



**W**elcome to the The Hunt For Sherlock! A 3-5 hour puzzle hunt occurring in late December 2025. Below you will find a brief introduction to the narrative and a small puzzle to reveal the starting location for the hunt (and to hopefully get you excited!). This is entirely optional; if you don't want to solve this puzzle, don't worry! Simply check your confirmation email for the correct location.

Good luck and we'll see you at the hunt!

# WELCOME PROTEGES!

## AND THE HUNT BEGINS

### Preface

As Holmes' protege you've learned unique skills!

- How to deduce truth from seemingly unconnected clues.
- How to use disguises to hide your identity.
- and How to stay composed when you open the fridge to find a formaldehyde pig's head sitting on the shelf.

Thankfully, today is your day off! Dr. Watson is in the country with his wife. Holmes has gone out to meet a friend. And you've retired to study with a good book and a spot of tea - as far as you can get from outlandish experiments, and dull eye witness interviews.

Just as you're about to turn the page to Chapter Two, the study door *bursts* open! In the open frame stands Irene Alder. "SHERLOCK," she exclaims, "HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED!"

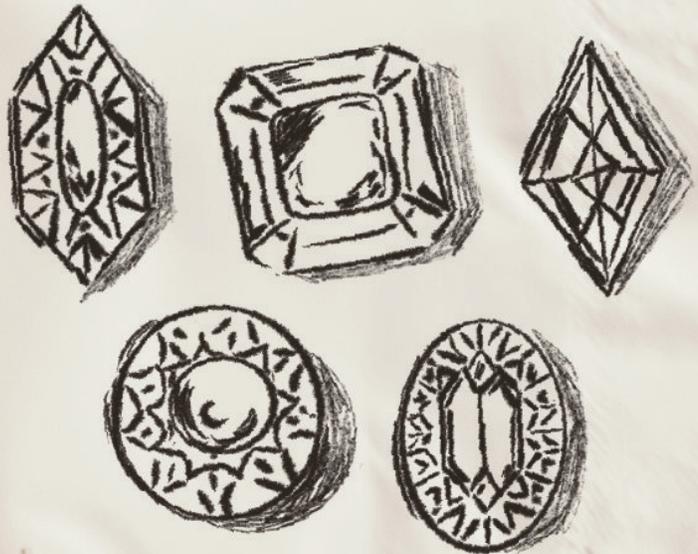


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Irene tells you - through many tears- that for the past several days she and Holmes have been working together to track down **THE PHILIP GEMS**; a valuable, one of a kind gemstone collection owned by the great Madame Philip. It's worth a fortune! And two days ago they were stolen. It's likely that they're being sold on the black market!

Earlier, Holmes called for Irene. "Meet me at the waterfront, I've found the location of the thieves hideout." So Irene left at once, but when she arrived she witnessed Holmes being attacked by three individuals, and forced into a dark car! "Oh, how I watched him struggle, too frightened to move. It was dreadful. And before he was tossed into the car he dropped this." Irene hands you a matchbook. "This was stuffed inside!" She presses a napkin to your palm. "He's in great danger, don't you understand? Those gems are worth millions. I need your help."

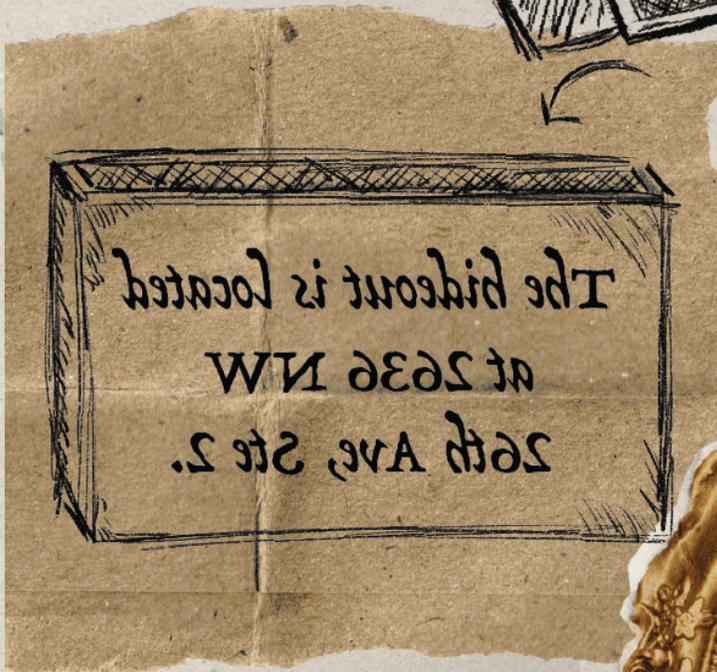
Without hesitation you nod your head. This is what you've been trained for! You grab your casebook, and begin.



*I have found the thieves - and therefore the gems. They are at a hideout, I must go there at once.*

# MY CASEBOOK

*Sherlock says I must start with the clues. He left this matchbook behind for a reason. It will lead me to the hideout, I know it.*



*“To SEE is to REFLECT”*



*This is my opportunity to show Sherlock what he's taught me - and to prove that I am the greatest - second-detective of all time!*