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