

Winston Clement – He is a Russian spy, but is undercover (and the reader doesn't know this until the end) He was bred at a young age for spywork. Worked a couple jobs with Joseph, is genuinely impressed with Joseph but finds him arrogant, psychotic and speaks to himself,. Also, the twist villain in the story who ends up stabbing Joseph in the Back and killing him (I always called Watson in the Sherlock novels Winston, and the most famous Winston is of course Winston Churchill, and the opposite of a church I though could be a cemetery, and the opposite of hill could be seen as Mountain, so I landed on Clement. I remember the name from Clement of Alexandria, an early church father in the second century) age: 32



Okay, we have some breakthroughs so Winston will instead be a Russian, who is attempting to steal secrets from the bank, he is a big fan of Mikhail Tal, Latvian grandmaster who was playing for the USSR, him and Sharpe have that in common, but Sharpe is rather a fan of Alexander Alekhine, who represented France while he was world champion. Actual name is Alexei Rybakov (Алексей Рыбаков)

Been partners with Sharpe for 5 years, met on a boat to America.

Jean-Baptiste Sharpe – Brilliant detective who Winston works with, Sherlock Holmes-type character, but much more arrogant and sure of himself, Should be quite likeable, but also necessarily arrogant and kind of sure of himself and barely solves the crime before getting stabbed in the back. Chess player like Winston, likes Alekhine, but usually comes short against Winston.

Age: 45



Mistletoe – is missing a toe, is Sharpe's arch nemesis and his main suspect as to the calling card left at the crime scenes. Moriarty type character. Had a clash with Sharpe at an earlier date, that was legendary and ended in a stalemate. The head of a powerful gang and acts as the main Red Herring in the story, with him working barely with Winston

Age: 45



Banker Jesse Binga – acts as another suspect, but really just a character to give facts and keep the story going



Detective Milo Sinclair – an old friend of Sharpe's was somehow involved with Mistletoe



Goons, Thugs, Lackeys, Brutes, Enforcers

Story Layout:

Chapter 1: the main exposition introduces Sharpe and Winston living in New York, Fall starts with them playing chess and giving a little back-and-forth dialogue. Talking about the state of homelessness and socialism

FEN of game: r1b2rk1/1p2qppp/p3p3/2n5/3N4/3B1R2/PPP1Q1PP/R6K w - - 0 1

Phone call: Milo Sinclair, is calling Sharpe to come and visit him in Chicago, he can use some help with a case and thinks that there is something that will interest him.

They take a train to New York (the train: **20th Century Limited:** A high-speed, overnight Pullman train operated by the New York Central Railroad. It was known as the "train of tycoons" and offered amenities like gourmet dining, train secretaries, and complimentary morning newspapers.) Something befitting Sharpe, should happen on the train giving a little glimpse into his abilities.

They meet up with Sinclair and they get the lowdown of the scene something interesting, with a card left at the scene with what seems to be an 'M' be sure to put a mention about pocket watches and need to set them back an hour and so forth. (later can be a quite humorous dialogue about what time everything happens) Mistletoe is the thing that is interesting to Sharpe, but it is too soon to make any conclusions.

They tell the banker that there hasn't been any crime committed and that there is nothing that they can do at the moment and head back to their hotel, where Winston watches Sharpe go to sleep and the chapter ends,

Chapter 2: They are awoken to a call from the banker calling them immediately to the scene where there has been a heist and murder at the highest security bank in Chicago. Very well planned out and the guards were killed with precision and looks like there are some things and stuff. Be sure to add extra details about Winston being tired, even maybe have him look in a mirror to see his reflection and reflect on it discussing why he is displeased with his appearance. Also, the watches will come in handy with the, and finally, in the vault that is cracked wide open there are many of the same 'M' cards, leading to further suspicion of Mistletoe.

Chapter 4: back to the crime scene where clues are collected and there is some reconnaissance being done, and they infiltrate the headquarters of Mistletoe, blah blah blah plot development and things and stuff, building to the climax. *** the motive for Winston wanting to get into the Vault was because there was sensitive Cold War information in one of the safety deposit boxes that was incoming from an American spy doing reconnaissance in Russia found some information and was having it transported to Chicago (New York might make more sense) and they were leaving it in a safety deposit box.

Chapter 5: Sharpe is beginning to put all the pieces together and is alone with Winston in their hotel and is beginning to recount his piecing together of the clues and, (side note Sharpe's method can be to come up with a fully complete theory of how the crime has been committed without every including suspects because they can cloud one's judgment and once he has crafted his theory he puts all of the pieces together and then finds people that can fit the role completely and fully) once he reveals how the crime has been committed Winston stabs Sharpe in the side and he feels a sharp pain as he falls to the ground. *** Sharpe doesn't reveal just exactly who solved the crime, but they instead go back to the game that they were playing at the start of the story, and they begin playing moves in their head, ending with Sharpe saying Rxh6# and being cutoff before he can finish by Winston stabbing him in the side. But Sharpe poisoned Winston's drink and he feints to the ground

Chapter 6: We then shift to a diary entry by Milo Sinclair, where he explains how that he found Winston and had him arrested with Sharpe's assistance, and Winston is forced to stand trial, and it is revealed that he had Russian roots and was spy blah blah blah

