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"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed." (Mark 4:22)

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Holmes Meets HPL

We have previously reviewed *Sherlock Holmes in the Dreaming Detective, All-consuming Fire* and *Pulptime,* but have recently discovered some other books ion that special Holmesian/Lovecraftian subgenre.

*Shadows over Baker Street* edited by Michael Reaves and John Pal is a collection of stories, written especially for this publication, described as "Sherlock Holmes enters the dark, nightmare world of H. P. Lovecraft."

"Tiger! Tiger!" by Elizabeth Bear chronicles an early encounter between Col. Sebastian Moran and Irene Adler. "A Case of Royal Blood" by Steven-Elliot Altman has Holmes and H. G. Wells encountering Princess Wilhelmia of the Netherlands' poltergeist and in "The Mystery of the Hanged Man's Puzzle" by Paul Finch, Holmes and Watson save London, like cousin Neyland Smith, from fiends in the sewers.

"Art in the Blood" by Brian Stableford is literally horrible, while "The Horror of the Many Faces" by Tim Lebbon and "A Case of Insomnia" by John P. Vourlis are not so.

In "The Adventure of the Voorish Sign" by Richard A. Lupoff, Holmes and Watson encounter the Wisdom Temple of the Dark Heavens cult. It seems to make a hoax of his "The Enigma of the Warwickshire Vortex", which explained the disappearance of James Phillimore as a hoax involving Ambrose Bierce and Aleister Crowley. "The Mystery of the Worm" by John Pelan retells yet again the Isadora Persano case and "The Adventure of Exham Priory" by F. Gwynplaine MacIntyre revisits Reichenbach.

Both "The Adventure of the Arab's Manuscript" by Michael Reaves and "Death Did Not Become Him" by David Naill Wilson and Patricia Lee Macomber feature Middle Easter atmosphere and villainy.

"The Drowned Geologist" by Caitlin R. Kiernan has a Watson-less Holmes on the Yorkshire coast, while "Nightmare in Wax" by Simon Clark has a Holmes-less Watson trying to identify voices on a wax cylinder found in government archives. "Sherlock Holmes and the Terror Out of Time" by Ralph E. Waughan uses athird person omniscient narrator, rather than Watson, Holmes or Doyle. It features Prof. Challenger (Edward or Edwin) and rationalizes Holmes' hyper-rationalization. A dying sailor, "India Jack" Neville, leaves a mysterious package Maltese Falcon-like, an ugly idol of theKi'M'tollo sect of the Maldives. This pits them against Laslo Bronislav, said to have been called "that devil" by Aleister Crowley and McBane, Prof. Moriarty's chief informant.

Holmes in Hiatus

Another collection, *Sherlock Holmes: the Hidden Years* edited by Michael Kurland, gives the Holmesian scholar grist to chew on concerning the mysterious Great Hiatus, '91 to '94. "The Beast of Guangming Peak" by Michael Malloy is reminiscent of Doyle's not quite supernatural thriller "Horror in the Heights". "Water from the Moon" by Carolyn Wheat has Sigerson on a mission for Mycroft and encountering Louis Leonowens in Siam, while Peter Beagle's "Mr. Sigerson" has him encounter a most interesting character, the concertmaster pf the Greater Bornitz Municipal Orchestra.

"The Mystery of Dr. Thorvald Sigerson" by Linda Robertson improbably puts Sigerson in Alaska. "The Bughouse Caper" by Bill Pronzini has him sleuthing in San Francisco. Michael Collins' "Cross of Gold" also has him in the U. S., but "The Strange Case of the Voodoo Priestess" by Carol Bugge has him most plausibly at Marde Gras in New Orleans solving a mysterious murder.

Michael Kurland's "Reichenbach" is included, as is the classic "God of the Naked Unicorn" by Richard Lupoff, featuring Doc Savage.

"The Adventure of the Missing Detective" by Gary Lovisi is an alternative history, the horror story of a world in which Moriarty beat Holmes and so a fitting transition between the preceding and the following article.

Holmes' Time-traveling

**1881** Holmes pretends to take drugs to cover his time-traveling ("The Greatest Detective of All Time")

**1887** robbery of St. John the Beheaded, Holmes and Watson visit 2010 (*All-Consuming Fire*)

**1891** Homes returns from 2096 to die ("You See But You Do Not Observe")

**1892** plattnerite makes time machine possible Moriarty steals H. G. Wells' time machine (*The Futuristic Sherlock Holmes*)

**1895** Holmes visits Prof. Reg Chronotis ("Shana", "The Adventure of the Three Students")

**1896** Holmes challenged by H. G. Wells to solve 20th century's crimes (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*)

**1899** Holmes and Watson abducted to 2096 ("You See But You Do Not Observe")

**1903** Holmes "retires" to 1896 to becomes full-time Time Patrol agent ("His Last Bow")

**1907** signals from Altair disbelieved rather than that Holmes is dead ("You See But You Do Not Observe")

**1911** Moriarty responsible for assassination of Pyotr Stolypin (*The Futuristic Sherlock Holmes*)

**1920** Holmes solves the Frederick Parmeriter, Alessandro Berardelli and "Dapper Joe" Elwell murder cases (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game:* "The Cobbler and the Fish Peddler")

**1922** Holmes solves the William Desmond Taylor and Crabapple murder cases (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Director's Demise" and "The Crabapple Killings")

**1923** Holmes solves the Dorothy "Dot" King murder case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Flapper's Last Bunny Hop")

**1925** Holmes shares elixir with Watson ("The Adventure of the Extraterrestrial")

**1927** Holmes visited by H. G. Wells (*The Futuristic Sherlock Holmes*)

**1928** Holmes pursues Moriarty to Dreamland (*"The Adventure of the Dreaming Detective"*), Holmes solves Arnold "The Brain" Rothstein murder (*The Sherlock Holmes Time Travel Game*: "The Bullet for Mr. Big")

**1932** Holmes solves the Lindbergh kidnapping case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Gam*e: "The Ricketty Ladder")

**1934** Holmes solves the mysterious "death" of John Dillinger (S*herlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game:* "The Lady in Red",)

**1940** Moriarty assassinates Lev Davidovich "Leon Trotski" Bronstein (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**1943** Holmes solvesthe Sir Harry Oakes murder case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The 'Black Mack' Murder")

**1947** Holmes solves the Elizabeth "Black Dahlia" Short murder case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine*)

**1948** Moriarty responsible for assassination of Mahatma Gandhi (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**1951** Moriarty assassinates King Abdallah (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**1955** Holmes solves the Serge Rubenstein murder case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Napoleon of Fifth Avenue")

**1963** Holmes solves the Lee Harvey Oswald murder case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Camelot Conspiracy"), Moriarty behind assassination of JFK (*Time for Sherlock Holmes, Replay*)

**1966** Holmes solves Cheri Jo Bates murder case (*Sherlock Holmes Time Machine Game*: "The Zodiac Crimes")

**1968** Moriarty assassinates Martin Luther King, Jr. (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*), Holmes solves David Faraday and Betty Lou Jensen murder case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Zodiac Crimes")

**1969** Holmes solves the Darlene Ferrin, Bryan Hartnell, Cecilia Shepherd and Paul Stine murder cases (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Zodiac Crimes")

**1970** Holmes solves the Kathleen Johns murder case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Zodiac Crimes")

**1971** Holmes finds "D. B. Cooper" but not $200,000 (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game:* "The Four Parachutes")

**1973** Holmes solves the Watergate break-in case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Unknown Informant")

**1975** Holmes solves the Jimmy Hoffa disappears case (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The Vanished Teamster")

**1977** Holmes solves the mysterious "death" of Elvis Presley (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*: "The King's Last Exit", "Men In Black II", *Mostly Harmless*), Holmes solves popularity of "Three's Company" (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Travel Game*: "Jack the Tripper")

**1981** Moriarty assassinates Anwar Sadat (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**1991** Moriarty assassinates Letitia Chalmers, Lily Cantrell leads Watson into trap, "Sam Hudwell" leads Moriarty into trap (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**1994** Holmes solves the Nicole Brown-Simpson and Ronald Goldman murders (*Sherlock Holmes: The Time Machine Game*)

**2001** Holmes notices periodicity between Moriarty sightings after Phitsanulok assassination (*Time for Sherlock Holmes,* "The Loathsome Mandarin and the Trained Penguin"), Holmes and Watson kidnapped by Xavier Akastra from 1894, Spensor Wade lives to marry Riley Willow ("Unexpected Visitors in Time")

**2010** Holmes and Watson from 1887 attend Jason Kane-Bernice Summerfield wedding (*Happy Endings*), Holmes and Watson from 1895 (*No Place Like Holmes*: "Moving Forward")

**2014** Moriarty assassinates Junior Rex (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**2019** Moriarty assassinates Johnny Wu, Holmeses and "Mrs. and Dr. Hamish MacWatt" move to Libration Satellite (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**2031** Sir John Morgenthaler assassinated (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**2032** "Meesian" and "Siger Sherringford" on Mars (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**2042** Kambayashi assassinated, but not by Moriarty, attempt made on "Siger Sherrinford" (Mycroft) (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**2071** Moriarty assassinates Philo Tremussen (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**2096** Holmes and Watson abducted from 1891 ("You See But You Do Not Observe")

**2125** Erawaziran Mok'r murdered, Holmes and "Watson" and dolphin detective Tarkummuwa ("The Adventure of the Illegal Alien")

**2155** Holmes's analysis of Martian sand published by University of Hermes Press ("The Greatest Detective of All Time")

**2170** Moriarty clone exploded by Meesian IV robot (*Time for Sherlock Holmes*)

**2249** Holmes from 1891 patched up by Rigillian Dr. Wt’sn on New Texas (BraveStarr: "Sherlock Holmes in the Twenty-third Century")

**3069** Saron Hate murders (*Live Freaky, Die Freaky*) solved by Holmes

**3386** Holmes' most consistent and delightful clients ("The Greatest Detective of All Time")

**4999** limit of datafile implanted in Holmes and Watson by 33rd century time police ("The Greatest Detective of All Time")