

The Adventure of the Golden Pince-Nez

Summary :

This was a classic "locked room" mystery. A young secretary is found dead clutching a pair of gold glasses . Holmes solves the whole case just by analyzing the glasses. He figures out the killer was incredibly near-sighted and, because she couldn't see well enough to escape, she never actually left the crime scene she was hiding in a secret space behind a bookshelf the whole time.

Quote:

- *"We have not yet met our Waterloo, Watson, but this is our Marengo, for it begins with a defeat and ends with a victory."*

The adventure of the second stain

Summary

This story had the highest stakes. A secret letter was stolen from a politician, and if it leaked, it would start a massive war in Europe. Holmes finds out that the politician's wife stole it because she was being blackmailed. Instead of exposing her and ruining the government's reputation, Holmes puts the letter back and tricks the politician into thinking he just misplaced it. It showed that sometimes Holmes values peace over the absolute truth.

Quote:

- *"Voice of the conscience is louder than the voice of the law"*

The Adventure of the Abbey Grange

Summary

An abusive, rich husband is murdered. His wife claims burglars did it, but Holmes catches her lie by looking at the wine glasses left on the table He realizes a sailor killed the husband to protect the wife from a beating. The twist is that Holmes decides not to turn the sailor in to the police. He acts as the judge and jury, deciding that saving the wife was morally right, even if killing is illegal.

Quote:

- *"I had rather play tricks with the law of England than with my own conscience"*