

KNOWLEDGE OF CHEMISTRY
"from amid the mad elements" [FIVE]

At some point, we've all experienced the humorless, information-rich decorations of a classroom.

From the instructive white and green cursive alphabet to the classic "Age of Reptiles" mural from the Yale University Peabody Museum of Natural History.

But the grand-daddy of them all has to be the Periodic Table of Elements.

That multi-column, multi-row chart with all of the known elements, grouped by metals /

non-metals, then further by subcategories such as alkali's, noble gases, etc.

For those not predisposed to appreciate the logical arrangement of the elements on the chart (or even the logic of their abbreviations), there's Tom Lehrer's "The Element Song" which sets the periodic table to the tune of "I Am the Very Model of a Modern Major General."

Meanwhile, at Baker Street Elementary, the boys seem to be having a gas...

**ATOMIC WEIGHT,
PERIODICITY... I WILL
NEVER UNDERSTAND
CHEMISTRY...**

**STAMFORD, HAVE
HEART, IT'S NOT
THAT DIFFICULT...**



**OK SMARTY... QUICK...
WHAT ELEMENTS
ARE REPRESENTED BY
H, C, Br, AND Ac ?**

**HYDROGEN, CARBON,
BROMINE, AND NICE
TRY... NOT YET
DISCOVERED...**



**I MUST ADMIT,
I AM TRULY
IMPRESSED...**

**WHILE YOU SHOULD
BE, HONESTLY, IT
WAS ELEMENT-ARY,
MY DEAR WATSON...**



**SERIOUSLY, ALL OF
YOU KNEW THIS
WAS COMING
SOONER OR LATER...**



< the game's afoot... >



STOP IT !!

**I CAN'T... I HAVE TROVES OF
THESE IN MY BRAIN-ATTIC...**

**AROUND YOU TWO, I
BELIEVE I MUST POSSESS
A BRAIN-CELLAR...**

