

LESTRADE. Look. You know how this works. Until we can find proof that Priya Singh *didn't* commit these crimes, and more importantly, until we can find out who really *did*, I am bound by law to execute this warrant, which calls for Priya Singh's arrest. I can't be seen to be holding back the investigation. That would land me in prison right next to her. I'd give you more time if I had any left to give. I'm sorry.

SHERLOCK. Don't be. I understand. Come, Watson. We've no time to lose. We should leave the policeman to his crime scene. Good luck solving your case, Inspector Lestrade.

LESTRADE. You too, Miss Holmes.

(SHERLOCK exits. WATSON starts to follow.)

LESTRADE *(cont'd)*. You had to tell her?

WATSON. Yes.

LESTRADE. Fair enough.

(They smile at each other. WATSON exits. LESTRADE takes out his notebook.)

LESTRADE *(cont'd)*. Right then.

(He goes back to one of the dirt smudges SHERLOCK pointed out and starts to take notes.)

MYCROFT enters. He carries a portfolio with him.)

START LESTRADE *(cont'd)*. Hey! I'm very sorry, you can't be in here. Police business.

MYCROFT. Inspector Lestrade. I believe it is past time we made each other's acquaintance.

LESTRADE. Appearing out of nowhere. Sinister introduction. I'm going to go out on a limb here and deduce that you must be Sherlock's brother. You just missed her.

MYCROFT. As was my intention. The murders of Daniel Burke and Frederick Mowbray. You are in charge of both investigations?

LESTRADE. Frederick Mowbray hasn't been made public yet. How did you even know to come here?

MYCROFT. You are aware that my sister has been conducting a private investigation on behalf of your suspect in those cases?

LESTRADE. Yes, I am aware of that.

MYCROFT. The two of you have had a working arrangement for some time. Does it bother you to be at cross-purposes with her now?

LESTRADE. I trust Sherlock to do the right thing in the end. She bends the law as she sees fit, but she'd never break it.

MYCROFT. I wish I shared your confidence. As Sherlock's brother it is my business to keep an eye on what she does. To watch over her shoulder, as it were. I have some concerns regarding certain individuals with whom she has recently come into contact.

LESTRADE. Oh?

MYCROFT. Rabble-rousers like Josephine Butler, to start with. But some others have also given me pause.

(MYCROFT offers the portfolio to LESTRADE.)

LESTRADE. What's this?

MYCROFT. Information.

LESTRADE. I don't want to be a part of your family squabbles, Mr. Holmes.

MYCROFT. Please, Inspector. Contrary to what she may have led you believe, I actually am concerned for her well-being.