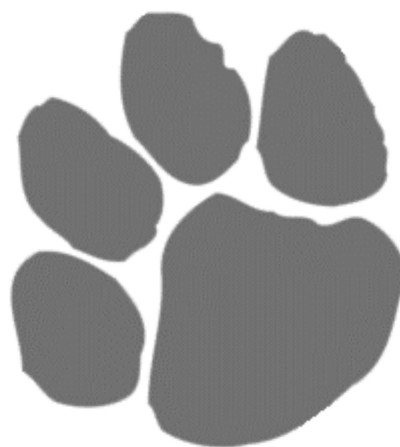


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Gregson



Paget



Holmes



Doyle



Newnes



Lestrade



Watson



Stamford



Morley



Cast of Characters

**MA'AM... YESTERDAY,
YOU SAID HISTORY
REPEATS ITSELF... WHY
CAN'T WE JUST LEARN
ABOUT THE FIRST
HUNDRED YEARS OR SO?**



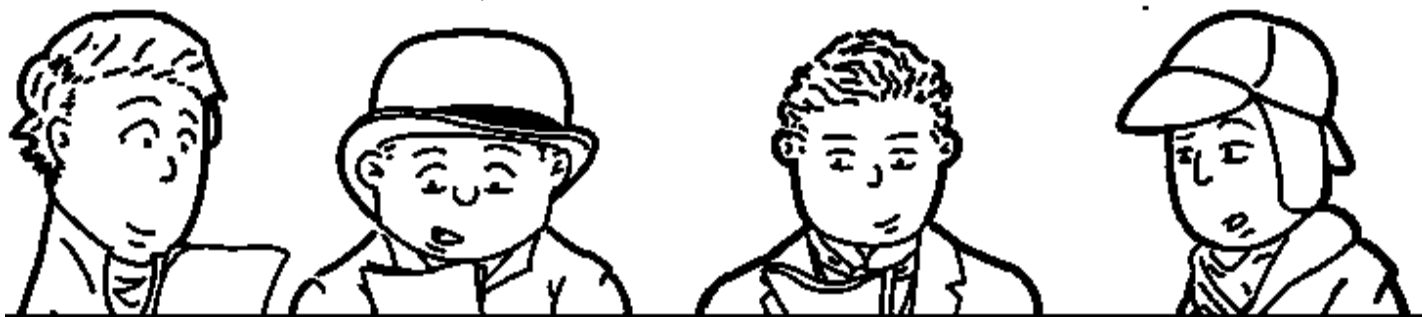
AND WHAT EPISTLE IS ENGROSSING US TODAY, PRAY TELL?

*IT IS THE FIRST DISPATCH FROM
SCOTT AND BURT OF THE STATES.*



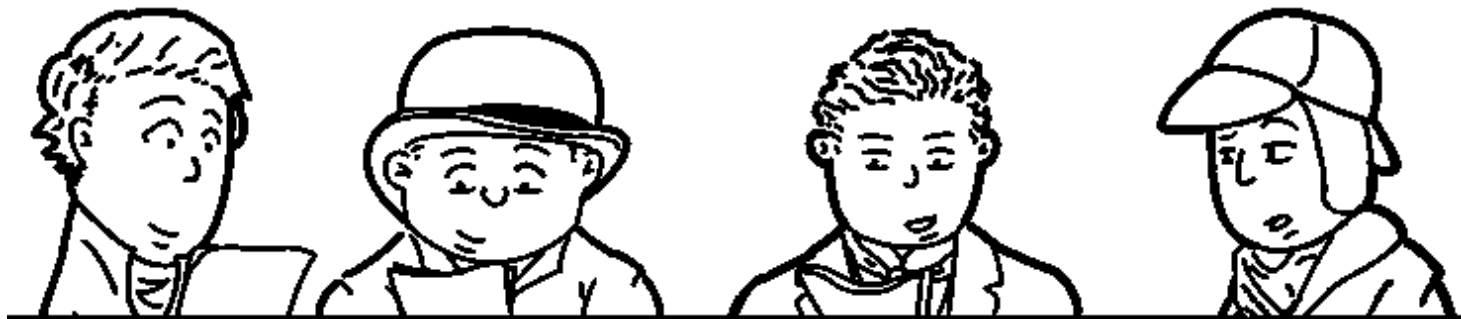
IT'S CALLED I-H-O-S-E.

I-H-O-S-E?



*SURE, 'I HEAR OF SHAKESPEARE EVERYWHERE'...
THEY WILL BE PROVIDING ALL THINGS
SHAKESPEAREAN TO DEVOTEES WORLDWIDE.*

SHAKESPEARE??



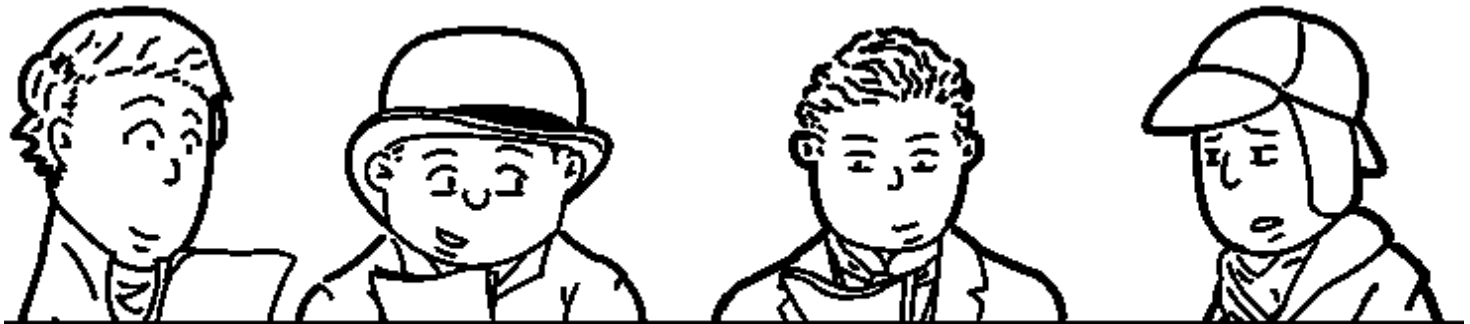
THESE DISPATCHES WILL BE QUITE THE
CRAZE FOR YEARS TO COME.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES
PERPETUATING LONG-DEAD AUTHORS
IS GETTING OUT OF HAND... I THINK
I WILL STICK WITH MORE MODERN
STORIES, SUCH AS DUPIN.



*I'M NOT SURE HOLMES... FAN CLUBS
SEEM TO BE THE WAY OF THE FUTURE.*

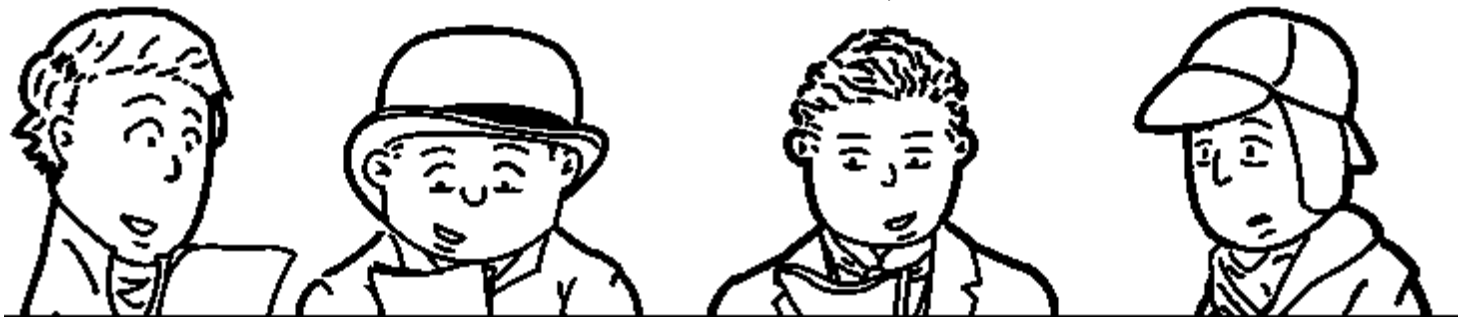
*WAY OF THE FUTURE?
OVER MY DEAD BODY.*



OH, I THINK WE COULD ARRANGE THAT.

MAYBE AN ACCIDENTAL FALL.

I KNOW OF A FEW 'PRIME' FALLS.



**SO OF COURSE, SHERLOCK,
JOHN, IGNATIUS, AND EVEN
LESTRADE ALL RECEIVED AN
'A' ON THE MATH TEST.**



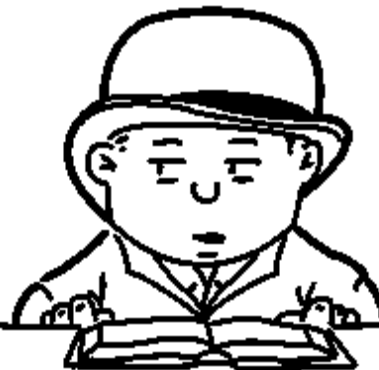
**TEACHERS ALWAYS
SAY THESE TESTS
SEPARATE THE MEN
FROM THE BOYS.**



I MAY NEVER REACH PUBERTY!



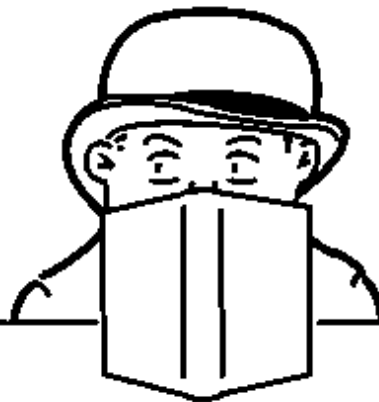
*SIR, I CONFESS WE HAVE DONE YOU A TREMENDOUS
INJUSTICE... SADLY, WE MISSED THE CELEBRATION OF
'TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY' LAST OCTOBER.*



*SO MASTER HOLMES, WHAT DOES 'TEACHER
APPRECIATION DAY' MEAN TO YOU?*



*IT MEANS I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD
ATTEMPT TO EDUCATE US WITH MORE ENTHUSIASM.*



HOLMES, WHAT MISCHIEF ARE YOU PLOTTING NOW?

CREATING VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS, OF COURSE.



**VALENTINE DAY CARDS? FOR GIRLS? I
THOUGHT YOU DISDAINED GIRLS.**

**DON'T BE SILLY WATSON. I AM NOT AFTER
GIRLS' AFFECTION... I AM AFTER THE SWEETS
THAT ARE RETURNED FOR THESE CARDS.**



OH... GUESS THAT EXPLAINS YOUR ENLISTMENT
OF THE YOUNG'UNS TO AID YOU.

CORRECT... I'VE LEARNED GIRLS ANTICIPATE
RECEIVING THESE CARDS... SIMPLE CHOICE OF
WORDS, HERE AND THERE, AND WE REAP THE
BENEFITS... WITH THE YOUNG'UNS HELP, THERE
IS MORE HOPE FOR DELECTABLE REWARDS.



OH, HOLMES, THIS IS SO MORALLY WRONG... IGNATIUS?

*HELLO JOHN... ARE YOU HERE TO
ASSIST IN OUR ENDEAVOUR?*



HELP? HOLMES, WHO ELSE PARTICIPATES
IN THIS OPERATION OF YOURS?

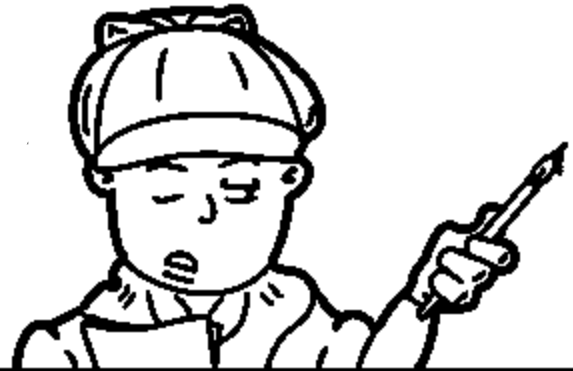
STAMFORD IS INCLUDED... CARE TO JOIN US IN
THIS 'LITTLE OPERATION'? WE ANTICIPATE
ENOUGH CANDY TO LAST US THROUGH SPRING...
YOU WILL GET A SHARE OF THE PROCEEDS.



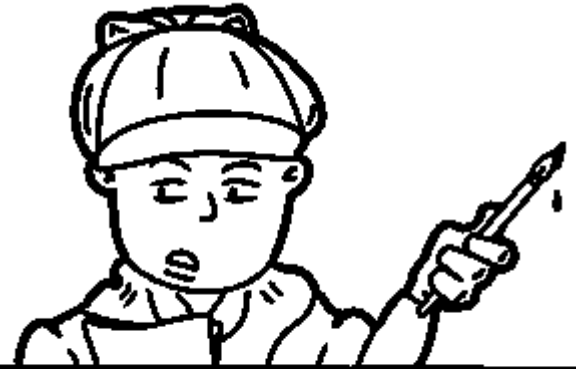
HAND ME A PEN...



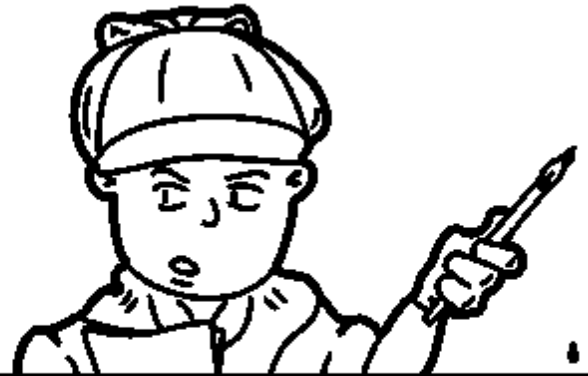
*AS BULWER-LYTTON COINED, "THE PEN
MAY BE MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD..."*



BUT ON THE OTHER HAND...

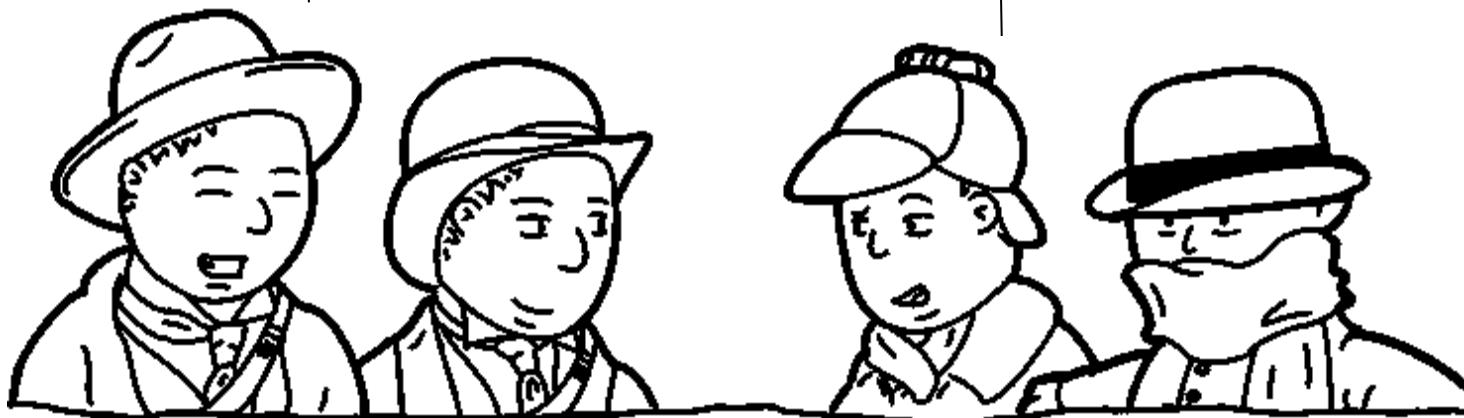


A SWORD WON'T LEAK ALL OVER YOUR DESK...



**HALLOA, GREGSON, LESTRADE... WHAT
IS WITH THE BADGES AND BELTS?**

**WE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED PREFECTS
FOR THE SCHOOL... THE BADGES REFLECT
THE AUTHORITY BESTOWED ON US.**



PREFECT FOR THE SCHOOL?

WELL, PRIMARILY... WE ARE TO
KEEP AN EYE ON YOU, SHERLOCK.



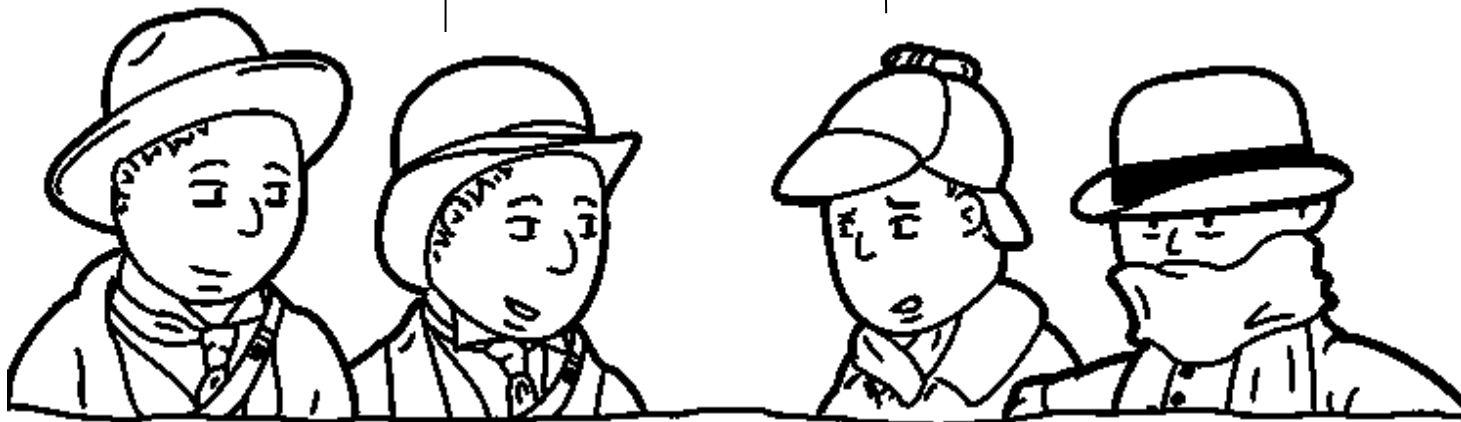
WATCH HOLMES? WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO DO THAT?

WELL, FOR STARTERS, THERE WAS THE
EXPLOSION THAT TOOK OUT THE LAB...
THE RIOT YOU STARTED WITH THE GIRLS,
BY WEARING THAT AWFUL OUTFIT.



IT WAS A MASTER DISGUISE.

OF COURSE, LET'S NOT FORGET
THE GREAT YOUNG'UN INCIDENT.



WAIT... GREAT YOUNG'UN INCIDENT? THERE WAS A GREAT ONE?

SHERLOCK DECIDED TO CREATE A VERY
POTENT CAFFEINE CONCOCTION AND SERVED
IT TO THE YOUNG'UNS' POOR PROFESSOR
CORAM... HE WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.



HOLMES, PLEASE DO NOT TELL ME YOU WERE JUST
BORED AND NEEDED SOMETHING TO AMUSE YOURSELF.

WELL...

WE WILL BE SEEING YOU
AROUND, SHERLOCK.



*HALLOA, JOHN... COME TO INSPECT OUR
HAUL FROM THIS MORNING'S RAID?*

JUST THIS MORNING? THAT IS IMPRESSIVE.



WITH KEEN INTUITION, DEDICATION TO HARD
WORK, AND A GOOD ANONYMOUS TIP...

...ANONYMOUS... TIP?
FROM WHOM... WOULD...



WHOM? WELL NOW, DEAR JOHN, THAT WOULD DEFEAT
THE PURPOSE OF 'ANONYMOUS', NOW WOULDN'T IT?

ummm... THAT BAG... IT IS
FAIRLY LARGE... WHERE
WAS IT OBTAINED?



IT'S A GREAT SEIZE... MAYBE IT'S PART OF THE GREAT GOLD ROBBERY,
OR FORGOTTEN SECRET TREASURE FOR A LOST AGE... JUST THINK,
THIS SACK OF COINS WAS JUST BURIED IN THE PLAY YARD.

PLAY YARD? OH... THAT CANNOT BE...



NOW, WE JUST NEED TO FIND WHO
WOULD STASH A BAG OF COINS IN THE...

BUTTONS?

WAIT... NOT BUTTONS.



WHAT'S THAT?

ARE WE HAVING AN EARTHQUAKE?

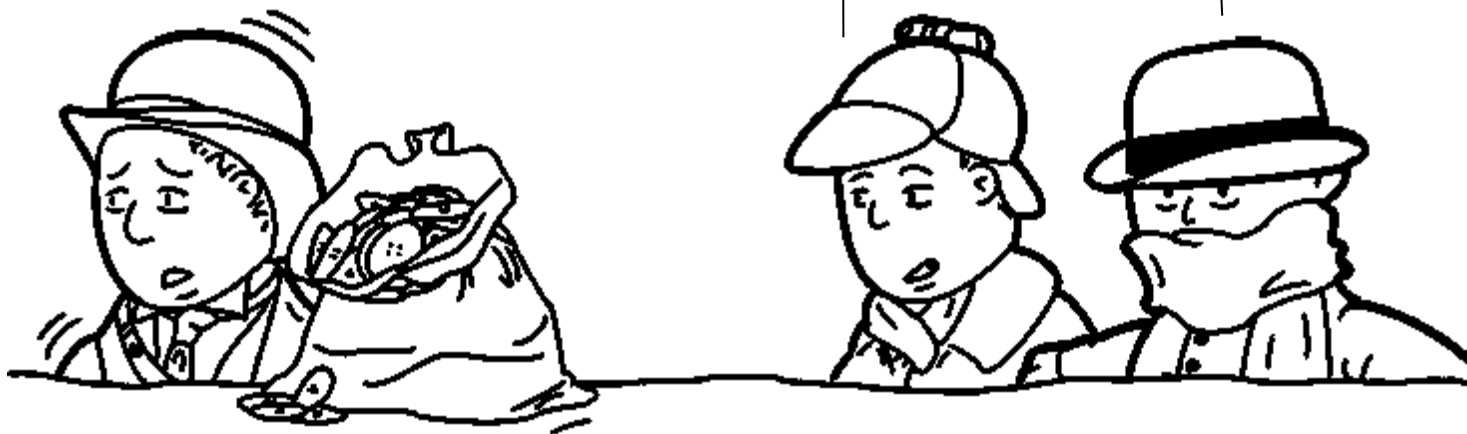
IF ONLY... I FEAR YOU HAVE
INCURRED THE WRAITH OF
THE YOUNG'UNS.



WAIT GREGSON, SURELY, WE CAN REASON WITH THEM...

HURRY 'PERFECTS'... BEFORE THE HORDES CATCH YOU...

HOLMES... WHAT ARE
YOU DOING... WAIT,
DO NOT TELL ME.



NOW THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM OCCUPIED FOR A BIT.

BY THE WAY, IT'S 'PREFECTS'...
WHY ALL THIS WORK, EVEN
PROVIDING THE TIP, I PRESUME.

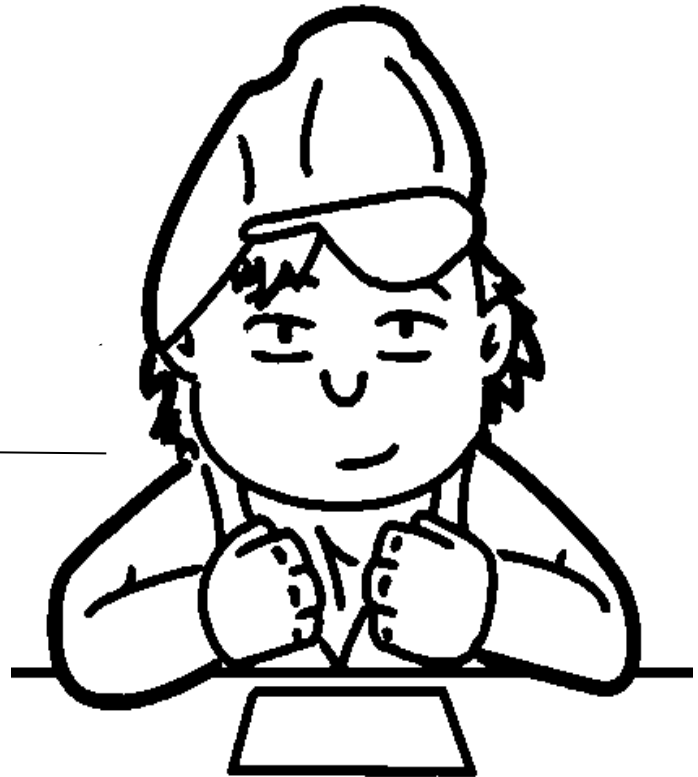


'PREFECTS', 'PERFECTS'... YOU KNOW I CANNOT WORK
WITH PRYING EYES... THIS SHOULD GIVE US TIME
TO INITIATE OUR NEXT GRAND EXPERIMENT.

YOU SCARE ME MORE AND MORE!



*GREAT PHILOSOPHERS
BELIEVE "SUCCESS
RESULTS WHEN SKILL
INTERSECTS WITH
OPPORTUNITY."*

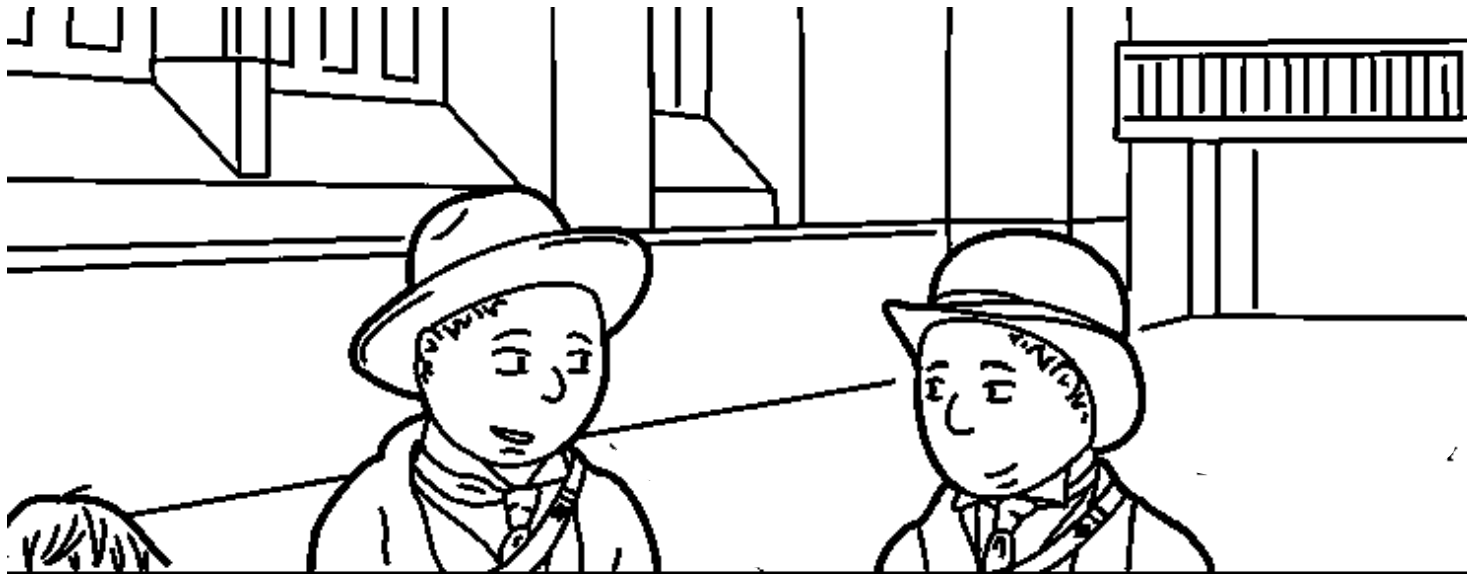




eeek...

THEY NEVER TELL YOU
"FAILURE IS WHEN
FANTASY INTERSECTS
WITH REALITY."





***SO, PREFECT LESTRADE, HOW WAS YOUR FIRST TWO
WEEKS MAINTAINING SAFETY WITHIN THE HALLOWED
WALLS OF OUR FINE INSTITUTION?***



NOT SO WONDERFUL... STUDENTS DON'T SEE TO
HAVE MUCH RESPECT FOR THE BADGE.



YES, HOOLIGANISM SEEMS TO
RUN RAMPANT ALL AROUND US.

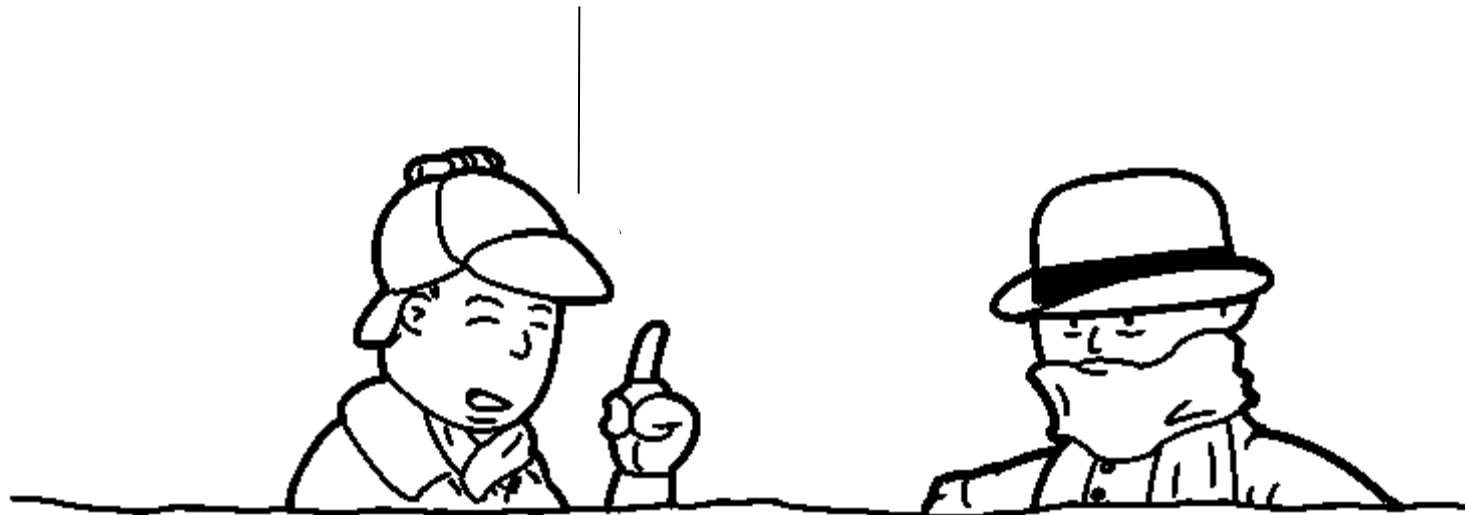
HEY, DON'T MAKE ME
COME OVER THERE!!



I'M SURE RESPECT
WILL GROW OVER
TIME, AS WE EARN IT.

I BET WHEN WE GROW UP,
AND BECOME REAL OFFICERS
OF THE LAW, EVERYONE WILL
RESPECT US... EVEN THAT
KNOW-IT-ALL, HOLMES!

**ONE OF MY TENETS TO REMEMBER... TO MAKE A
RATIONAL DECISION, THE DECISION MUST BE
BASED ON WISDOM AND COMMON SENSE.**



AND WHERE EXACTLY DOES COMMON SENSE ORIGINATE?

*IT COMES FROM THE EXPERIENCE
EACH OF US HAVE IN OUR LIVES.*



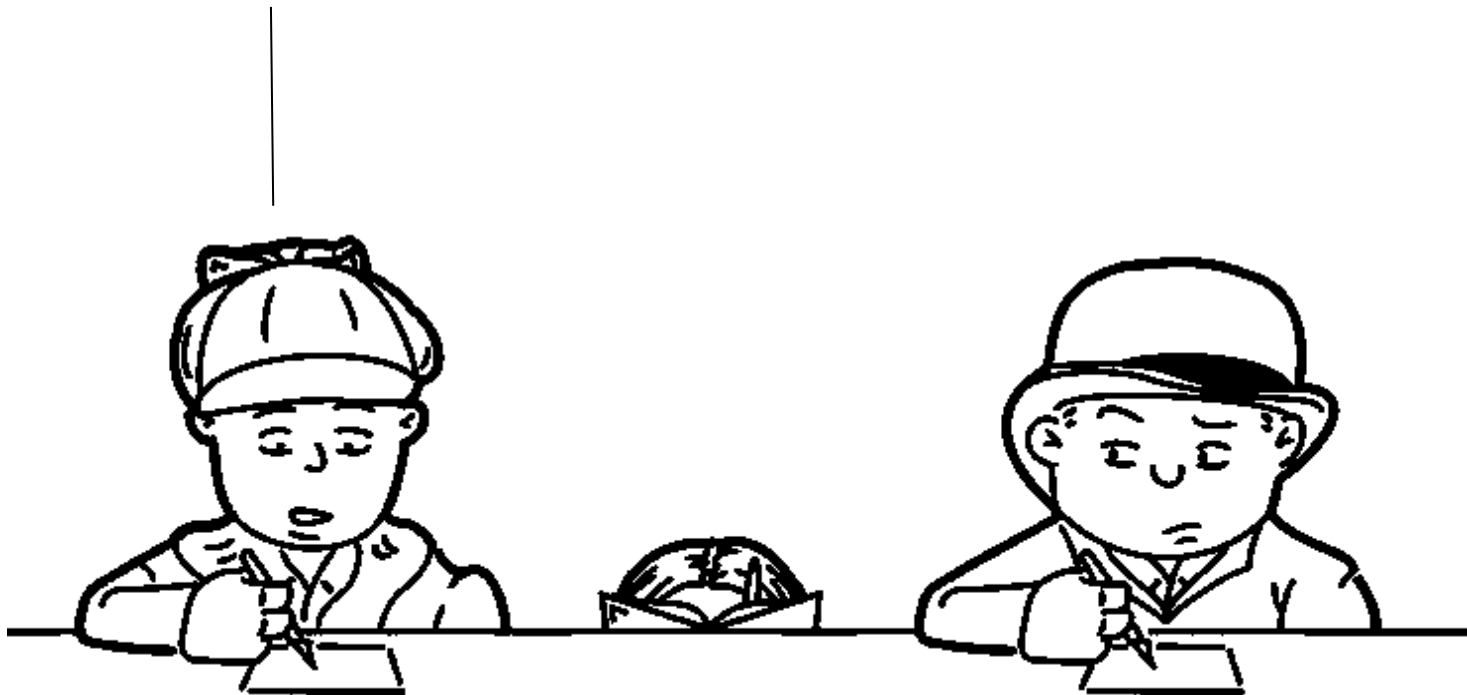
THAT SEEMS PRACTICAL... SO WHERE DO
THOSE EXPERIENCES COME FROM?



NORMALLY, FROM NOT USING COMMON SENSE.

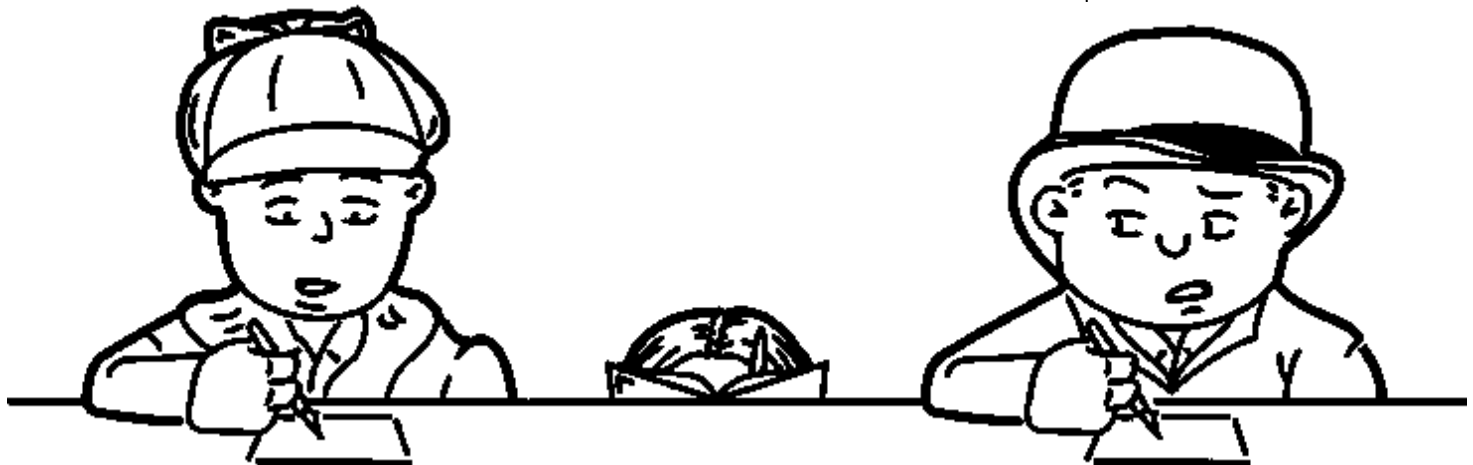


*AND THAT IS HOW I KNEW IT WAS NOT POISON, BUT JUST
ANOTHER POTENTIAL VICTIM OF MRS. HUDSON'S PLUM PUDDING.*



WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?

*RECORDING MY CASES WATSON...
NEVER KNOW WHEN ONE MIGHT
HAVE TO REVISIT THE PAST.*



THIS YOUNG'UN HAS BEEN EVER SO GENEROUS
TO VOLUNTEER IN RECORDING MY CASES.

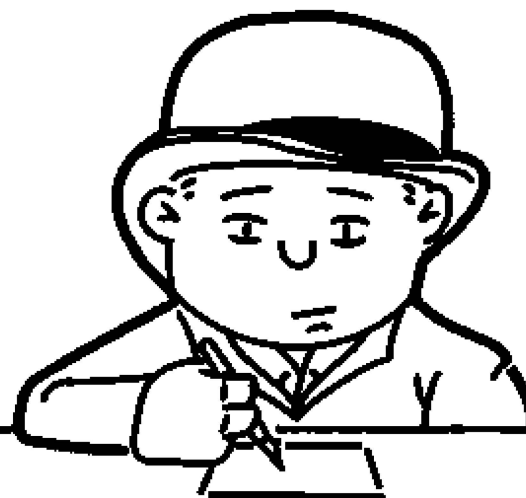
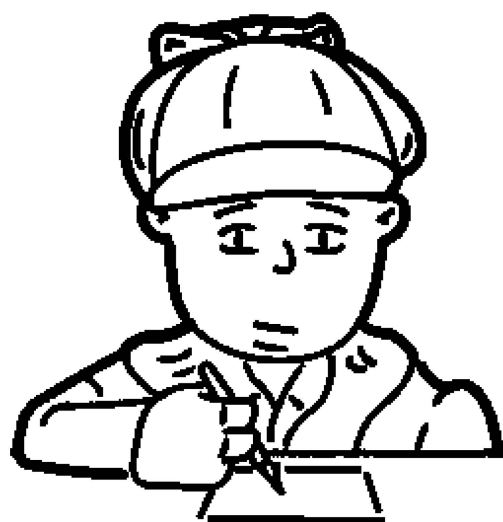
YOUR OWN 'BOSWELL'... WHAT DO
YOU PLAN TO DO AFTER YOU
COMPLETE RECORDING YOUR CASES?



LIL' DAVEY IS A CONSTANT COMPANION IN THIS ENDEAVOUR;
WITH HIS HELP, FUTURE GENERATIONS MIGHT APPRECIATE MY
DEDUCTIONS IN SOLVING PRETTY LITTLE PROBLEMS.

FUTURE GENERATIONS? REALLY,
HOLMES, WHO WILL WANT TO READ
ABOUT YOUR OBSERVATIONS?





*It's like I hear
millions of voices
in my head.*

Funny, I don't hear anything!



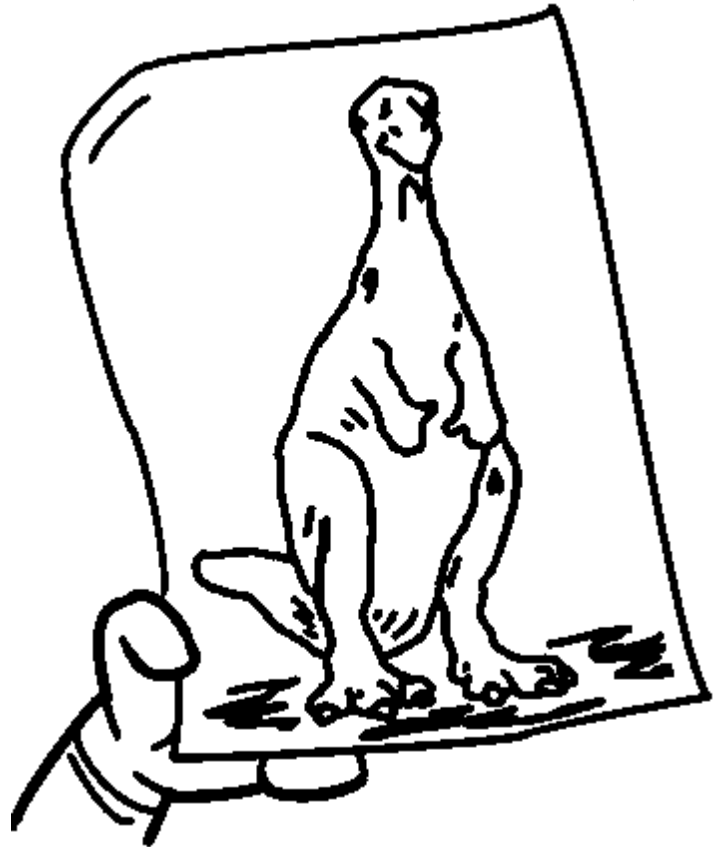
HELLO, GENTLEMEN... I UNDERSTAND WE ALL
VOLUNTEERED TO REDESIGN THE SCHOOL MASCOT...
SHALL WE REVIEW EACH OTHER'S DRAFT DRAWINGS?

SURE, EVEN THOUGH YOU TWO ARE
MUCH MORE TALENTED THAN I AM.



ummm... *IGNATIUS*, IS THAT
A SHAVED CHICKEN?

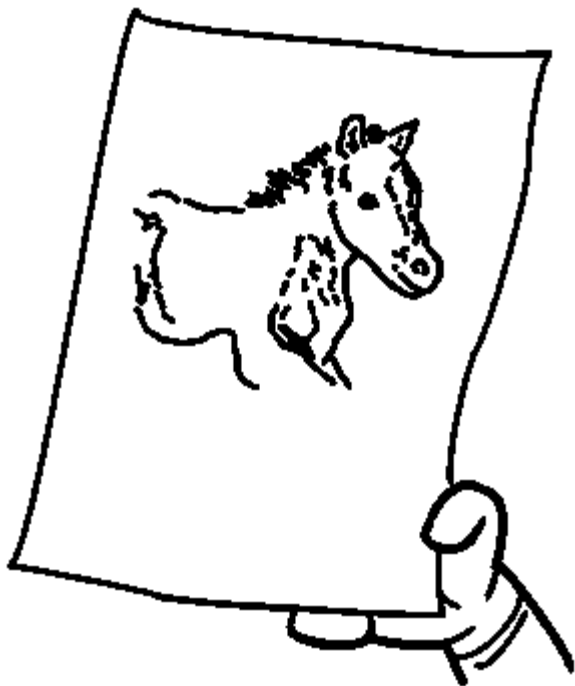
OF COURSE NOT,
JOHN... IT'S A
FIERCE DINOSAUR!



*SO, SIDNEY, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I CAN ONLY ASSUME
WILL BE ANOTHER OF YOUR DRAWING MASTERPIECES.*

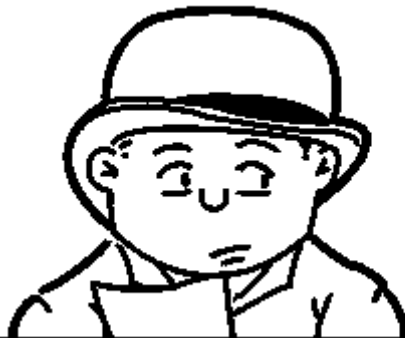


IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A
STALLION OR A BRONCO?



A DARTMOOR
PONY, TO BE
PRECISE.

*WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, JOHN? WILL EITHER OF THESE
MASCOTS INSTILL FEAR INTO OTHER SCHOOL TEAMS?*

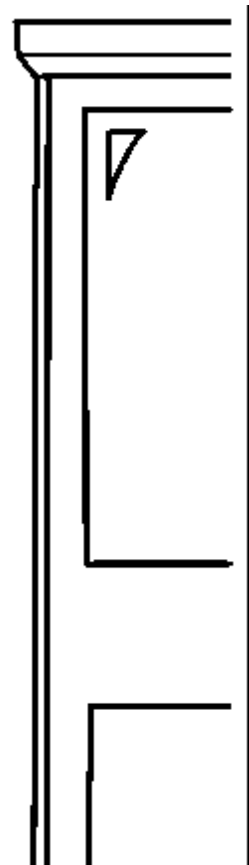


ONLY IF THEIR MASCOT IS A KITTEN OR BABY UNICORN!!



SO, HOLMES, I NOTICED OUR SCHOOL HAS
DECREED THE HOUND OUR OFFICIAL MASCOT.

MY KEEN OBSERVATION OF THE
SCHOOL 'RAG' HAS LED ME TO THE
SAME CONCLUSION... WHY, PRAY
TELL, SHOULD I CARE?



WELL, THE HOUND IS TRADITIONALLY A STRONG ANIMAL, PROFICIENT ON ONE OF TWO LEVELS, EITHER BY SIGHT OR BY SOUND, OR, IN CERTAIN BREEDS, THEY HUNT BY A COMBINATION OF BOTH METHODS.

SO WHY SHOULD I BE IMPRESSED BY AN ANIMAL MADE FAMOUS FOR USING ONLY 2 OF ITS 5 SENSES?

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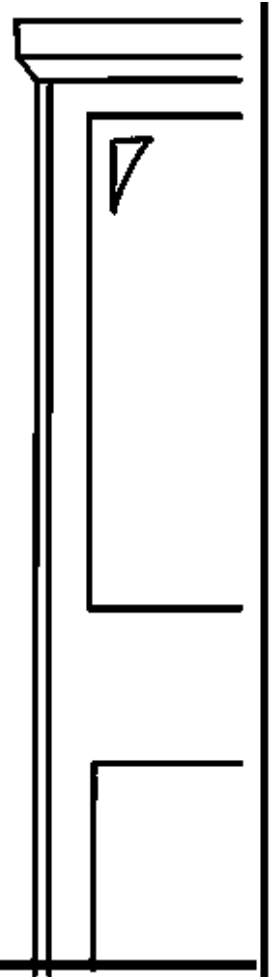


YEAH, WELL, I JUST THOUGHT.

NO HOUND WILL EVER MATCH
THE DEDUCTIVE ABILITIES OF
ANY HUMAN... AND I'LL HEAR
NOTHING MOOR ABOUT IT.



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*JOHN, ONE OF OUR HOMEWORK PROBLEMS IS
DRIVING ME CRAZY... CAN YOU ASSIST ME?*

STAMFORD, YOU KNOW I CAN'T DO THAT.

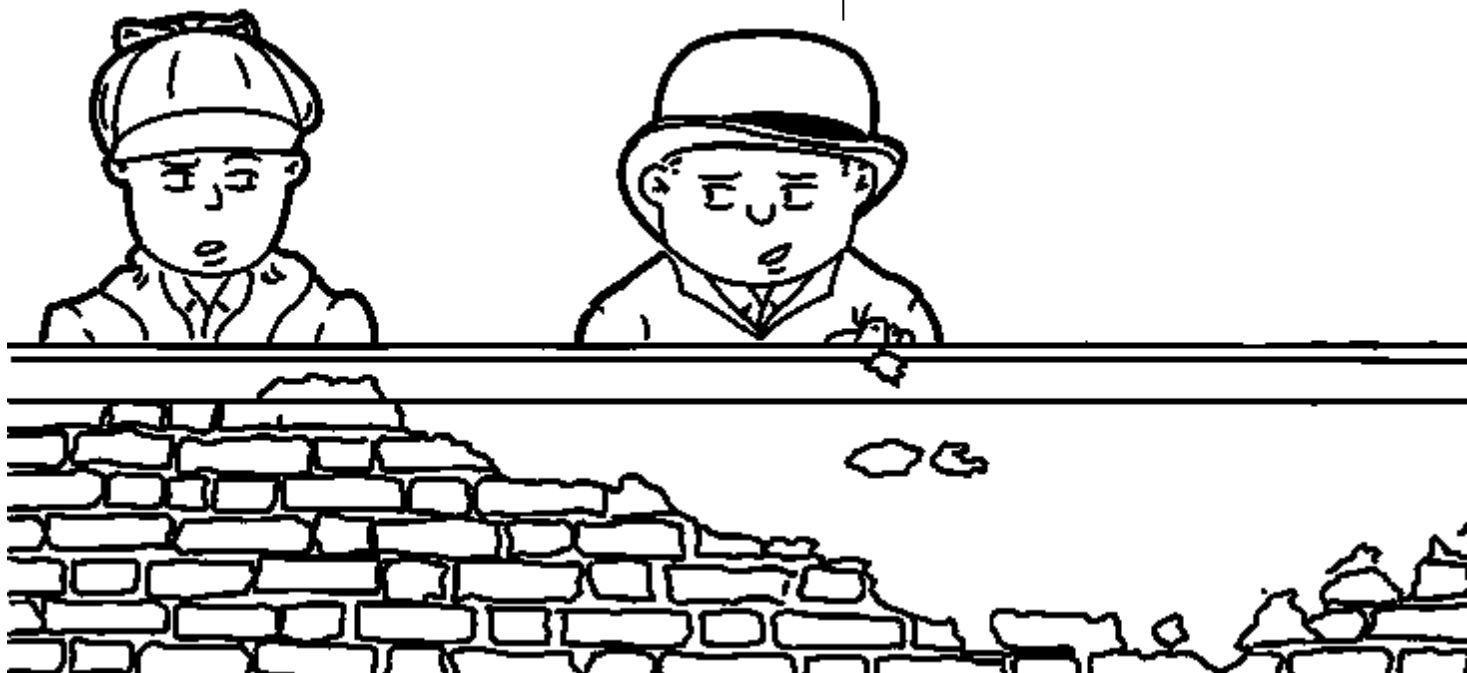


*ONCE AGAIN, DEFEATED BY THE ASININE
CODE OF ETHICS OF THIS INSTITUTION.*

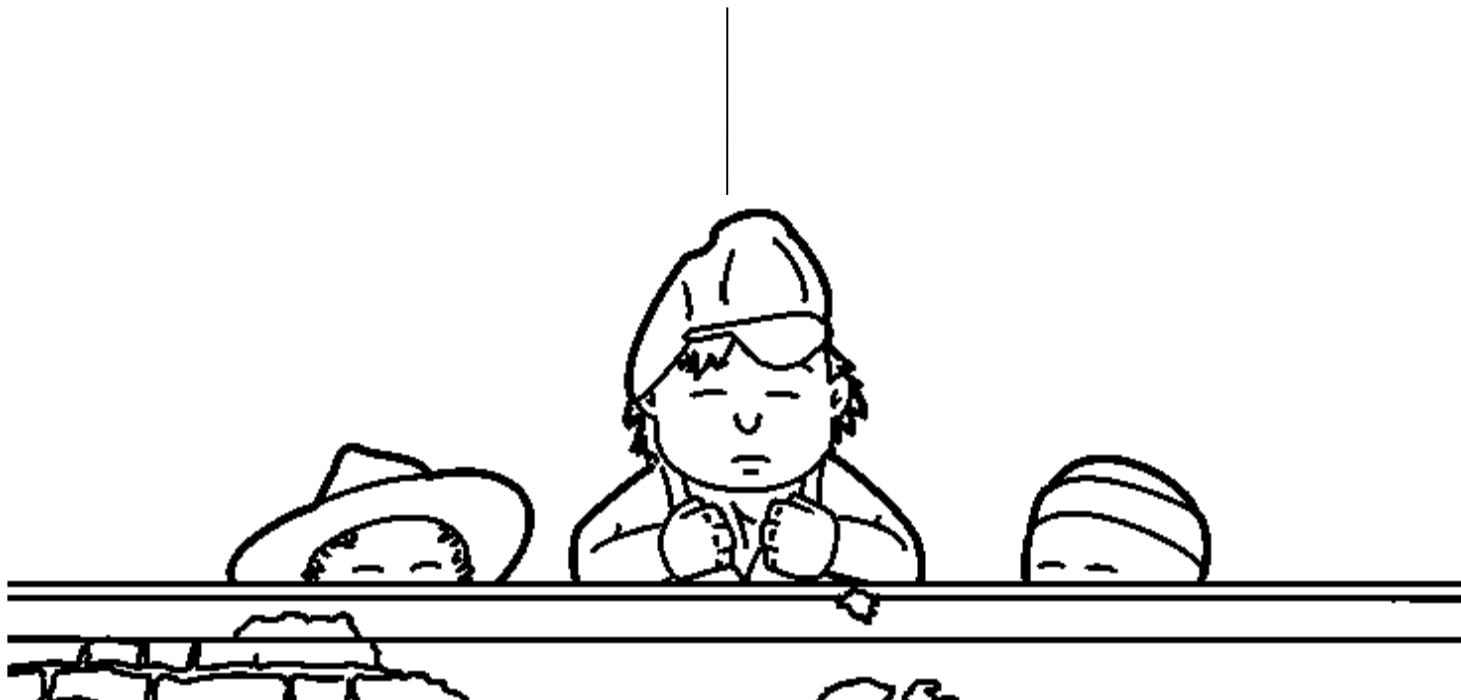


COULD YOU NOT HAVE JUST ADMITTED YOU
DIDN'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM.

AND SEE THE DISAPPOINTMENT ON
HIS FACE... CRUSHING HIS OPINION
OF ME WOULD HAVE BEEN CRUEL.



HOW DID I GET STUCK TUTORING THE NEW TRANSFER YOUNG'UNS?
OK, STAMFORD, YOU CAN DO THIS... JUST START BY ASKING THEIR
NAMES AND GO FROM THERE... HOW HARD CAN THIS BE?



WELL, GOOD MORNING... WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

YU.



OH, MY APOLOGIES... MY NAME IS STAMFORD... AND YOU ARE?

YU.



hmmm... SEEMS WE HAVE A LANGUAGE BARRIER... OK, LET'S TRY THE TEXAN HERE... AT LEAST HE SPEAKS ENGLISH.



HELLO, WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

HOWDY, I RECKON THIS
AIN'T SOMETHANG YA
DUN 'FORE...



YA MIGHT OUGHTA BE CAREFUL... YU LOOKS
LIKE HE'S FIXIN' TO START A-CRYIN'.

ME? YOU NEED TO START
USING PROPER ENGLISH.



GOSH DURN IT, NOW YA DUN IT... YU HAS DUN STARTED A-CRYIN'.

I HAVE NOT... OH... WHY ARE YOU CRYING?



Y - U!

WHY ME? I DID NOT MEAN TO MAKE HIM CRY.



NO, I DUN TOLD YA HIS NAME IS YU, SPELLED Y-U... YA MIGHT
WOULDA HAD OUGHTA LISTENED MORE CAREFULLY.

WITHIN FIVE MINUTES, I MADE A
YOUNG'UN CRY... THAT'S PROBABLY
SOME SORT OF RECORD.



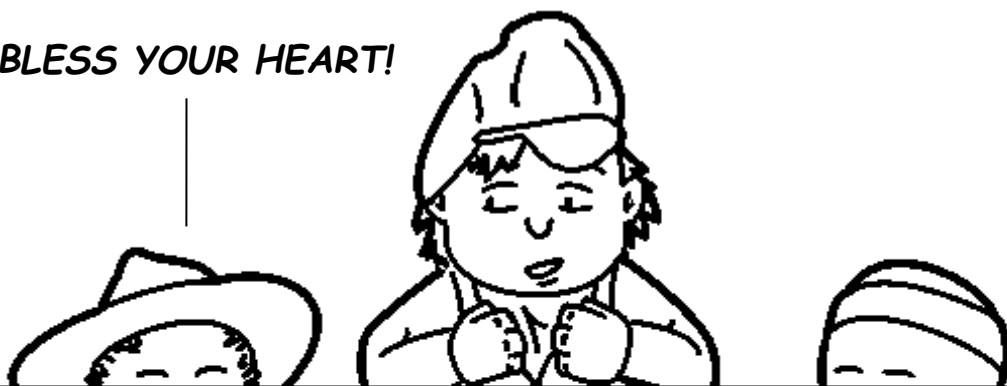
SO... NOW WE KNOW YU'S NAME, BY
WHAT MONIKER DO YOU GO BY?

LET'S MAKE THIS EASY, YOU
MIGHT SHOULD CALL ME 'TEX',
OR WE ARE LIABLE'TA HAVE THE
SAME EPISODE WE JUST HAD.



OH, I GET IT... SHORT FOR 'TEXAS'... THAT'S CLEVER.

BLESS YOUR HEART!



IS THAT CODE FOR 'YOU POOR IGNORANT DUNCE'?



CONFUCIUS SAID, 'REAL KNOWLEDGE IS TO
KNOW THE EXTENT OF ONE'S IGNORANCE'.

<< snicker >>





SOMETIMES DUMB REMARKS ESCAPE FROM MY BRAIN
TO MY MOUTH 'FORE I CAN CLOSE THE DOOR.

MAYBE YOUR TACKS
AIN'T SHARP ENOUGH TO
KEEP THE DOOR SHUT.



*DON'T FRET... THAT TINT OF VIOLET LOOKS COMPLETELY
NATURAL ON YOU... IT SHOULD WASH OFF IN A WEEK OR TWO.*



SHERLOCK!!



WE KNOW IT WAS YOU, SHERLOCK! WE ARE
HERE TO TAKE YOU TO THE HEADMASTER!

ummm... WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?



SHERLOCK HAD A PAIR OF YOUNG'UNS ATTACH NOTES ON
OUR JACKETS... WE DISCOVERED THEM JUST THIS MORNING.

JUST... WHAT DID THE NOTES SAY?



THE NOTES STATED, 'WE SEE, BUT WE DO
NOT OBSERVE... THE DISTINCTION IS CLEAR'.

THAT DOES SOUND LIKE... HOLMES?



*hahaha!! I... I... CAN'T BELIEVE I FORGOT
ABOUT THAT... hahaha... I... CAN'T BREATHE!*

*HOLMES, THAT'S NOT HOW
ONE PORTRAYS LACK OF GUILT.*



YOU TWO WANT TO 'ARREST' HOLMES AND TAKE HIM TO THE HEADMASTER, CORRECT? COINCIDENTALLY, WOULD YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THE DURATION THE NOTES WERE TAPED TO YOUR BACKS?

IN... OUT...
IN... OUT...



<< snort >> IT'S LIKE OPENING A BIRTHDAY PRESENT TO MYSELF!



VERY WELL, JOHN... YOU TWO PULLED ONE OVER US
THIS TIME, BUT WE HAVE OUR EYES ON YOU.

GREAT... I FEEL SO HONOURED TO BE CHECKED
BY OUR EVER-OBSERVANT WATCH.

<< gasp >> ME TOO...



*DID YOU SEE... THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER PRINTED THE
ACCOUNT OF THE MISSING FLAG, THE CULPRIT, AND
HOLMES' EFFORTS IN SOLVING THE CASE.*



*I AM SURE THEY FOCUSED ON THE SENSATIONAL ASPECTS,
NOT THE FACTS WHICH LED TO MY CONCLUSIONS.*

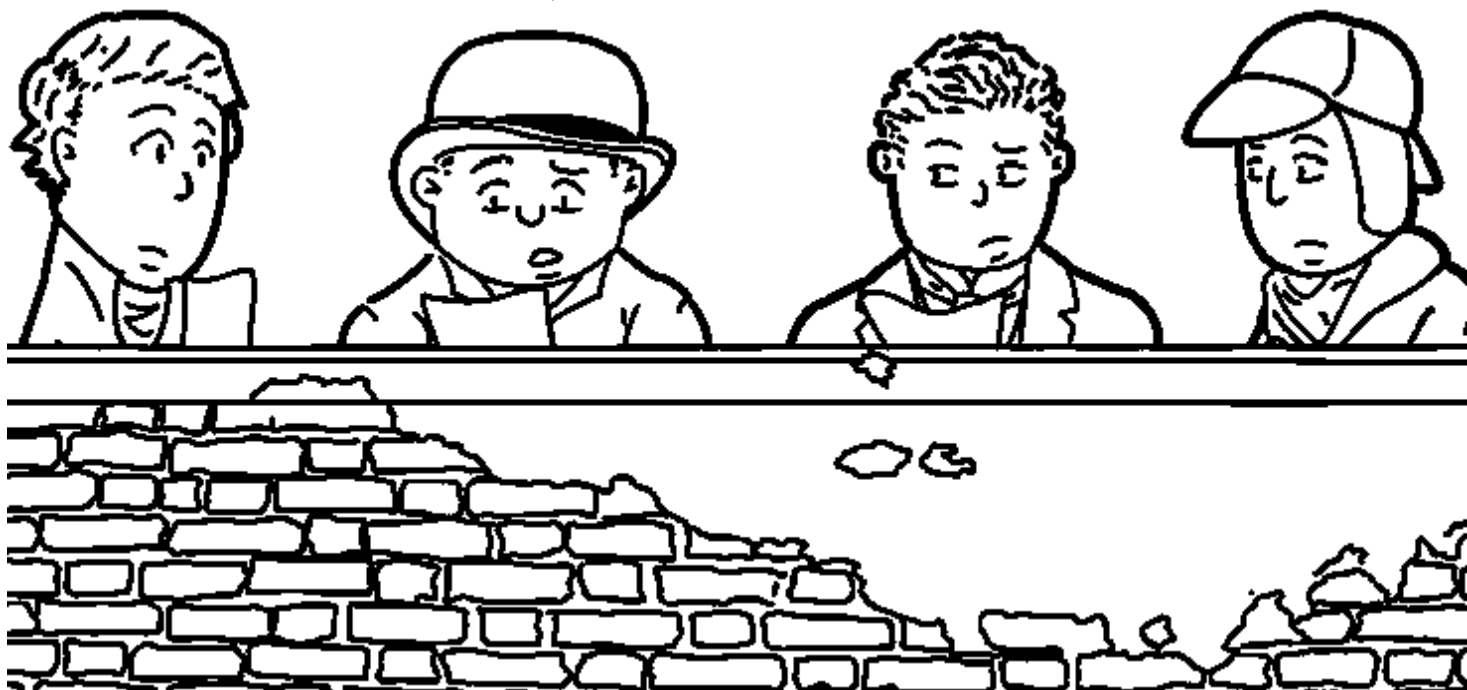
hmmm... DIDN'T JOHN AUTHOR THE STORY?

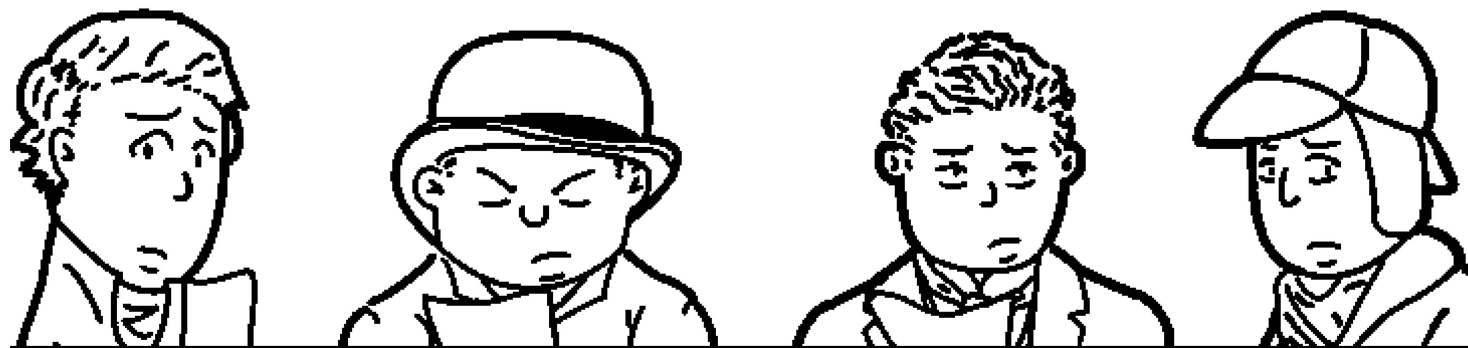


IT APPEARS THEY INADVERTENTLY PLACED
IGNATIUS' NAME ON THE BY-LINE.



*"THE ADVENTURE OF THE BURGLED UNION-JACK," A NEW
ADVENTURE OF SHERLOCK HOLMES BY MASTER CONAN DOYLE.*





REALLY... ALREADY!!??



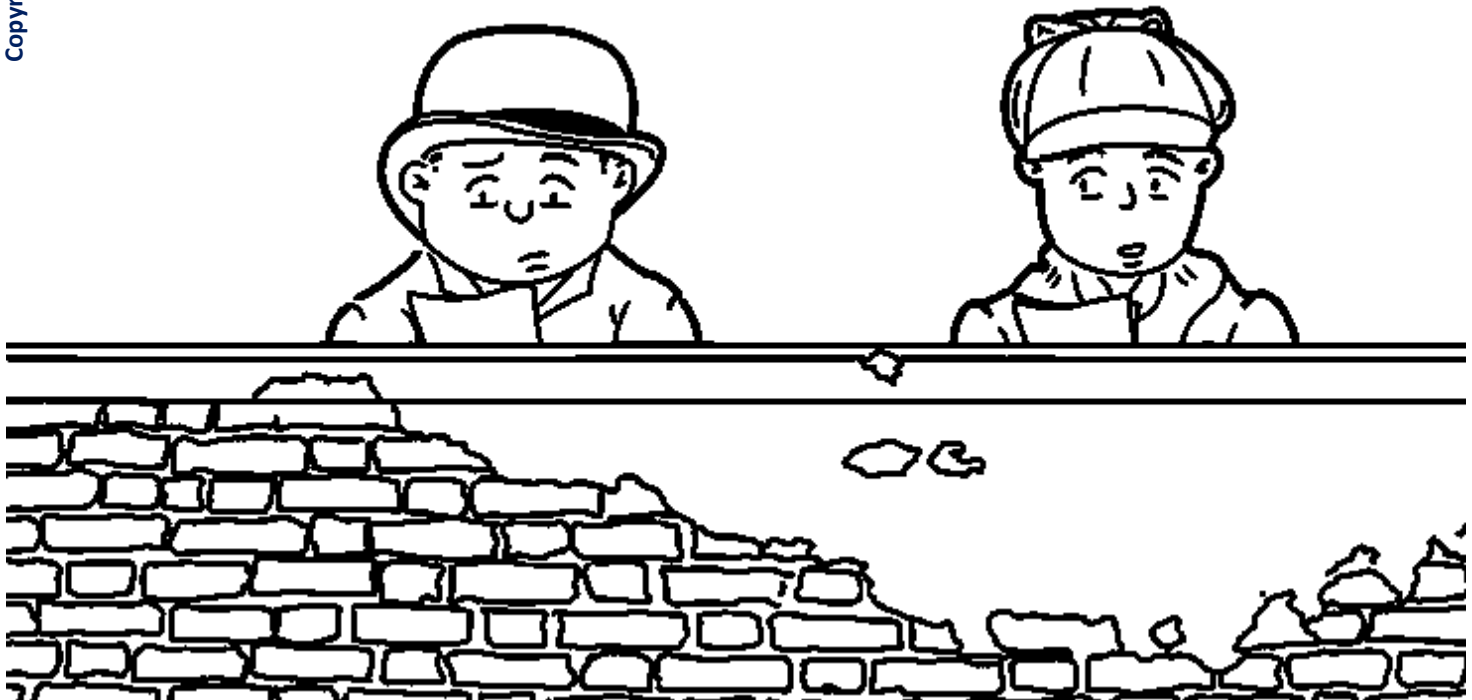
**MA'AM... IT IS SAID 'IGNORANCE IS BLISS...' IT
SEEMS YOU ARE UNDULY ATTEMPTING TO MAKE
ME UNHAPPY... DON'T YOU WANT ME GIDDY?**



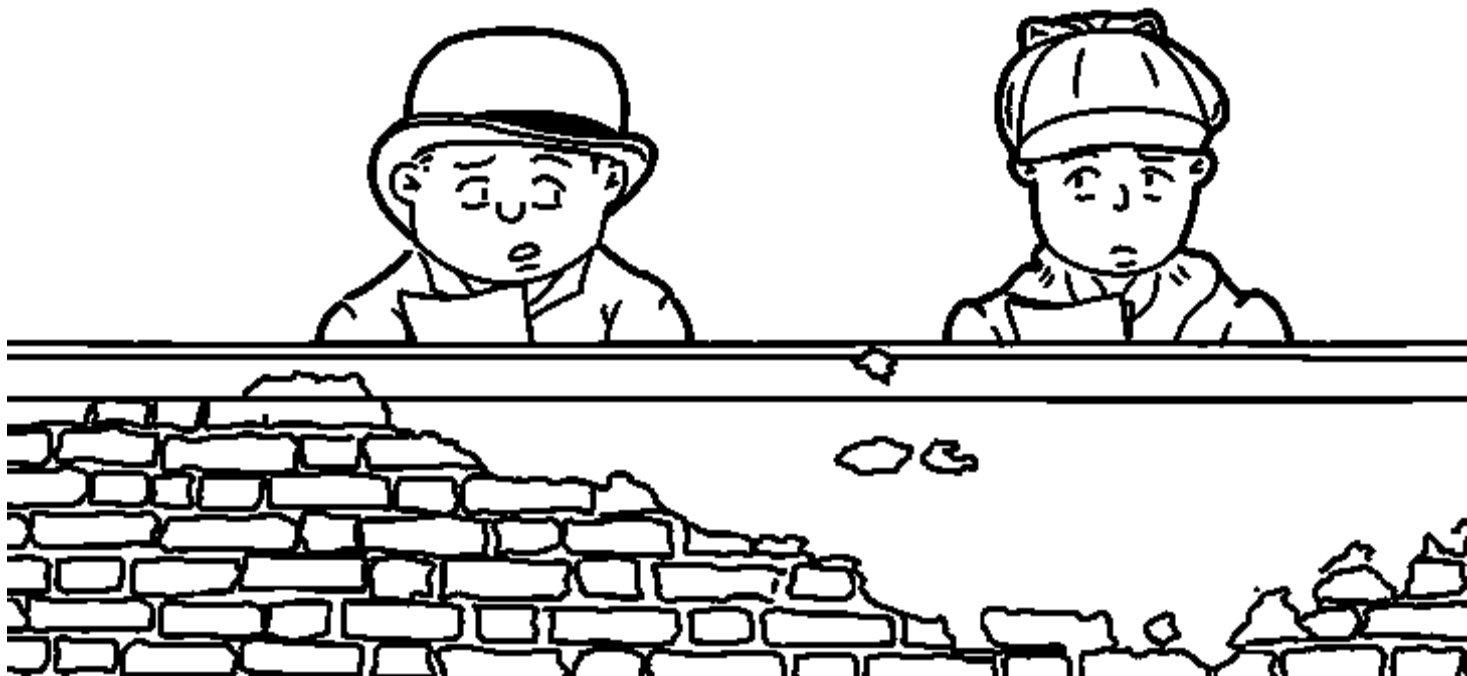
*I CAN'T BELIEVE THE SCHOOL PAPER DID NOT CREDIT ME
FOR THE CHRONICLING OF YOUR MOST RECENT EFFORTS.*



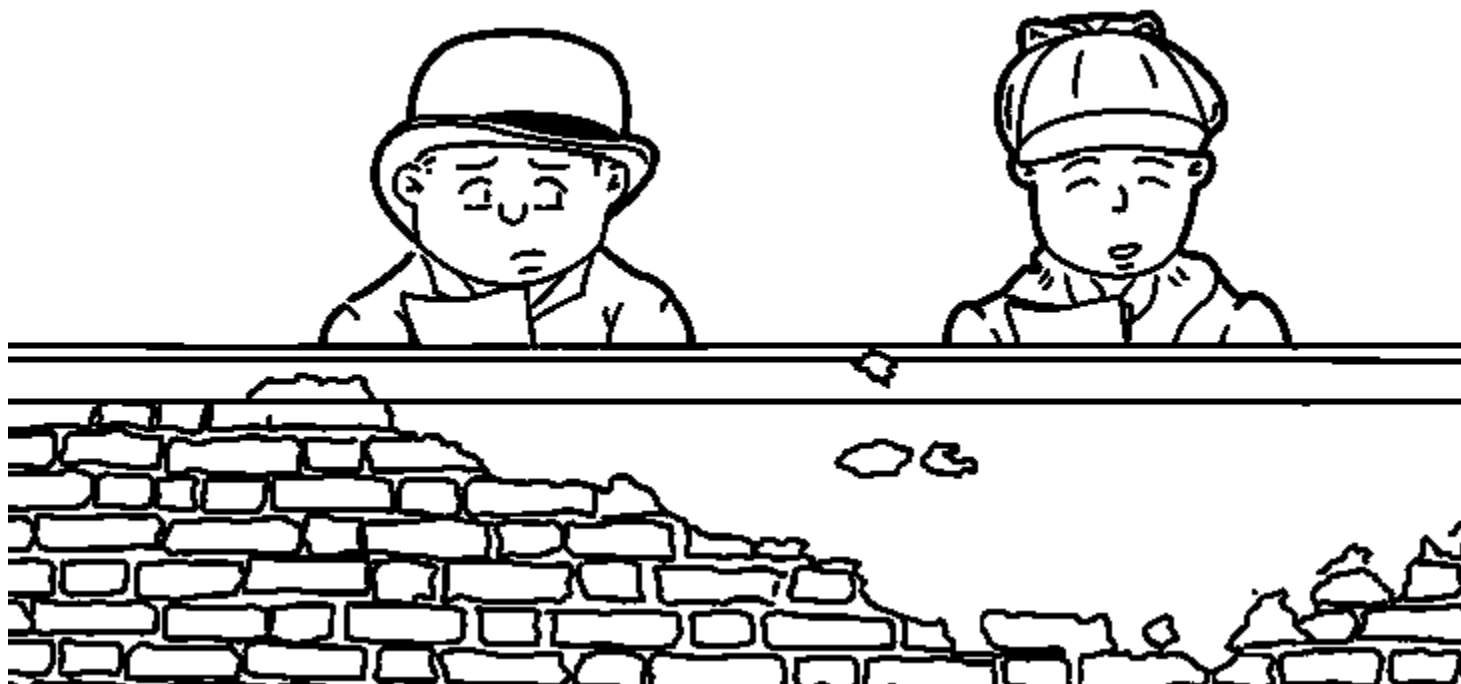
*YOU MAY BE SORELY DISAPPOINTED, BUT ACCOLADES
FOR YOUR WORK IS NOT THE ULTIMATE GOAL... YOU
SHOULD FOCUS ON THE ACHIEVEMENT ITSELF.*



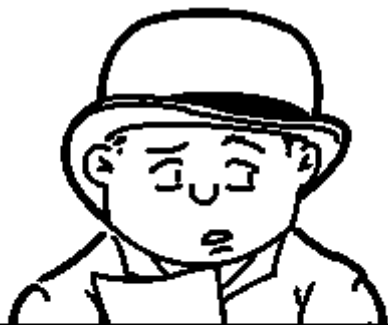
*EASY FOR YOU TO SAY... YOU'LL PROBABLY BE A
HOUSEHOLD NAME BY THE TIME YOU PASS ON.*



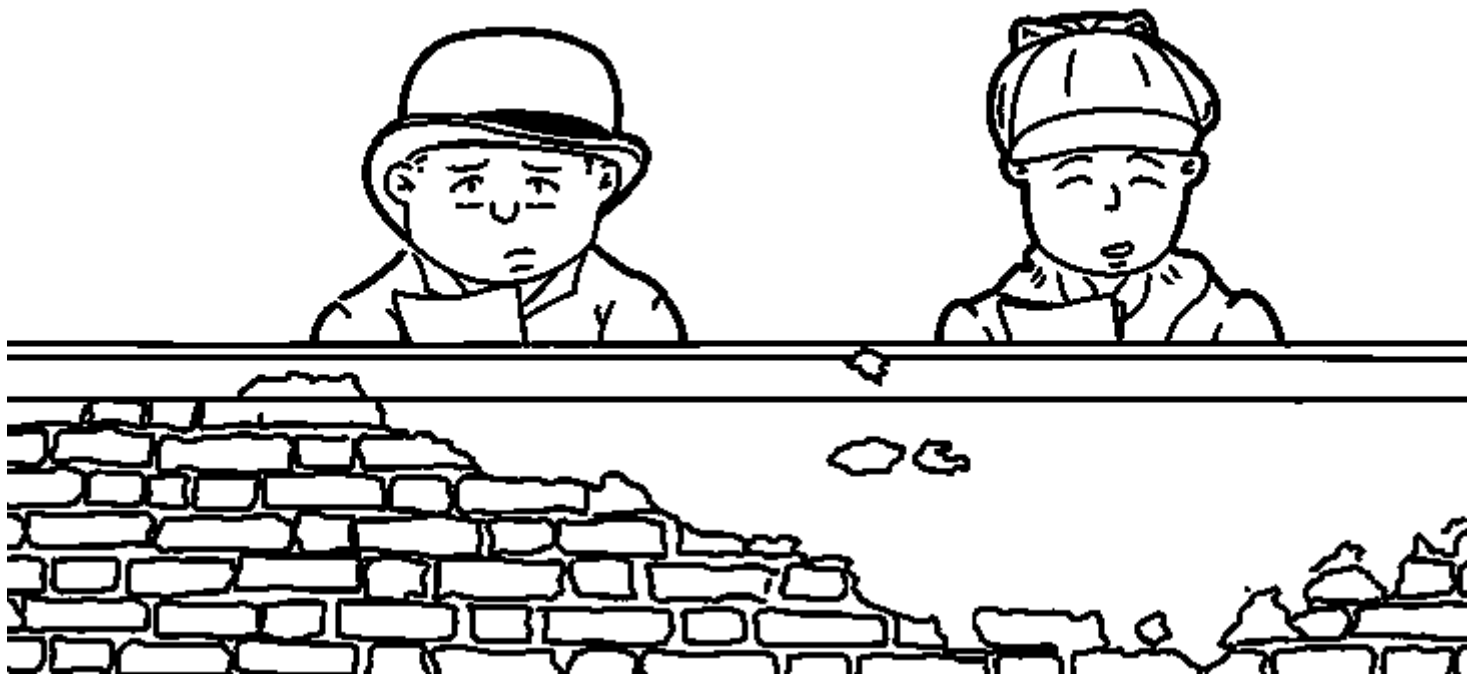
I BLUSH... I VOW, WATSON, I SHALL NOT FORGET THE LITTLE PEOPLE, SUCH AS YOURSELF, WHO HELPED ME ALONG THE WAY.



*hmmm... YOU MAY NOT WANT ME MEMORIALIZING YOUR EXPLOITS... I
MAY HAPPEN TO 'ACCIDENTALLY' POINT OUT YOUR FOIBLES, OR
EVEN ATTRIBUTE SOME 'ERRATIC BEHAVIOURS' TO YOU.*



GOOD IDEA... HUMANIZING YOUR IDOL WILL
MAKE THE ADVENTURES MORE BELIEVABLE.



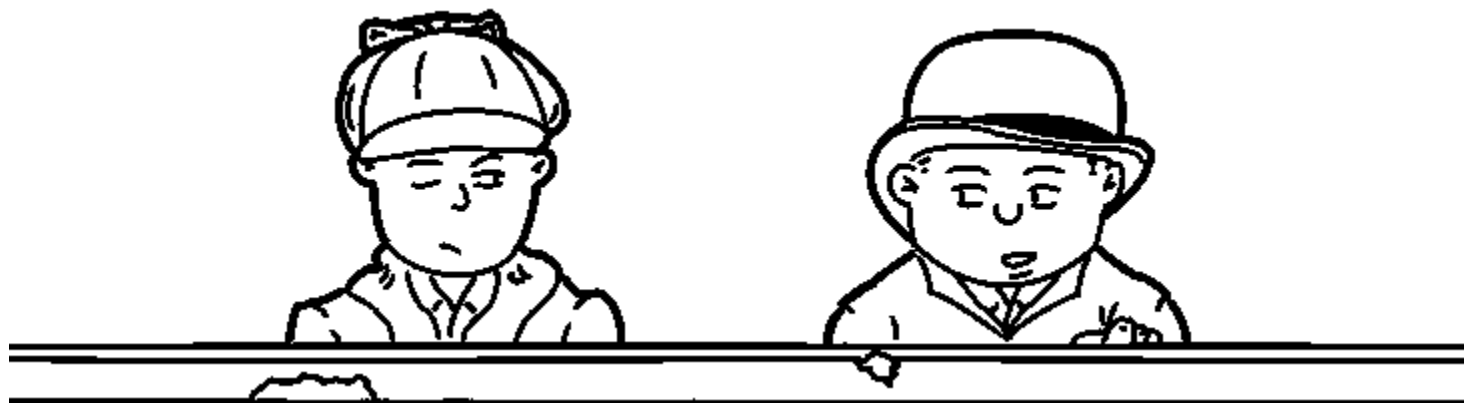
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*We at Baker Street Elementary salute the Norwegian Explorers and
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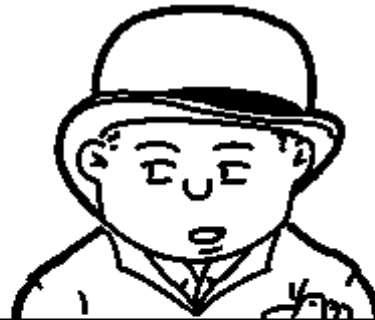
I READ AN INTERESTING TIDBIT IN YESTERDAY'S TIMES... THE STORY TOLD OF A YOUNG MAN FROM OSLO, NAMED SIGERSON, WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO EXPLORE EVERY CAPITAL OF EUROPE AND ASIA, VISITING RELIGIOUS SITES ALONG THE WAY.



*AND WHAT, PRAY TELL, DOES HE HOPE
TO ACCOMPLISH BY THIS SOJOURN?*

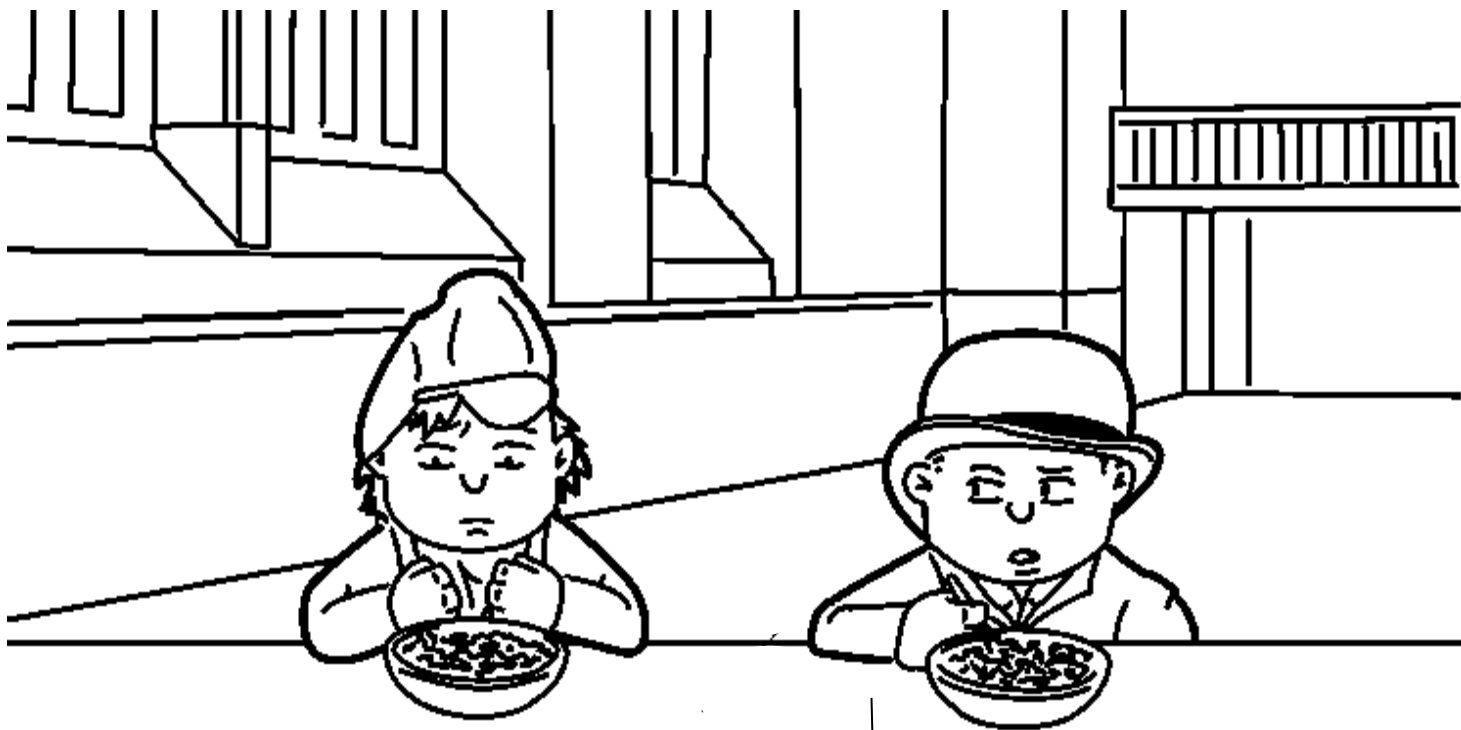


IT IS SIMPLY A SABBATICAL FROM HIS TEACHING
ASSIGNMENT AT UNIVERSITY... HE WILL BE WORKING ODD
JOBS ALONG THE ROUTE TO FUND HIS TRAVELS,
INCLUDING AMATEUR MUSICIAN, SCIENTIST, ETC.

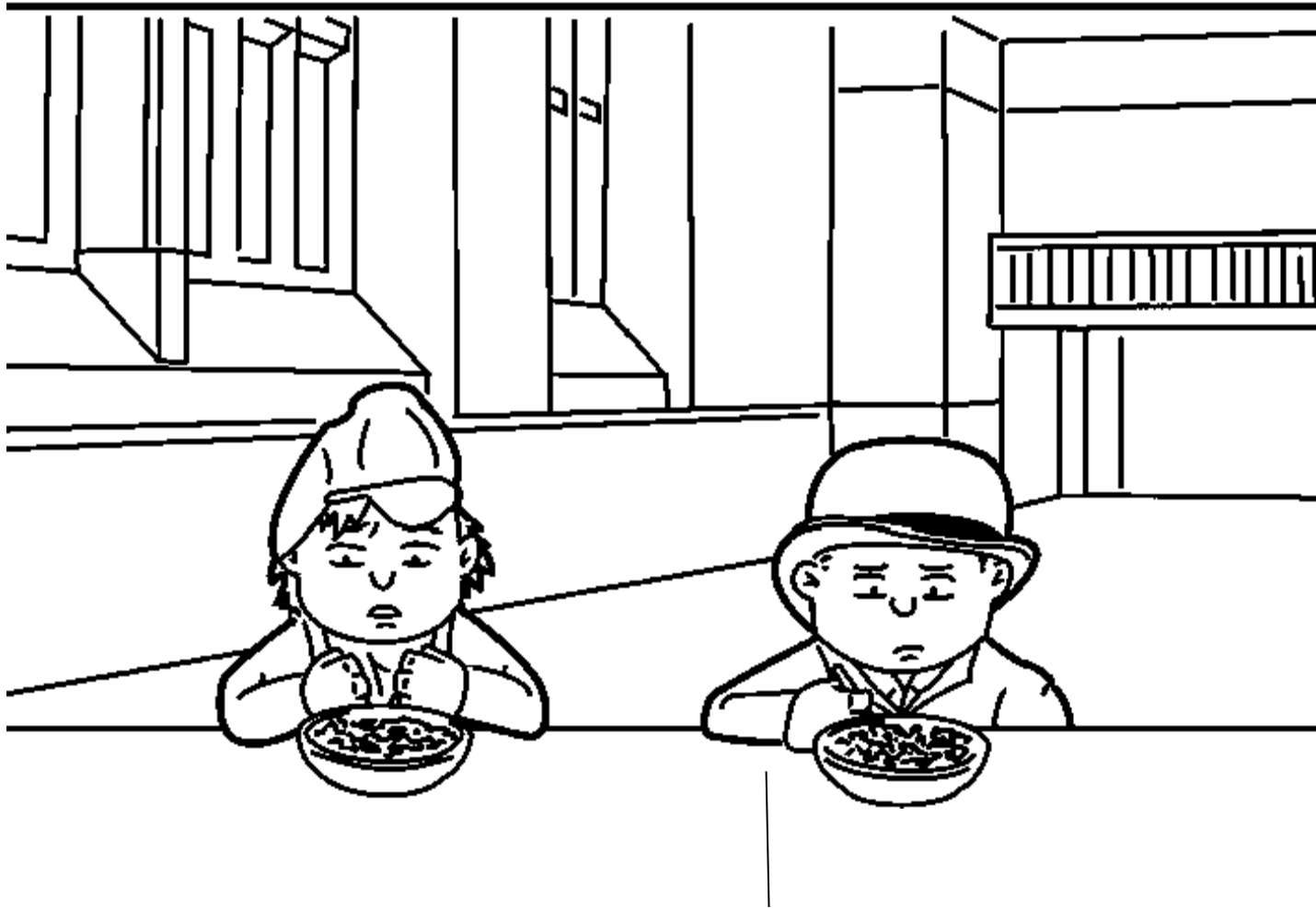


INTRIGUING... I MAY NEED TO STORE THIS TIDBIT AWAY IN MY 'ATTIC', IF I EVER NEED TO TAKE AN EXTENDED HOLIDAY TO ESCAPE THE PETTY PROBLEMS OF MY DULL EXISTENCE.

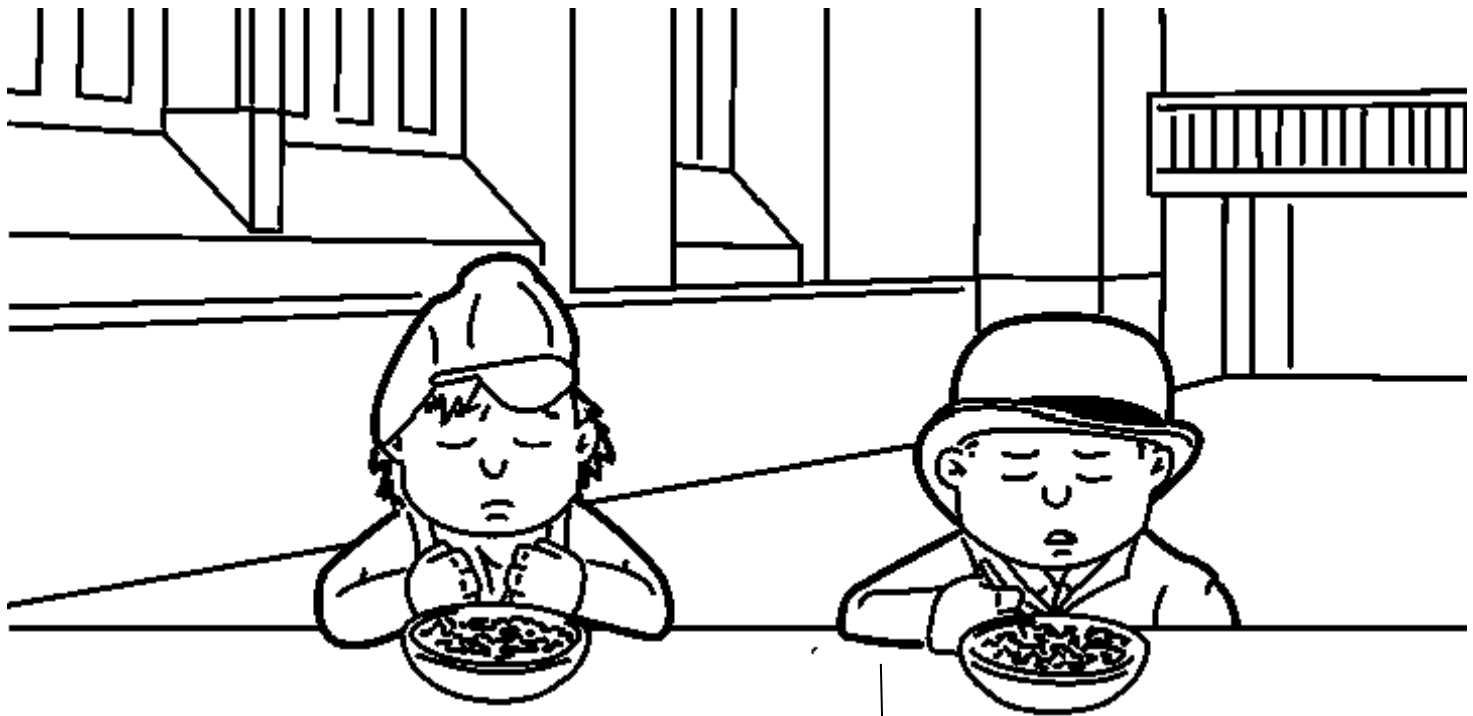




WONDER WHAT'S THIS WEEK'S THURSDAY LUNCH SURPRISE?



IT LOOKS LIKE... CREAM OF LAST WEEK'S WEDNESDAY.



*MAYBE WE SHOULD POSTPONE GIVING THANKS
UNTIL WE'RE FINISHED, AND IT HAS TIME TO
PASS THROUGH OUR DIGESTIVE SYSTEM.*

FOR SHOW AND TELL, I BROUGHT MY FATHER'S POCKET WATCH.



*IT WAS MY GRANDFATHER'S, AND AS YOU CAN SEE, IT IS STILL
IN PRISTINE CONDITION, WITHOUT A SCRATCH OR DENT.*



I PRESUME IT WILL BE HANDED DOWN TO YOU SOME DAY.

*TOO EARLY TO TELL... WHAT DID
YOU BRING TO CLASS?*



OH, JUST A DRAWING FROM MY GREAT UNCLE... WE
REALLY SHOULD GET IT FRAMED... MY MOTHER SEEMS TO
THINK HIS TALENT MIGHT RUN THROUGH MY VEINS.



*Who did British forces defeat in the battle
of Quebec Canada?*

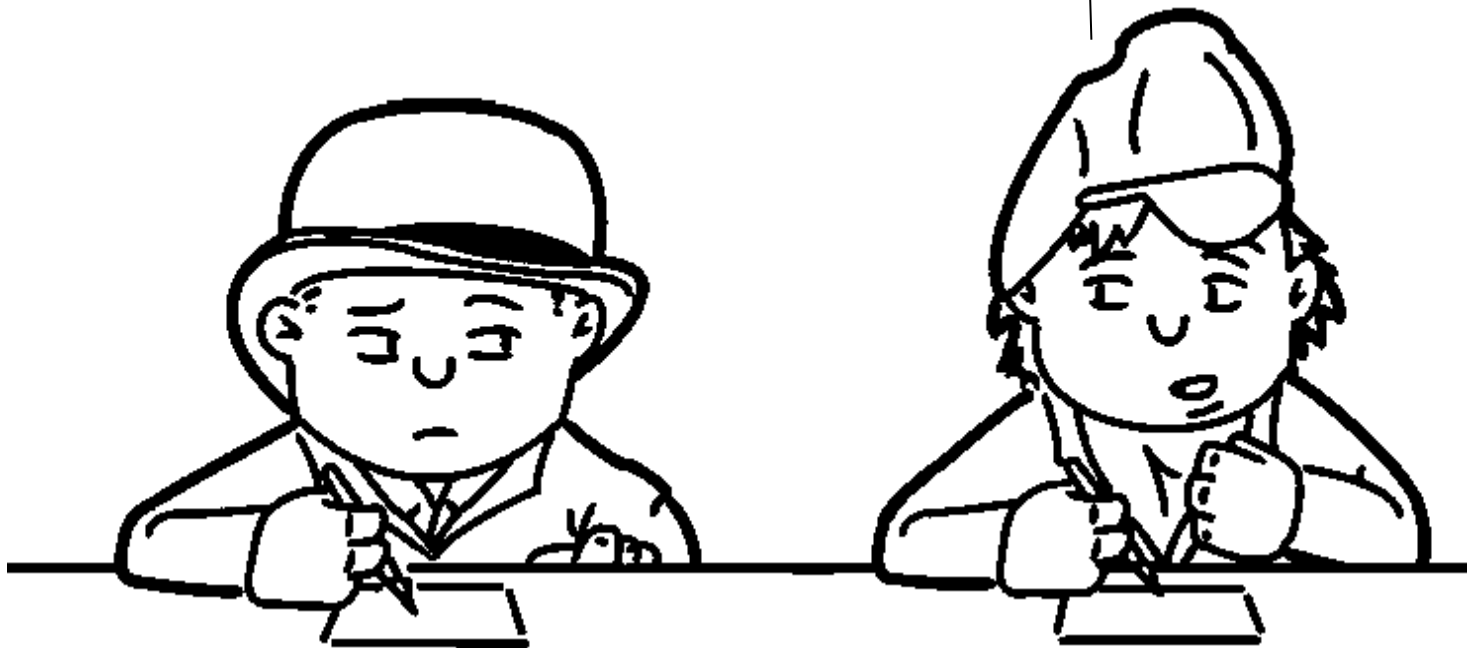


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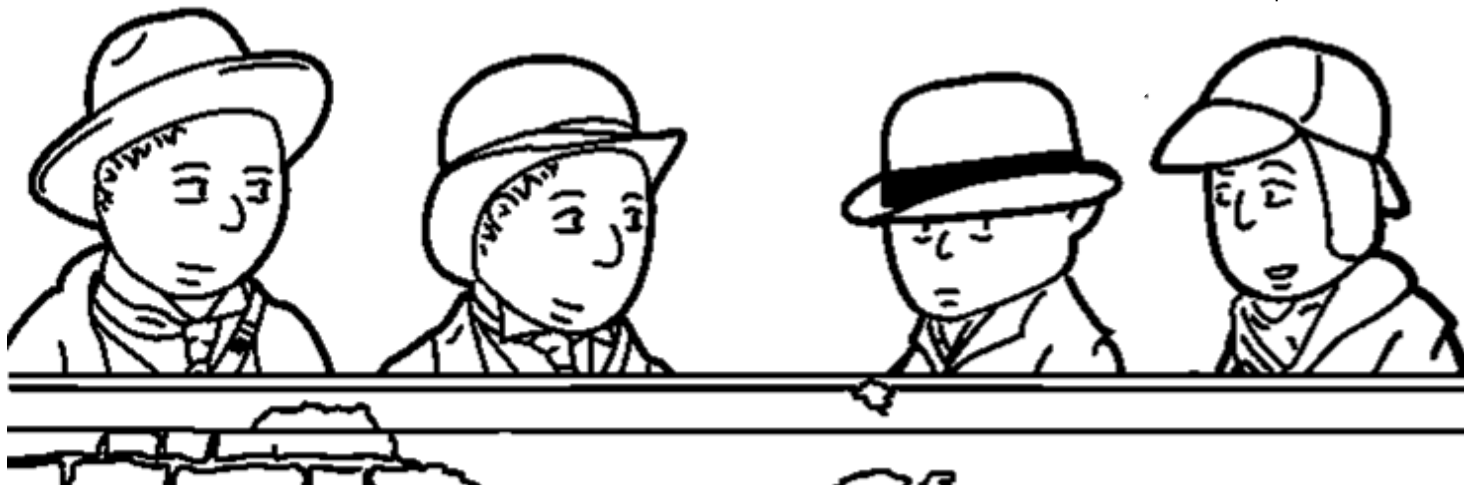
I choose to not answer this question, which could be in conflict with my religious beliefs.



HEY, IT'S WORTH A SHOT...



*SO, YOU TWO ARE STILL COMMITTED TO BECOMING
OFFICERS OF THE LAW, ONCE YOU REACH ADULTHOOD?*

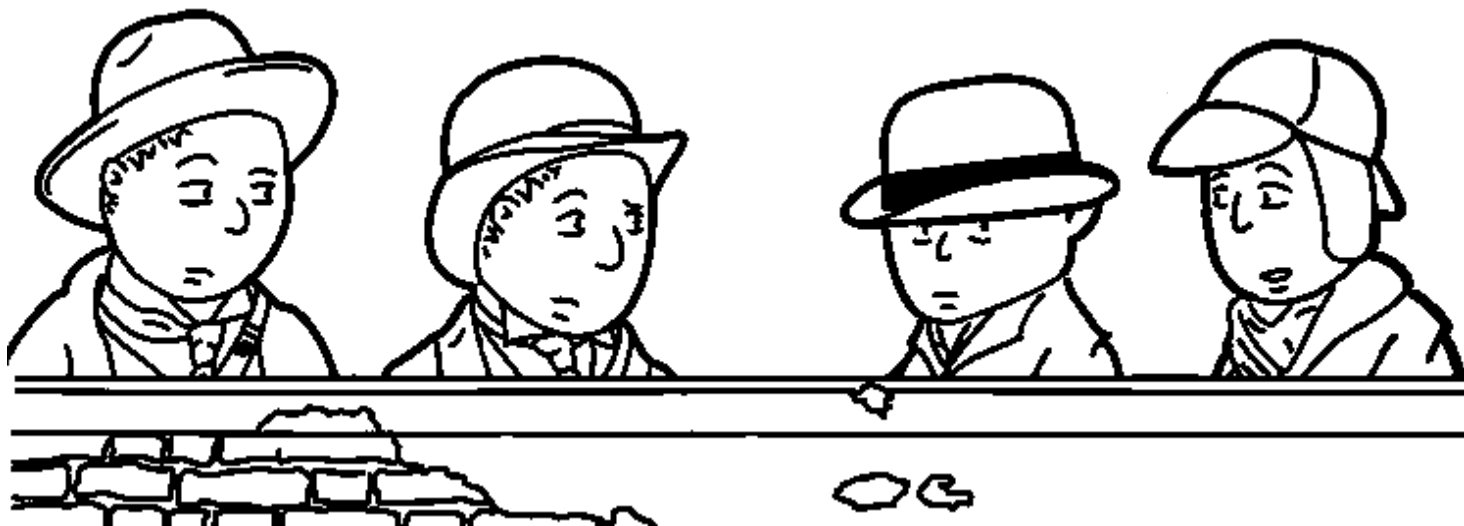


I - B-E-L-I-E-V-E - S-O...

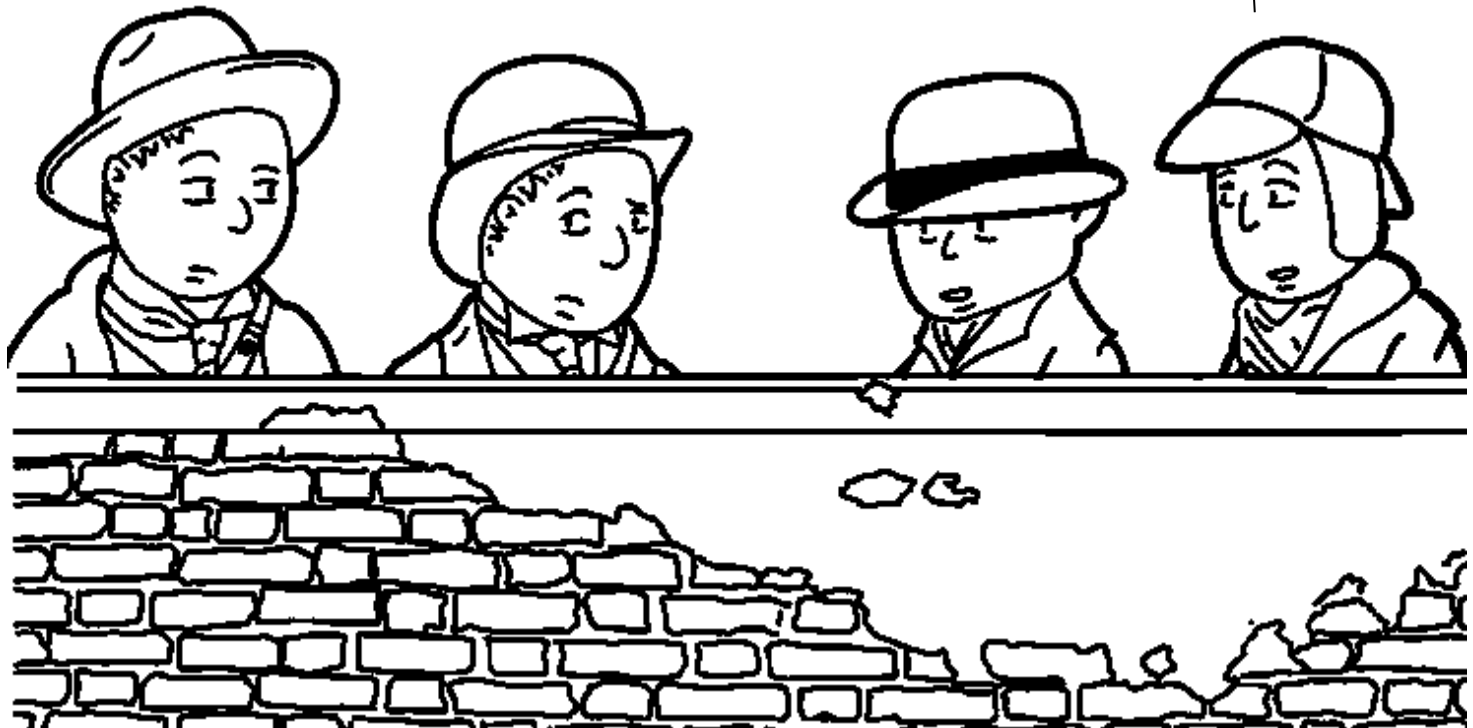
OH, HERE COMES THE JABS.



ON THE CONTRARY, IN ALL SERIOUSNESS, YOU ARE CHOOSING
TO JOIN ONE OF THE MOST NOBLE AND RESPECTED
EMPLOYMENTS... YOU TWO WILL BE EXTREMELY COMPETENT
OFFICERS, AND WITH THE USE OF IMAGINATION, YOU MIGHT
RISE TO GREAT HEIGHTS IN YOUR PROFESSION.

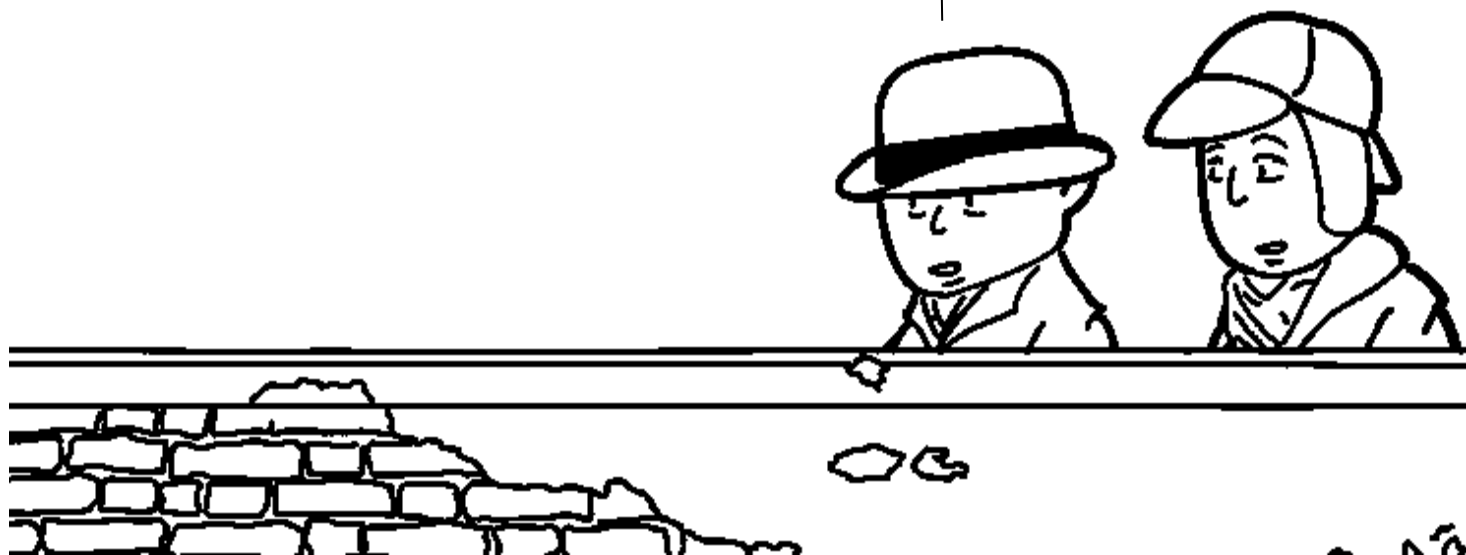


I ALSO GIVE YOU YOUR DUES... TO SERVE AND PROTECT EVERY PERSON IN OUR SOCIETY IS AN ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITY.



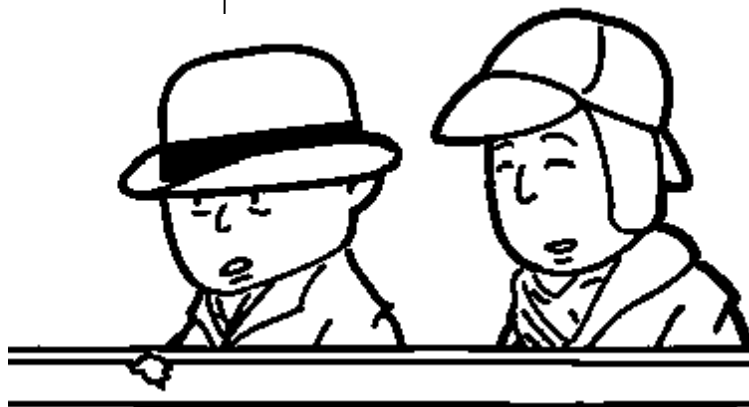
YOU PUT A SMILE ON THOSE TWO VISAGES...

THEY DESERVE IT.



**NOT SURE THEY DESERVED THE 'KICK ME' SIGNS
YOU ATTACHED TO THEIR COAT BACKS, THOUGH.**

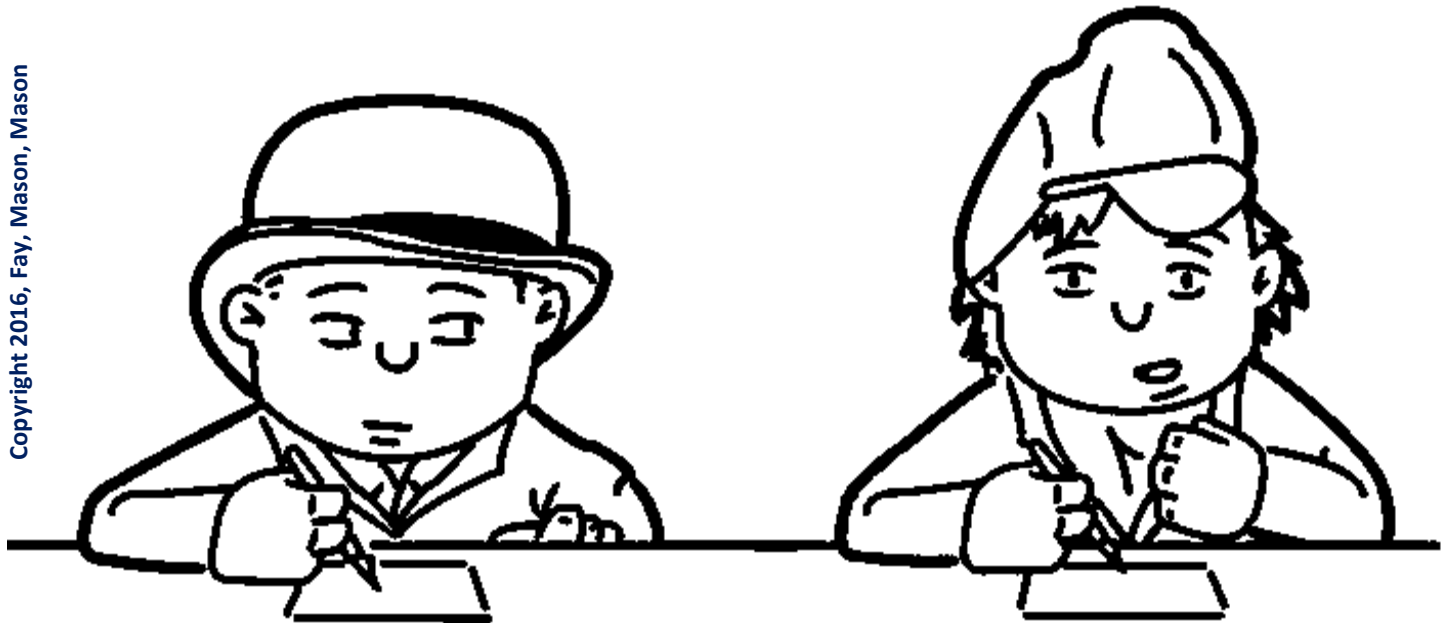
**JUST ENSURING THEY DO NOT
GET TOO BIG OF A HEAD.**



YES MA'AM... LESTRADE HAS TOLD ME OF THIS
FAMOUS AMERICAN WRITER HE IS READING ABOUT.



WHEN SHE WAS ONLY EIGHT YEARS OLD, HER TEACHER
TOLD HER, "YOU HAVE ADVANCED PAST MY SKILL TO TEACH
YOU... I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO SHARE WITH YOU."



PRETTY SURE I WILL NEVER HEAR
THOSE WORDS FROM YOU, huh, MA'AM?

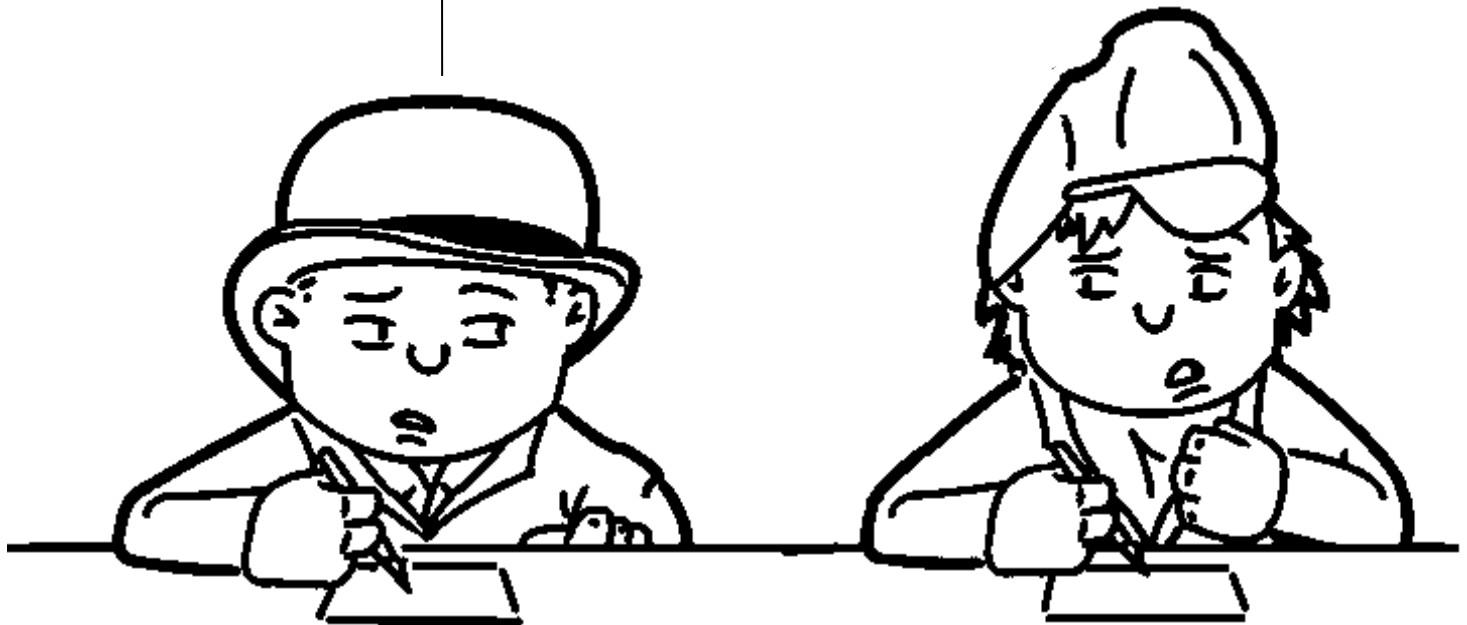


OH... YES, MA'AM... I KNOW WHERE THE HEADMASTER'S ROOM IS.



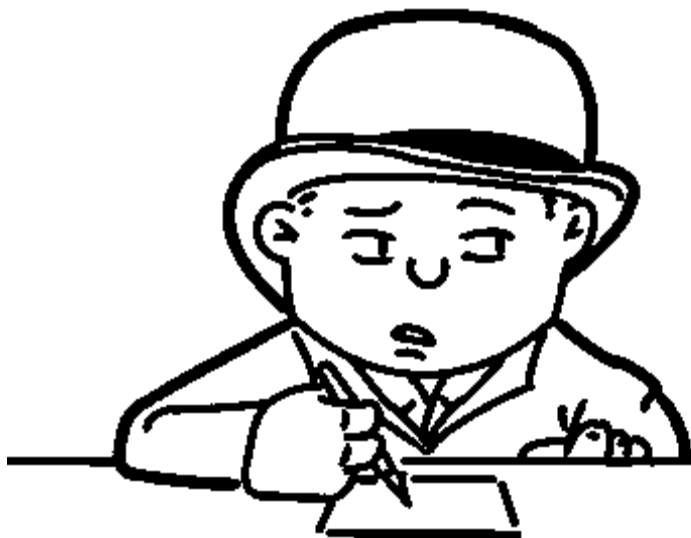
ummm... STAMFORD, YOU WERE NOT
TOLD TO GO TO THE HEADMASTER...

OH, JOHN, I KNOW HOW THIS WORKS... I
MAKE A COMMENT, THEN GET SENT TO THE
HEADMASTER'S... IT'S THE CYCLE OF LIFE.

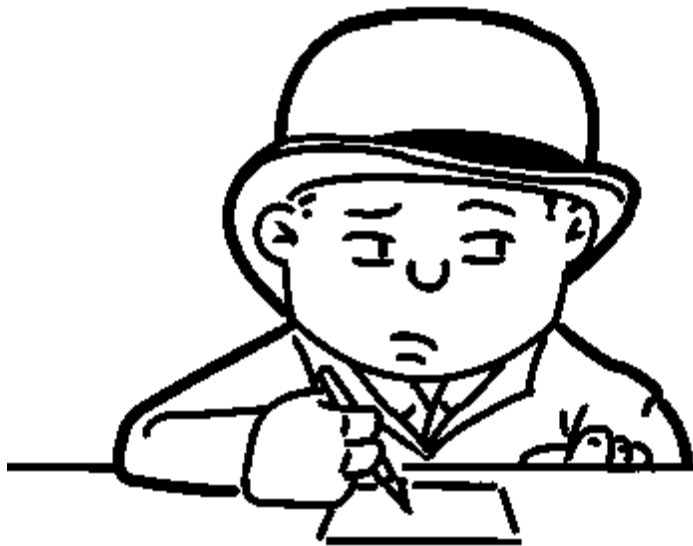


BUT YOU WERE NOT DISPATCHED THIS TIME.

huh? REALLY? I... I...

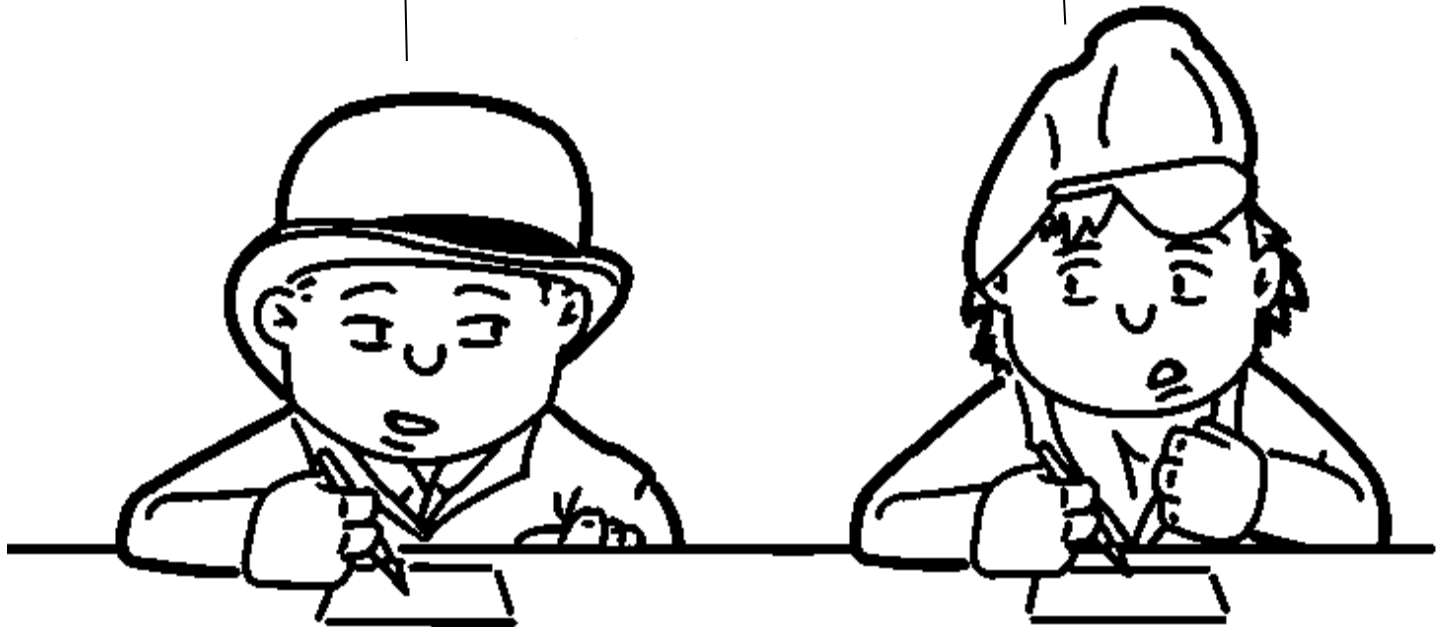


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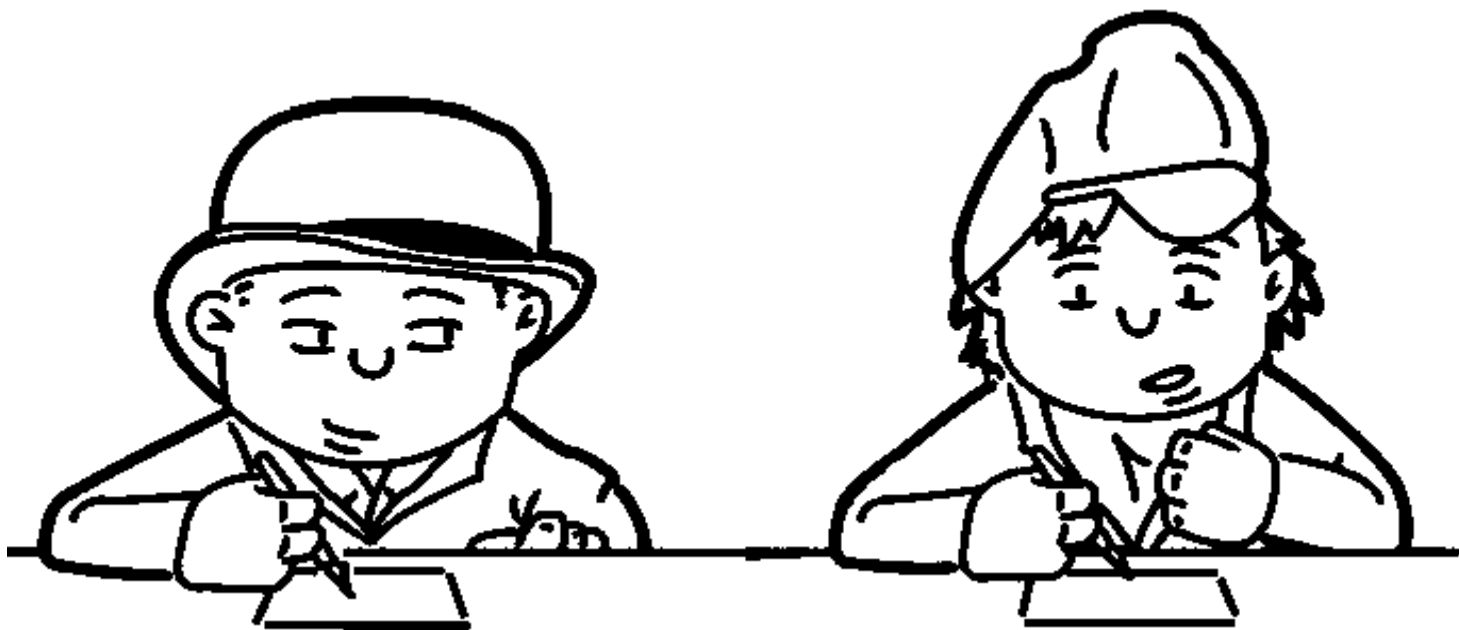


ummm... WHAT DO I DO NOW? I
NEVER MADE IT THIS FAR IN CLASS?

SAME THING YOU DO IN
THE FIRST PART OF CLASS.



YOU MEAN I MIGHT ACTUALLY LEARN WHO WON A BATTLE?



**MA'AM, IF WE LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES,
LOGICALLY, SHOULDN'T I MAKE AS MAY MISTAKES
AS POSSIBLE EACH DAY IN CLASS?**



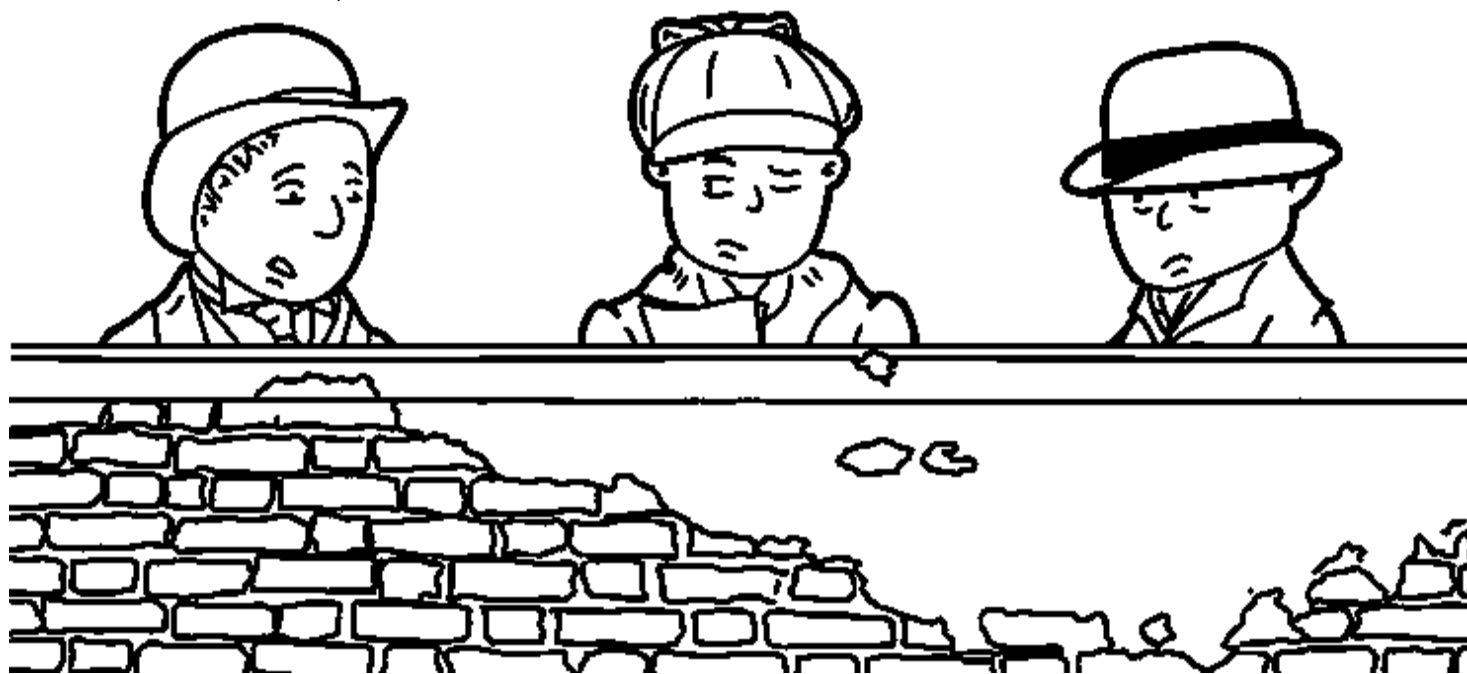
THAT WAS AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION ON ASTROLOGY IN
SCIENCE TODAY... DO YOU THINK OUR DESTINIES CAN BE
CONTROLLED BY THE MOVEMENT OF THE STARS AND PLANETS?



*NO, I THINK WE CAN LIVE OUT OUR LIVES AS
WE CHOOSE... SELF DETERMINATION TO MAKE
OUR OWN CHOICES, AS WE SEE FIT.*



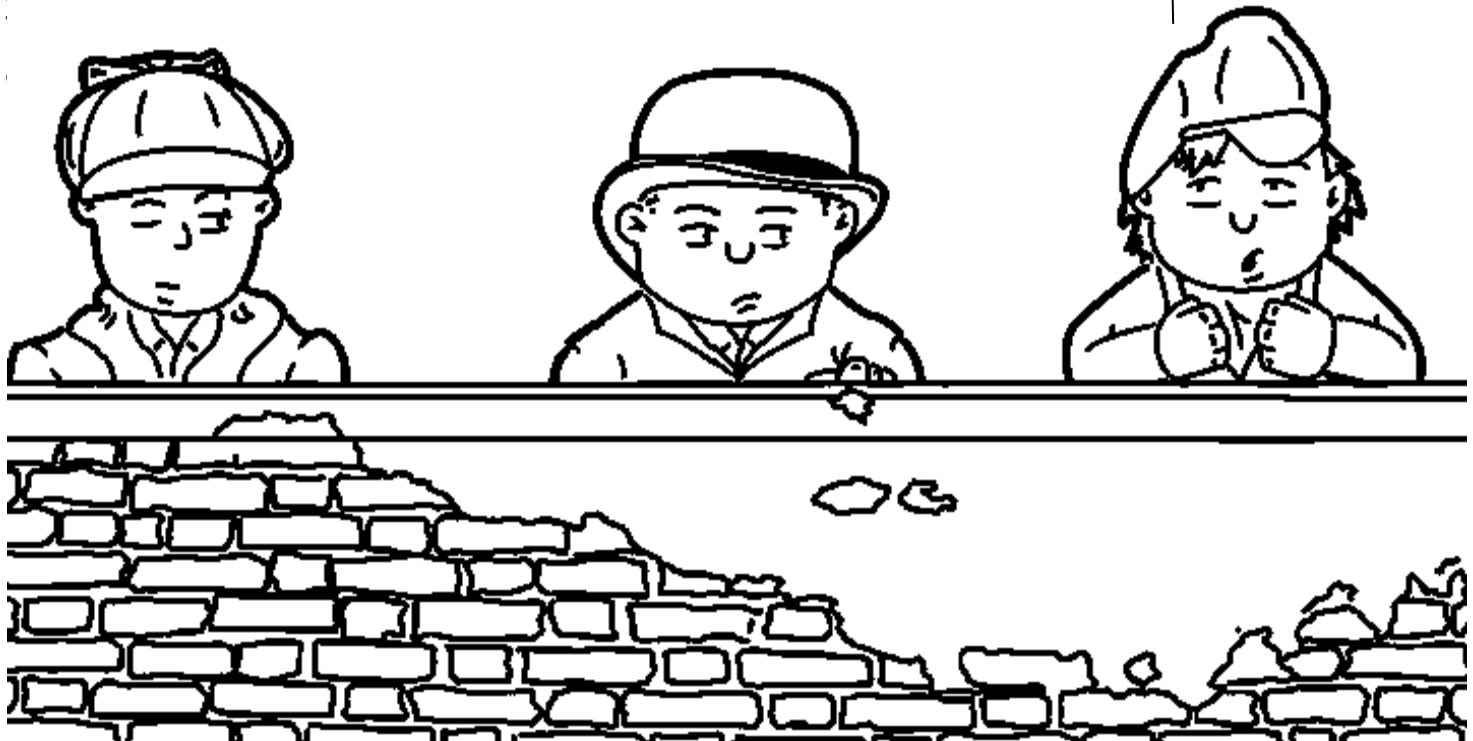
NOT TO HEAR MY PARENTS TELL IT!



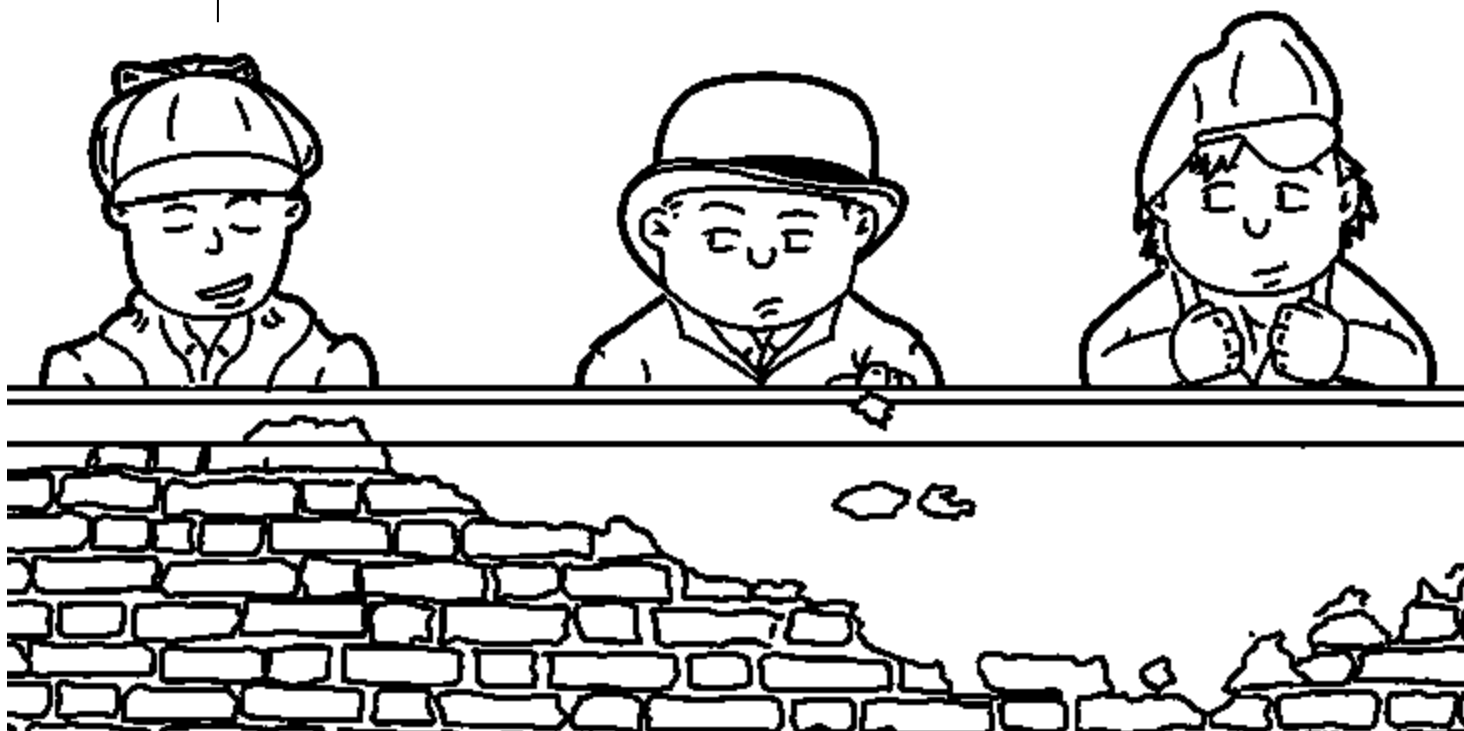
*SHERLOCK, YOU SIMPLY MUST ASSIST ME WITH MY
OVERDUE ESSAY... I CAN'T AFFORD TO FAIL ANOTHER ONE.*



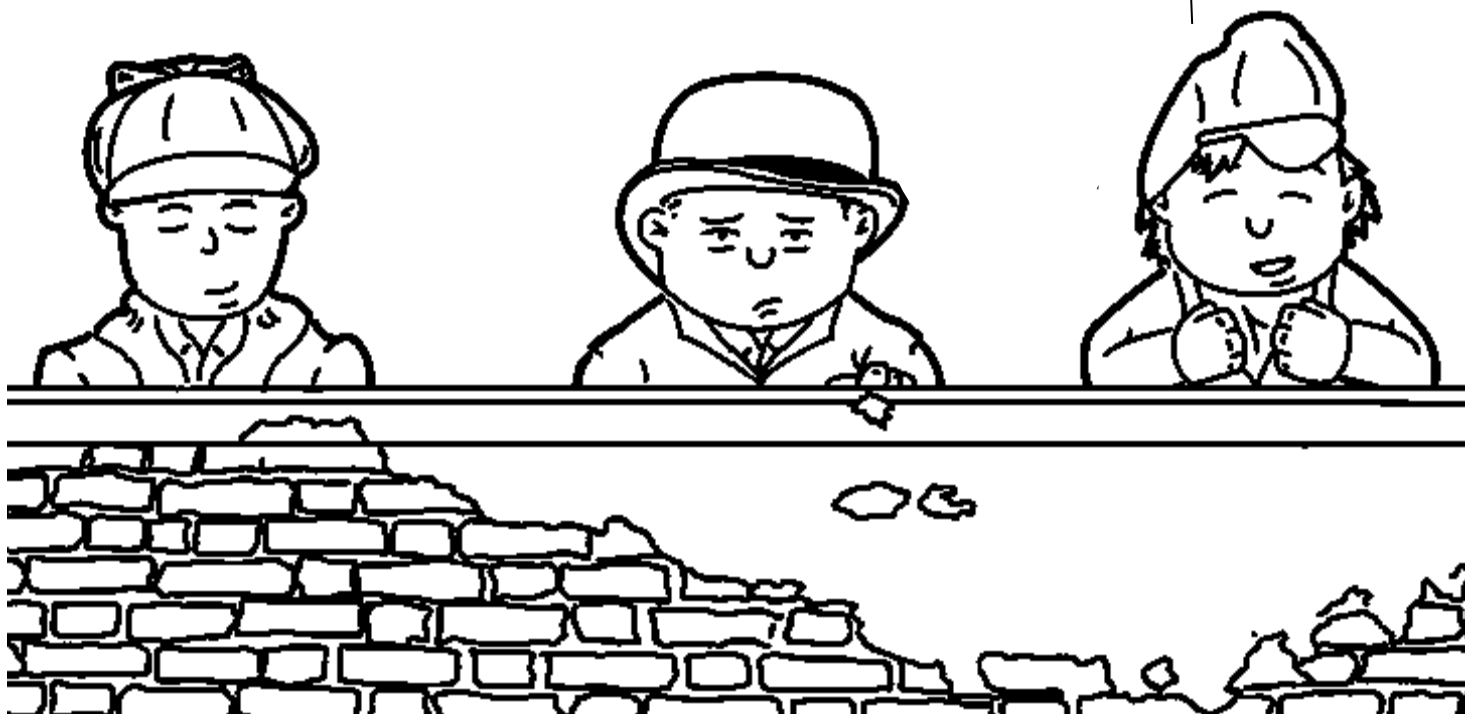
WHAT HAS LED TO THE GRADUAL
DOWNFALL OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE?

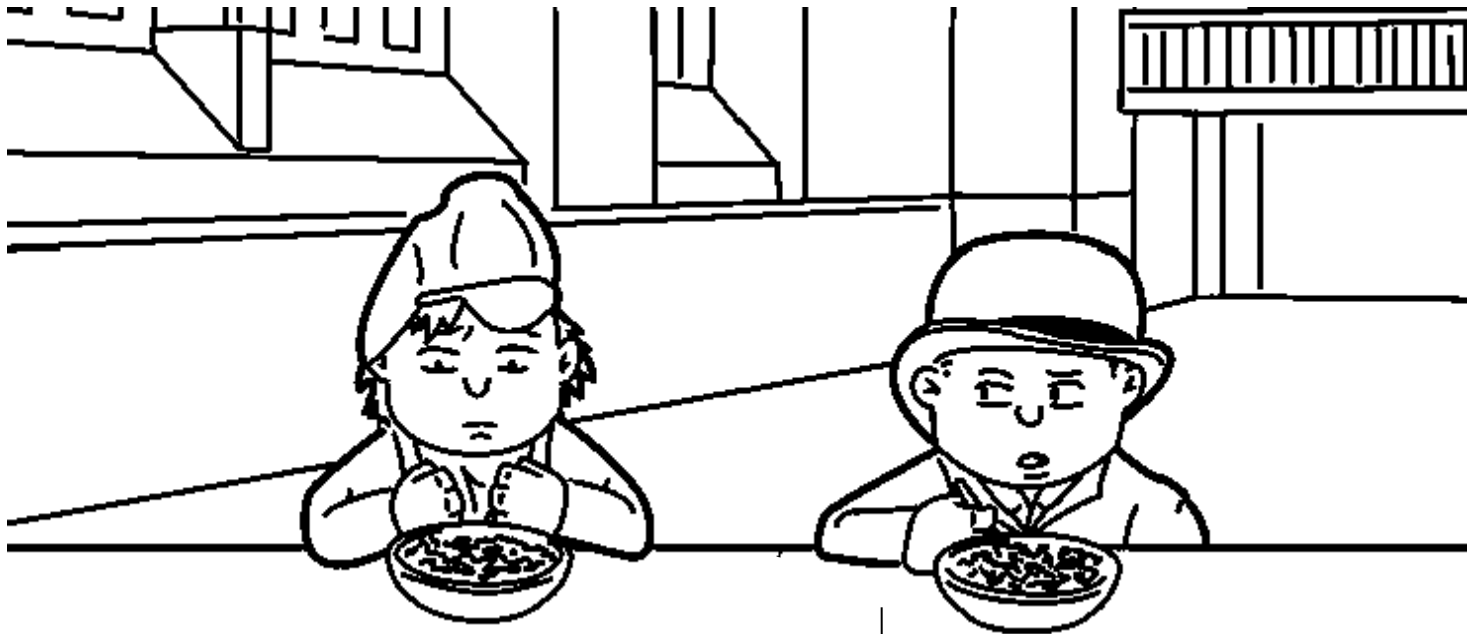


THEIR LEADERS ALL BECAME OVERWEIGHT AND SEDENTARY,
SITTING AROUND WITH THEIR FEET PROPPED ON FOOTSTOOLS.



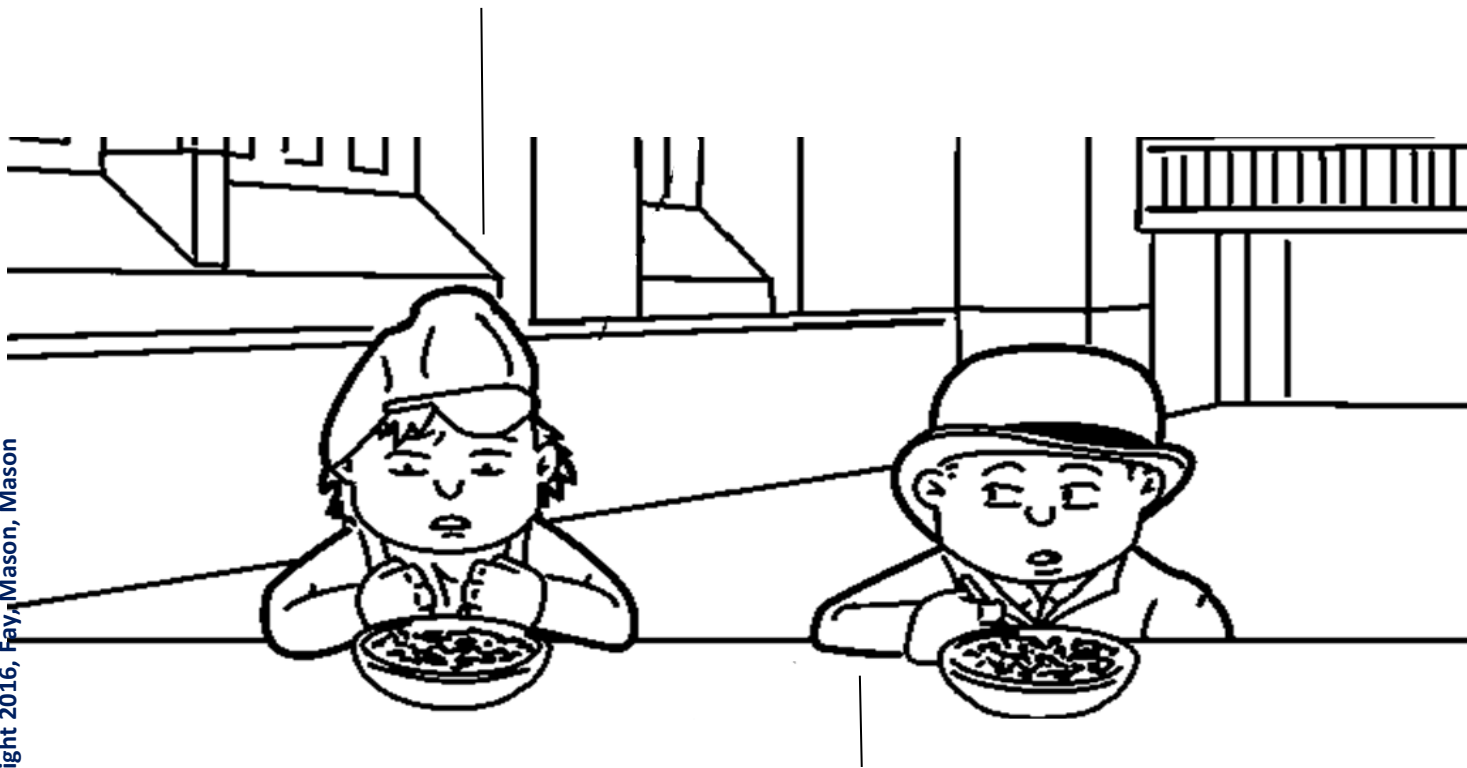
WOW! THANKS... THIS WILL NOW BE AN EASY 'A'.





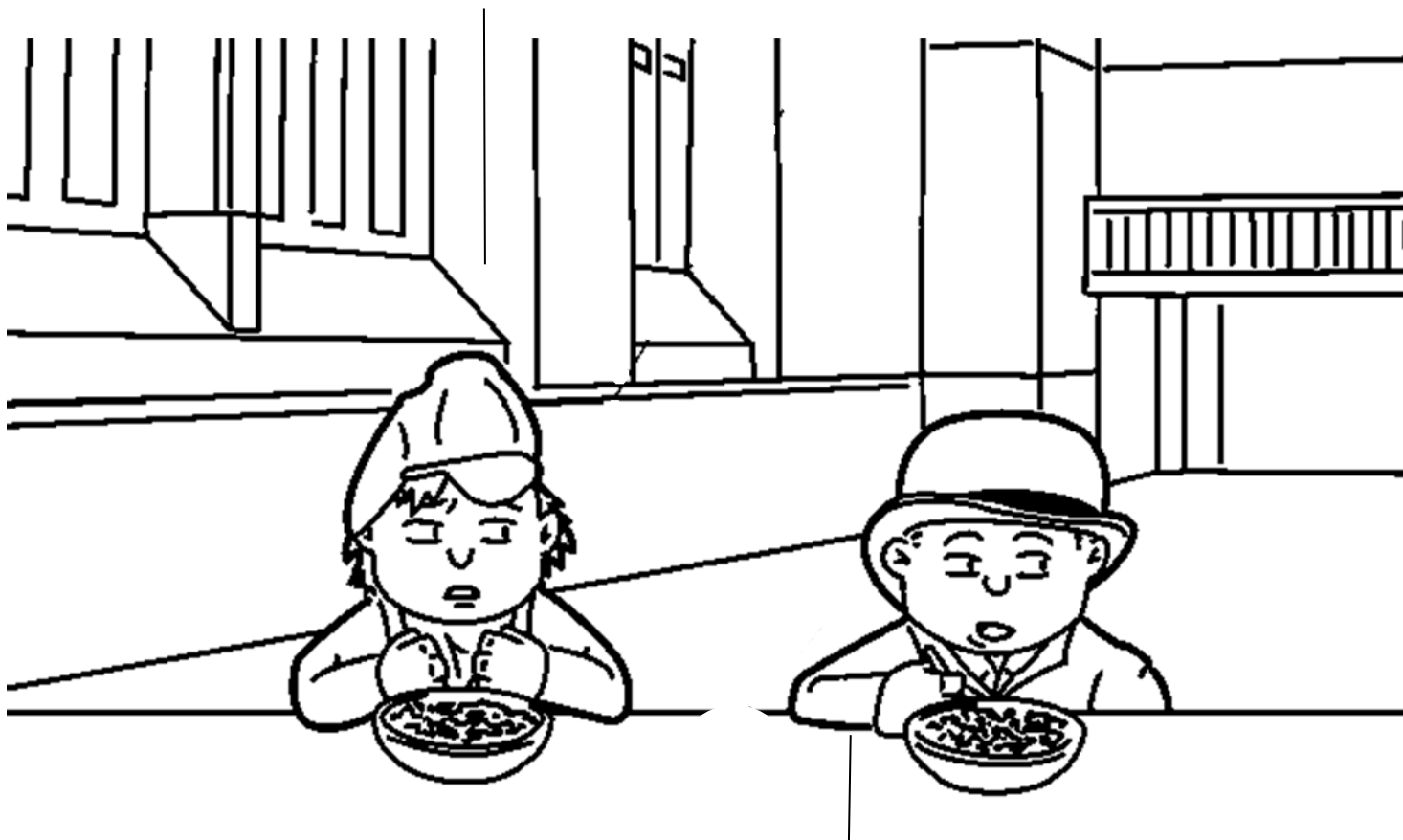
*I AM TIRED FORCING MYSELF TO EAT THIS SLOP...
THERE HAS TO BE A BETTER ALTERNATIVE*

WELL, THE ONLY KNOWN ALTERNATIVE IS THE FOOD SHERLOCK GETS FROM SMITHFIELD, BUT HE DOES NOT SHARE IT WITH ANYONE.



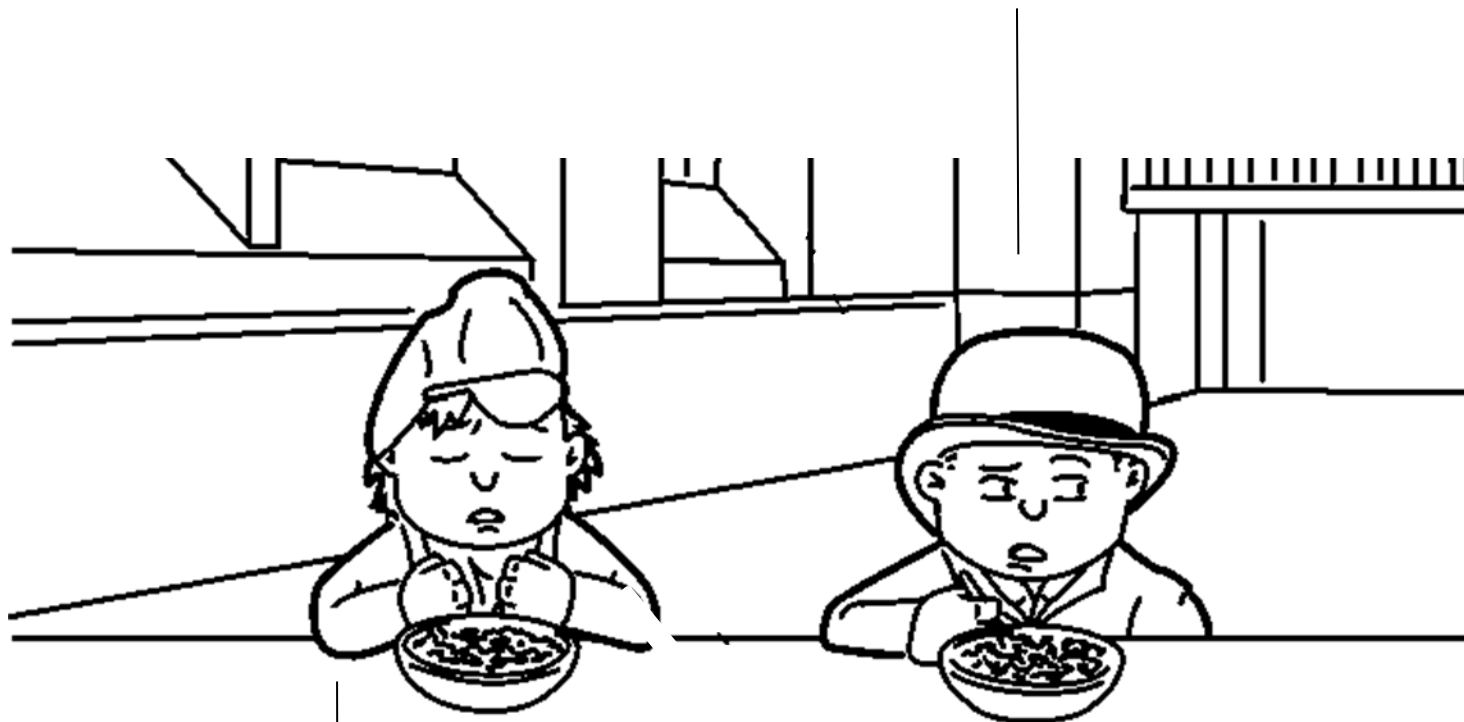
I COMPLETELY FORGOT HE GETS SHIPMENTS FROM THERE... I BET HE WOULD SHARE IF WE ASKED.

OH, THAT'S NOT A SMART IDEA, HE GETS MAD WHEN...

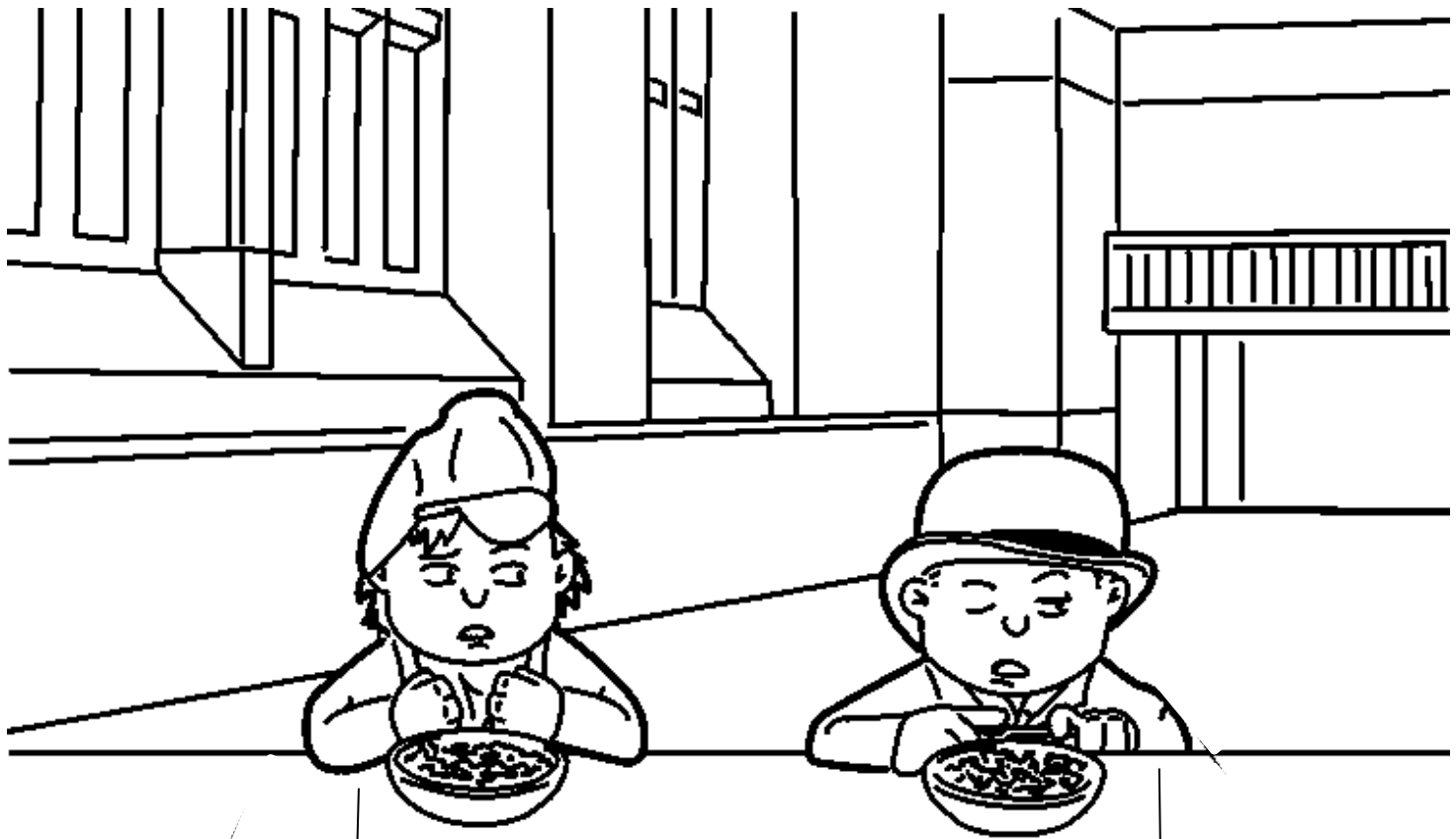


*HEY, HOLMES! COULD STAMFORD AND
I SHARE PART OF YOUR LUNCH?*

WHAT? DID HE JUST TURN HIS BACK TO ME AND COVER HIS EARS?



TRIED TO WARN YOU, JOHN... HE REVERTS TO THE
OL' 'WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE AND HEAR, CAN'T HURT
YOU'... SO I GUESS THAT IS THAT THEN.

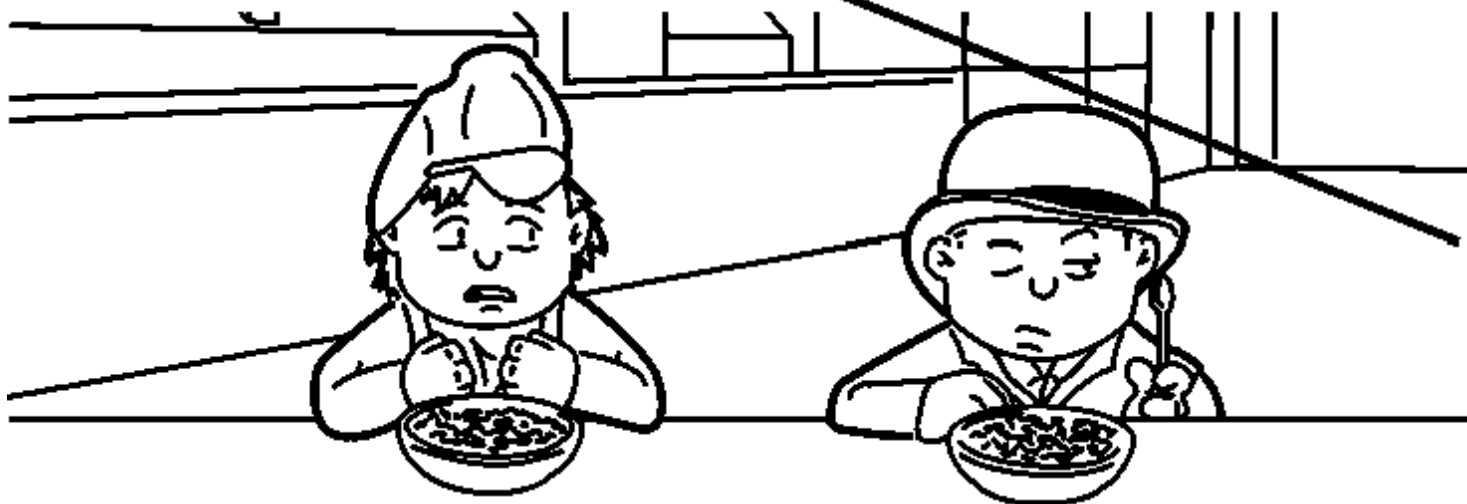


JOHN WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

CAN'T HURT HIM, huh? WE WILL SEE.



PLOP!!



AARGHH!!

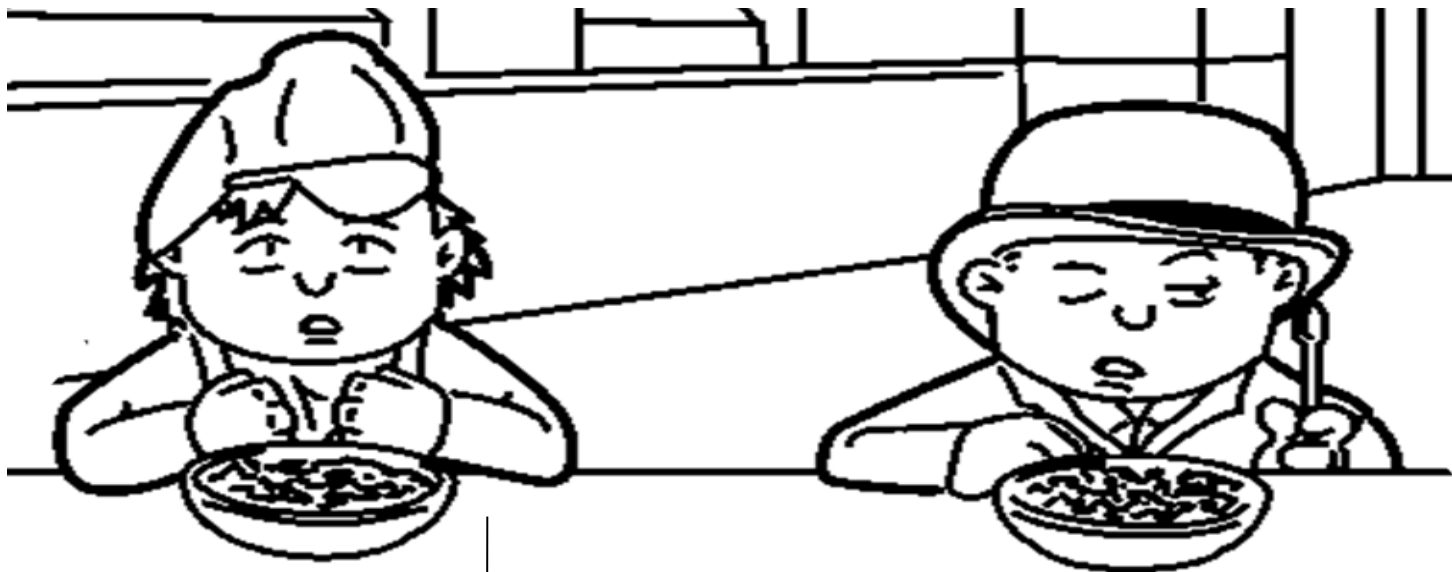
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS STUFF? _____



YOU... YOU HURT HIM... AND HE WAS
NOT ABLE TO DEFEND HIMSELF.

AND I WILL HURT HIM AGAIN IF HE
DOES NOT SHARE HIS VICTUALS.

IT BURNS!



*IF I AM WRONG ABOUT THAT, WHAT
ELSE AM I MISTAKEN ABOUT?*

*QUIT BEING A DRAMA QUEEN, HOLMES! OR
THE NEXT SHOT IS GOING IN YOUR MOUTH!*

I MUST SAY, THIS EPISODE IS QUITE RIVETING.



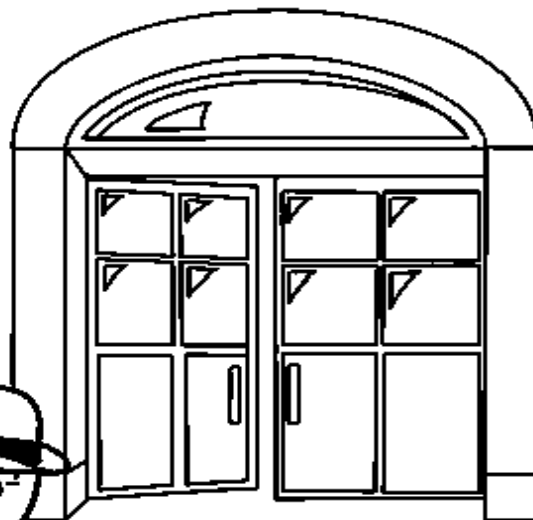
"INSPECTOR LESTRADE" LIBRARY



Beauty in things exists in the

mind which contemplates them"

David Hume



ONCE AGAIN, I GET TO DEAL WITH STAMFORD'S CRISIS OF THE DAY... MAYBE WILLIAM CAN STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT.



WAIT... YOU MEAN TO SAY, "WHAT
YOU CAN'T SEE AND HEAR, CAN'T
HURT YOU"... WAS WRONG?

CORRECT. ITS, "WHAT
YOU DON'T KNOW, CAN
HURT YOU."



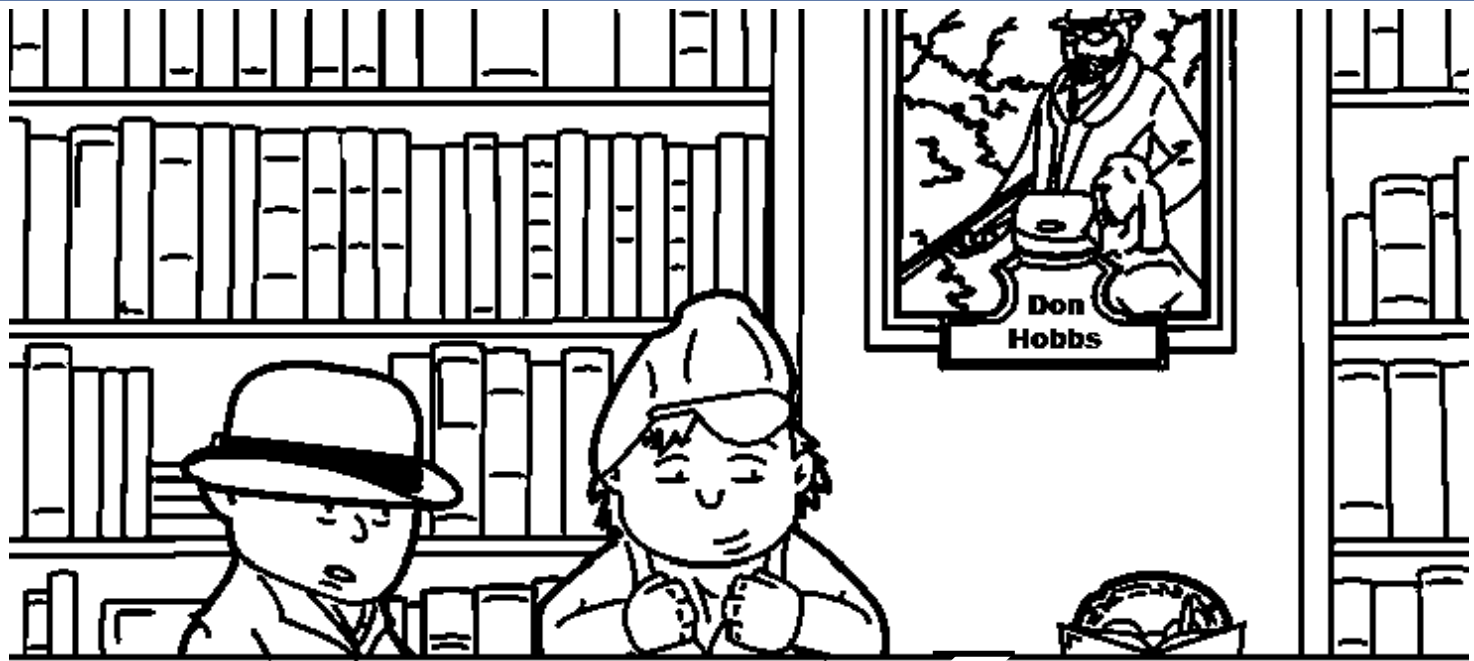
STAMFORD, I THOUGHT
YOU WERE GOING TO MEET
MASTER BARING-GOULD?

OH, I WAS... BUT HE'S OFF READING
ABOUT NURSERY RHYMES OR
SOMETHING... SO I AM TALKING TO
THE YOUNG'UNS' CHRONICLER.



THE CHRONICLER? I HAVE
HEARD MUCH OF HIM, BUT
NEVER THE PLEASURE OF
MEETING.

OF COURSE, ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE YOUNG MASTER...
LE... LES... LESLIE?



SURE THING, JUST... ummm...
YOUR EYEBROWS... ummm...

LES IS PERFECTLY FINE...
PLEASURE TO MEET YOU JOHN...
I WAS WONDERING IF I MAY
ASK ABOUT SHERLOCK AND
YOURS' ADVENTURES?



LET ME ASK... HAVE YOU BEEN IN CLOSE
PROXIMITY TO SHERLOCK WHILE HE'S
CONDUCTING AN EXPERIMENT?

YES, I HAVE.



AN EXPERIMENT INVOLVING A RED AND BLUE LIQUID?

YES.



AND WHAT WAS THE STATUS OF YOUR
EYEBROWS THEREAFTER?

NON-EXISTENT... OH, I SEE.

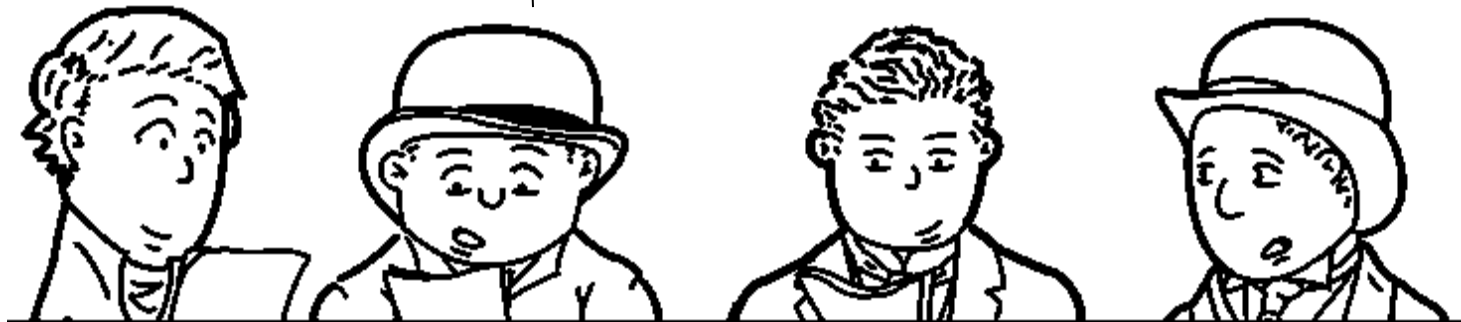


APPEARS SHERLOCK HAS BROUGHT
PEOPLE TOGETHER AGAIN.

I DON'T THINK WE WILL BE CREATING A 'CHARRED
EYEBROW SOCIETY' ANYTIME SOON.

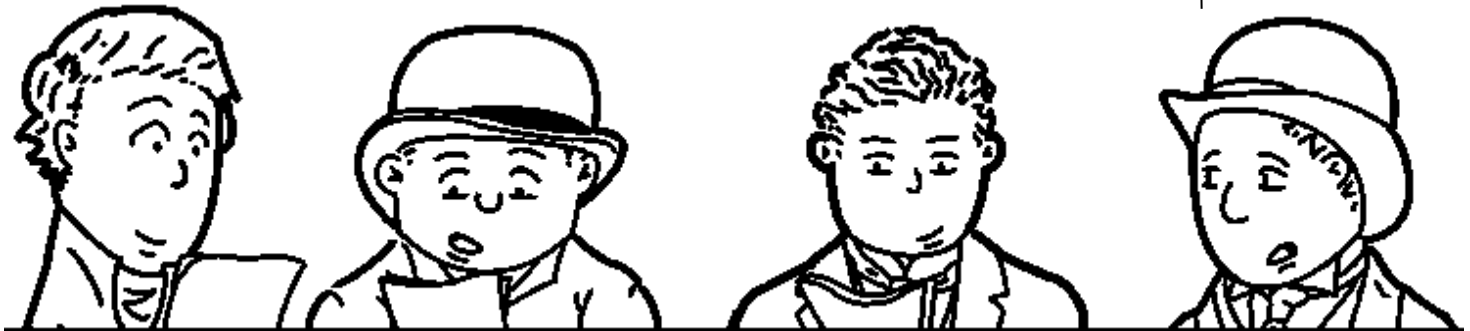
WHAT ARE YOU GENTLEMEN SO ENTHRALLED WITH?

*AN 'I HEAR OF SHAKESPEARE EVERYWHERE'
DISPATCH FROM THE UNITED STATES.*



A DISPATCH FROM AMERICA? huh, MUST BE REALLY
POPULAR TO CATCH ON ALL THE WAY TO THIS SCHOOL...
HOW MANY DISPATCHES HAVE THERE BEEN?

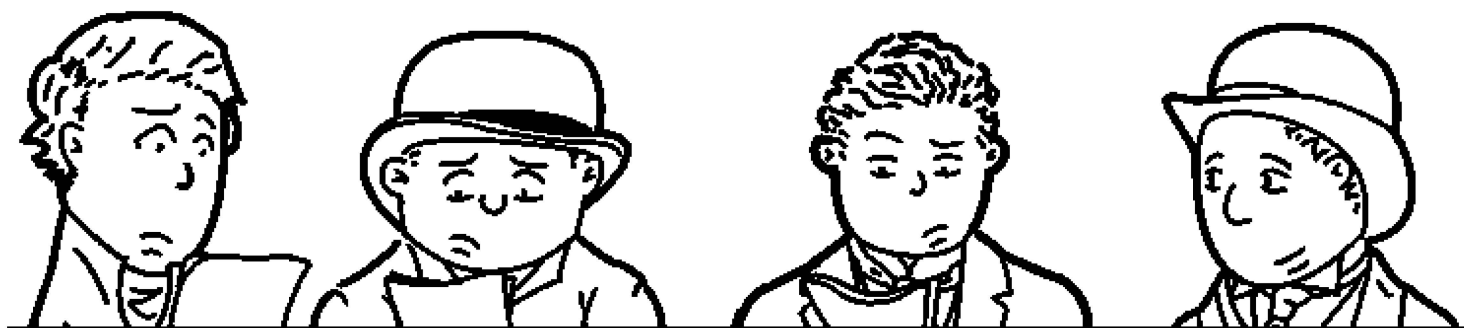
THERE ARE 103 AT PRESENT.



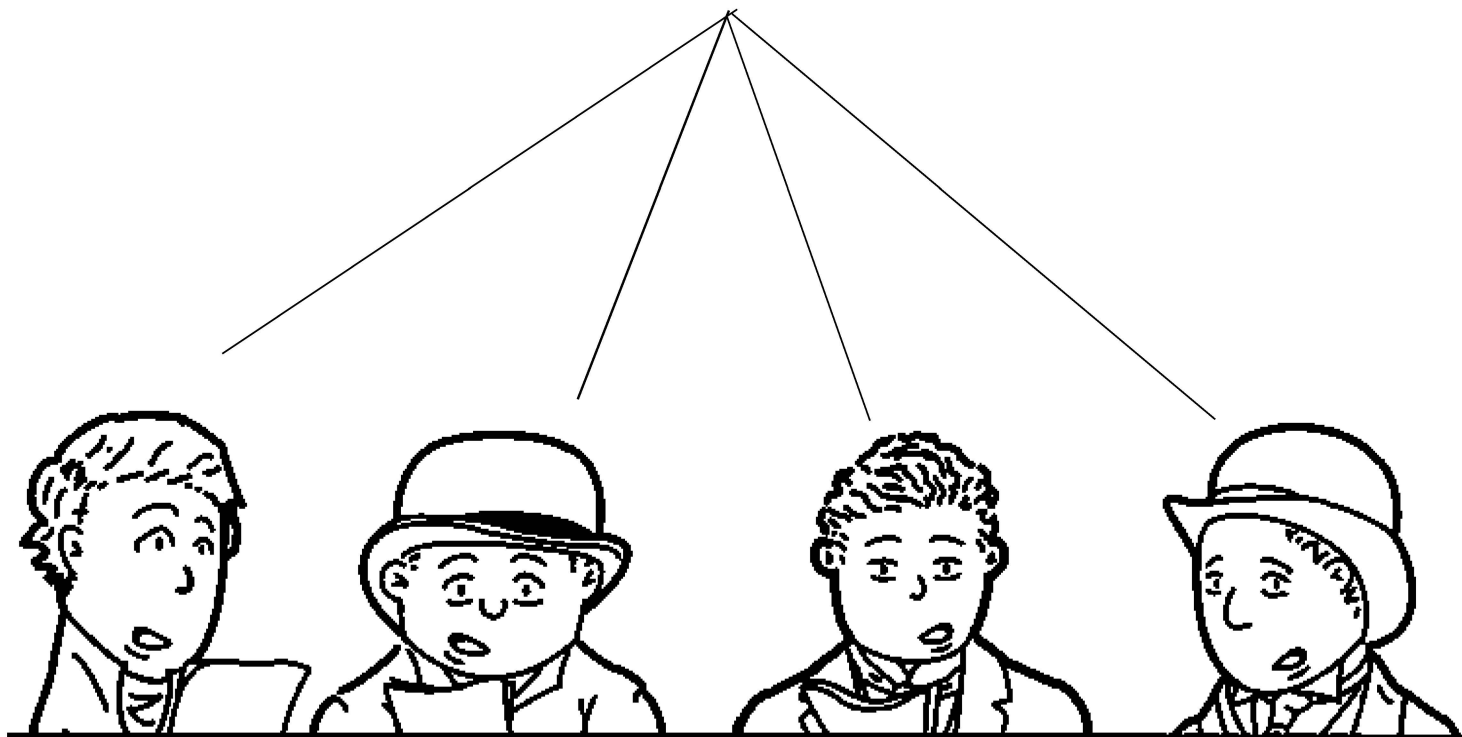
**THAT'S IMPRESSIVE... I ASSUME YOU GENTLEMEN
ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR ACHIEVEMENT?**

ummm...





**CONGRATULATIONS ON DISPATCH
103, SCOTT AND BURT!!**



*THANKS AGAIN FOR SHARING SOME
MEATBALLS WITH STAMFORD AND ME.*



THINK NOTHING OF IT, WATSON... THE YOUNG'UNS BROUGHT
ME AN EXTRA DOZEN IN THIS MORNING'S SHIPMENT.



NOW, WATSON, IF WE CAN GET TO THE MATTER AT
HAND... WAIT, THERE'S AN EAST WIND COMING, WATSON.

I THINK NOT, HOLMES...
THERE IS NOT A BREEZE
TO SPEAK OF.



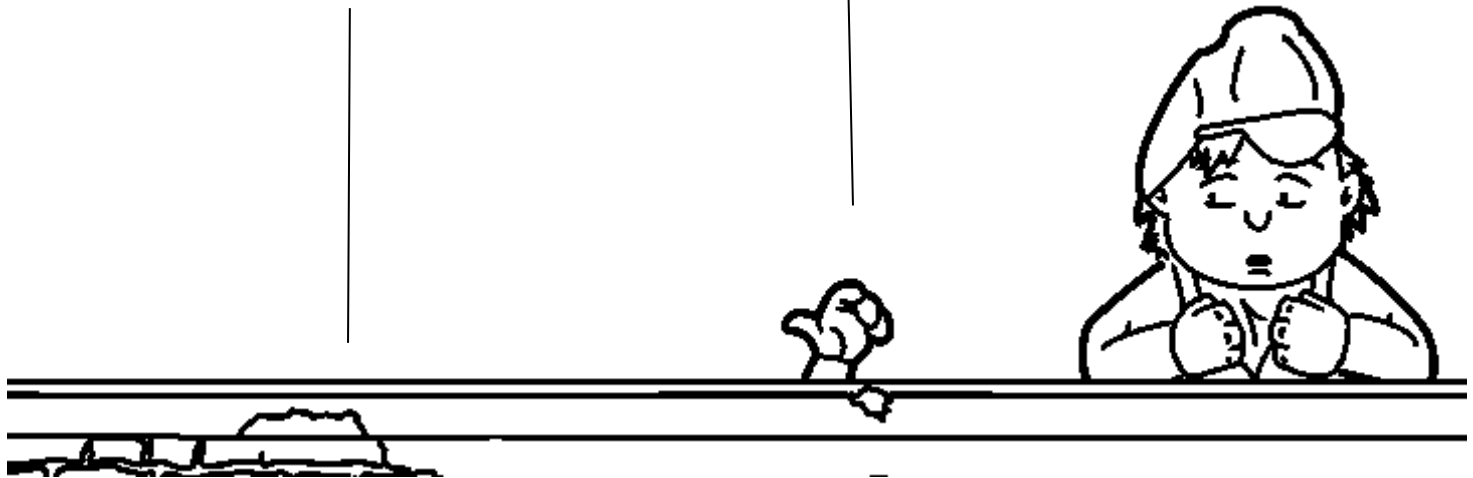
THERE'S AN EAST WIND COMING ALL THE SAME, SUCH A WIND AS NEVER BLEW ON ENGLAND YET... IT WILL BE WARM AND BITTER, WATSON, AND A GOOD MANY OF US MAY WITHER BEFORE ITS BLAST.

HOLMES, I THINK YOU ARE MAKING TOO MUCH O... OF... OH, MY WORD!



BUT IT'S GOD'S OWN WIND, NONE THE LESS, AND A
CLEANER, BETTER STRONGER LAND WILL LIE... << cough >>
IT'S GOING TO PURGE EVERYTHING... << cough >>

<< cough >> NO! IT'S
CROSSED MY LIPS! I BELIEVE
I CAN TASTE IT! << cough >>



**SORRY, MAYBE I SHOULD
HAVE SKIPPED THOSE
LAST FOUR MEATBALLS.**

QUICK, SUMMON THE NURSE!

**WE NEED AMMONIA
AND BRANDY!**



MA'AM, LET ME MAKE
SURE I HAVE THIS
RIGHT... TO BE AN
INDIVIDUALISTIC,
ORIGINAL CRITICAL
THINKER, I MUST DO
EXACTLY AS YOU SAY
EACH DAY?



I HEAR LESTRADE AND GREGSON HAVE FORMED A CLUB... THEY ONLY ALLOW MONITORS TO BELONG.

YES, 'CLUBLAND' IN THE PALL MALL AREA IS THRIVING, WITH OVER 200 CLUBS OF VARIOUS THEMES... I SUGGEST WE FOUND OUR OWN SUCH THEMED-ESTABLISHMENT.



WHAT WOULD BE THE MONIKER OF SUCH A CLUB FOR US?

*I WOULD SUBMIT 'THE HE-
MAN WOMAN HATER'S CLUB.'*



AS WE ALL KNOW, GIRLS ARE NEVER TO BE
ENTIRELY TRUSTED - NOT THE BEST OF THEM.

...BUT I LIKE GIRLS...



MAYBE AN ARCHERY CLUB.

*MY MOTHER WOULD NOT ALLOW ME
AROUND SHARP OBJECTS... NO THANKS.*



*SO, YOUNG'UN, WHAT TYPE OF CLUB
WOULD YOU SUGGEST WE CREATE?*

*MY ELDEST BROTHER, SEBASTIAN,
ENJOYS A GOOD GAME OF 'WHIST'... YOU
SHOULD CREATE A CARD-PLAYING CLUB.*



THE CLUB SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ON THE PREMISE AN AVERSION
TO GIRLS IS THE ONLY METHOD TO ENSURE OUR BRAIN GOVERNS
OUR HEART, AND NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

...BUT I LIKE GIRLS...
ONE EVEN KISSED ME.



SOUNDS LIKE DETENTION.



NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, IT DOES SOUND LIKE THAT.

*WHO WOULD WILLINGLY
DO SUCH A THING?*



GIRLS' HEARTS AND MINDS ARE INSOLUBLE PUZZLES TO THE MALE... MY CLUB WOULD ALLOW US TO SOLVE THOSE PUZZLES.

...BUT I REALLY LIKE GIRLS...



I VOTE FOR A GIRL'S APPRECIATION CLUB.

YOU KNOW, I DO TOO.



OH, FORGET IT... I'LL FORM A BEE-KEEPING
OR BARITSU APPRECIATION CLUB.

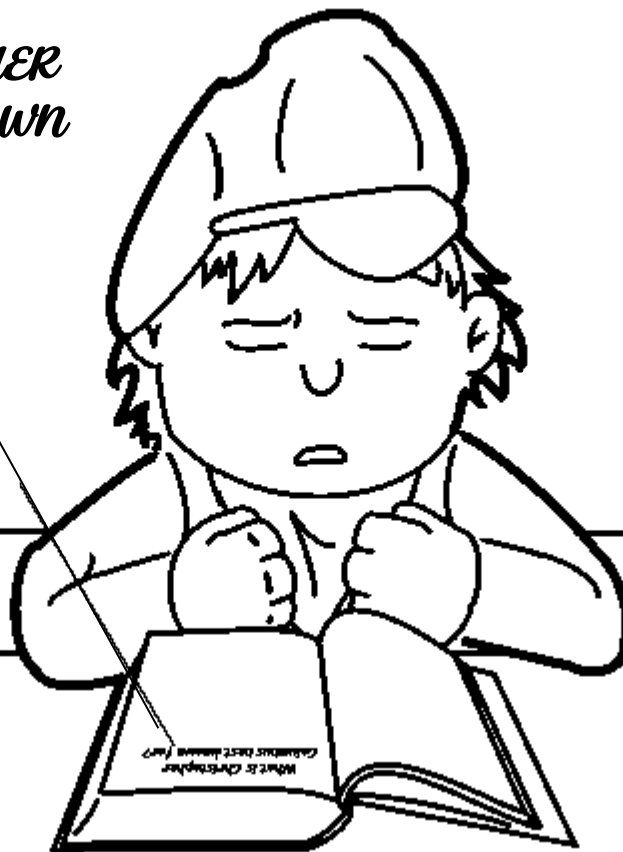
AGAIN... I AM NOT
ALLOWED TO BE AROUND
SHARP OBJECTS.

WHO'S BARITSU?



<< aargh >>

*WHAT IS CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS BEST KNOWN
FOR?*



***He never stopped
and asked for
directions!***



IF I AM GOING TO PROCEED INTO MEDICINE WHEN I GROW OLDER, I WILL NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHERE BABIES COME FROM.



*DON'T LOOK AT ME... I'M NOT EVEN SURE
WHERE VEGETABLES COME FROM!*

I WONDER HOW ONE WOULD FIND OUT.



I BELIEVE THOROUGH RESEARCH IN THE SCHOOL
LIBRARY, UNDER THE BIOLOGY SECTION, WOULD YIELD
FRESH FACTS TO FORM A WORKING HYPOTHESIS.



*SURELY, THERE MUST BE A SIMPLER
WAY... THAT LIBRARY SPOOKS ME.*

*OH, I KNOW... WHAT DOES THE LABEL
ON THE BACK OF YOUR SHIRT SAY?*





Proudly created in
Leicester,
Leicestershire county

IT APPEARS I CAME FROM LEICESTER.

*WOW... DOCTORING IS
EASIER THAN I THOUGHT.*



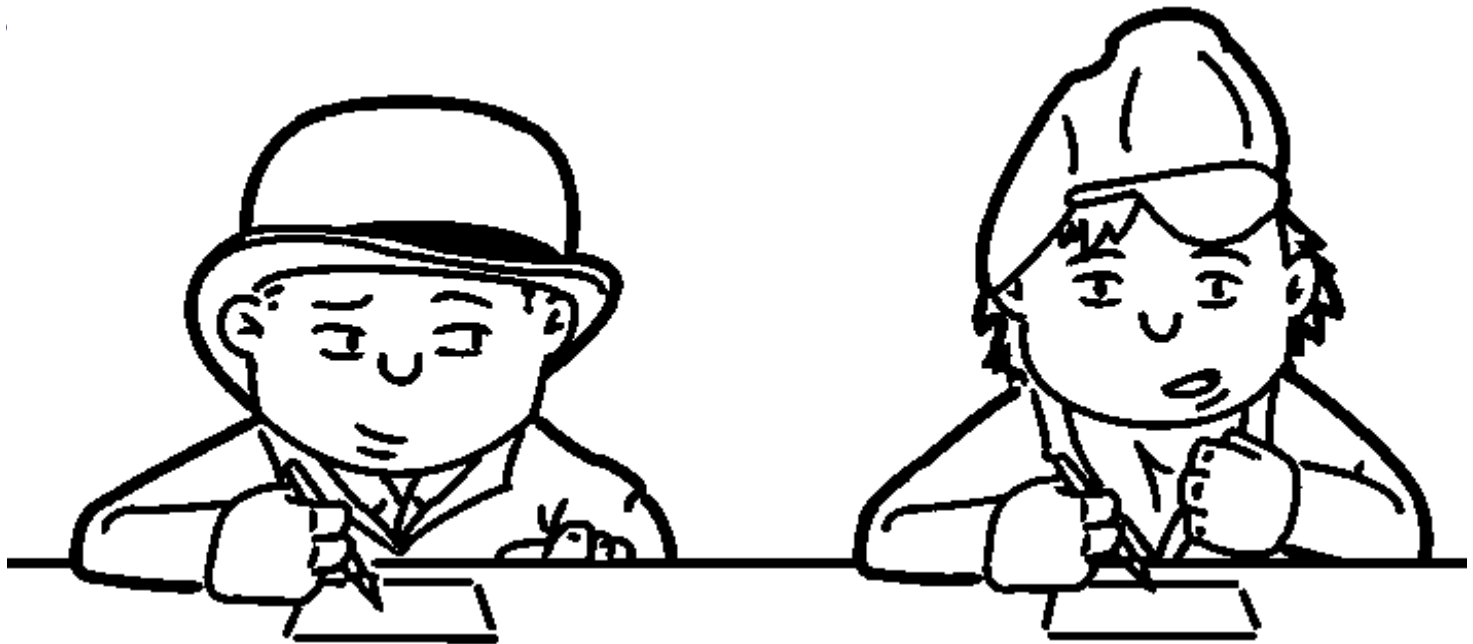
*MR. STAMFORD, YOU'RE FIRST... WHAT
IS YOUR FATHER'S OCCUPATION?*

**CAREER DAY AT
BAKER STREET**



CAREER DAY AT BAKER STREET

*HE IS A CIVIL ENGINEER, BUT ON
THE SIDE, HE'S A MAGICIAN, MA'AM.*



**CAREER DAY AT
BAKER STREET**

THAT'S VERY INTERESTING... WHAT
ILLUSION DOES HE PERFORM BEST?

HE SAWS PEOPLE IN HALF... IT'S MY FAVORITE!



**CAREER DAY AT
BAKER STREET**

I LOVE THAT TRICK... DO
YOUR OTHER FAMILY
MEMBERS ENJOY IT?

MY HALF-BROTHER AND HALF-SISTERS
ARE NOT TOO ENAMORED BY IT.



THIS IS WHAT I CALLED YOU FOR... NORMALLY, I WOULD NOT REQUIRE ASSISTANCE FOR A FEW ORANGE SEEDS, HOWEVER...

HOWEVER, THE DROPS OF BLOOD DO ADD A MYSTERIOUS TINT.



*WITH ALL HALLOW'S EVE LOOMING TONIGHT,
MAYBE THIS IS SIMPLY A SICK PRANK...*

...OR DARK RITUAL.



DARK RITUAL? YOUR MIND IS WANDERING, PERFECT... THIS IS
JUST A SIMPLE WARNING... ONE I CAN SOLVE IN MY SLEEP.

WELL, I AM NOT
GOING TO SLEEP
UNTIL I FIND
THOSE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS.



*VERY WELL, LESTRADE... LET'S HAVE A GENTLEMAN'S
WAGE ON WHO SOLVES THIS MYSTERY FIRST.*

*YOU ARE ON, SHERLOCK...
WHAT SHOULD OUR
WAGER BE, THEN?*



THE WINNER GETS THE LOSER'S PENNIES FROM GUY
FAWKES NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 5TH... AGREED?

AGREE.



ummm... STAMFORD, I JUST NOTICED THE BANDAGES ON
YOUR HANDS... WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

JUST BEFORE MEETING ALL OF YOU HERE, I
WAS CARVING A VERY SMALL GOURD INTO A
JACK TO CARRY WITH ME TONIGHT.



YOU REALIZE NEITHER GOURDS OR TURNIPS, WHICH ARE USED FOR JACK'S, ARE ORANGE IN COLOUR? TRUST ME, YOUR CREATION WOULD NOT HAVE MADE A VERY SATISFYING JACK O' LANTERN... AND TO TOP IT OFF YOU KNOW YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED AROUND SHARP OBJECTS.

YES, I KNOW.



*YOU GENTLEMEN SEE, BUT YOU DO NOT
OBSERVE... THE DISTINCTION IS CLEAR.*

I BELIEVE THAT'S MY LINE.

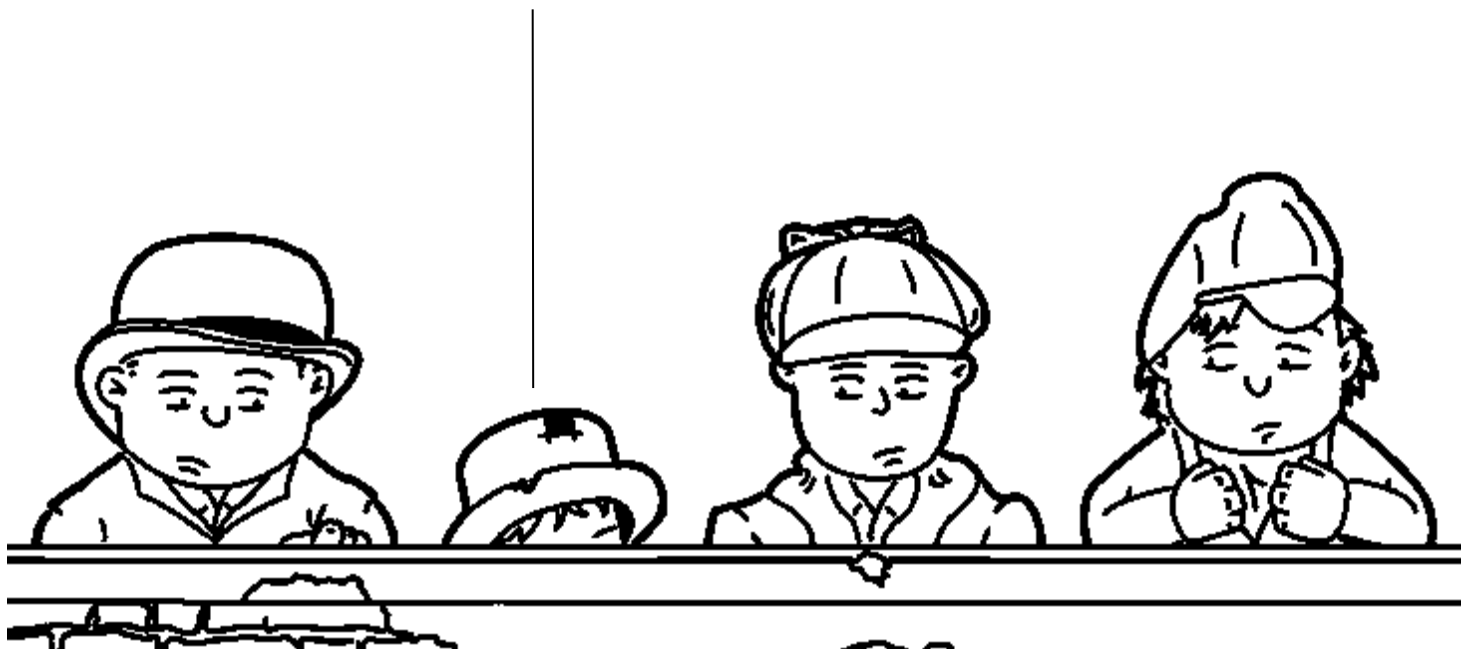


I EXPECT THE PENNIES ON MY DESK, GOOD SIRs.

OUTSMARTED BY AN AMATEUR ONCE AGAIN.



WE ARE STUDYING THE WAR BETWEEN THE STATES IN CURRENT AFFAIRS... I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY ARE WARRING.



VARIOUS OPTIONS EXIST, INCLUDING THE MORAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUE OF SLAVERY, STATES' RIGHTS, TERRITORIAL EXPANSION, AND LOSS OF INFLUENCE BY THE SOUTH... BUT I BELIEVE IT TO BE PREPOSTEROUS WAY TO SETTLE A DISPUTE.



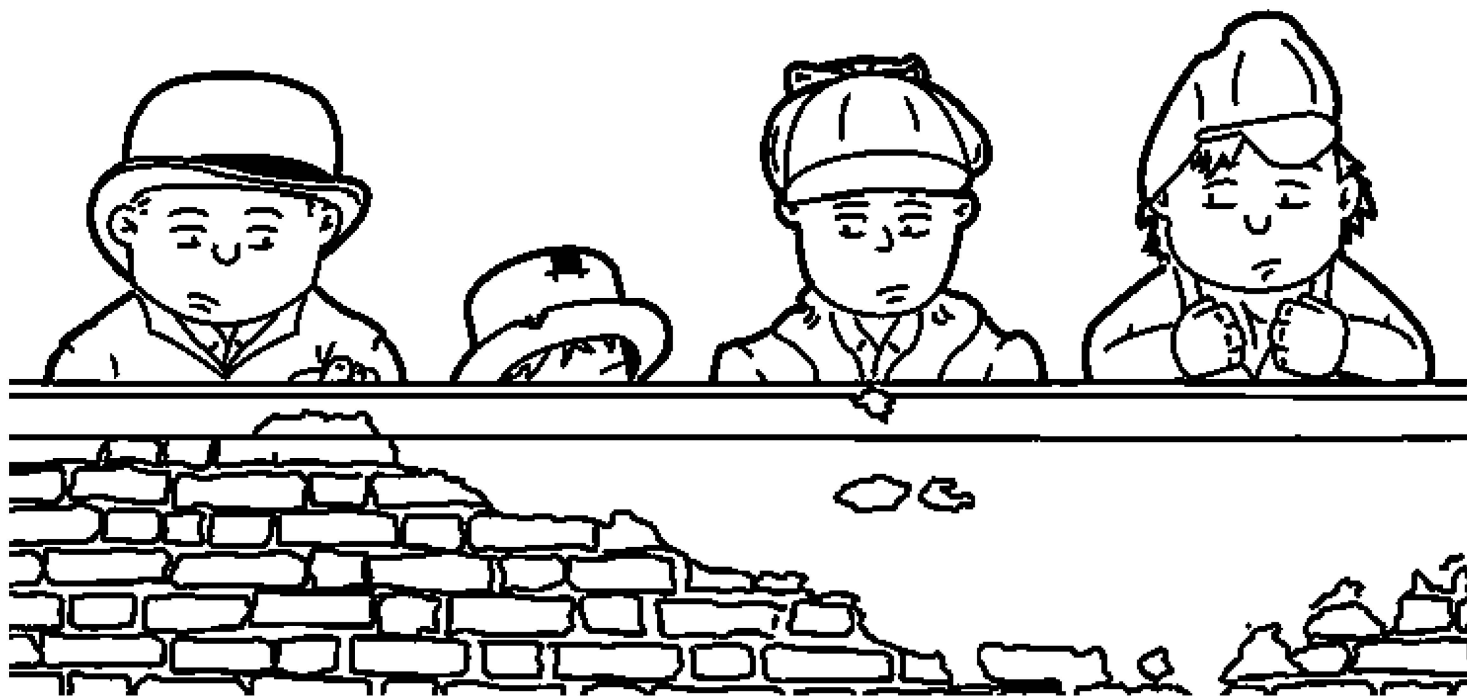
DO YOU REALIZE THEY HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED
IN 40 WARS SINCE THEIR FOUNDING IN 1776.

ummm... ACTUALLY, WE HAVE BEEN IN
APPROXIMATELY 70 DIFFERENT
CONFLICTS IN THE SAME TIME PERIOD.

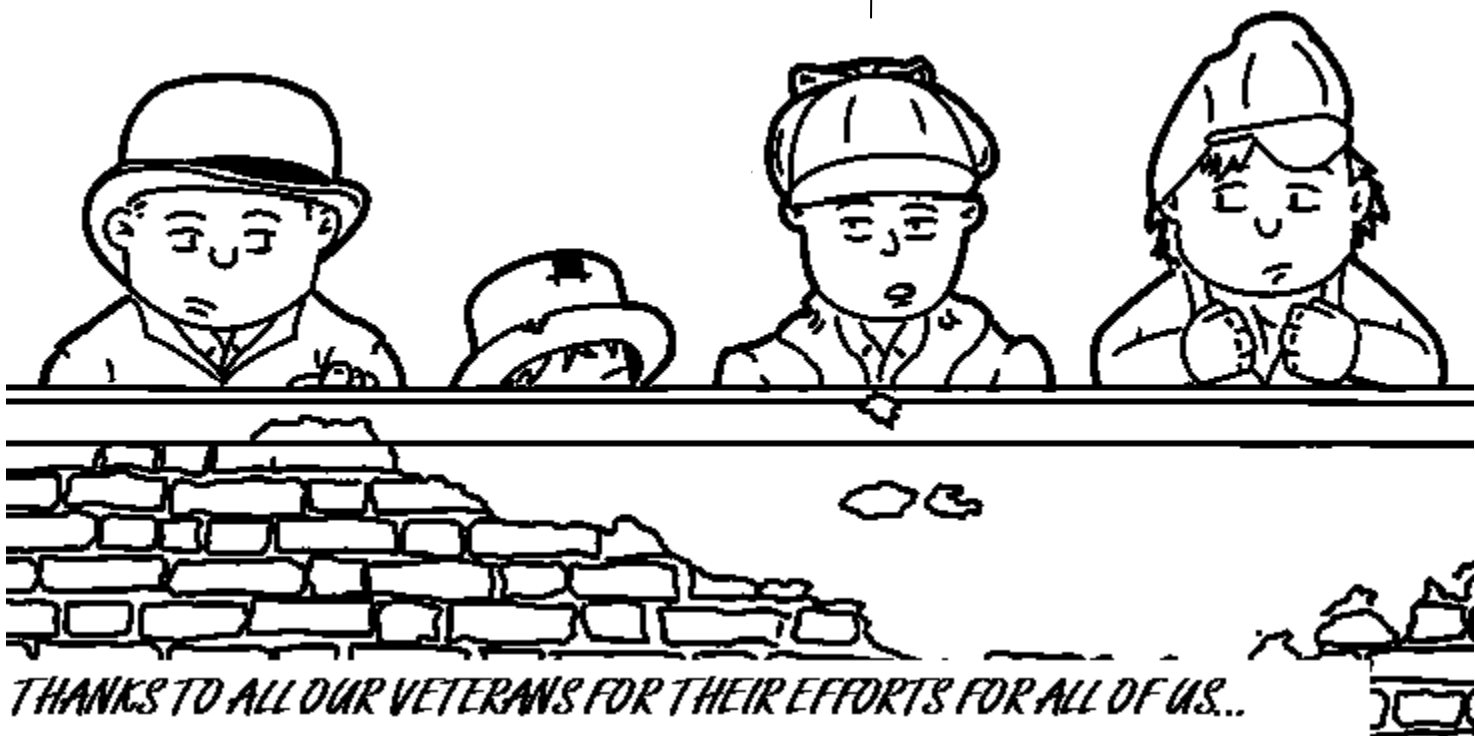


*HARD TO BELIEVE PEOPLE WITHIN THE SAME COUNTRY
CAN HAVE SUCH DIFFERENT VIEWS AND REACH THE
POINT OF HATING AND HURTING EACH OTHER.*





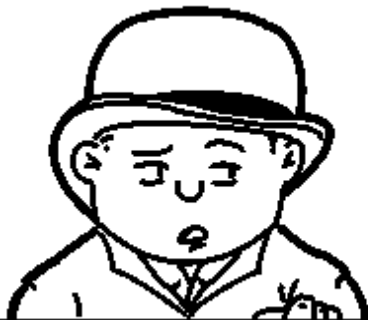
LET'S HOPE WE ALWAYS SUPPORT AND HONOR THOSE
WHO ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES FOR
THEIR COUNTRY'S FREEDOM AND ALL ITS CITIZENS.



THANKS TO ALL OUR VETERANS FOR THEIR EFFORTS FOR ALL OF US...

THIS JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME.

*WHAT ARE YOU TRYING
TO MAKE SENSE OF?*



*I HAVE AN UNCLE IN THE STATES WHO SENT ME A
LETTER, DESCRIBING A GAME HE WENT TO LAST WEEK.*

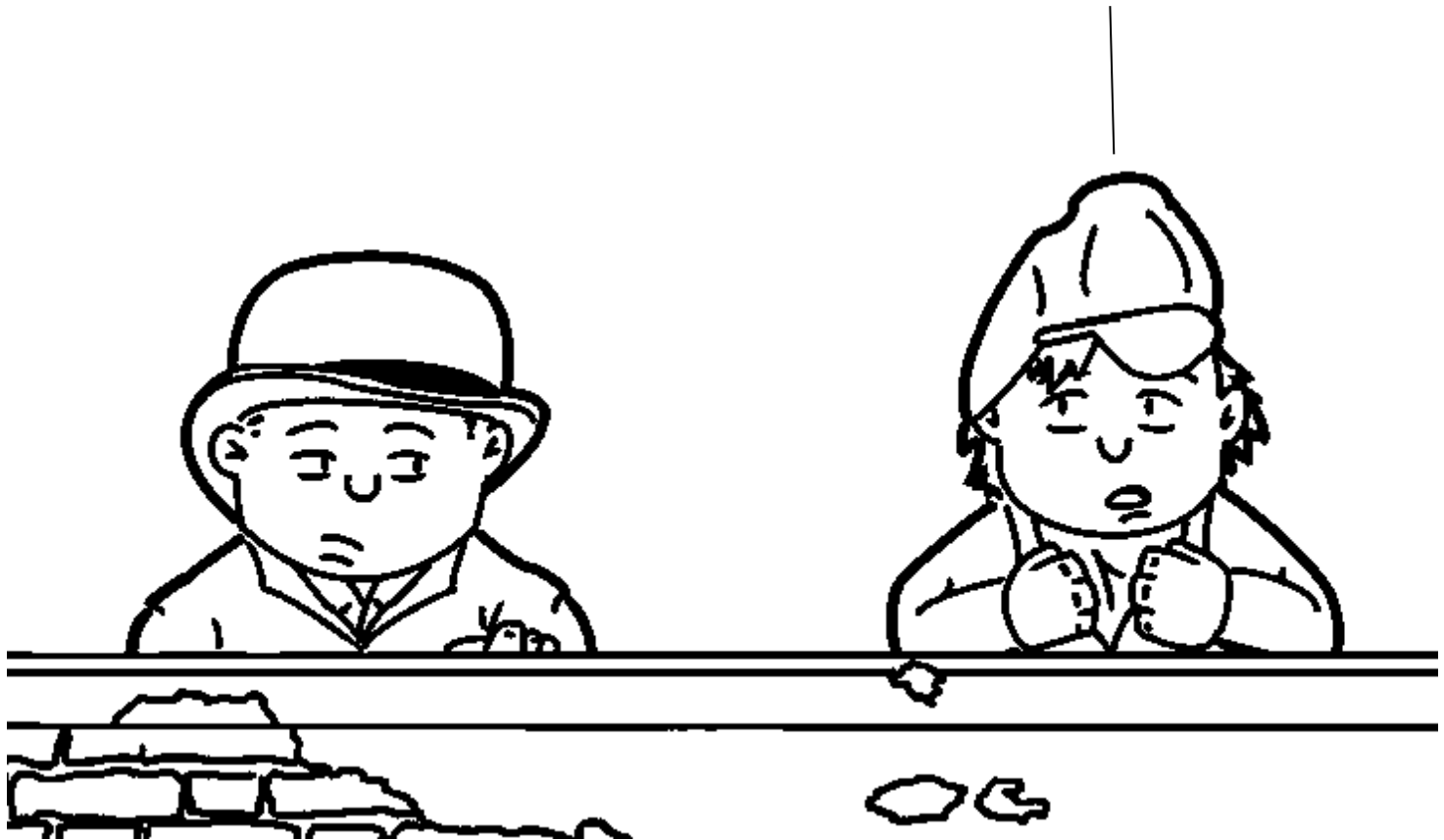


FOOTBALL OR CRICKET?

NO, SOMETHING CALLED 'BASEBALL'.



HE WATCHED THE 'KNICKERBOCKS', THE FIRST
PROFESSIONAL TEAM BEAT THE 'NEW YORK NINE'...
BUT THE TERMS THEY USE STUMP ME.



*'STOLEN BASE'? HOW CAN YOU CONTINUE THE GAME IF
SOMEONE NICKS A BASE? 'HOME RUN'? SO, THEY RUN HOME
AFTER THE GAME IS OVER, INSTEAD OF RIDING?*



SOUNDS LIKE A SPORT DESTINED TO FAIL.

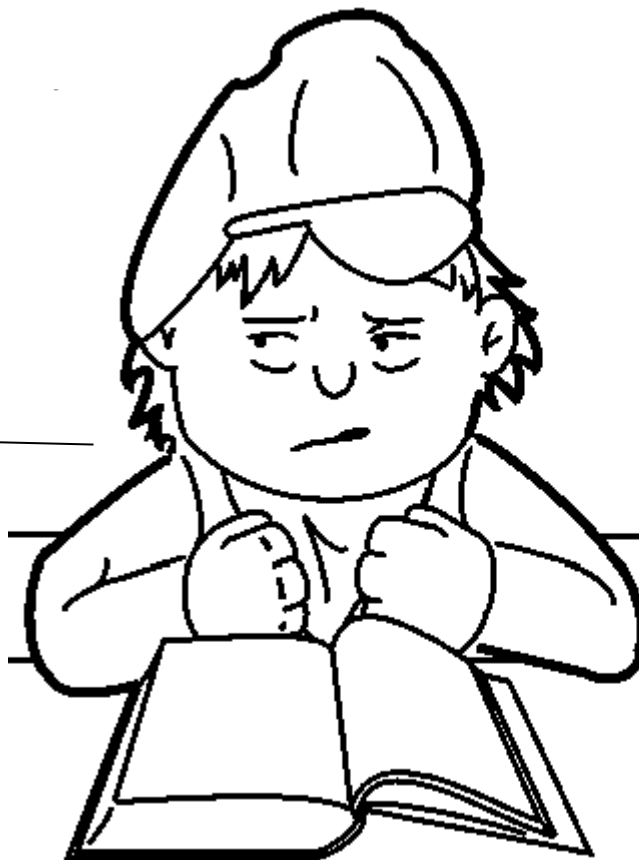
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