

A Compendium of Canonical Characters



The Valley of Fear

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Frank Wiles,
1914

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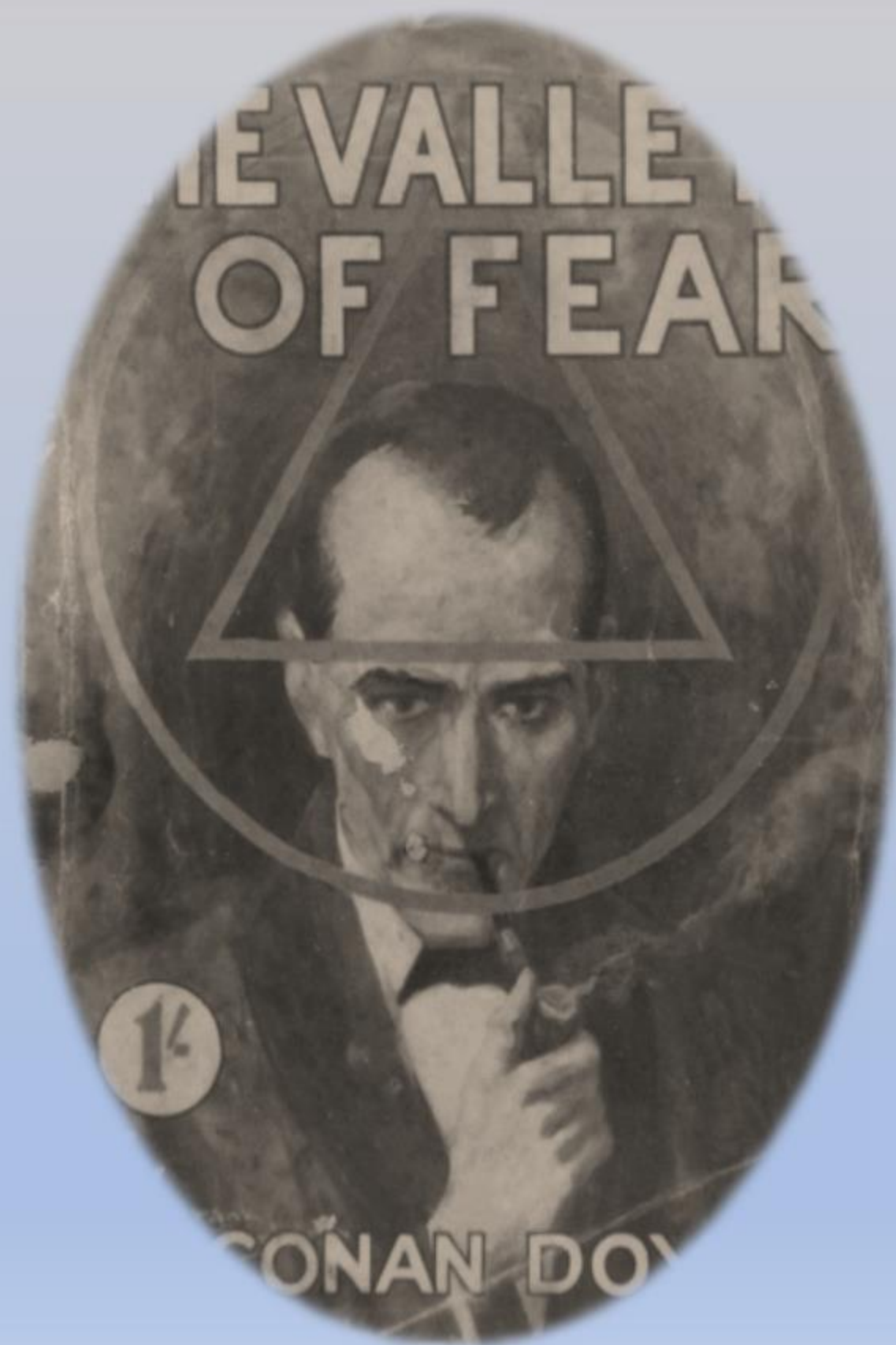


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Fred Porlock sends Holmes a letter saying John Douglas is in danger at Birlstone. Within minutes, Inspector MacDonald comes to consult Holmes on the very issue. However, before anyone can help save him, Douglas is murdered within his study by a shotgun blast in the face. Can Holmes use a missing dumbbell and a tattoo on Douglas' arm to determine the motive for the killing, and whether Mrs. Douglas and Cecil Barker are involved?

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Filmography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
1916	UK	H.A. Sainsbury	Arthur M. Cullin
1968	IT	Nando Gazzolo	Gianni Bonagura

Radiography

<u>Date</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Holmes</u>	<u>Watson</u>
December 31, 1960	BBC	Carleton Hobbs	Norman Shelley
May 24, 1986	BBC	Tim Pigott-Smith	Andrew Hilton
March 07, 1993	NPR	Edward Petherbridge	David Pearl
March 23, 1997	BBC	Clive Merrison	Michael Williams

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Sherlock Holmes



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Holmes received a cipher from Porlock, an agent of Prof. Moriarty, warning him of danger to a rich man who is found murdered.

“Most remarkable! I can hardly recall any case where the features have been more peculiar.”

“The whole story told by Barker is a lie. But Barker's story is corroborated by Mrs. Douglas. Therefore, she is lying also. Why are they lying, and what is the truth which they are trying so hard to conceal?”

“Get him out of England at any cost. There is no safety for your husband in England.”

“There is a master hand here. It is no case of sawed-off shotguns and clumsy six-shooters. You can tell an old master by the sweep of his brush. I can tell a Moriarty when I see one. This crime is from London, not from America.”

“These infernal Scowlers, this cursed vindictive nest of criminals—”

(Harry Saintsbury, *The Valley of Fear*, 1916)

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John Watson

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“I wish you to journey back some twenty years in time, and westward some thousands of miles in space, that I may lay before you a singular and terrible narrative.”

“My eyes lit upon Mrs. Douglas and Barker before they were aware of my presence. Her eyes shone with the joy of living, and her face still quivered with amusement at some remark of her companion. In an instant—but it was just one instant too late—they resumed their solemn masks as my figure came into view.”

“It was the fourth of February in the year 1875. It had been a severe winter, and the snow lay deep in the gorges of the Gilmerton Mountains.”

“The police trial had passed, in which the case of John Douglas was referred to a higher court. So had the Quarter Sessions, at which he was acquitted as having acted in self-defense.”

“Really, Holmes, you are a little trying at times.”

(Gianni Bonagura, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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Moriarty



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“The greatest schemer of all time, the organizer of every deviltry, the controlling brain of the underworld, a brain which might have made or marred the destiny of nations—that's the man!”

“Moriarty rules with a rod of iron over his people. His discipline is tremendous. There is only one punishment in his code. It is death.”

(Daniel Davis, 1988, *Star Trek Next Generation*, “Elementary, My Dear Data”)

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Fred Porlock



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“Porlock, Watson, is a non-de-plume, a mere identification mark; but behind it lies a shifty and evasive personality.”

“Porlock is important, not for himself, but for the great man with whom he is in touch.”

“I will go no further in this matter. It is too dangerous—he suspects me.”

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La Jeune Fille A'legneau



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“The young girl with a
lamb.”

Painting of a young woman
by Jean-Baptiste Greuze, a
French artist who flourished
between 1750 and 1800 that
sold for more than 40
thousand pounds and hung
on the wall behind
Moriarty's desk.

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Inspector Alec MacDonald



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Scotland Yard detective who had distinguished himself in several cases working with Holmes. “A silent, precise man with a dour nature and a hard Aberdonian accent.”

“Mr. Douglas of Birlstone Manor House was horribly murdered last night!”

“Here is a man who slips into a house with the deliberate intention of committing murder.”

(Francesco Sormano, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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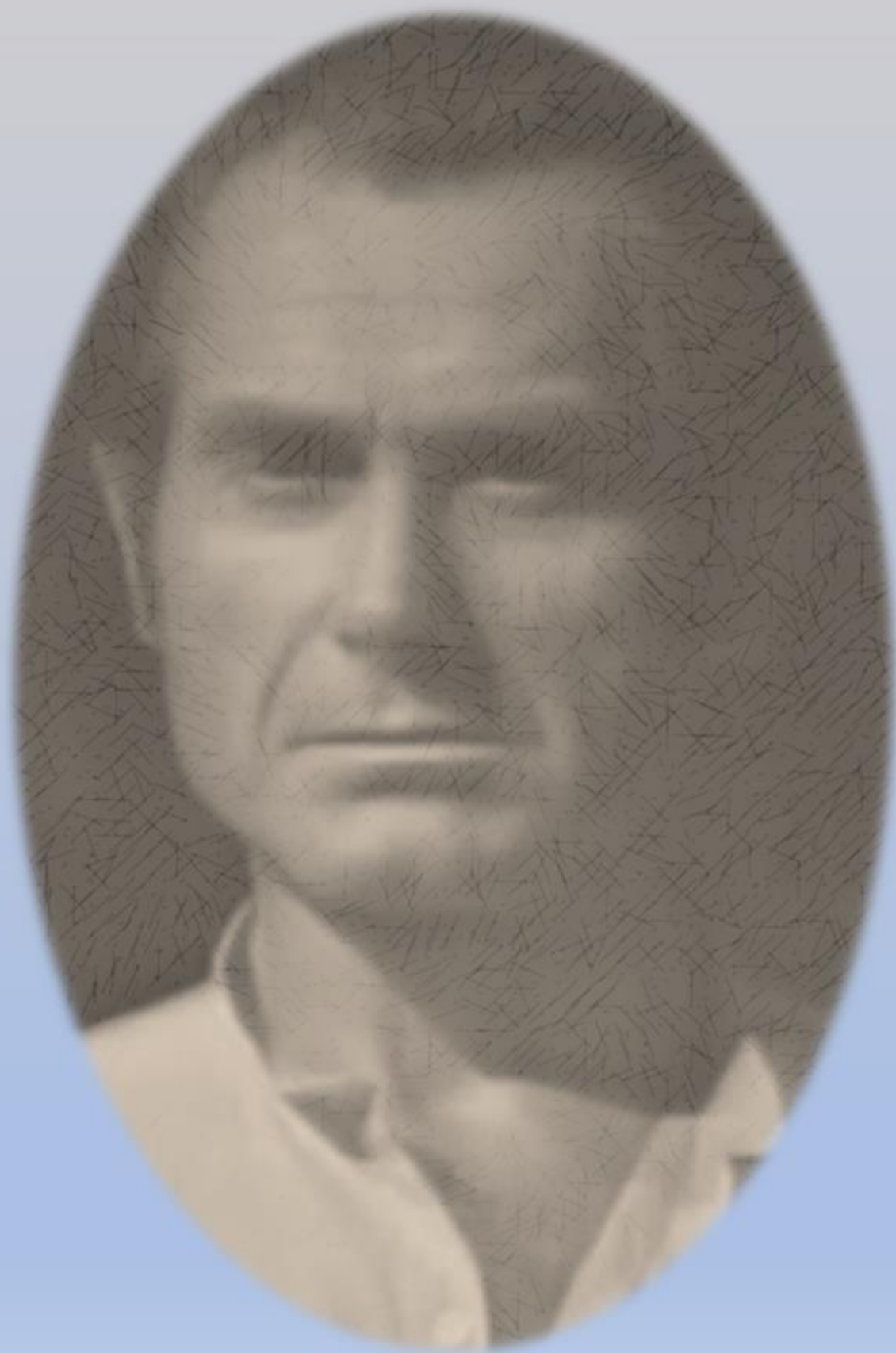
Birlstone detective who contacted Insp. MacDonald to assist in solving Douglas' murder.

“A quiet, comfortable-looking person in a loose tweed suit, with a clean-shaved, ruddy face, a stoutish body, and powerful bandy legs adorned with gaiters.”

“This case is a snorter. Don't waste a moment in getting started. If you can bring Mr. Holmes, please do so; for he will find something after his own heart.”

(Enrico Ostermann, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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John Douglas (McMurdo) / Birdy
Edwards



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Aka Birdy Edwards. First wife died of typhoid.
Apparently, shot in head by a shotgun at his home in
Birlstone in Sussex County.

Pinkerton detective aka John McMurdo, he infiltrated the
Scowrers and later changed his identity to John Douglas.

“About fifty, with a strong-jawed, rugged face, a grizzling
moustache, peculiarly keen gray eyes, and a wiry, vigorous
figure.”

“He appeared to have plenty of money, which was said to
have been gained in the California gold fields.”

“I have been in the Valley of Fear. I am not out of it yet.”

*“I’ve my own good reasons for leaving Chicago, and let that
be enough for you.”*

*“You can keep on saying no, Ettie: the day will come when
you will say yes, and I’m young enough to wait.”*

“Birdy Edwards is here. I am Birdy Edwards!”

(1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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Mrs. Ivy Douglas



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Married widower John Douglas in England.

“She was a beautiful woman, tall, dark, and slender, some twenty years younger than her husband.”

“I have always felt that there was a danger hanging over him. He refused to discuss it with me.”

“There was a name that came continually to his lips. He spoke it with anger and a sort of horror. McGinty was the name—Bodymaster McGinty.”

Wife of John Douglas aka Birdy Edwards. Married Douglas in England after his first wife died. Fled to South Africa on the ship Palmyra.

“Jack has been lost overboard in gale off St. Helena. No one knows how accident occurred.”

(Anna Miserocchi, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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Ames



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Butler for the Douglas family for five years. With respect to Barker, *“But, my word! I had rather not be the man that crossed him!”*

“Yes, indeed. Master always wore his plain gold wedding ring on the little finger of his left hand. That ring with the rough nugget on it was above it, and the twisted snake ring on the third finger. There’s the nugget and there’s the snake, but the wedding ring is gone.”

(Leonardo Severini, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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Cecil James Barker



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Of Hales Lodge, Hampstead. An Englishman of considerable wealth, who was a frequent and welcome visitor at the Manor House and had first known Douglas in America.

“A tall, straight, broad-chested fellow with a clean-shaved, prize-fighter face, thick, strong, black eyebrows, and a pair of masterful black eyes.”

“He imagined that some secret society, some implacable organization, was on Douglas's track, which would never rest until it killed him.”

“I've had bad news—terrible news, Mr. Holmes.”

“It's poor Douglas. They tell me his name is Edwards; but he will always be Jack Douglas of Benito Canyon to me.”

(Mario Erpichini, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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Hargrave



American who registered at Eagle Commercial hotel two days before the murder with a bicycle and a small valise. Was killed by Douglas.

“The valise was London made, and the contents were British; but the man himself was undoubtedly an American. He was a man about five foot nine in height, fifty or so years of age, his hair slightly grizzled, a grayish moustache, a curved nose, and a face which all of them described as fierce and forbidding.”

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Mrs. Allen



Douglas family servant, “a buxom and cheerful person, who relieved the lady of some of her household cares.”

Hard of hearing and didn't hear the shot. Stayed with Mrs. Douglas after her husband was shot.

(Cesarina Gheraldi, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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Sgt. Wilson



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Sussex Constabulary was first police officer to arrive at Manor House to investigate Douglas' death.

"We will touch nothing until my superiors arrive."

"The sergeant picked up a card which lay beside the dead man on the floor. The initials V.V. and under them the number 341 were rudely scrawled in ink upon it."

(Mario Laurentino, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, "The Valley of Fear")

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Mike Scanlan



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Scowrer Lodge 341, roomed
with McMurdo in Vermissa
Valley.

*“There's one bit of advice I'll
give you before we part: If you're
in trouble in Vermissa, go
straight to the Union House and
see Boss McGinty. He is the
Bodymaster of Vermissa Lodge,
and nothing can happen in these
parts unless Black Jack McGinty
wants it.”*

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Ted Baldwin

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Bossman of the Scowrers, the Eminent Order of Freeman. Had a brand on his arm similar to Douglas, a brown triangle around a circle.

One of three assassins who killed mine owner William Hales.

Escaped the scaffold for his role in the Scowrers.

“Maybe Miss Ettie has told you how it is with us?”

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Black Jack McGinty

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Head of the Scowrers, elected to public office, a municipal councilor and a commissioner of roads. Was responsible for the murder of several mine owners and employees. Was hanged after being convicted.

“He was a black-maned giant, bearded to the cheek-bones, and with a shock of raven hair which fell to his collar.”

“You blasted traitor!”

(Nino Pavese, 1968, *Sherlock Holmes*, “The Valley of Fear”)

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Ettie Shafter



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German daughter of Jacob Shafter. Young and singularly beautiful, blonde and fair-haired, married Birdy Edwards in Chicago.

“I loathe [Baldwin] with all my heart; but I fear him also. I fear him for myself; but above all I fear him for father.”

“McMurdo the Scowrer,’ that’s what one of our boarders called you yesterday. It went through my heart like a knife.”

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Evans Potts



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A sly, little gray-haired rat of a man, with a slinking gait and a sidelong glance which was charged with malice.

The County Delegate, living at Hobson's Patch, who had power over several different lodges. Sent Lawler and Andrews to secretly stay with Scanlan and McMurdo prior to their assassination of the Crow Hill manager and mine engineer.

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Captain Marvin



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Captain of mine police in
Vermissa Valley, formerly of
Chicago Central police.
Worked undercover with
Birdy Edwards of the
Pinkerton Detective Agency
to arrest and convict the
Scowrers gang.

*“You're Jack McMurdo of
Chicago, right enough, and
don't you deny it!”*

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Jacob Shafter



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Ran a boarding house in Vermissa Valley and had a daughter, Ettie, who later married Birdie Edwards aka McMurdo.

The Scowrers; "It's a murder society, that's vat it is."

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James Stanger



Journalist at The Vermissa Daily Herald who wrote an editorial about the Reign of Terror in the Coal and Iron District.

“Twelve years have now elapsed since the first assassinations which proved the existence of a criminal organization in our midst.”

Was brutally beaten near death by Baldwin until McMurdo intervened.

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Lawler

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Assassin for Scowrers who carried out 14 commissions of murder.

“An elderly man, shrewd, silent, and self-contained, clad in an old black frock coat, which with his soft felt hat and ragged, grizzled beard gave him a general resemblance to an itinerant preacher.”

Working with Andrews, shot the Crow Hill manager and the mine engineer, Menzies, to death.

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Chester Wilcox



Chief foreman of the Iron Dike Coal Company targeted by McGinty to be assassinated by McMurdo. Married with two children. Had previously shot and killed Scowrer Jim Carnaway in self-defense. Was warned by Edwards to leave his home with his family before Edwards blew up his house.

“He's a hard citizen, an old colour sergeant of the war, all scars and grizzle.”

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Brother Morris



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An elderly Scowrer who spoke out against the attack on journalist James Stanger. Told McMurdo that Birdy Edwards was coming.

“Was it crime last night when a man old enough to be your father was beaten till the blood dripped from his white hairs?”

“I've a secret here, and it is just burning the life out of me. If I tell it, it will mean murder, for sure. If I don't, it may bring the end of us all.”

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Andrews



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31

Assassin for Scowlers who carried out three commissions of murder. “Little more than a boy, frank-faced and cheerful, with the breezy manner of one who is out for a holiday and means to enjoy every minute of it.

Working with Lawler, shot the Crow Hill mine manager and the mine engineer, Menzies, to death.

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Menzies

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The mine engineer
at Crow Hill mine,
a great bearded
Scotchman who was
murdered by
Andrews and
Lawler.

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The Dumb Bell



*“Dumb-bell - there's only one.
Where's the other?”*

*“I don't say that we have
fathomed it - far from it - but
when we have traced the
missing dumb-bell—”*

From within he extracted a
dumb-bell, which he tossed
down to its fellow in the
corner.

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Frederic Dorr Steele,
September, 1917

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