

## TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE "a brain of the first order" [FINA]

*In "The Final Problem," Sherlock Holmes said Professor Moriarty was "a genius, a philosopher, an abstract thinker."*

*He also said, "Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself; but talent instantly recognizes genius," in **The Valley of Fear**.*

*Interestingly, those are both stories in which Moriarty played a role.*

*It seems fairly certain how Sherlock Holmes considered himself compared with the professor.*

*But when it came to sharing his observations -not only on his arch-nemesis, but on his method of observation and logic - Holmes was only too willing to give a monologue.*

*Watson's role was one of audience member*

*rather than flat-mate or colleague.*

*It was clear Holmes needed to give his soliloquies to someone, and Watson was the perfect foil.*

*William James wrote:*

*"Geniuses differ from ordinary men less in the character of their attention than in the nature of the objects upon which it is successively bestowed."*

*And it seemed clear Holmes's attention was on the problems at hand, rather than on his sole friend.*

*And it looks like the boys of Baker Street Elementary got an early clue about that behavior...*

**SO YOU ARE CONVINCED THERE IS A  
MYSTERIOUS BEING BEHIND ALL THE  
PETTY THEFTS AND OTHER SHENANIGANS  
OCCURING ON THE PLAYGROUND.**



**YES, THIS NAPOLEON OF CRIME'S TRUE  
IDENTITY STILL ELUDES ME.**

**MASTER MORIARTY.**



**WHILE HE SITS MOTIONLESS, LIKE A SPIDER IN THE CENTRE OF ITS WEB, I WILL DO ALL I CAN DO TO DISCOVER HIM...**

**JAMES MORIARTY, SON OF THE HEADMASTER.**



WHILE HE MAY SEE EVERY STEP WHICH  
I TAKE TO DRAW MY TOILS ROUND  
HIM, I WILL ULTIMATELY SUCCEED.

...HAS TWO BROTHERS,  
BOTH NAMED JOHN.

uhh... HOLMES...



**PART OF THE DIFFICULTY LIES IN THE FACT  
HE DOES LITTLE HIMSELF... HE ONLY PLANS.**

**LARGE FOREHEAD... EXCELS  
IN MATHEMATICS.**



**IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC, I  
CHEERFULLY ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE.**

**MIGHT AS WELL  
BE TALKING TO  
THE WALL...**

**I HAVE SIMILAR  
FEELINGS FROM  
TIME TO TIME,  
MASTER LES...**

