

POOR HELPLESS WORMS

"I wish you luck with your worm" [VALL]

Dr. Watson is famous for the number of tantalizing unpublished cases he mentions throughout the Sherlock Holmes tales.

We actually had a monthly feature on our discussion show regarding some of the unpublished cases (you can find the playlist here).

In the opening of "The Problem of Thor Bridge," we come across a three particularly tantalizing stories:

"Among these unfinished tales is that of Mr. James Phillimore, who, stepping back into his own house to get his umbrella, was never more seen in this world. No less remarkable is that of the cutter Alicia, which sailed one spring morning into a small patch of mist from where she never again emerged, nor was anything further ever heard of herself and her crew. A third case worthy of note is that of Isadora Persano, the well-known journalist and duellist, who

was found stark staring mad with a match box in front of him which contained a remarkable worm said to be unknown to science."

The final case is one of the most extraordinary allusions Watson has ever made.

*It has been the subject of numerous pastiches, the earliest of which, "The Adventure of the Remarkable Worm" by Stuart Palmer, was part of **The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes**, edited by Ellery Queen.*

It is a brilliant and ingenious take on the mystery.

*If you had the opportunity to see **The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes**, the story of Isadora Persano was central to the mystery visitors are asked to solve.*

Meanwhile, we need to see how the worm turns at Baker Street Elementary...

MASTER STAMFORD, IT IS PERFECTLY
NATURAL TO BE A LITTLE SQUEAMISH
ABOUT DISSECTING A WORM.

YUCK !!



**THINK HOW IT WILL HELP YOU
UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH A SIMPLE
CREATURE CAN EXIST...**

**I THINK I
AM GOING
TO THROW
UP !!**



... OR IT MAY HELP IN YOUR
FURTHER STUDIES...

SO MUCH
FOR LUNCH
TODAY.



... AND OF COURSE HOW JEALOUS
MASTER HOLMES WILL BE FOR NOT
GETTING TO DISSECT ONE...

CAN I TAKE IT
TO HIM WHEN
WE'RE DONE AND
SHOW HIM ?

