

FROM THE DESK OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

My Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The game is afoot, and I do so hope you'll join us on Saturday, April 27 in Los Angeles for the Global Gourmet Games.

That evening, I – Sherlock Holmes, who some have observed bear a striking resemblance to one Michael Milken – will serve as both your humble detective and master of ceremonies. Together we shall seek to solve what I have dubbed:

THE CURIOUS CASE OF THE PURLOINED ELIXIR

It is of the highest importance in the art of detection to be able to recognize, out of a number of facts, which are incidental and which vital. So let us first lay out that which we know.

In April 1821, before my time, there was hosted the inaugural dinner of the "Ladies and Gentlemen Dedicated to Delivering Expedited Tinctures," an organization that today might be more accurately named "FasterCures."

The dinner, held in Washington, DC, convened the greatest international minds in medical research. This group had worked years to develop an age-defying elixir that – when its two compounds were combined – would cure and prevent disease and extend lifespans to unheard-of lengths.

Professor Moriarty – my brilliant but devious nemesis – snuck into that dinner and stole both vials, tasting the magical elixirs which have granted him super-longevity!

A century later, the descendants of the *FasterCures* participants hosted a second dinner – this time at the London headquarters of the world's largest financial institution, Midland Bank, future home of the world-famous five-star hotel and club, The Ned.

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My trusty associate Dr. Watson – a brilliant physician in his own right – and I both attended this dinner. During the course of the evening, the bank's enormous vault was opened, and there inside were the two vials! Moriarity had placed them in what was considered the safest hiding spot on the planet – the Midland vault. Watson and I each were able to sip of the elixir, which is why we're both with you these 98 years later.

But alas! Professor Moriarty once again absconded with the elixirs, and the case went cold for many years.

We have it now on good authority that Professor Moriarty – who, like most criminals, always returns the scene of his crimes – will be present for the bicentennial gathering of the world's greatest minds in 2021. The gathering this time will celebrate the Milken Institute's new Center for the American Dream, and will be held in the precise location of the original theft – 1501 Pennsylvania Ave. That complex of buildings also includes a legendary vault that has housed the financial records and savings of more than 20 U.S. Presidents, and it will be home to the Ned's first U.S club – bringing us full circle.

Our plan has long been to apprehend Moriarty then, but there's a new break in the case, and we need your help – hence this letter.

Professor Moriarty will attend the Global Gourmet Games. Keep in mind he is a master of disguise, able to affect the likeness of men and women, young and old, portly and lithe. He may also sew mischief that evening, so be prepared for anything.

The Global Gourmet Games, then, is the place to be!

Nothing less than the future of human health depends on our collective ability on Saturday, April 27 to solve a centuries-old crime, apprehend the arch-fiend and secure at last the fastest cure the world has ever known.

In the meantime, be vigilant, my friends. Clues are everywhere.

—S.H.
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