

## A LITTLE TOO SCIENTIFIC

### "Now we have the Sherlock Holmes' test" [STUD]

*From the moment we first meet Sherlock Holmes, we know he feels at home in a laboratory.*

*When Watson asked Stamford who the person was who said he was looking for comfortable rooms at a reasonable price, Stamford answered,*

*"A fellow who is working at the chemical laboratory up at the hospital."*

*He goes on to describe Sherlock Holmes:*

*"Holmes is a little too scientific for my tastes—it approaches to cold-bloodedness. I could imagine his giving a*

*friend a little pinch of the latest vegetable alkaloid, not out of malevolence, you understand, but simply out of a spirit of inquiry in order to have an accurate idea of the effects. To do him justice, I think that he would take it himself with the same readiness. He appears to have a passion for definite and exact knowledge."*

*And of course, over the course of his time with Watson, Holmes continued pursue knowledge via experiments.*

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### [STUD] (continued)

*The opening scene of "The Naval Treaty," for example, finds Holmes at work on a chemical investigation at his side-table:*

*A formidable array of bottles and test-tubes, with the pungent cleanly smell of hydrochloric acid, told me that he had spent his day in the chemical work which was so dear to him.*

*"Well, have you solved it?" I asked as I entered.*

*"Yes. It was the bisulphate of baryta."*

*In "A Case of Identity," Holmes's attention was so taken by his experiments he missed the point of Watson's question about his progress on the case:*

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*spent his day in the chemical work which was so dear to him.*

*"Well, have you solved it?" I asked as I entered.*

*"Yes. It was the bisulphate of baryta."*

*And we should never forget the self-experimentation inflicted upon Watson and himself Holmes undertook in "The Devil's Foot."*

*Holmes was a creature of habit, as Watson observed.*

*And he simply could not kick himself of the habit of experiments.*

*Meanwhile, at Baker Street Elementary, the boys discover if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate...*

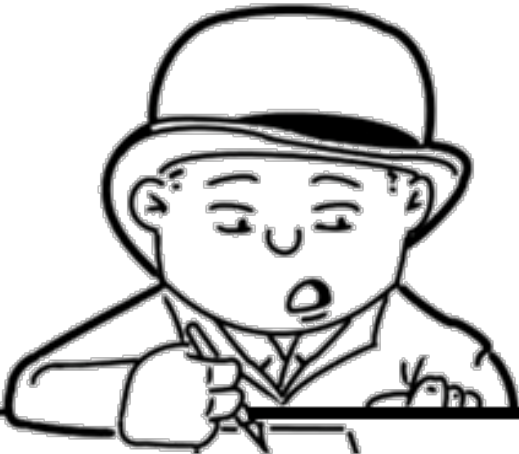
**OUR EXPERIMENT IS JUST  
ABOUT COMPLETED...**

**PLEASE REMOVE ME FROM  
THE PHRASE 'OUR  
EXPERIMENT'.**



**YOU HAVE ALREADY  
BLOWN UP TWO LABS,  
AND SINGED OFF EVERY  
HAIR OFF OF OUR HEADS  
IN THE PAST...**

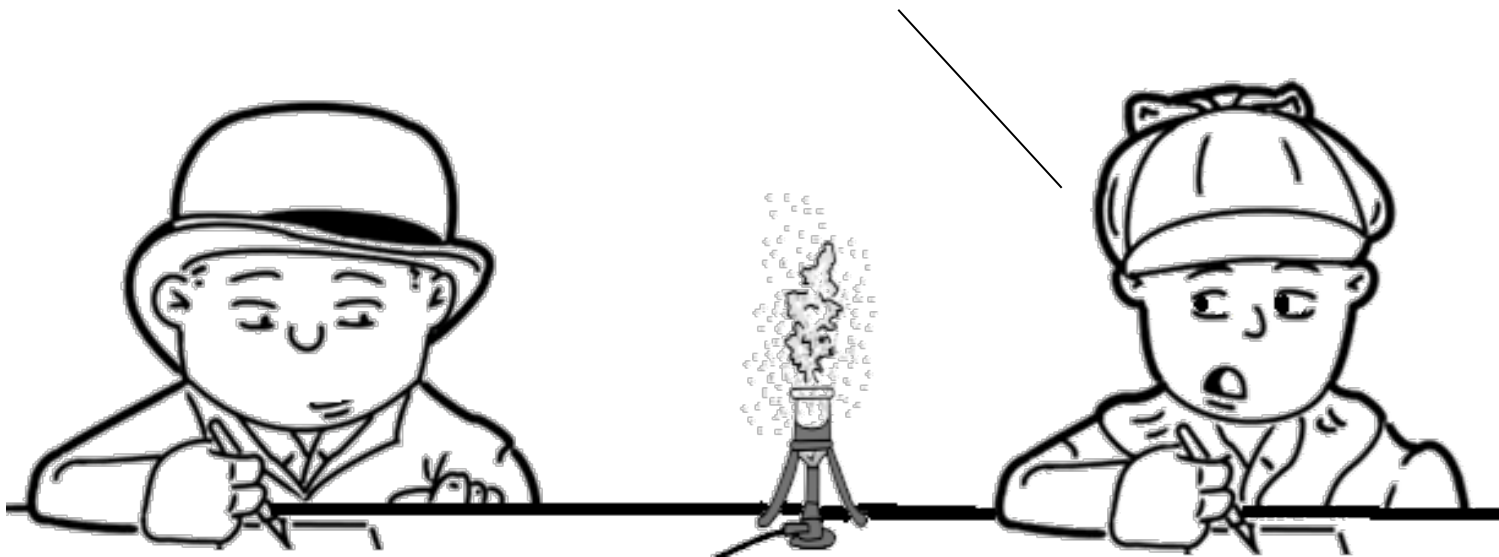
**SCIENCE IS  
PAINFUL...**



**REMEMBER THE TENETS OF ALL GREAT  
CHEMISTS:**

**IF AN EXPERIMENT IS SUCCESSFUL,  
SOMETHING HAS GONE TERRIBLY WRONG...**

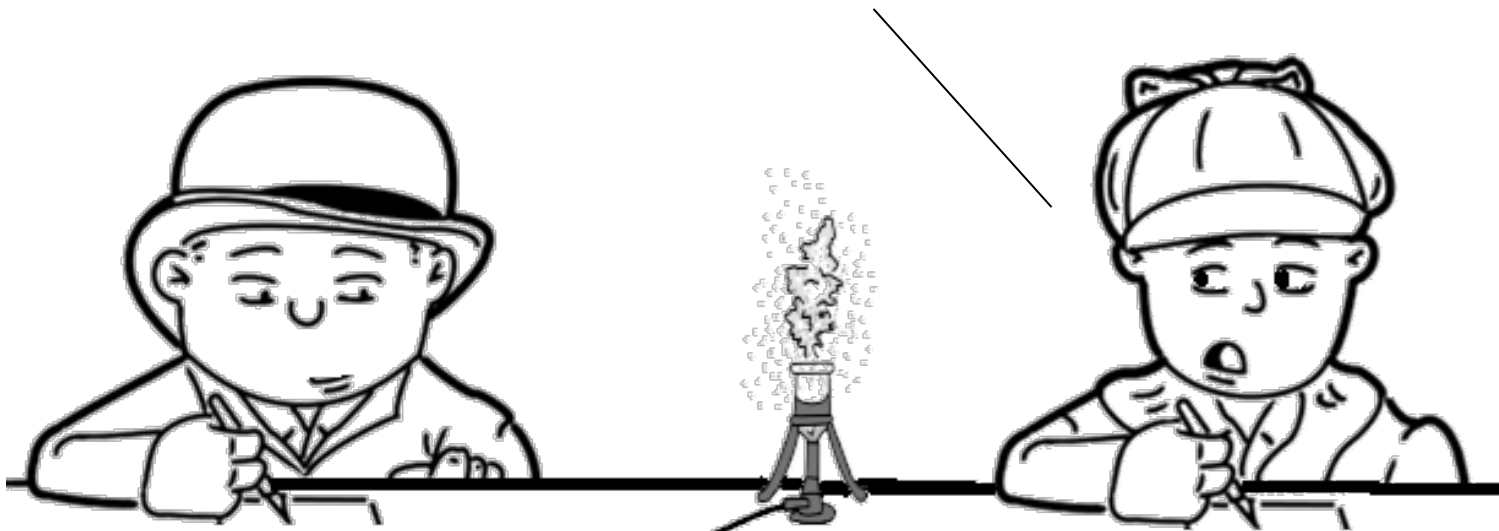
**WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING,  
AT LEAST DO IT NEATLY...**



**ADDITIONALLY, IN CASE OF DOUBT, MAKE IT  
SOUND CONVINCING...**

**DO NOT SIMPLY BELIEVE IN MIRACLES... RELY  
ON THEM...**

**AND FINALLY, A FAILED EXPERIMENT CAN  
SERVE AS A NEGATIVE EXAMPLE.**



IMAGINE IF WE  
ARE SUCCESSFUL  
IN DETERMINING  
HOW TO  
IDENTIFY  
HAEMOGLOBIN  
FROM BLOOD...

IMAGINE IF YOU TWO  
ACTUALLY DID THE  
ASSIGNED EXPERIMENT,  
CREATING A LIQUID  
SOAP, MASTER  
HOLMES...



**IT IS  
STARTING TO  
BOIL  
VIOLENTLY...**

**OH WATSON, DON'T  
OVERREACT (NO PUN  
INTENDED)**





PHOENIX

HOW LONG WOULD  
YOU ESTIMATE I WILL  
BE BLUE-TINTED ?

MAYBE WE COULD  
MAKE THE SOAP AND  
SEE IF THAT DOES  
THE TRICK...

