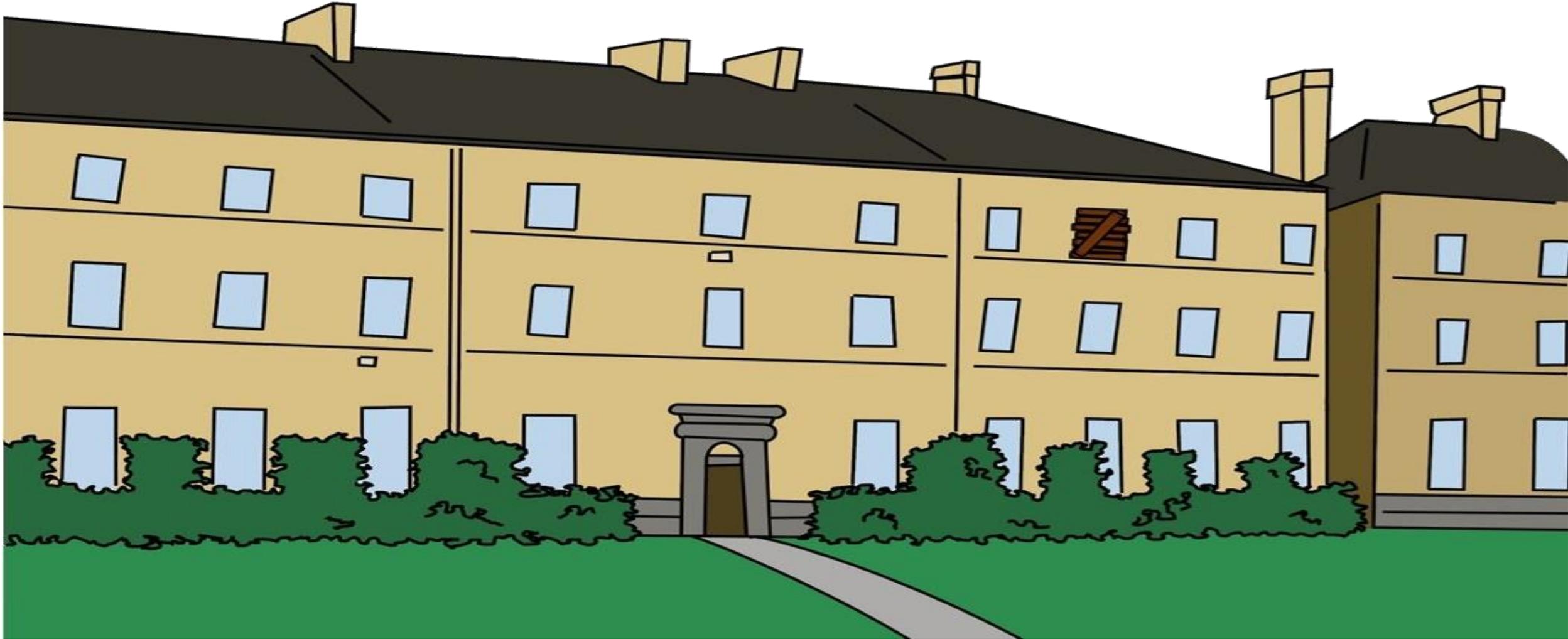


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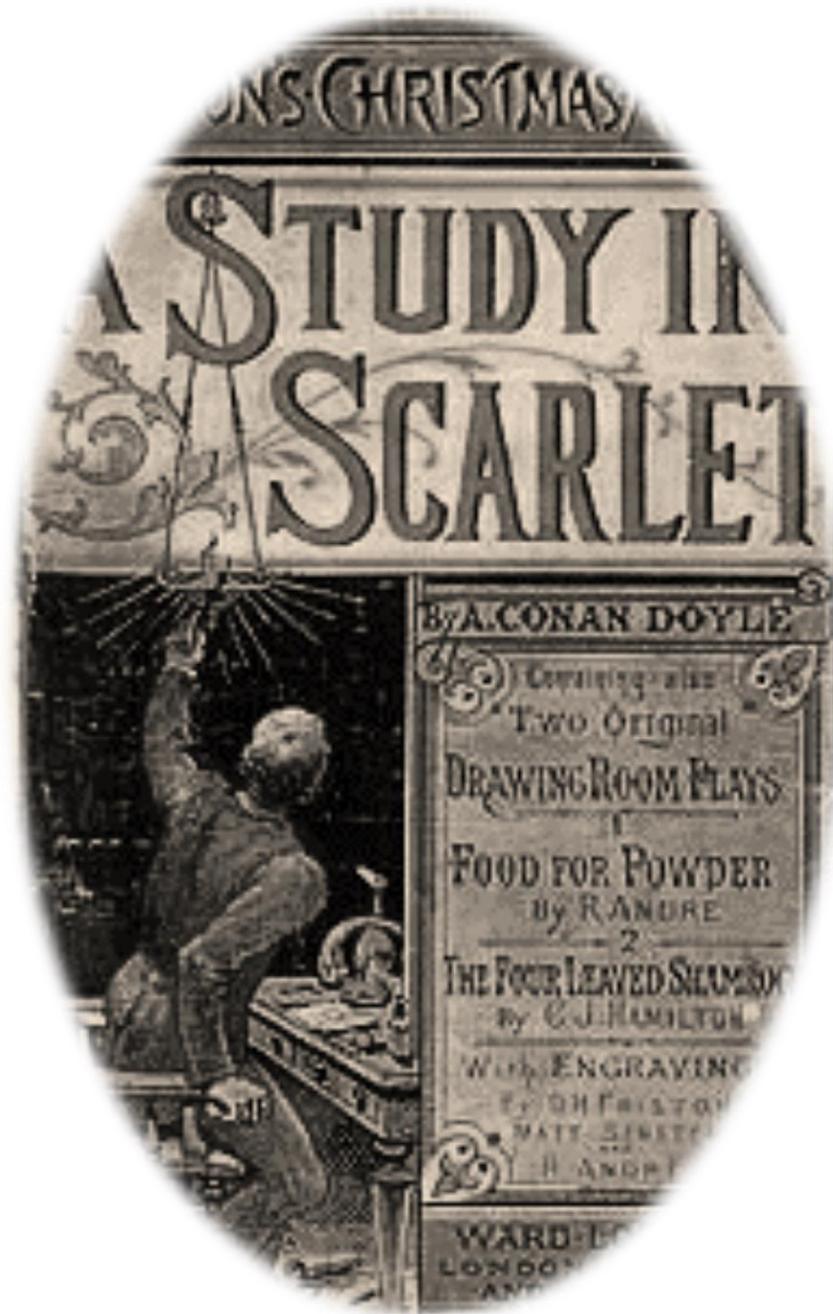
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A014 -- 221B: A WORLD-FAMOUS ADDRESS -- JANUARY, 2022



*WELCOME TO TOPIC # 014... TODAY WE WILL BE
LOOKING AT OUR FUTURE RESIDENCE, OR AT LEAST
THE ADDRESS, KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.*



WITHIN A DAY OF MEETING, WE MOVED INTO 221B
BAKER STREET... WHEN ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE
PENNING A STUDY IN SCARLET, BAKER STREET
EXISTED, BUT THE ADDRESS DID NOT.



WILLIAM BAKER ORIGINALLY LAID OUT THE STREET BEARING HIS NAME IN THE 18TH CENTURY, AND THE NUMBERS EXTENDED ONLY INTO THE 100s AT THE TIME OF THE STORY'S PUBLICATION.



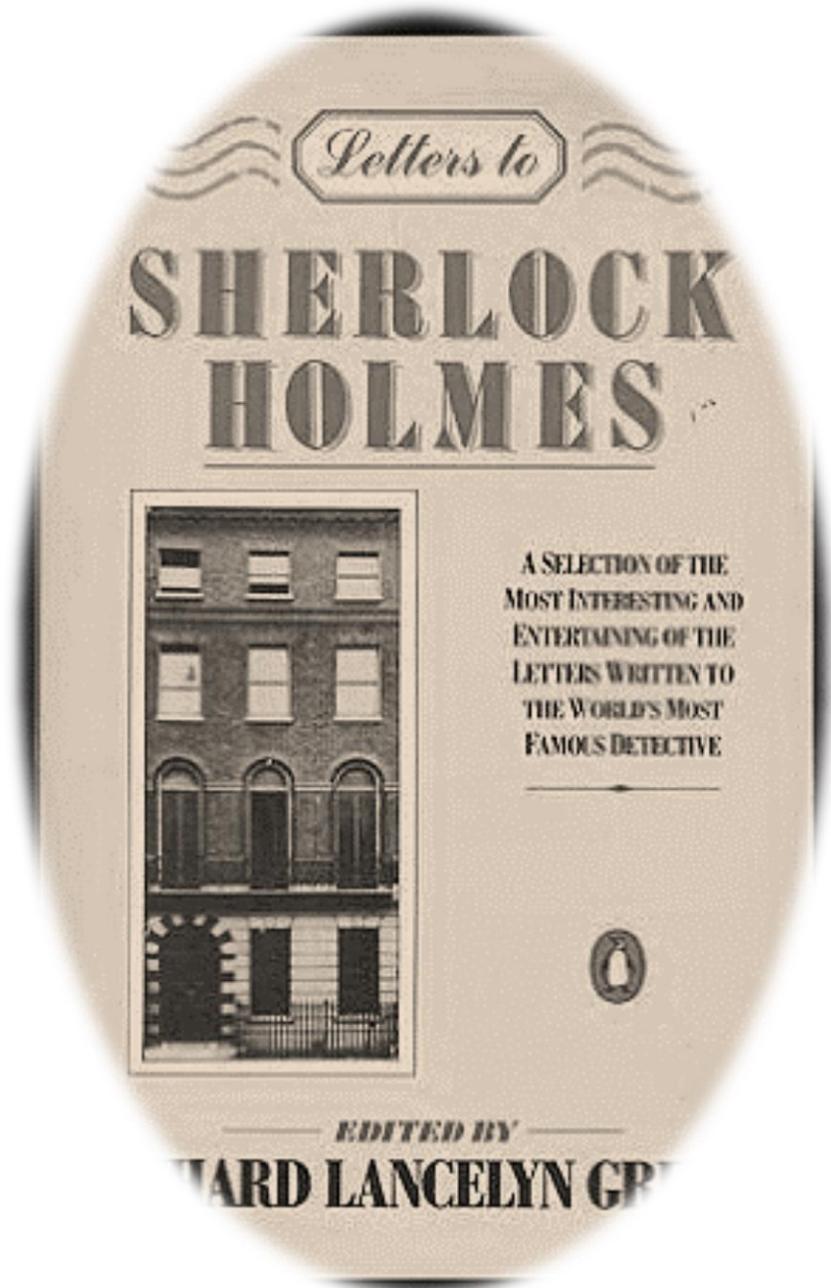
WITH SUCH A STREET ACTUALLY EXISTING IN LONDON, REALITY FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH FICTION IN THE 1930s WHEN BAKER STREET, YORK PLACE, AND UPPER BAKER STREET WERE RENAMED TOGETHER AS BAKER STREET AND THE BUILDINGS RENUMBERED.



AT THAT POINT, A BUILDING HOUSING THE ABBEY NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY, A FINANCIAL FIRM, BECAME 221 BAKER STREET AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THE ROYAL MAIL BEGAN DELIVERING LETTERS ADDRESSED TO ME TO THE ORGANIZATION.



THE CORRESPONDENCE WAS GREAT ENOUGH FOR THEIR PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE TO EMPLOY A FULL-TIME SECRETARY TO RESPOND TO IT ALL, MOST OFTEN NOTING YOU HAD RETIRED TO RAISE BEES IN SUSSEX.



*IN 1990, THE SHERLOCK HOLMES MUSEUM OPENED
FARTHER DOWN AT 239 BAKER STREET IN A
GEORGIAN TOWNHOUSE THAT RESEMBLES DOYLE'S
DESCRIPTION OF OUR RESIDENCE.*



JOHN AIDINIANTZ PURCHASED THE HOUSE WITH FUNDS HIS MOTHER GRACE RAISED BY SELLING HER OWN HOME.



MIP
FLORIDA
U.S.A.
6th NOV.

Dear Sherlock Holmes,

I have heard that some of the lads of London help you from time to time in solving crimes. I would like to let you know that I also am at your service.

Any time you need help solving some of the cases which are connected with the United States of America, I will be there for you; especially if the case involves dinosaurs or fish, as these subjects are my speciality. Just let me know.

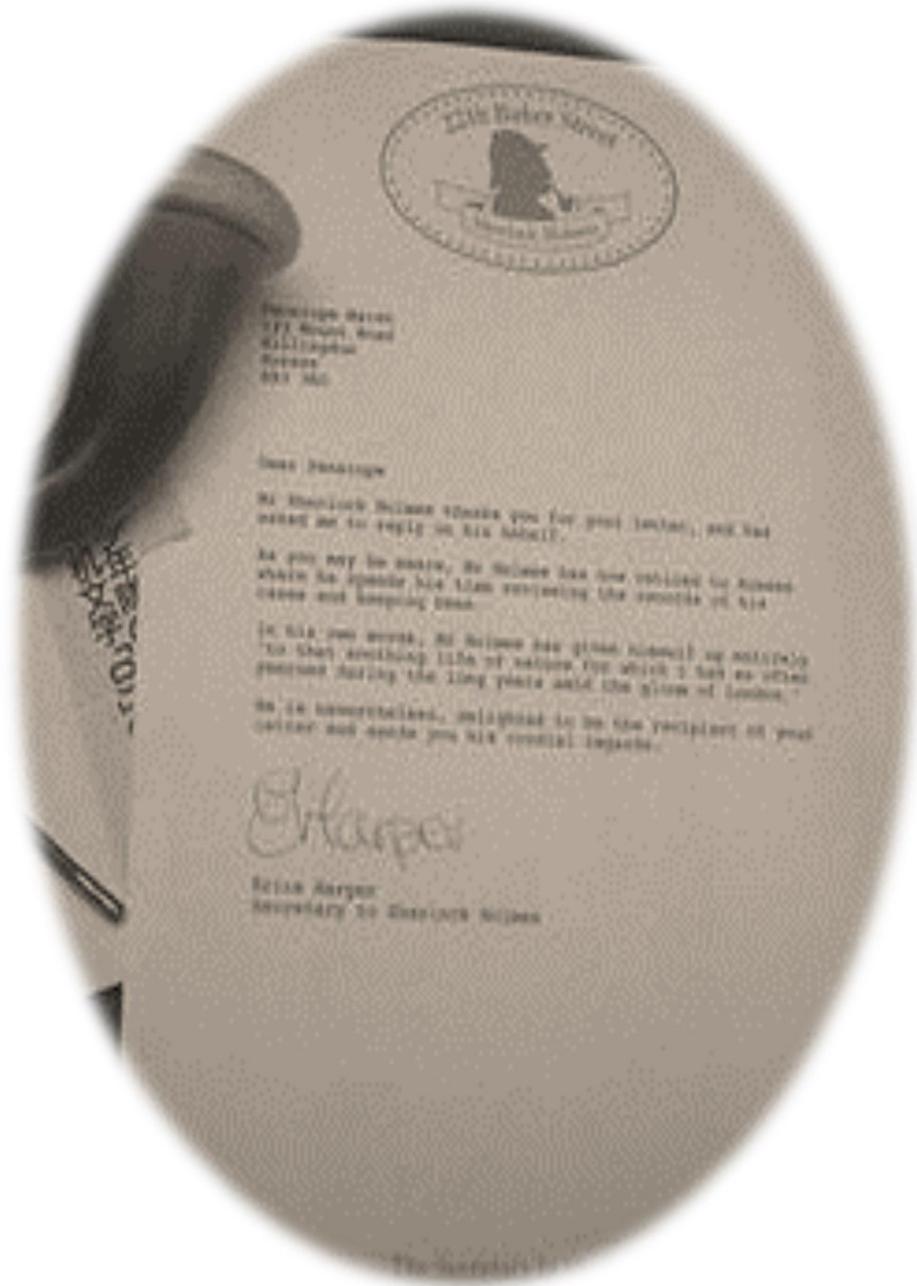
Give my regards to Dr Watson

Yours sincerely,

Brandon Sellers

THE MUSEUM AND ABBEY NATIONAL FOUGHT FOR THE NEXT TWELVE YEARS OVER WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE MAIL STILL ARRIVING FOR ME.





THE FIRM ARGUED THEY WERE MORE EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THE LETTERS... ONLY AFTER THE COMPANY MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS IN 2002 AND THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER APPROVED THE MUSEUM'S USE OF THE ADDRESS 221B DID THE ROYAL MAIL AGREE TO DELIVER CORRESPONDENCE THERE.



*UNFORTUNATELY, THE MUSEUM OWNER HAD A
CONTENTIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE INTERESTS.*



FAMILY MEMBERS ACCUSED EACH OTHER OF VARIOUS WRONG-DOINGS AND SUED EACH OTHER FOR A PORTION OF THE £20 MILLION BUSINESS.



*THE IN-FIGHTING TOOK A TOLL ON GRACE
AIDIANIANTZ, DIED, THE FAMILY REPORTS, OF A
BROKEN HEART IN DECEMBER 2015.*



THE MUSEUM PROVIDED ITS 70,000 ANNUAL VISITORS A RECREATION OF THE FULL FLAT, INCLUDING YOUR BEDROOM AND A VICTORIAN WATER CLOSET ON AN UPPER FLOOR.



*OTHER REPLICAS EXIST, BUT DO NOT
NECESSARILY OFFER AS COMPLETE A VISION OF
THE OUR LIVING QUARTERS.*



WHILE CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE APARTMENT ARE DESCRIBED BY DOYLE, SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF ROOMS, THE FIREPLACE IN THE SITTING ROOM, MY CHEMICAL TABLE YOUR DESK, AND THE BASKET, OR WICKER, CHAIR FOR GUESTS, OTHER FEATURES ARE LESS DEFINED, SUCH AS WALLPAPER OR OTHER FURNISHINGS.



AS A RESULT, THE VARIOUS REPLICAS REFLECT THE TASTES AND INTERESTS OF THE DESIGNER.



FOR EXAMPLE, THE SHERLOCK HOLMES PUB DISPLAYED
THE FIRST COLLECTION OF HOLMES MEMORABILIA
COLLECTED FOR THE FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN IN 1951,
INCLUDING DOYLE'S DESK AND CHAIR.



OTHER DEPICTIONS CAN BE FOUND AT THE SHERLOCK HOLMES MUSEUM IN MEIRINGEN, SWITZERLAND NEAR THE REICHENBACH FALLS; ANOTHER MUSEUM INSIDE A HOTEL AT LUCENS, SWITZERLAND; AND THE WILSON LIBRARY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.



*IN ALL, THE ROOMS WERE ARRANGED TO APPEAR
AS IF WE JUST LEFT AND WILL RETURN SHORTLY.*



**FIRES BURNED IN THE FIREPLACE, A JACK-KNIFE
HELD RECENT CORRESPONDENCE IN PLACE ON THE
MANTEL, AND PAPERS WERE SCATTERED ABOUT
THE ROOM.**





THE VISITOR WAS LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT AT ANY MOMENT, WE WILL ENTER, OFFER THE BASKET CHAIR TO THE GUEST, AND SETTLE BACK AS A NEW MYSTERY IS PRESENTED TO US.



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 014 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 015, WE WILL LOOK AT THE USE OF ABDUCTIVE REASONING IN OUR ADVENTURES.



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