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Who Killed Prince Charming?

A farce mystery in one act

by

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CHARACTERS

8 Women / 2 Men / 1 Gender Neutral

SHERLOCK HOLMES: *Male*

HUNTSMAN: *Male*

RED: *Female*

WICKED WITCH: *Female*

CINDERELLA: *Female*

LADY TREMAINE: *Female*

DRUSILLA: *Female*

ANASTASIA: *Female*

FAIRY GODMOTHER: *Female*

WATSON: *Female*

FLYING MONKEY: *Female*

ANNOUNCER'S VOICE: *Gender Neutral*

SET:

None except furniture and a door frame

COSTUMES:

Could be full out; Could be a mix of period and contemporary

PLAYING TIME:

30 to 33 minutes

AUTHOR'S NOTE:

If any line is offensive, cut it or replace it

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SETTING: *We are on a bare stage except for three simple tables or desks. This is the detective room in the Fairyland Police Department. Two of the desks are a mess. The third is clean as a whistle.*

AT RISE: *At the two messy desks we see THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST who is eating a banana and the HUNTSMAN (From Red Riding Hood) who is playing solitaire. SHERLOCK HOLMES enters with coffee in takeout cups. He is in high spirits.*

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Ha-ha! Glorious day, eh? Fairyland at its best. A very good morning, detectives! I passed Rapunzel out front with sixteen servants carrying her hair! Now, let's see...

(Puts coffee down in front of THE WICKED WITCH)

For you one nonfat latte with caramel drizzle. And for you, Huntsman, a tall, half-cafe soy latte at 120 degrees.

HUNTSMAN

(Taking it)

Ow! Why do they send it out at 120 degrees? I've had two tongue surgeries.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

And a chai for me. I can't thank you enough for an exceedingly jolly internship at the Fairyland Police Department. The kidnapping case concerning Peter Pan and Wendy was a stunner! Sadly, I'll be back in jolly old England next week.

HUNTSMAN

And who exactly are you, Sherbert?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Sherlock. I'm the greatest detective of all time.

HUNTSMAN

Haven't caught Moriarty, have you?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Matter of time. Bit of a strange place Fairyland. We're all humans at home.

HUNTSMAN

When you're not vampires.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Vampires, Huntsman, have lovely manners and they're not criminals, they're just thirsty.

RED RIDING HOOD enters in her outfit carrying a telegram.

RED

This came in an hour ago.

RED hands the telegram to THE WICKED WITCH.

WICKED WITCH

Anything good?

RED

It seems Prince Charming has been found dead with the stiletto heel of a glass slipper through his heart.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Oh goody, a murder!

HUNTSMAN

Which Prince Charming?

RED

(Exiting)

Who knows, they breed like rabbits.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

(Looking after her)

Lovely girl.

HUNTSMAN

She's been around the block, buddy.

WICKED WITCH

(Looking at the telegram)

It seems to be Cinderella's Prince Charming.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

He's the nice one isn't he?

WICKED WITCH

Nice one? He's a piece of work, Holmes. Left Snow White at the altar, and dated every Pixie in the garden. He even hit on me which proves he's crazy.

HUNTSMAN

Probably a dozen girls in Fairyland who'd love to stick a stiletto heel in his heart. I think Snow White's a definite suspect. She first met Prince Charming when she robbed his carriage.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Really?

HUNTSMAN

Then she threw rocks at him and rode off. In rom-coms they call that "meeting cute".

WICKED WITCH

Yes, but this is clearly Cinderella's Prince Charming.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Lovely girl.

WICKED WITCH

Remember, she left the ball which had been arranged by the Queen to nail Prince Charming down with a wife. He ran after her, but only found one of her glass slippers on the steps. The Queen made him go to every house in Fairyland to try that slipper on every young lady to get him married.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Poor girl, she deserves better.

HUNTSMAN

We need to bring her in for a few questions.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

But she ran away from him.

WICKED WITCH

We know that Sherwood!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Sherlock.

WICKED WITCH

I'm The Wicked Witch of the West; do you think I don't know the criminal mind?

(Calls)

Red! I'm a criminal and that's why I'm a good detective.

RED

(Entering)

What's up, Doc?

WICKED WITCH

Get Cinderella in here pronto.

RED

Okey dokey, boss. *(Exits)*

WICKED WITCH

I go to get my cornflakes bowl and there's poop in it. I put my foot into my cool, pointed witch shoes – poop. I was having a midlife crisis sitting home and binging on *Law and Order*, all twenty seasons and suddenly it hit me – I can do that! So here I am.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Absolutely fascinating.

WICKED WITCH

Listen, Safelock, do not mess with a Wicked Witch or you'll wake up some morning and be a tap-dancing gerbil.

RED enters.

RED

Found the little goody goody.

WICKED WITCH

Get her in here.

RED

Cinderella!!

CINDERELLA enters looking a good deal like CINDERELLA.

CINDERELLA

(Annoyingly cheerful)

Happy, happy, happy everybody. I hope you're all cheerful as little bluebirds!

RED

(As she exits)

I can't stand this chick.

CINDERELLA

But of course bluebirds are Snow White's specialty.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

I am Sherlock Holmes.

CINDERELLA

Oh really! What an honor! I just loved “The Case of the Severed Thumb”.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

(Bowing)

I am your obedient servant.

WICKED WITCH

Hey! This isn't *Pride and Prejudice*. Sit down!

CINDERELLA

Well, poo on you.

(Sees the HUNTSMAN)

Aren't you the Huntsman?

HUNTSMAN

Yeah. That's me.

CINDERELLA

I loved the way you solved the Red Riding Hood case.

HUNTSMAN

Thanks. I've always cared deeply about the injustice of old ladies being eaten by wolves.

(Points to THE WICKED WITCH)

This here is Detective Green.

CINDERELLA

(Looking at her for the first time)

Ooooo, nasty.

WICKED WITCH

(Strongly)

Where were you on the night of February 16th at midnight?

CINDERELLA

I believe I was dancing a Viennese Waltz.

WICKED WITCH

With Prince Charming, right?

CINDERELLA

Possibly.

WICKED WITCH

Seen the “Fairyland Times” today?

CINDERELLA

About him trying glass slippers on girls, right?

HUNTSMAN

That guy has tried on his last glass slipper.

CINDERELLA

What is this you intimate?

HUNTSMAN

He’s been stabbed to death with a glass heel.

CINDERELLA

How horror-roarer-rific! I am distraughtable.

WICKED WITCH

He had just tried that slipper on Rapunzel Jones on Big Hair Drive. It didn’t fit.

CINDERELLA

I know her, she wears a 27 extra-large.

WICKED WITCH

He was later found in the Forest of No Return where he bled out.

HUNTSMAN

He was stabbed with your glass slipper.

CINDERELLA

That is so yucky!

HUNTSMAN

Rapunzel is in the clear. She couldn’t have answered the door because her hair was caught in the washing machine. Someone else has done the dirty deed.

CINDERELLA

Well, that poor Prince Charming, and just after he’d had a nose job. I swear he looked like Pinocchio. It kept poking me in the eye when we were dancing.

WICKED WITCH

Prince Charming tried the glass slipper on you did he not?

CINDERELLA

Well...

HUNTSMAN

We have a signed statement from your nasty stepsisters.

CINDERELLA

Well...

SHERLOCK HOLMES

You have a hair from his beard caught in your teeth!

CINDERELLA

I turned him down.

Her THREE INTERROGATORS have a hearty laugh.

WICKED WITCH

He has nine castles...

HUNTSMAN

And a really big platinum crown.

WICKED WITCH

Two hundred servants dressed in lion skins and hot pants.

HUNTSMAN

Forty-seven cooks.

WICKED WITCH

Eighteen coachmen.

WICKED WITCH & HUNTSMAN

(Singing)

And a partridge in a pear tree!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

So why precisely...

ALL THREE

Did you turn him down?

CINDERELLA

He danced like a sloth and his lips tasted like rotted prunes.

ALL THREE

(Distastefully)

Oooooooooo!

CINDERELLA

At the end of our dance I tried to run away, but he grabbed me by the hair so I did a heel palm strike followed by a groin kick and sprinted out losing a glass slipper on the front steps.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

There are witness statements saying you also yelled, "Piss off."

CINDERELLA

I would never use such a rude phrase. I might have said, "Eat dirt, cowboy."

SHERLOCK HOLMES

So did that mean you didn't like him?

CINDERELLA

Yes. He was like a romantic octopus.

HUNTSMAN

Flashlights!

*ALL THREE DETECTIVES shine
flashlights onto CINDERELLA's face.*

WICKED WITCH

Did Prince Charming try the slipper on you?

CINDERELLA

I said, "Never, never, never, never, never, never, never."

SHERLOCK HOLMES

What precisely did you mean by that?

CINDERELLA

Never. I am not going to try on some other girl's filthy disgusting shoe. I have a fear of foot fungus.

HUNTSMAN

And since that moment have you ever seen Prince Charming again?

CINDERELLA

I saw him with his father at a Burger King. He was eating a fully loaded croissant.

WICKED WITCH

And did you speak to each other?

CINDERELLA

He called me a Prin-cesspool.

ALL THREE DETECTIVES

Did you or did you not murder Prince Charming?

CINDERELLA

Obviously not. I would never work for Disney again.

HUNTSMAN

That will be all for the moment. You must be shackled to one of your stepsisters and you may not leave Fairyland without our express permission.

CINDERELLA

Well, good luck with that. Ta-ta.

CINDERELLA skips out.

HUNTSMAN

Nervy.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Curve-a-licious!

WICKED WITCH

She's a twerp! I don't believe a word of her statement.

HUNTSMAN

I think we need to pay a little call on her employer, Lady Tremaine.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Good thinking, Watson.

HUNTSMAN

I'm not Watson, I'm Huntsman.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Devastatingly sorry. (*Claps his hand*)

WICKED WITCH

What's that about, Roadblock?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Sherlock! If we are to visit Lady Tremaine's, we will need a little scene change.

WICKED WITCH

What's a scene change?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

In the world of theatre where I was a dazzling figure as a young man it's that highly theatrical moment where you don't go somewhere but the somewhere comes to you.

SHERLOCK claps his hands again and stage hands rush out and take off the tables and chairs, placing a very fancy chair center. LADY TREMAINE enters and sits. THE DETECTIVES stand nearby. CINCERELLA enters and sweeps.

LADY TREMAINE

This is quite unusual. I have never had members of the police in my home before. Pray do not spit on the floor.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Good evening, Lady Tremaine, it is I, the one, the only, the redoubtable, resourceful, remarkable Sherlock Holmes.

LADY TREMAINE

Holmes? How delightful. All your darling little cases. A vase here, a little snake there. You are both infinitely boring and vaguely interesting at the same time. My husband, Lord Tremaine, is quite dead. Would you care to marry me?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

How lovely of you to ask, Lady Tremaine, but I believe I'd rather be dead.

LADY TREMAINE

How amusing. I'm not dead, but I am fictional. You'd only have to be married to me if someone opened the book.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Most interesting. I am also fictional, but we're here to ask you about a murder.

LADY TREMAINE

Oh, I adore murder. I'm actually bringing up my two daughters to commit it.

HUNTSMAN

To do what?

LADY TREMAINE

(Pleasantly)

Murder. We all aspire to be one of Mr. Holmes's cases. It's the easiest way to become immortal.

LADY TREMAINE (*Cont'd*)

(*Laughs delightedly*)

You're probably here about poor Prince Charming. He was very charming and a Prince, I believe.

WICKED WITCH

He was a Prince, he got a degree in it.

LADY TREMAINE

My daughters once pulled him into a closet at one of our parties, I believe...

(*Calling*)

Dearest daughters!

CINDERELLA

Oh boy!

She exits. THE SISTERS (Her daughters/CINDERELLA'S step-sisters) enter. They both have eye patches and carry swords. They speak to SHERLOCK HOLMES.

DRUSILLA

Hello, handsome stranger, care to hang out?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Not just now, thank you.

DRUSILLA

I'm Drusilla.

ANASTASIA

I'm Anastasia.

BOTH SISTERS

We're zombie hunters.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

I fear I must tell you there's no such thing as a zombie.

BOTH SISTERS

Downer!

DRUSILLA

(*To ANASTASIA*)

I wonder who we've been killing?

HUNTSMAN

We're just here to ask a few questions about Prince Charming.

DRUSILLA

Which Prince Charming?

HUNTSMAN

The one who has a thing about glass slippers.

DRUSILLA

He's not a Prince and he's not charming, that's just his rap name.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

I'll just jot that down.

DRUSILLA

He gave us the Prince Charming routine, dumped us like flea ridden dogs and then hit on our servant, whatever her name is.

ANASTASIA

Cindermelon.

DRUSILLA

Close, but no cigar.

ANASTASIA

We should have cut him to ribbons –

DRUSILLA

Sliced and diced him.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Well, actually someone did. Where were you on the night of February 16th?

ANASTASIA

In jail. We killed some zombies, but it turned out they weren't zombies.

DRUSILLA

Oops.

WICKED WITCH

Now I remember, you're the ugly stepsisters!

ANASTASIA

That is demeaning and unacceptable terminology. We are not ugly, we're just slightly south of good looking.

WICKED WITCH

Let's just say you are facially challenged.

Both ANASTASIA and DRUSILLA draw their swords.

BOTH SISTERS

Die, green thingy!

WICKED WITCH

Ooooo – I just hate being called, “Green Thingy”.

THE SISTERS raise their swords and attack. THE WICKED WITCH points at them.

WICKED WITCH (*Cont'd*)

K'ding!

THE SISTERS are frozen, swords in the air.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Intriguing! What is the precise meaning of “K'ding!”

WICKED WITCH

Oh you know, it's comic book talk like, “Whoosh, gaboom, and thwack!” It just shows you how language as art has degenerated.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

They seem, well... frozen.

WICKED WITCH

Oh, don't talk to me about *Frozen*, I was going to play Anna in the movie, but they wanted someone younger.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

But you see, they are frozen.

WICKED WITCH

Oh. Sorry. It was just reflexive. M'goom!

THE SISTERS unfreeze.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

And what does m'goom mean?

WICKED WITCH

I have no idea, I just made it up.

ANASTASIA

What a wonderful dream, I was surfing with Ryan Reynolds.

HUNTSMAN

(Irritated)

This is a police department! We are investigating a murder. May we please behave like a police department!

WICKED WITCH

(Impressed)

That was so manly!

HUNTSMAN

(Addressing the SISTERS)

You attended the ball and you seem to have a grudge against the Prince. Did he subsequently try the glass slipper on one or both of you?

DRUSILLA

He tried it on me and it fit.

ANASTASIA

Only because you cut off your toes.

DRUSILLA

You swore not to tell!

ANASTASIA

She's got those toes hidden in her underwear drawer!

DRUSILLA

(Attacking ANASTASIA)

Die, traitress!

A sword fight begins.

WICKED WITCH

K'ding!

THE SISTERS are frozen.

LADY TREMAINE

I am so sorry for the girls' behavior. They are really very pleasant and ever so helpful in beheading zombies.

HUNTSMAN

Prince Charming was murdered three days after he tried the slipper on your girls. Where were Drusilla and Anastasia on that day?

LADY TREMAINE

Oh dear, this is very embarrassing, really we're a very nice and considerate family, but on the day you mentioned I had locked them in the cellar for cutting off their toes. I mean, if they proceeded upwards, where would it end?

HUNTSMAN

And had the Prince also tried the slipper on Cinderella?

LADY TREMAINE

Well, yes he did.

HUNTSMAN

And did it fit?

LADY TREMAINE

Oh dear. Well, yes it did, but see here, we can't have Princes marrying servants, can we? I mean, it's simply not done, so I fired her.

HUNTSMAN

From what?

LADY TREMAINE

Sweeping up cinders. I have since hired a cinders specialist.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

So she no longer resides here?

LADY TREMAINE

No, she does not. I hear she now sleeps in her pumpkin coach in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

I knew that immediately on first meeting her that she had a Wal-Mart flyer stuck to the bottom of her shoe.

WICKED WITCH

Oh, you did not.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Well, it would have been fun if I did.

HUNTSMAN

Where exactly did a common servant girl manage to acquire a pumpkin coach?

LADY TREMAINE

She claimed it was given to her by a fairy godmother.

HUNTSMAN

Sounds like a cult, eh, Holmes?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Possibly. Sociopaths, however, often claim to have fairy godmothers.

WICKED WITCH

Thank you so much, Lady Tremaine, it's a rare treat to meet a nasty person with such good manners.

ALL THREE DETECTIVES turn and start to exit.

LADY TREMAINE

But wait! You have left the girls frozen.

WICKED WITCH

Oops. Slipped my mind. It will last about two weeks. You might try slathering them all over with molasses which sometimes helps. In the meantime, you could use them as garden statuary.

BLACKOUT. We hear a voice over.

ANNOUNCER'S VOICE

The murder of Prince Charming has terrified Fairyland. All the other Prince Charmings have been put in Fairyland's Witness Protection Program. If you have a spare bedroom, please call 000-000-0000 and we will send a Prince Charming right over.

LIGHTS UP. We're back at the police station. THE THREE DETECTIVES are grilling the FAIRY GODMOTHER who sits in a chair.

ALL THREE DETECTIVES

(Menacingly)

Did you kill or in any way harm Prince Charming?

FAIRY GODMOTHER

I am a Fairy Godmother. We Fairy Godmothers are unbearably sweet and devoted to the wellbeing of others. Good deeds are our specialty. Plus, Prince Charmings are cute and Fairy Godmothers like cute.

WICKED WITCH

Is it true that the so-called pumpkin coach was pulled by mice?

HUNTSMAN

Ridiculous.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Unheard of.

FAIRY GODMOTHER

Over two hundred young ladies were invited to the ball, from which number Prince Charming would choose a wife. It's obvious that Cinderella would need to stand out. We felt the whole pumpkin coach thing was a winner. We put out a casting call for mice weighing over six hundred pounds and selected our mice from that audition.

WICKED WITCH

Nobody has ever seen a six-hundred-pound mouse.

FAIRY GODMOTHER

And no one outside of Oz has ever seen a green witch in pointy shoes, but here you are.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Tell me, dear lady, where you obtained a pumpkin coach?

FAIRY GODMOTHER

We borrowed it from Tesla. It's an experimental model.

WICKED WITCH

Did you like Prince Charming?

FAIRY GODMOTHER

No, I thought he was a doofus, but Cinderella was fed burnt toast, slept on the floor, and had no change of underwear. She needed to marry money.

HUNTSMAN

And why did you take up her case?

FAIRY GODMOTHER

It was pro-bono work.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Tell me, you knew Cinderella well. She seemed to intensively dislike the Prince on meeting him. He then pursued her throughout the kingdom, found her, and forcibly attempted in a forceful way to force her into a forced marriage. Do you believe or suspect it was she who killed him?

FAIRY GODMOTHER

Cinderella might have slapped him, spit on him... I learned the hard way she's a spitfire, or hidden his crown, but she would never have killed him. She's a good girl, she is.

HUNTSMAN

Well, thank you very much, Miss Whatever-your-name-is. We have completed our interview. Please do not leave Fairyland without notifying us. We will be running DNA tests on the pumpkin.

FAIRY GODMOTHER

Fine, just don't make a pumpkin pie out of it. I rent it out for events. (*Exits*)

SHERLOCK HOLMES

We seem a teeny, tiny bit short on suspects.

WICKED WITCH

Lady Tremaine.

HUNTSMAN

Lady Tremaine what?

WICKED WITCH

She had the motive: if one of her daughters marries the Prince, she becomes the Queen Mother with her own castle and a monthly stipend that would knock your socks off. Plus, she gets the Queen Mother's crown which was appraised on *Antiques Roadshow* for three million smackers. We knew she was a widow, formerly married to Cinderella's father who died a mysterious death and then to Lord Tremaine who died a mysterious death and now there's the Prince who was murdered after he chose Cinderella instead of her daughters. We need to stake her out.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Good show, Wicked Witch of the West. I'm not sure we should kill her with a stake. I had to pound one in Dracula's chest and it was exhausting.

WICKED WITCH

When I say, "Stake her out," I am not speaking of that sort of "stake". It is police lingo for sitting in a car across the street from the suspect and keeping an eye on them.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

What's a car?

WICKED WITCH

I don't know actually, I just said it.

HUNTSMAN

(*Calling offstage*)

Bring in Lady Tremaine!

A VOICE STAGE LEFT

Bring in Lady Tremaine!

A VOICE STAGE RIGHT

Bring in Lady Tremaine!

A PERSON IN THE AUDIENCE

Bring in Lady Tremaine!

A VOICE STAGE LEFT

Here comes Lady Tremaine!

A VOICE STAGE RIGHT

Here comes Lady Tremaine!

ANNOUNCER'S VOICE

Here comes Lady Tremaine!

LADY TREMAINE

(Entering)

It is I, Lady Tremaine.

SHERLOCK, HUNTSMAN & WICKED WITCH

(Pleasantly)

We're sooooo glad to see you.

ANNOUNCER'S VOICE

They're sooo glad to see her.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

We just had a teeny, tiny unimportant question to ask you.

SHERLOCK, HUNTSMAN & WICKED WITCH

Why did you kill Prince Charming?!

(A pause)

LADY TREMAINE

Oh poo.

HUNTSMAN

You dare say poo?

LADY TREMAINE

Indeed I do. In point of fact, I say poo to you.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Lady Tremaine, the evidence is overwhelming. Whenever you hear the name Prince Charming, your left eye blinks, your teeth chatter, and your kidneys jounce. I have in my

SHERLOCK HOLMES (*Cont'd*)

pocket your private diary which you keep hidden in your armpit, but which I, Sherlock Holmes, a master pickpocket has slyly removed. I turn to the date in question which is...

He can't remember.

SHERLOCK HOLMES (*Cont'd*)

(*To WICKED WITCH*)

Which is...

WICKED WITCH

What's the question?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

It is the question of the date.

HUNTSMAN

What date?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

The date of the you-know-what.

HUNTSMAN

What "you-know-what"?

LADY TREMAINE

Could it be the date of Prince Charming's murder?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Ha-ha! I have tricked you into admitting it!

LADY TREMAINE

Admitting what?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

The date of the murder. It was not published in the paper.

LADY TREMAINE

I didn't say I knew it, I suggested you knew it.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Of course I know it.

LADY TREMAINE

Ha-ha! I have tricked you into admitting it!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

(To WICKED WITCH)

I have the sense this interrogation is going badly.

HUNTSMAN

Rahhther.

WICKED WITCH

Bit of a bang up.

LADY TREMAINE

(Pleasantly)

I believe I can help you here. On the day of Prince Charming's murder, he and I were celebrating our fourth anniversary.

SHERLOCK HOLMES, HUNTSMAN, & WICKED WITCH

Great galloping heavens!

LADY TREMAINE

You see, we were secretly married in Las Vegas, which I believe is the capital of a country called the United States. Had we married in Fairyland it would have been a scandal because I am forty years older than Prince Charming and have murdered my first two husbands which the common people might believe was a deal breaker. We decided to hold a ball so that the Prince might choose a mate to provide cover for our own relationship. To this end we found the whole idea of Cinderella leaving a glass slipper salubrious.

SHERLOCK HOLMES, HUNTSMAN, & WICKED WITCH

Salubrious?

LADY TREMAINE

It means "salutary".

SHERLOCK HOLMES, HUNTSMAN, & WICKED WITCH

Salutary?

LADY TREMAINE

I have no idea, but it's a cool word. There are 17,000 young ladies of marriageable age in Fairyland. If Prince Charming tried the slipper on four young fairies a day, it would be 10 years before the task was complete, giving our marriage sufficient cover. Before that time was up the Prince and I would have slipped away and would be running a tattoo parlor in Boise, Idaho. You knew all this Mr. Holmes because you very clumsily fished around in my armpit until you managed to rip out my diary, leaving me with a terrible rash. You were in personal possession of the proof of our secret marriage and knew perfectly well I wouldn't harm Prince Charming, my husband, because not only did I love him, but if he was dead I wouldn't have a dime or, as I prefer to say, "A pot to piss in". The real mystery here is why you're trying to frame me?

HUNTSMAN & WICKED WITCH

Why are you trying to frame her?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

I'm not trying to frame her. I am, need I remind you, Sherlock Holmes. This was merely my clever way of getting her to prove her innocence so we didn't have to waste time doing so.

LADY TREMAINE

But because of the diary you would already have had the information.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Because, dear lady, I got the relevant information from your armpit, it seemed a jolly good idea to keep it under my armpit and because I sweat like a piggy the ink has run and I thus needed you to prove your innocence.

WICKED WITCH

I'm not sure I'm following this.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

We have now narrowed the field of suspects.

WICKED WITCH

Which suspects are those?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

I don't know, everybody.

WICKED WITCH

Well, Sherlock, it's certainly good news that we've narrowed it down to everybody.

There is a knock. They all turn.

WICKED WITCH (*Cont'd*)

A mysterious knock.

HUNTSMAN

Scary.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

No, it's invariably good to have a mysterious knock at this point in a mystery. Good plotting I'd say.

WICKED WITCH

But is it really safe to let a mysterious knocker in?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

(To the WICKED WITCH & HUNTSMAN)

Good point. You two get on opposite sides of the door and knock the mysterious knocker out when the knocker comes in.

HUNTSMAN

(Shouting)

Code red! Code red! Mysterious knocker!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

(Disappointed in him)

Huntsman?

HUNTSMAN

Sorry, just following emergency procedures.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

All right, places please.

The HUNTSMAN and WICKED WITCH place themselves fists ready. SHERLOCK HOLMES charmingly calls out...

SHERLOCK HOLMES *(Cont'd)*

Do come in!

The door opens and a woman enters, it is DR. WATSON.

WATSON

(Not seeing the WICKED WITCH & HUNTSMAN)

Hello, Sherlock!

They both punch her and she collapses to the floor. THE WICKED WITCH and HUNTSMAN congratulate each other.

WICKED WITCH

Nicely done.

HUNTSMAN

Same back at you.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

That's Dr. Watson, you idiots.

HUNTSMAN

But it's a woman?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Dr. Watson is gender neutral.

HUNTSMAN

Oops.

WATSON

Ooooo, that smarts.

WICKED WITCH

(Helping her up)

Terribly sorry, Doctor.

WATSON

(Looks at her and starts screaming)

Help! Help! It's a green person! Run, run, she's green!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

(Trying to calm her)

Watson. Watson.

(Slaps her)

Watson!

WATSON

(To SHERLOCK HOLMES)

I love it when you slap me. Slap me harder.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Get your wits about you!

WATSON

She's green!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

Use your powers of observation, Watson.

WATSON

Yes, yes. Observation. A valuable tool.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

When have you ever seen a green person?

WATSON

Never. Well, perhaps on television.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

What were you watching on television?

WATSON

I believe it was some stupid film called *The Wizard of Oz*.

WICKED WITCH

(Dangerously)

Stupid film?

SHERLOCK HOLMES

And who was green in the stupid film?

WATSON

I believe it might have been The Wicked Witch of the West.

SHERLOCK HOLMES

So, Watson, if you've only seen one green person and that person was The Wicked Witch of the West, who's this?

WATSON

That's a tough one, but using the Socratic method this would have to be, well, I'll take a wild guess and say – I'm not sure, but I'll take a flyer and say it's... The Wicked Witch of the West.

(Realizes what she is saying)

The Wicked Witch of the West?

(Freaking out)

It's The Wicked Witch of the West! Help! It's The Wicked Witch of the West!!

(Yells offstage)

I need water!

SHERLOCK HOLMES

(Annoyed)

What are you doing, Watson?

WATSON

(Turning in a circle)

First you have to see if there are flying monkeys because they rip you apart, but if there aren't flying monkeys then the only way to save yourself is...

A FLYING MONKEY arrives carrying a bucket of water.

WATSON *(Cont'd)*

You're a flying monkey.

FLYING MONKEY

Yes.

WATSON

You're a female flying monkey?

FLYING MONKEY

Yes.

WATSON

And you've brought me a bucket of water?

FLYING MONKEY

I'm a community activist.

WATSON

You realize that if I throw this water on The Wicked Witch she'll melt?

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