

Doriana Gray Games Patreon by Thomas Bell

(12/July/2023 - 14/March/2025)

<https://dashingdon.com/play/dionapersson/demo-the-adventures-of-sherlock-holmes---an-affair-of-the-heart/mygame/>

[Chapter 4 \(now same link as public version\)! ✨👉👉👉](#)

[Jul 12, 2023](#)

- Meet H
- Get a new case
- Tea 🍵 ✨

[Guide for chapter 4](#)

[Jul 14, 2023](#)

I'm gonna be updating this page to give tips on the chapter and how to get certain scenes etc

- If the maid/footman brought you tea, you are on the simp scenes.
- If Mrs Hudson brought the tea, you are not on the simp scenes.

Spoilery guide to getting different H dynamics:

Full-simp:

- Don't wear the bold outfit, (additionally, H prefers the charming, the delicate, and the proper outfits.)
- Have a *good* reputation.

- Get enough approval points (one easy way is to wake up early and get dolled up, or if you wake up later, make sure not to keep them waiting too much.)
- Not lose those approval points by being rude 😏

Half-simp:

- Have not quite enough approval at the start of the meeting or wear *bold*
- you will be met by a neutral H, buuut—if they still think well of you at the time for tea, you will get the following simp scenes after that.
- Decline the ball invitation and get them to beg while also suddenly realising they need to be nice to you... and then say yes and savour the fruit of a more friendly H.

Non-simp:

It's really easy:

- be rude, aggressively flirty/sexual, or offensive to victorian ideals.
- or wake up late and really take your time and have a bad reputation.





[Hamish paintings and a sketch and how im doing](#)

[Jul 15, 2023](#)

(THE PAINTINGS ARENT CANON! They are just one of my HCs)

Just thought I would share this and also tell you all **I added some tips in the guide** for how to get the different H dynamics.

Additional update: I've gotten some great feedback on Discord, and I'm gonna keep working on the chapter next week. But I was also thinking of doing a Google form for Patreon so you have an easy way to send feedback and bugs!

Other things I'm working on:

Chapter 5 (short chapter, but it is close to being done!)

Patreon bonuses (no date for these yet) —

- Sexy Watson baking minigame
- Sims rendering of Mrs Hudson's townhouse
- The full updated romance guide
- Sexy vampire mini-game (no SH)— It's just something I work on when I'm bored, and I was thinking of putting it here if anyone is interested.

[Ch4 Patreon - Questions and Feedback](#)

[Welcome to a quick survey and feedback form for aaoth's patreon and ch4 launch](#)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV-XOW5xnhBPICaStlgoyrVhV9IRAyFW9gNRkaJWdorQQSpq/viewform?usp=sf_link

[Anonymous google feedback and bug form ✨](#)

[Jul 19, 2023](#)

Hi!

For the people who have played the chapter, if you would fill this out, it would really help me out! ❤️ (It's small and won't take much time! 😊)

Thank you!

[Progress update](#)

[Jul 27, 2023](#)

Hi hi everyone! ❤️😊

Things I've been working on:

Chapter 5 — It's coming along well! 😊 It's a short chapter, I don't think it will be much more than 6k words, maybe? But a large part of it is coded and in the alpha stage, although some parts are still in a rough draft stage. But you will get to talk to Lestrade again, some plot teasing, and I'm thinking of adding a small debrief with W—to continue where you hurry out of the house at the end of Ch4 (especially for the love triangers 😊)

#"I have good news and bad news, Lestrade—"

Chapter 4 fixes — Been fixing a lot of bugs and adding some content to fix continuity / adding some choices etc. Though a lot of stuff appears all the time, so the work is not done yet for a while, I suspect. (I fear I coded the chapter a little too complex, which resulted in extra issues and oversights. Lesson learned!)

Some school stuff (you probably don't care about that, so that's all I'll say, haha)

Short Sexy Vamp IF — It's a little mini project I work on sometimes when I need a break from Sherlockian things (and when I say mini, I mean it! It's more like a mini-game). Basically old school sexy Dracula story with a non-modern setting.

(Tbh the whole vamp project started for two reasons: I wanted to try and make a damsel trapped by a beast-type story (tho the damsel is non-obligatory), and because I felt I needed smut writing practice for the Sherlock game... 😊😊)

—But I'm also tinkering with a Watson sexy baking mini-game thingy.

What I would like from you is to know what you would like to see soonest. I think both projects would need some coding or writing stuff before I can post anything here, but they are not huge projects, and I believe I can still manage one while writing ch5. I really want to thank y'all somehow **so tell me what you would like to see first:**

Vampire sexy vampire demo (first demo would be sfw and less than 3k words)

38%

Watson sexy baking minigame (technically sfw, canon-romantic, maybe 2k of ill optimised code)

62%

Poll ended Jul 30, 2023 · 68 votes total

[Winner of Poll ✨](#)

[Jul 30, 2023](#)

Watson's sexy baking minigame won!

61% of 69 votes (🥰)



My current plan is to get the mini-game out at about the same time as I do the public Ch 4 release (a week or two from now).

And then I *hope* to get Ch 5 out in late August (tho that depends a little on if I think of more scenes to add or not!)

Happy Sunday! ❤️

[Watson and their bad baker](#)

[A Watson baking minigame. Play in your browser](#)

<https://doriana-gray-games.itch.io/watson-and-their-bad-baker>

[\(Reuploaded on itch\) Sexy Watson baking minigame 🥰🍰✨](#)

[Aug 3, 2023](#)

Ok, I lied. I know I said I was gonna post this at the same time as the ch4 demo goes public, but I got impatient—have a sexy Watson baking minigame 🍰👩🍳✨

This is a short interactive story based on a prompt I got: ***"Sherlock licks cream off of Watson's finger"***.

Setting:

You are romantically interested in Watson, and they are in you. There has been flirting and advances, but nothing has quite stuck—yet. All progress seemed to reset when one of you doubted the other's intentions, and so, in romantic limbo, you remained. The romance level is further in than the game is currently.

Disclaimer:

The MC is the type to be able to flirt (boldly or shyly) and to be able to realise flirting is being directed towards them—at least when these flirts are quite... *overt*.

Not all MCs from the original game are necessarily catered to here. (Examples being: very oblivious, explicitly tsundere, very cold or reserved, etc. It simply didn't work with the limited scene.)

The story is technically SFW, but it does linger on the edge.

[Progress update \(10 aug\)](#)

[Aug 10, 2023](#)

Hi 🖐️

After posting the chapter for the public, I caught some nice bugs and made some fixes. I think I'll put ch5 working on priority above new additional ch4 scenes, for now (as I'm rather stumped on what to add—but please tell me if you have ideas or requests!)

On what I've been doing, it's mostly been school and bg3 tbh... I have a school deadline in a bit more than a week, but after that, I should have a week and a half to put almost entirely in ch5, which is when I hope to finish it and send it to you all ❤️

Before the end of the month (when I hope to be done with ch5), I could perhaps send all of you an early **sexy vamp story**? Not sure what to fill the space with otherwise 🙄

Final note:

I would love to hear a few things from you all—if you're interested! You can answer here in the comments, send it to me wherever, or even write it in the ch4 feedback Google form a few posts below.

- Any wishes for outfits for the ball? (Design, themes, colour schemes, anything).
- Any moments you expect or need in the ball?
- Would you like to see a sequel to the Watson baking thing?
- Other ideas of what I can offer here on Patreon?

Have a great (almost) weekend!



[Behind the scenes stuff \(1\)](#)

[Aug 14, 2023](#)

- The first version of the game was just a quick writing exercise of the "Sherlock and Watson try to catch a bird" with a very wholesome / slice-of-life vibe... It was not good. (Tho some of it remains in ch3!)
- H has flipped a lot in personality during planning->drafting->writing stage. The very first version was much softer and overtly kind and polite. (Then for a second they were basically Darcy from P&P). Then, while actually starting writing, they were basically non-simp but even more cold. But then I realised I missed the soft simp I had planned in the early stages, and incorporated that into simp-route + softened non-simp cause they were ... too much of a douche.
- Sherlock was gonna be able to choose boxing/fencing/shooting as a stat at first, but it didn't fit the story—some versions would be used more than others—so now MC is basically good at all of them (tho worse if low strength/speed).
- For a very long time H did not have a last name (for multiple reasons).
- I considered for a while if the maid/footman should be an RO, and also an unnamed not yet-seen NPC, but decided against it. Might have flirt options tho. (Mrs Hudson was never an option!)

- Mycroft's role was expanded from only appearing in letters to being able to appear in at least one scene in the game.

- There's a mystery in the game I've planted I don't know how many seeds for and no one has figured it out yet! SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SO CLOSE!!! At this point, I don't know if I want them to figure it out, cause now it's a big thing should it be revealed 🤔

[Would you like to know spoilers?](#)

[Aug 14, 2023](#)

And don't worry, they would be behind a link / hidden in some way! Very much opt-in for spoilers!

Yes!

No!

That... really depends on the spoiler.

126 votes total

[Update for now](#)

[Aug 21, 2023](#)

I had a very busy school thingy last week, but this week I'm back to writing ch5 ✨🥰

It's going well so far. I'm adding a bit to it, I know y'all want more than just the plot, so there's gonna be a bit of W in the beginning and a long L scene (with some optional hangout).

I'm trying to think of a good way to keep the tsundere MCs from not just leaving cause the plot calls for it and instead stay and chat 🤔 hmm. Maybe I can have L say something that can trigger a fight lol.

I'm also coding a sexy old-school vampire thing (AAotH unrelated) in Twine to share here not to leave y'all empty-handed 🧑🧑

(And if anyone is new here—and looking for something to play—there's a sexy Watson minigame [here!](#))

[Sexy_vamp_thingy_\(part_1\)](#) is coded in twine 🧑🧑 ✨

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I'll try to get the file up tomorrow 🥰 (this is not aaoth or Sherlock coded but a short story thing I started to try some prose things and smut practice). It's SFW *for now*.

I'm still working on ch5, but I wanted to give y'all something to hold you over a bit more ❤️

Take care!

[Short stories early access by Doriana Gray](#)

[A browser game made in HTML5](#)

<https://doriana-gray-games.itch.io/short-stories-early-access>

[Sexy vamp thingy \(part 1\)](#)

[Aug 25, 2023](#)

The game was inspired by the classic damsel in need, who stumbles upon Dracula's castle. (But playing as a damsel is optional!)

I have some more written than this, but I wanted to give y'all something—and I wanted the next part of this not to be too short + have some sexy stuff, so I ended it where it ends.

I'd love to know y'all's takes ❤️🌹

Password: YouWantSexyVamp?

[This week update](#)

[Aug 30, 2023](#)

Uni classes has started up again. 😞 Not even a full week and I'm so tired... But anyway. I try to squeeze in time when I can to work on the game. Found some time before school today, and I think Friday and the weekend I should have some time. Probably no side content that's time consuming till the ch5 drop (which I still hope to be soon).

Take care ❤️

[How it is going—](#)

[Sep 10, 2023](#)

I was able to carve out most of the weekend for writing Ch5, and I finished the Watson scene I wanted to add (LT and H romance confrontation + some common-route/platonic stuff) 🥰 I also managed some editing, coding, and further work on the one remaining scene.

I hope to steal some time tomorrow (if not, then maybe next weekend with the mid-week I have) and wrap the chapter up so I can send it to my current main playtester. (It shouldn't take too long once I send it, hopefully. The chapter is currently short, and I consider the Patreon stage a part of the beta—that is to say, a stage where feedback can be given).

I'm gonna work very hard to make sure you all are not far from seeing Lestrade again ❤️

PS. W is very jealous and L is very grumpy in this chapter 🙄

[Small Ch4 cut scene with H](#)

[Sep 13, 2023](#)

MC: "I did not inherit estates and acres of land handing me wealth and power without lifting a finger—"

H: "and I did? I see. You, by benefit of *your* birth and station may assume any and all things about me... "they bring their cup close to their lips. "But were I to do the same." Their one lifted eyebrow and silent sip seem to be the end of their point.

"Which part do you object to? Do you lack land, estates—is it only the one? If so, I do so apologise." /s

They clear their throat, "I shall endeavour to speak more clearly for you. I was referring to conducting my own business, and on that account, I would prefer we return to it."

Would you like to see more cut scenes?

[Sneaky peek](#)

[Sep 17, 2023](#)

In the last chapter, wearing a bold outfit was rather punishing; H scoffed, judged, and pretended it wasn't their thing at all—

So, in this chapter, I decided to add a little treat for y'all bold dressers + L romancers

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*if ((romanceL > 0) and (outfitWord = "bold"))
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Lestrade's gaze travels down your shape, for what must be the first time today. Perhaps drink dulled their perceptions. For only now do they
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Let's just say... Lestrade is into it...

[I sent Ch5 off to my playtester!](#) 🥰

[Sep 17, 2023](#)

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We found a lot of things that would be good to work on and polish, so I am still not ready to set a date. But I will make sure I give y'all something this month—and I very much *hope* and *expect* that to be Ch5.



Take care y'all ❤️

[Update this week](#) ✨

[Sep 25, 2023](#)

Editing is still going—but it's going well! I've fixed most of the stuff I needed to do, so I hope to soon be able to finish the coding and grammar polish and send it here! 🥰

I'll let y'all know later in the week how it's looking 😊❤️

But I wanted to ask,

If the chapter isn't quite done by the weekend, would you want me to take a break from working on Ch5 and write some small exclusive treat thing, or just continue working so we get the new chapter as soon as possible? (I feel a bit bad I haven't given y'all anything big this month that's like *a thing*. While I've been working a lot on the game, there's nothing in your hands you can take and say, 'Wow, I'm so glad I'm supporting this game', you know? So please vote here and make your voice heard!)

– Muah ❤️ Love yah

Continue working on Ch5!!!

Give me something before the end of the month! (short story perhaps?)

80 votes total

[Mid week update](#)

[Sep 28, 2023](#)

Y'all, I know the chapter is taking a bit 👁️👁️ but OMG, ch5 has been getting a lot longer and a lot more dramatic with the changes I made after testing 😬 Lestrade is... well. You'll see...

Status: Currently, the chapter is playable from start to finish on some choices, but some sub-branches of the reworked ending are missing. And some parts are fully polished and edited, only missing some coding. But a few new parts still lack edit and polish. Other than that, it is mostly coding, and some coding-related flavour text that is missing.

✨😊 It's coming together. I don't *think* it will be done this weekend, but I'm not going to throw in the towel just yet!

😓 I'm gonna try! Usually, aiming high leads further than aiming low 💪

Sending my love ❤️

Ps. Are you enjoying the fall weather? 🍁🍂

[Watson Q&A](#)

[Sep 30, 2023](#)

Just a small thing to tide us over till chapter 5!

Now closed ✨📧

Ask Watson (or Mrs. Hudson questions and get an in-character response back!)

- Have a nice weekend, everyone ☺️❤️

Ps. The answers will be posted here, publicly. So, if there's any part you don't want to be revealed, write it in the final line. 🙄

[Letter correspondence \(Watson Q&A\).](#)

[Sep 30, 2023](#)

See the letters in a PDF (more nicely formatted below)!

These are the ones I've gotten so far:

Dear Doctor J. Watson,*

When did you first fall in love with Sherlock and how would you describe how much you love them?
(Would you die for them?)*

Signed, unknown.

My dear unknown,

I don't know of what you speak! Unless, of course, you mean the fondest of familiar feelings, then I admit to them without blush. They are, after all, my closest companion.

There was a question, *ah* yes. When did I realise these... fond feelings? At the very start. I was immediately enraptured. All our favourite Sherlock is most impressive, as you know, and the first meeting did *not* disappoint. However, the deeper feelings came later; they grew slowly over many months. Then, a day came when I discovered that I could not live without them. Not ever.

And so, I would give up my life for theirs. Because I could not bear the thought of being without. Or were I to be the cause or exist knowing I could have done more for my dearest Sherlock—

It is unthinkable.

I hope I have eased your curiosity, dear reader.

Yours faithfully, J. Watson

Dear Mrs Hudson,*

Can Sherlock call you mom or grandma? Can you please adopt Sherlock? Could Sherlock please have lovely lunches with you eating pastries and drinking tea spent gossiping with you and petting fluffy*

cats?

Dearest unknown,

I would like nothing more than for my darling little wards (as I like to call them when they are not around to hear it) to refer to me as such. But, you see, no matter how much I suggest or hint at things, I'm afraid no one listens to me in this house! And whenever I bring up the topic of family in this house, they are both so dreadfully skittish! Especially Sherlock—it really is the most frustrating thing. But do not worry, dear reader: one of these days, I shall triumph!

—And on the topic of lunches and afternoon tea,

No need to fret; it is simply that Watson always fails to include my exemplary lunches, dinners, and gatherings in their little stories! No one who knows me may accuse me of being a lacking hostess (which is why I am so upset the texts do not describe all that I do! I suffer quite harshly under these conditions. You understand me, do you not, dear reader? The chocolate and sugars I keep for Watson alone...) Well, I bear it as well as one could. And, when all is said and done, I do dearly enjoy both the stories and the company. I shall simply continue in reminding them.

It was lovely to hear from you, reader—I hope we shall speak again!

With the warmest regards, Mrs Hudson

Dear Doctor J. Watson,

Purely hypothetically, how would you take it if the newest bird resident of the household was taught to attack intruders or enemies with some good old-fashioned bird training?

Also...and again this is totally hypothetical doctor, how upset would you be if the bird was brought along to the upcoming case by your partner Sherlock?

Signed, unknown.

My dear—

Is... is this you, Sherlock? This all rather sounds like you... *I shall have to ask you when you return.* But the answer is—*that seems extremely dangerous, I am a doctor; I implore you, do not do this!*

It will surely end up picking at the eyes of one of the telegraph messengers, which would be a terrible fate and something I am unlikely to be able to mend.

... Why. Why do you need the bird on the case, Sherlock?! I AM CONVINCED IT IS YOU NOW AND—*why do you need it?* Gods above. At best, it will be unsanitary. At worst... I don't want to think about it. Chasing it about one street was enough; I can't imagine chasing it over Greater London.

Also, birds are badly kept in pockets for long periods of time. Again, I implore you, do not!

Yours,
J. Watson

[The new endings are all done now!](#)

[Oct 1, 2023](#)

The new endings are all done now!

Therefore, it is off to do some final polish, edit, and code some stuff 🥰

Ps. 🤔😱 The word count of the chapter ended up, because of the endings branching, at over 18k! (That might not sound like a lot, but the plan was for it to be 5k...) 😂

Oh! And don't worry—the remaining letters are coming in the week ☺

[A few more letters!](#)

[Oct 6, 2023](#)

My schoolwork and life stuff have been... chaotic this week. But I, just an hour ago, finished one large assignment and should be able to use the weekend for some efficient writing if all goes to plan—

Here are 3 new letters.

I'll do the final four (unless more drop-in) this weekend, most likely.

Dear Doctor J. Watson,

Your flatmate is very charming. Are they free for the taking?

Signed, unknown.

Unknown,

They are charming; this much is true. But.

I do want to impart one particular thing, and I want you to read my words carefully and plant them firmly in your memory, for if I ever have to repeat this, I can't safeguard my doctoral oath:

Sherlock is not, *in any sense*, 'for the taking'—by you or anyone who would speak in such a manner. Any *taking* would be unwelcome, unwanted, and unspeakable in their presence should I have any say in it. And should you attempt it still, with such little regard for them, I will find ways to remind you of my third previous profession, before writer and before doctor.

Free or not, they won't ever be yours.

J. Watson

{authorial note from Doriana: I REALLY LIKED THE LETTER, I JUST FELT LIKE WATSON WOULD BE PROTECTIVE, PLZ DON'T FEEL BAD BY THE TONE!}

Dear Doctor J. Watson,

Why did you dislike it when Sherlock attempted to name the bird after you, their dear friend?

Signed, unknown.

Dearest Unknown,

It's an understandable question, my most perceptive reader.

I do not, of course, mind the bird; in fact, I think rather well of her. *I want to clarify this.* But, I suppose... well, my worry was two-fold. I thought it might cause confusion in the household—this is the easy answer. The harder truth is that, I hoped I was seen as something unique in their mind. Something that couldn't and perhaps shouldn't be attempted to be replaced or replicated.

Were I ever, god forbid, to lose Sherlock... I could never hear their name in someone else, ever. I would not allow it.

I could not bear it.

And so, I hoped, maybe, this same feeling existed somewhere, deep inside of them, too. I assume such deep thoughts were not given to the moment when they asked, it was a joke, a spontaneous idea, perhaps an homage. But I would like to remain the only Watson in their life. And they, the only Sherlock, in mine.

Yours faithfully,

J. Watson

Dear Mrs Hudson,

What are your thoughts on the Inspector G Lestrade?

Signed, unknown.

Dearest unknown,

Who?

—I asked Watson, and they informed me this is the inspector that the two of them often work with... I shall admit their name and rank entirely escaped me for the moment. We have only met the once... or perhaps it was twice?

I only remember they cast a very tall shadow, do they not?

And... thinking on it, I do remember—they are in the stories sometimes, I believe... And Watson, and even Sherlock on occasion, do mention someone by the name of Lestrade. Do forgive me, dear reader, for my memory is not what it used to be.

I suppose the simple truth is this: *I am not in the habit of thinking of them at all.*

With the warmest regards,

Mrs Hudson

Ps. If a certain inspector ever reads this, do pardon me, I am simply an old lady of no consequence of an ever-failing mind. If you ever come to the residence, I shall give you tea and biscuits as my absolution (I have some with raisins!), and we shall get to know one another much better!

[The final letters <3](#)

[Oct 8, 2023](#)

A few final letters:

Dear Doctor J. Watson,

How do you fare? I've been meaning to inquire (from a completely objective point of view, of course—deem this a psychological inquiry into the minds of my fellow humans), what have you been thinking about Sherlock's... fashion choices as of late?

They have been experimenting with..bolder looks, as I understand it, and, as a fellow enjoyer of haute couture, I am sure they're wondering what you make of those... revealing necklines and exposed skin..! I am sure that others must have noticed too, perhaps, let's say, recent visitors and certain public servants...so!!

What do you think of when you behold them, and what are your thoughts on other people leering at them?? I am asking for a friend, you see, who is wondering how to, ahem.. keep the attention of one they hold..affection for. I would be much obliged for an answer, so don't second-guess who could be writing because this sender shall remain strictly anonymous, you hear!!!!

Ahem. In any event. Thank you for all your hard work..I am sure that..Sherlock is very glad to have you by their side and cherishes every moment spent with you, even if they would perish from embarrassment if they admitted it..but certainly you must know how much they treasure you!!!! So ahem...thank you, John. For everything.

– *Signed, totally NOT Sherlock I don't know what you're talking about !!!!!*

Dear... I rather... dare not assume who...

—*Dear writer*, I fare well enough. It's been rather a few strange days, but I have hope for what the future will bring. Thank you kindly for asking.

On the matter of Sherlock's sense of dress. I—you must know I couldn't possibly comment on their personal preferences, not through a medium such as this, and to no one else but them themselves. But do know leering, of any kind, particularly by *some*... I am most opposed to it.

Now—regarding my feelings about such styles, la mode or not, are a little complicated. I am not sure I believe it to be the way to a person's heart, if that is the hope, as I understand it to be in this case. Attention, it may bring. But were it to end there... I fear it might be equal to heartbreak.

I suggest simply telling this person your feelings. It is a brave and admirable thing when one... does have the guts to do so.

I wish you the best of luck, dear writer. Truly.

Yours,

J. Watson

Ps. I am rather biased towards clothes of a delicate, charming, or plainer aesthetic. I believe it brings out the... inherent beauty in ways the flashier styles do not.

— Authorial note: As marriage is mentioned, and as I believe I know the author of this letter—I will write it as if W and MC are marriage compatible according to Victorian sensibilities and Mrs Hudson's current expectations (this doesn't necessarily confirm or deny any marriage for any or all MCs in the game, but do know I wouldn't leave anyone's MC without a good and equal solution or conclusion <3).

Greetings, Mrs. Hudson.

Despite certain... favoritisms, it's clear that you are deeply fond of both Sherlock and Dr. Watson. I was wondering how you felt about the latter, specifically. What was your first impression of the doctor? And has it changed since then? Have you ever thought the duo could make a lovely couple, or would you rather Sherlock marry someone else?

Keep taking care of both, please.

Signed, unknown.

Dearest unknown,

I confess you have me flabbergasted, dear reader; on what favouritism do you speak of? Nevertheless, I promise you, I would *never* do such a thing. *And* if the stories make it seem so, I entirely blame any such inclinations on the particular perspective in the texts.

—Disregarding that—they truly are darling youths, are they not, dear reader?

I sometimes wish I could just pinch their cheeks. But I fear that would be... badly met.

What was the question—oh—yes—Watson!

The darling doctor was very humble on our first meeting. So polite and kind. I recall Watson offering their doctoral services for my elbow, it had been bothering me for a long while, you see. Ever since I made perfecting meringues my new project for keeping busy. I had not yet offered the living, but here they were, assisting me without any intent. And Watson has remained this way for as long as I have known them now.

Kind and helpful to the very bone.

Perhaps I shouldn't be saying this, dear reader... But. I have prodded them on this very matter many times! They would make such a very good couple. Such close companions, compatible in so many

ways... It is a shame. I would ask them to consider it, for my sake, if not their own.

But do send them a letter, dear! Remind them of their duty to their fans! Perhaps that will light a fire under them. If one of them doesn't act soon... Well, I wonder if the decision won't be made for them.

With the warmest regards,

Mrs Hudson

Dear Doctor J. Watson,

How would you feel if Sherlock revealed that they were in love with you but were also something called "asexual", would you still be happy being with them?

Signed, unknown.

Dear Unknown,

I hardly know how to answer—

—Sherlock, if they, I assume, hypothetically said that they—said that they... cared for me...

I DON'T THINK I CAN ANSWER THIS HYPOTHICAL, I do beg your pardon! *It simply would not be proper—*

If we make a different hypothetical. If I loved someone. They loved me. Mutual loving all around, let's say—then nothing could make me unhappy to be with them. While I can only assume the meaning of the term based on the Latin, this could never bother me. I only... want to be around them, their clever musing, and their spirit and very presence; it brings me alight.

Hypothetically, of course.

Yours eternally,

J. Watson

Dear Mrs Hudson,

Watson or Sherlock, who's your favourite? Yes, you have to pick "I love them equally" won't work here.

Signed, unknown.

To this unknown,

Are you in cahoots with the previous letter sender? Why is my regard so scrutinised?! I feel most attacked, dear reader, and therefore, I will not deign this with a reply!

—I am entirely impartial!

Always has been. Ask the cook—I order Watson's and Sherlock's favourite meals the exact same amount. I am very impartial, and hence, I won't stand for slander that says otherwise!

Kind regards,

Mrs Hudson

Dear Doctor J. Watson,

Would you attend or participate in an elaborate murder mystery dinner theatre with your dear friend (provided it was interesting and challenging in equal measure, we wouldn't want said friend to get bored if it were too easy)? If the theatre isn't to your taste, maybe an escape room/puzzle room challenge instead?

Signed, unknown.

Dear Unknown,

I truly hope you mean it as more of a... charade, of sorts? I shall assume so—

Truth be told, if Sherlock intended to go—believe I would have no say in the matter myself. And I would gladly accompany them. *Nemo resideo*, 'no one left behind', as they say.

No matter the situation we would find ourselves in, at least we would face it together.

As to my personal thoughts—I am rather mild to the prospect. While watching the puzzle unfold through their eyes is always a marvel, I fear I've come to... perhaps this is divulging too much, but I've come to enjoy the thrill of actual dangers and higher stakes.

I am unsure of what that makes me.

Hopefully, dear reader, you will not judge me too harshly for this truth.

Yours faithfully,

J. Watson

Dear Mrs Hudson,

What tea blends do you fancy?

Signed, unknown.

Dearest unknown,

I must tell you, I've recently come into the knowledge that the most illustrious person, besides the queen and her family, of course, is a fervent defender of green tea.

It is now all I drink!

—And I must say, they were most right. It's a much more elegant balance, and it requires more than the darker blends you might pour milk and sugar to disguise or dress up.

Is this particular tea also taking a toll on my balance sheet? *I dare not say how much*. But is definitely worth it, dear reader! I recommend it with all my heart!

With the warmest regards,

Mrs Hudson

<https://dashingdon.com/play/dionapersson/demo-the-adventures-of-sherlock-holmes---an-affair-of-the-heart/mygame/>

[Chapter 5 \(part 1\)](#)

[Oct 14, 2023](#)

Chapter 5 is out now!

- **Talk to Watson about this new case** ✨
- **Meet Lestrade again** 🌹

I'm going to start calling it Chapter 5, part 1, though, because it's not very long (19k), and I think it will make more sense together with (the formerly ch6 now) Chapter 5, part 2, as both are about preparing for the ball.

(So the ball will now be ch 6!)

Anyway—I hope you enjoy it! ♥

I'll be adding to the chapter based on fixes, edits, polish, bugs, etc. Please send me a message if you have anything you think should be added or fixed! I'll also be adding a Google form later tonight to give feedback if you have any (or want to send anonymous bug reports, etc). 🍷 Love yah!

[A small Ch5 poll](#)

[Oct 14, 2023](#)

Anonymous google feedback and bug form ✨

<https://forms.gle/wZ9tXDzz8oLWr5zW8>

For the people who have played the chapter, if you would fill this out, it would really help me out! ❤️ (It's small and won't take much time! 🥰)

Thank you!

[The quick start option now works!](#)

[Oct 15, 2023](#)

There was a bug where it wasn't working—but it is now! (tbh, I didn't know it wasn't working until someone asked me why there wasn't a quick start option, and I was like 🤔)

I've also fixed some of the bugs and edits that were requested in the form 🥰 Big thanks to everyone who answered! It was incredibly interesting, helpful, and even funny to read 😊

---- Here's the poll/form again if anyone missed it! ----

Anonymous Google feedback and bug form ✨

<https://forms.gle/wZ9tXDzz8oLWr5zW8>

For the people who have played the chapter, if you would fill this out, it would really help me out! ❤️ (It's small and won't take much time! 🥰)

Thank you!

[What could have been—](#)

[Oct 20, 2023](#)

The original insult that L gave MC...

It was... not nearly as harsh...

One of my alpha readers were like: no. that's pathetic. fix.

And that's how MC got eviscerated in broad daylight.

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Spoilers for chapter 5 technically

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(One early rough example—and the scene structure of the end was very different at the time!)

#A dispassionate call for Lestrade to do the work required.

"We have a job to do. I require your services, for once. I recommend attempting not to be the reason it fails."

"Mmm. **How** inspiring," they say, meaning little of the words by the tone.

**if (loneWolf)*

"Didn't think I'd see the day. The great detective, needing anyone, ever... *\$_{mc_name}* *\$_{mc_lastname}* asking for my assistance. "Their jaw ticks, and their mouth turns sour. "While telling **me** to be better. The person who can't handle their boredom, laments daily the crimes are too tame, and

**if (cope = "eating")*

loses all resolve when there's an appetite.

**elseif (cope = "taking drugs")*

drops all sense for their favourite inebriety.

**elseif (cope = "gambling")*

ironically has a habit for making the most idiotic bets.

*elseif (cope = "smoking")

chases an ever darkening of their lungs.

*elseif (cope = "inaction")

would win awards for passion for idleness.

*elseif (cope = "berating")

is everyone's *favourite* little personal fault finder.

*elseif (cope = "drinking")

possesses a frankly impressive fondness for inebriety.

*elseif (cope = "taking risks")

possesses a frankly idiotic fondness for risk.

*elseif (cope = "experimenting")

possesses a moronic lust for playing with fire.

What could be more inspiring than that?"

*if (loneWolf) #""That's somewhat fair... well. Let it never be said miracles do not happen."

You give your goodbyes and turn to leave.

"Let me escort you, \${mc_lastname}. The crowds here..."

"I can handle myself."

"I know. **I do**. But why do it? Why take the risk? For my peace of mind, would you let me?"

[Weekly update](#)

[Oct 27, 2023](#)

This week is the last week for my current courses, and then I'll have more time to spend on the game and Patreon again ❤️

I'm almost there—I have to polish up a report, code a thing, and write a short reflection, and then I'll work on something fun for Halloween 🥳✨ (I'm still a little bit unsure *when* Halloween actually is, but like, sometime next week or smth 😊).

XOXO



PS. If anyone has trouble linking Patreon and Discord, please let me know, and I'll try to help! 🥰

[Happy halloween!](#) 🎃🌹👻👧👦

[Oct 31, 2023](#)

A short Lestrade vampire POV for Halloween ♥

Hope you like it!

(AU, not game content)

[Alternative version of Lestrade vampire](#)

[Nov 17, 2023](#)

So, I wrote that: [Lestrade as a vampire short](#), for Halloween and that was loosely inspired by a prompt my friend gave me of "**Sexy vamp MC seduction of vampire hunter L**"... (this is a trend, we previously did: "[Sexy Ghost MC seduction of tempted priest/nun W](#)"). But anyway, you might be wondering, "But hold on now, Doriana—in your Halloween story, L was the vampire?"

Yes. Yes, they were; it felt too appropriate with L's personality, to be honest...

But I wrote the actual prompt for a different purpose now, the one where L is a vamp hunter, and I wanted to share it here. It's publicly shared somewhere in my discord, but only some people see those things unless I advertise, and I wanted to share it here, too, as it felt like an appropriate follow-up to the last one that only y'all saw.



Ps. Oh—and I'll try and be more around for a few weeks now, I've got some stuff under control and done with. So I'm (mostly) all yours 💋🌹

Talk soon!

[Update for the week](#)

[Nov 25, 2023](#)

I just realised I didn't do one of these!

I'm working on ch 5 part two, the dress up system for the ball and the collection of smaller scenes the chapter has. But I'm at the same time working on ch 6 (the ball) cause they are quite connected, and that is what currently feels right 😊✨

(The amount of research one can do on Victorian clothing is... overwhelming and also very very fun 😊)

Buuut beyond that I'm working on a Lestrade minigame in the style of the "Sherlock and their bad baker (W) minigame" 👁️✨

Making the minigame directly in Twine may or may not have been a mistake cause it slows me down a lot, but I'll port it over to tweego and hope to have it done quite soon and uploaded to itch when I've finished it ❤️

[LestradeMakeOutFakeOut by Doriana Gray](#)

[A browser game made in HTML5](#)

<https://doriana-gray-games.itch.io/lestrademakeoutfakeout>

[Lestrade Minigame / interactive prompt](#)

[Nov 27, 2023](#)

This is an interactive addition and continuation of the long-since-written "**Lestrade fakeout makeout**" post from Tumblr. It's almost 5k words but shorter per play-through.

Warning: EDGES ON THE LINE OF **NSFW** AND NOT!

You have been warned—

Password: **LestradeGetsFunky**

[Christmas/holiday ideas?](#)

[Dec 17, 2023](#)

Hi hi ❤️

I had to scrap a Christmas/holiday thing I was working on, so I thought I'd ask what type of stuff y'all would like to see instead for the holidays. Does anyone have any ideas? 🧑‍🎄

Take care, ❤️

Ps. I've been following my inspiration and writing ball chapter romance scenes 🥰 I think yall will like them 😊

If you want to send me anon ideas you can do it here: <https://www.tumblr.com/new/ask/doriana-gray-games> <3

[A holiday experiment](#)

[Dec 25, 2023](#)

For some reason, I decided the fun thing to do would be to make a short choose-your-own-adventure story for Christmas (and I know what you're thinking, but Doriana, you already make those but more functional. Yes, yes, I do. But I got it in my head that making it more like a book would be more unique and fun... which was... a debatable hypothesis.)

Anyway, here it is—(I might update the PDF with time; I'm currently a little sick, and I doubt my language abilities...)

Click the pdf below for the mini adventure <3

[And for more holiday cheer, here are some earlier Christmas/holiday/winter-themed posts on Tumblr!](#)

Love yah all ❤️ ❄️

[Lestrade Q&A](#)

[Jan 2, 2024](#)

Just a small thing to tide us over till the next chapter!

Now closed ✨💌

Ask Lestrade (or X... at your peril) questions and get an in-character response back!

- Have a nice week, everyone ☺️❤️

Ps. The answers will be posted here, publicly. So, if there's any part you don't want to be revealed, write it in the final line. 🙄 I'll post them in batches during the month.

[Lestrade \(and x\) letters](#)

[Jan 11, 2024](#)

Here's the first batch of letters! <3

I wrapped up my final uni exam and now really only have my master thesis to worry about, and I feel a little lighter, so I found the time to finish these letters I had started on!

I'll do the next batch by the weekend and the third batch either the weekend or next week. So if you have a letter you want to send in, please don't forget to send it in 🙄

As long as they come into my google form through the previous link, I'll answer them, and the link will remain up for a while longer.

Take care! (And stay warm) 🧊

Ps. I know I posted the previous letters directly here, without a PDF, but these ones have a lot of formatting so Patreon's text editor wouldn't do them quite justice 😊

[Lestrade \(and x\) letters 2](#) 💌❤️✨

[Jan 14, 2024](#)

Here's the second batch of letters! <3

I'll do the next batch early next week. If you have a letter you want to send in, please don't forget to send it in 🥰

As long as they come into my Google form through the previous link, I'll answer them, and the link will remain up for a while longer.

Take care! 🥰

[Lestrade \(and x\) letters 3](#) 📧❤️✨

[Jan 16, 2024](#)

Here's the third batch of letters! <3

(There came some more letters, so I will do one more batch! But I will probably close the form soon! *Maybe tomorrow.*)

On other topics:

Writing is going good, but a little slow 🐢 Well, slow and steady wins the race 🙏 But I have some strategies I'll try and do to get a quicker pace on this—I realise y'all are waiting to meet everyone again, don't worry <3

Other than that, I have quite a few rough ball scenes and some Ch 5.2 scenes. I think I'll move some of the early ch6 scenes (the scenes from the day of the ball and travelling in a carriage) to ch5.2.

Even out the chapter lengths a bit + give y'all some more stuff.

Think that would be good.

That's all!



Take care! 🥰

Ps.

I forgot to mention! I might do a spoiler Q&A on Discord towards the weekend! I'll post the answers here while still hiding the answers *somehow*... I'll figure something out.

[Lestrade \(and x\) letters 3](#)   

[Jan 21, 2024](#)


Here's the fourth and final batch of letters! <3

On a different topic—

In a little under an hour, I'll begin a spoiler Q&A on Discord (where I'll be as open as I can while answering questions I would not normally answer publically.)

If you can't attend, you can send me questions:


- Here on Patreon as a comment on this post.
- On Tumblr, if you want anonymity.

The answers and questions will then be formatted into a PDF and posted here, too! 

XOXO,

Doriana

Ps.

After this Q&A I won't be very online for about the rest of the month, as I really want to focus on the game writing! 

[Ch5.2 has reached alpha stage!](#) 

[Feb 14, 2024](#)

🥰💖 It was a lot of work (mostly because I had a hard time tearing myself away from writing either the ball or working on my master thesis), but it's really shaping up now!

I have a time booked with my alpha reader on Thursday, where we will go over it and find what to change, what works, etc. But I'm just really happy I was able to deliver some kind of good news to y'all on this day 🥰

I know I have been MIA from here and Discord, but I promise it's only so I can find the time to actually work on the game. Otherwise, I would not be able to. But your support allows me to both prioritise this as a job, and not be forced to get other jobs while studying which would have made writing the game all the more difficult. This is all to say—

Thank you all, I'm incredibly grateful 💖

Happy Valentines!

Here are some chocolates ✨💖🥰🍫🍫🍫

[CH 5.2 spoilers sneak peeks, private Tumblr link ->](#)

[CH 6 \(ball\) spoilers sneak peeks, private Tumblr link ->](#)

[Where to end ch5.2](#)

[Feb 15, 2024](#)

So, I just did the alpha test (it went well! She liked it! <3)

But what we couldn't decide on was where to cut off the chapter, so I'm putting it in your hands—

(However, I retain the ability to change the option if something unforeseen comes up!)

I'll keep it up for the weekend unless it's a landslide. The original idea was to end it at option 1, but I had the idea a little while back to cut it off later, and this is what came of that—

Cast your votes 🥰✨

Option 1: End the chapter as the day of the ball begins.

- Pros:

- *Very cliffhanger-y,*
- *Will be completed quicker,*
- *Condenses ch6 to the day of the ball.*

- Cons:

- *Very cliffhanger-y,*
- *Less content to an already relatively short chapter,*
- *Separates the two dress-up sections,*
- *Makes the next chapter feel a bit disjoint.*

Option 2: as you walk down the stairs (to reveal your outfit / meet W)

- Pros:

- *Imo a more fun cliffhanger than the others,*
- *Won't take too long to finish,*
- *Good compromise of the three*
- *Puts the dress-up section of the ball into one chapter.*

- Cons:

- *Less romance than in option 3 (in ch5, and it stays in ch6 instead).*

Option 3: As you arrive at the ball location

- Pros:

- *More content and romance (in ch5),*
- *Longer ch5.*

- Cons:

- *Basically, it will take much more time,*
- *And it kinda steals some content from ch6, which is both a pro and a con.*

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

138 votes total

[Feb 26, 2024](#)

I have this (good and bad) habit of following inspiration.

Yesterday, I got to thinking because of a Tumblr ask about making some more L POV stuff. Especially around the time of ch5.

Here is the fruit of that labour ->

Love ya!

(I'm still plonking away at ch5. Last week, I was a bit out of commission, but my head feels more on right this week. Anyway, take care y'all <3)

PS. CHECK OUT TUMBLR FOR SOME REALLY COOL FAN ART!) 🥰🌹✨

[The Q&A pdf and an update](#)

[Mar 7, 2024](#)

Q&A:

First of did... a while back on Discord... I tried to format this thing in a good way on three separate occasions, but... OMG, IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE! The discord formatting makes everything weird and, just generally awful. And then, if I wanted to keep any context of some questions, I needed to have the comments and who said what and—to make a longer thing short: THE PDF IS JUST A STRAIGHT-UP COPY PASTE—and it's an incredibly confusing document. If you're at all interested in seeing the thing in a readable format or want to join future ones, please join the discord cause... yeah... this was a mess.

THE Q&A HAS SOME SPOILERS AND SLIGHTLY ADULT QUESTIONS. (The format on the discord allows one not to see an answer unless one clicks, but the PDF has no such feature).

I would actually love to do another one of these—it was really fun!

Let me know if you would like to see that ❤️

NEW GAME CONTENT (in ch5.2):

I'VE ADDED ROMANCE AND SEXUAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHOICES! ✨

They will be adding some fun drama (you'll see), some more MC stuff, and flavour for the future 🤔 I retconned my old idea of MC **never** having had a romantic history (tho choosable sexual history) in favour of this... I think I just realised this was more fun, to have **more** choice. And that I didn't need to hold onto Sherlock canon and my idea of them—quite so much—when I didn't in other places.

What I can say is that, it's quite detailed and you can use this for some additional RO drama...



UPDATE PROGRESS:

I've finally been able to catch up with my schoolwork since I was sick. And so I'll have about 85% of the weekend to work on the game 🥰❤️ I got a little lost in working on the ball chapter again tbh; it keeps calling me like a siren... I suppose the good news is that the ball, with its linear sketch scenes, is somehow already quite a bit longer than the coded and branching ch 5.2...

Anyway, I keep working on it when I find the time. Mostly, I've been adding/finishing the new scenes that y'all voted on, and the scenes the alpha reader and I thought of, + the new past relationship choice.

Hopefully, I can soon give y'all a release date.

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[Writing weekend](#)

[Mar 11, 2024](#)

Omg, y'all don't know how much Victorian fashion I've read and written about this weekend... I decided to change some stuff up with the system because of some feedback, and I think it's shaping up well. It's a lot, though... (in a good way imo!)

Once it's fully done, I would like to give y'all the opportunity to add one or two additional unique costumes, but we will do that when get there.

But anyway, I just wanted to let y'all know—

The next discord Q&A is Planned for this week!

Please vote on the times that work for you on Discord. If you want to be there live (if not, you can send me asks on Tumblr in advance if you clarify it is for the Discord Q&A).

Take care!

[Q&A starting soon!](#)

[Mar 13, 2024](#)

In a little under 10 minutes I'll begin a Q&A on Discord (where I'll be as open as I can while answering questions I would not normally answer publically.)

If you can't attend, you can send me questions:

- Here on Patreon as a comment on this post.
- On Tumblr, if you want anonymity.

I will try to format it into a PDF and post it here too! ❤️

XOXO,

Doriana

[Dress themes revealed:](#)

[Mar 19, 2024](#)

I've been working really hard at making and coding and finishing this new dress system—but im really happy with it! <3 heres a peek!

(The suits will come soon!)

Don't scroll past this if you don't want spoilers:

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The special specific themes (you cant change these much):

Aphrodite - (Bold)

Angel - (Delicate)

Starlight - (Proper)

The more general themes (you can change these much more):

Goddess

Queen

Princess

Cat

Devil

Bride of Dracula

Swan

Fairy

Flower

Most are only available with certain colours/styles etc!



[Thank you for being you](#) 🧡🧡🧡

[Mar 21, 2024](#)

[Easter writing week](#) 🐣

[Mar 25, 2024](#)

✨🐧✨ Tbh that's all, from Wednesday till next Wednesday I'll have a lot more time for a bit to write ✍️
✨

I'm excited! And I hope to deliver something by the end of it ❤️

[Beta officially started](#)

[Apr 3, 2024](#)

I DM'd a beta version to one of my betas <3

(I haven't sent it to the full beta group yet, mostly because the suit dress-up part isn't done yet, and only some of them could play it then. I plan to send it to them a few days before I send it to you all so me and the betas can first locate the giant bugs and text errors <3)

Ok. So.

We are in the home stretch, and I feel comfortable saying this now—

The chapter will come out this month! 🥺

(If, by some disaster, it somehow doesn't, I'll pause Patreon for the next month. Cause I'M GETTING THIS CHAPTER OUT SOON I JUST WANT IT DONE SO I CAN WRITE THE BALL EXCLUSIVELY 🥺)

On other fun notes, I think W and L romancers will really like a new scene I added the other day... 🥳🥳

I can't wait to show it ❤️

XOXO

-Doriana

[I'm pausing the Patreon for a month](#)

[Apr 29, 2024](#)

😓 I am genuinely so close to finishing the chapter. But with finishing my master thesis, and job hunting and networking... I simply didn't find the combination of time and energy to finish the suit coding and the polishing.

I hope for better luck next month, and I won't be unpausing it until I post the update 😊

I love ya, and I appreciate y'all's patience.

🥰❤️ Take care

[Chapter 5.2 very soon!](#)

[Jun 30, 2024](#)

Hello everyone <3

Thank you for your patience with me finishing my master thesis 😊 It was a lot, but it is finally behind me —

AND BEFORE YOU IS—

CH 5.2! ✨

I'll drop the chapter within 24-48 hours from now,

And as the Patreon seems to be automatically unpausing at this time (? I genuinely find the system really confusing, it seems to be on my end to re-paus each month instead of it staying on), please let me know if someone is affected negatively by this and had meant to cancel when it turns on or smth!

Some things to look forward to:

- Watson moments 😊 (I really think y'all will like em, both romantically and platonically)
- New NPC! (... they are quite something...)
- DRESS UP 🎀
- Drama-adding MC choices 😬😬😬
- *How do you feel about L now??*

Love yah 🥰

<https://dashingdon.com/play/dionapersson/demo-the-adventures-of-sherlock-holmes---an-affair-of-the-heart/mygame/>

[Chapter 5.2](#)

[Jul 2, 2024](#)

- Dress up! ✨
- Delivery (possibly) 🌹
- Watson isn't done yet! 😬
- How do you feel? U ok? ♥
- Inappropriate questions 🤔👍

We have it all!

Anyway—I hope you enjoy it! ♥

I'll be adding to the chapter based on needed fixes, edits, polish, bugs, etc. Please send me a message if you have anything you think should be added or fixed! I'll also be adding a Google form later in the week to give feedback if you have any (or want to send anonymous bug reports, etc, tho u can do that on Tumblr or discord or here!).

 Love yah!

[Chapter 5.2 out now!](#)

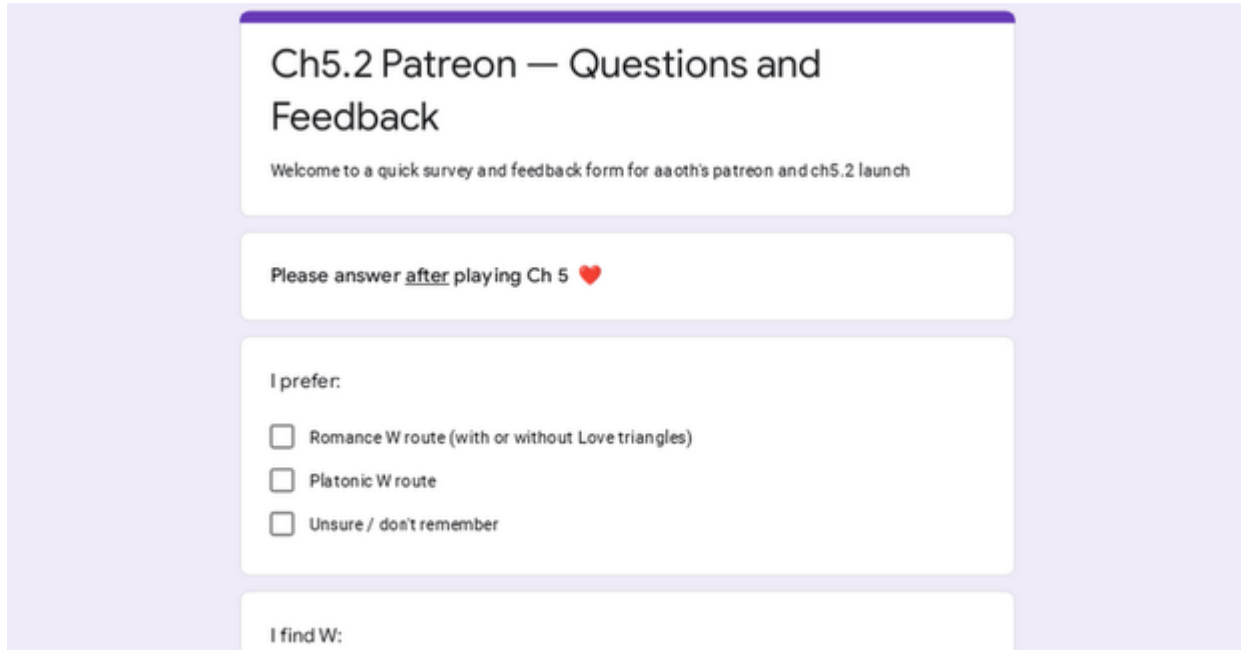
[Jul 2, 2024](#)

(This is a message simply to reach out to the free members as a notification! the link is in the payed post)

- Dress up! ✨
- Delivery (possibly) 🌹
- Watson isn't done yet! 😬
- How do you feel? U ok? ♥

- Inappropriate questions 🙄👍

We have it all!



Ch5.2 Patreon — Questions and Feedback

Welcome to a quick survey and feedback form for aaoth's patreon and ch5.2 launch

Please answer after playing Ch 5 ❤️

I prefer:

- ☐ Romance W route (with or without Love triangles)
- ☐ Platonic W route
- ☐ Unsure / don't remember

I find W:

[Ch5.2 Patreon - Questions and Feedback](https://forms.gle/kJH5pznz7XT7VYBi7)

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[A small Ch5.2 poll](#)

[Jul 3, 2024](#)

Anonymous google feedback and bug form ✨

For the people who have played the chapter, if you would fill this out, it would really help me out! ❤️ (It's small and won't take much time! 🥰)

<https://forms.gle/kJH5pznz7XT7VYBi7>

Thank you!

[Thank you everyone 🥰💖](#)

[Jul 5, 2024](#)

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you all, the response to these last two chapters have been so very lovely, and to see a lot of people come back once I unpaused Patreon is very heartwarming!

I'll be uploading a few bug fixes tonight, which might break saves, I am unsure. But this is a little warning that this might happen.

The fixes will make some seemingly hidden content appear where it should tho!

- You will get the right flowers (half sims were supposed to get the bouquet!)
- The non-virgin sexual background choices should appear for more MCs
- More flavour text
- Fixes and bugs etc etc

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Oh! and thanks to everyone who filled out the form!

Anonymous google feedback and bug form ✨

<https://forms.gle/kJH5pznz7XT7VYBi7>

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Personally, I'm shifting between bug fixing and writing notes and scenes for the ball 🧑🏻🧑🏻💫🥰

It feels so nice to be able to write the ball without feeling shame that I should be writing on ch5.2 lol

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I plan on doing another discord Q&A this month, post some goodies, and some behind the scenes things. And the fakeout-makeout H scenes is long overdue!

XOXO

❤️ - Doriana

[Some cut content from ch5.2](#)

[Jul 5, 2024](#)

I'll be posting it below as to not give anyone spoilers or content they don't want—

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Scene with Watson where u had a more... tempered debate.

I couldn't quite make it work and flow, but I would like to maybe find a way to add it to the platonic route instead? But we will see.

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"Why did you not tell me that (H) asked to escort you to the ball?"

• choices

#"I simply did not have the time, nor did you make it easy—"

"I simply did not have the time, nor did you make it easy—"

#"I would have, had you not badgered me and then promptly abandoned me right after the fact —"

"I would have, had you not badgered me and then promptly abandoned me right after the fact —when had you expected me to, huh? Somewhere in between the angry tone and the shocking desertion?"

#"When, Watson—when could I have?"

"When, Watson—when could I have? You were not around much after the fact. When did you expect me to detail this to you?"

#"Why were you avoiding me?!"

"Why were you avoiding me?!"

"I—I was not avoiding, I—you had to scurry off to Lestrade, across town, I simply could not accompany you at this time—"

#"This topic is over. [i]Over[/i], Watson."

"This topic is over. [i]Over[/i], Watson." You press.

Another pause and another sigh. "Is Lestrade well?" (W) asks, changing the direction of the conversation.

*goto skipToLestradeQ2

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I was instructed to remove this to not encourage Mrs Hudson shippers...

Mrs Hudson gasps, her hand coming to her plentiful bosom.

Look. Y'all... she was a smoke-show in her day. I wanted to show that ✨ She seduced her rich boss and married the man!

(The woman *knows how to land a wealthy partner... and she wants to help u to do the same...*)

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Two scenes will be added back into the chapter once the ball is more finished. A letter from L, and a scene with more detail of your work and preparations for the ball. These two were too likely to have to be rewritten once the ball was done that I put them to the side for now.

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And then-- this is something I hope to add in more of, but a further reflection for MC about their new appearance after glow up--

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*if (bPrettied = "more")

#"I do, yet... I do not look like myself."

- "Nonsense, \${mc_name}. It is simply a rare sight to you, yet it does not need to be. I would help you any day," Mrs Hudson declares and smiles.

#"Yes. I believe I do."

#"I look marvellous! London town shall quake and shiver in my wake—"

#"Do I? I suppose I can never really tell with such things."

#My eyes simply remain on the sight, awed by the change.

If anyone has actually read all the way down here, is this content you would like to see more of?

More MC reflection on their change? 🤔✨

[The next discord Q&A is Planned for TOMORROW!](#)

[Jul 9, 2024](#)

19:00 CEST (UTC +2) Wednesday 10th of July (About one day and 3 hours from now)

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html?iso=20240710T170000&p1=239>

The Q&A will be on Discord in the Patreon room 🥰❤️✨

If you can't attend, you can send me questions:

- Here on Patreon as a comment on this post.
- On Tumblr, if you want anonymity (mark it as for the Q&A).

Although, I'll try and prioritise live discord questions a little more (unlike last time...)! ❤️

XOXO,

Doriana 🦊✨🌹

Ps. if anyone wants to read the old ones, they still exist in threads in the regular Patreon-discussion room <3

[Q&A starting in 5 min!](#)

[Jul 10, 2024](#)

In a little over 5 minutes, I'll begin a Q&A on Discord (where I'll be as open as I can while answering questions I would not normally answer publically.)

If you can't attend, you can send me questions:

- Here on Patreon as a comment on this post.
- On Tumblr, if you want anonymity, mark them as Q&A tho!

See you there! ❤️

XOXO,

Doriana 🦊✨🌹

[Progress / update thingy 💖💖](#)

[Jul 21, 2024](#)

(I genuinely don't know what to call these... sporadic "here's where I'm at" posts? Random late-night emails to Patreons? Something of that nature...)

Anyway, I hope y'all are well! <3

Since we last talked (unless you're on the discord, which, in that case... we might have talked a lot) I've been working on some bugs and content fixes with old and new chapters ✨ But I've also been able to get back into working on the ball, and its really just such a fun chapter to write, so it makes me very happy to feel more free to do so now ☺

Strangely enough, one of my fav scenes so far is already in the carriage *to* the ball 😊 Even before we even get in there 😊✨

Some other stuff I've been working on has been... um, sm*t writing exercises for you all. Lol. Which I hope will pay off for the ball... 🤔🐉

- Some work on that mini Dracula and Damsel (damsel optional) offshoot thing I did, if anyone remembers. This is also related to the above point lol.

Oh, and a coding project that might help me in the future, for making these games. But I'm not quite ready to explain it yet 🤔

More clothing options:

I wanted to ask you all about adding more unique clothing options, but I haven't had many comments about that... So I'm a little unsure if it's even necessary now... How about we do a quick poll to see if there's any interest—and then if there is I'll do something where you can send in requests, etc, and we might do another vote on some of those—

I didn't find an outfit I liked / I want more

I'm good with what's there

Other (plz comment down below) ❤️

230 votes total

[How did MC and Watson meet?](#) 🤔✨

[Aug 6, 2024](#)

Well, wonder no more!

Here's a lil written treat for the Watson fans (romantic or platonic) of the first meeting from the pov of Watson 😊 This is a scenario I've gotten asked about for a while, and I didn't feel the story was worth telling until i realised I wanted to show it through W's eyes!

Then after this scene, Watson's feelings only grew, and soon W hardly knew what to do with themselves, (to the point they might end up yelling at Sherlock about flowers!)

Let me know if you like these lil things, like the L journal I did, or letters, etc, with a pov feel 💖✨

This month I also hope to post one more interactive thing, and maybe do another Q&A (tho this time I might just ask y'all to send in questions through a form and I'll answer directly here on Patreon with longer answers).

Other than that, I'm working on the game and the ball! I hope you are all looking forward to it! 💖

XOXO

-Doriana

Ps.

If you want to know more details of this little meeting, the scene is (intentionally) quite similar to the one in the first Sherlock Holmes story, a study in scarlet, in the first chapter. It is a fun read if anyone wants to check it out, and it is copyright-free and available for free online!

Patreon Q&A — Aug 2024 💖

Hi! Please send in your question to me and I'll attempt to answer it the best I can!
This time we are doing it through a form so I can take my time and really answer the questions,
+ For the people who don't use Discord much 💖

You can send me multiple questions, though for quality's sake (and possible overt spoilers) I will pick out the ones I feel I can answer best and write a good reply for!

Basically, it's like a Tumblr ask, but I'm more likely to answer... (and in detail!)

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Take care!

What's your question? 💖

Your answer

[Patreon Q&A - Aug 2024 💖](#)

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<https://forms.gle/pnAFD2D8rsximu9m9>

[Patreon Q&A — Aug 2024 💖](#)

[Aug 16, 2024](#)

CLOSED SEND-IN

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Take care!

Ps... there's a little sneak peek at something at the end (optional) ✨💖✨

[Patreon Q&A aug 2024 - part 1](#)

[Aug 24, 2024](#)



Thank you for the questions, everyone! I had fun answering them 💖

It turned out to be quite the thing, so I'm splitting it up in two, and sending the other half next week. There's a pdf down below with the answers, I was gonna post them right here too, but the formatting got incredibly confusing 😬

XOXO ❤️

Ps. Don't forget to hydrate 🥤

[Patreon Q&A aug 2024 - part 2](#)

[Sep 1, 2024](#)



Thank you for the questions, everyone! With this, I'm closing the send-in! 💖

- It turned out to be quite the thing, so I'm splitting it up in two, and this is the final part. There's a pdf down below with the answers, I was gonna post them right here too, but the formatting got incredibly confusing 😬
- [Part one here](#)

XOXO ❤️

Ps.

I'M 98% PERCENT DECIDED I'LL SPLIT THE NEXT CHAPTER INTO 3 PARTS.

And as the first scenes are decently done, I hope to get out a small chapter release not too far away now. <3 (This update would be just the first few scenes of the ball chapter, and as such might not reach the point of including the first meeting of Adler).

[Douchestrade](#)

[A Lestrade AU minigame - a different, douchier Lestrade... Play in your browser](#)

<https://doriana-gray-games.itch.io/douchestrade>

[New romantic Lestrade minigame](#) 🥰🎮

[Sep 12, 2024](#)

Have you ever wondered who they were before?

Before all that darkness that clouds their mind and forces their mouth to speak far too little or far too much?

Meet what I dub "**douchestrate**" 💖

Far too much confidence, and not enough humbling going on at all.

... I have no idea if this is selling it or not. But basically, this is an AU mini-game, of Lestrade without their downward spiral, a little younger, and far too many thoughts of Sherlock.

Enjoy 😊❤️✨

Ps. Try at least both of the two main choices. They are very different!

[Progress / update thingy](#) 💖

[Sep 25, 2024](#)

I'm so terrible at making posts on Patreon without having something to throw to the sharks, as it were (very, very nice and lovable sharks I want to clarify in this imperfect metaphor ❤️🌹🐟).

But—I'm gonna try and be better at them! 💪🙄

Cause I think *people* like them (plz correct me if I'm wrong).

Progress:

- I'm jumping back and forth on the ball chapter scenes, but gonna try and focus more on the 6.1 update content so I can send some more stuff to one of my alpha readers soon 😊
- Finally finished the suit coding. God. That was a lot of stuff. But I have begun a new productivity system that finally got me through it lol. (It's not uploaded yet. But the suit-wearing mc's will find a lot of new little stuff in ch 5.2 when I upload ch6.1)! 🙄
- I'm working on a few different Patreon stuff... Right now I think maybe an H minigame will be the next big thing (H is the master/mistress of the large estate MC works at -- regency AU with some upstairs-downstairs romance 💖)

Coming:

- On my backlog is: the above mini-game + a Watson-y with Halloween werewolves thing + my Dracula thingy + ch 6.1. 🎃
- I think I'm gonna make a series of "Tumblr best" content posts too + some bonus stuff next month as I realised a lot of y'all don't use Tumblr and definitely haven't dug into the deep crevices of my blog lol.
- Do you guys want another Q&A soon? If so, do you like the live Discord ones or the send-in PDF ones? 🤔 (I'll also do another letter to RO in character Q&A once we have more chapters published)

👁️🔪👁️ Love yah!

Be safe and hydrate!

I want Q&A, I like the Discord Live version

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I want Q&A, I like the send in PDF version

59

I don't want another Q&A

6

Poll ended Sep 26, 2024 · 71 votes total

Patreon Q&A — Sep 2024 💖

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Take care!

What's your question? 💖

Your answer

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[Patreon Q&A — Sep 2024](#) 💖

[Sep 26, 2024](#)

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Take care!

Ps... there's a little sneak peek at something at the end (optional) ✨💚✨

[Patreon Q&A sep 2024 - part 1](#)

[Oct 2, 2024](#)



Thank you for the questions, everyone! 💖

The second part will come later in the week, and don't worry about spoilers! I was able to format it in a way that makes it mostly spoiler safe imo 😊✨

XOXO 💖

Ps. Don't forget to keep warm (or cold) 🥶

[Patreon Q&A sep 2024 - part 2](#)

[Oct 11, 2024](#)



Thank you for the questions, everyone! 🧡❤️🧡💜

There were so many new ones, and many Halloween-themed ones, that a third part of the last Q&A send-in will come next week too 😊

I assume not everyone clicks on PDF's so here's a little part of it I felt was cute:

- **Did Mrs. Hudson help Watson get ready for the ball? (If so, can we see a snippet of that?)**

“Does this look quite right, Mrs Hudson? I find the seams might look a little...”

“Gauche? Tawdry? Terrible—”

“Harsh. Harsh was the word I was looking for, Mrs Hudson. The seams look a little *harsh*, with the colour not being an exact match, and the lines being so redone,” they sigh. “I know I should not have expected a butchered homemade thing to ever reach any decent heights, but... I do rather find myself worrying about these things, and I—I wouldn’t want to drag them down, would I? Would be a shame for a writer to stand next to their muse in tatters...”

“My darling Watson,” her tone is sweet as she approaches, her hands pulling at the fabric at their shoulder to land more correctly than it naturally does. “No one will be looking at you. ” The old woman smiles as if this is the greatest comfort. “Because—*because*, you will stand right next to the person you wish to stand next to, and they shine very brightly in most rooms. Even when they do not know it. And they won’t care if your costume’s seams are harsh. And together, you will look so perfect, and the night will be so wonderful, that all thoughts of seams will be forgotten. Don’t you think so? I think so.”

Mrs Hudson pinches their cheek a little. “And I’m always right, aren’t I?”

XOXO 💜🧡❤️🧡

Ps. Don't forget to keep warm 🥶🥶🍂

- next week I'll post a new minigame, and I hope to have some further news too... but we shall see!
love ya!

[Tumblr posts 2021 part 1 ✨](#)

[Oct 16, 2024](#)

I promised a certain someone on the discord that I would begin a Tumblr master post series (not everyone has a Tumblr and not everyone wants to scroll down years of content 😊✨ which is understandable!)

So here are some of the longer posts from 2021 July-September. (I used to be... very active on Tumblr back in the day. It wasn't super great for game writing productivity lol...) They take me a little bit to scroll through and decide on the best ones, so I'll do them in batches when I'm too knackered to write 😊💖

I'll bold the best/story ones 🥰✨

Mc is hurt and W is there (angst):

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/657431422968217600/i-just-read-this-in-a-manhua-i-love-angst>

how I imagined the ball in the beginning:

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/657787643660271616/speaking-of-balls-dancing-how-would-the-ros>

Mc is hurt and L is there (angst):

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/658780972464128000/little-bit-of-angst-here-but-how-would-ros>

“what is it about someone (personality-wise) that attracts each of the ro's?”

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/659695832573083648/what-is-it-about-someone-personality-wise-that>

The whole gang scoobydoo adventure ✨👻

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/659769872760389632/how-would-ros-act-if-they-were-stuck-with-sherlock>

Music related asks

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/659854706831753216/hey-not-sure-if-my-ask-got-eaten-if-not-feel>

Attractiveness question:

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/660146692833837056/ive-barely-even-started-the-game-but-im-loving>

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Mc is sick and H is there (sweet):**

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/660692722773016576/hello-your-game-is-great-awww-i-need-to-say>

The RO to RO relationship vibes:

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/661861005439139840/watson-my-heart-is-yours-unless-adler-comes-to>

Love languages (not sure if game-canon... But reasonably close):

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/662495123502989312/my-favourite-if-lestrade-already-has-my-heart>

"How would ROs let MC know that they're 'in the mood'? 😊"

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/663498815062638592/how-would-ros-let-mc-know-that-theyre-in-the>

Have a lovely day! 🍁

[Hamish/HelenaShortStoryOct2024 by Doriana Gray](#)

[A browser game made in HTML5](#)

<https://doriana-gray-games.itch.io/hamishshortstoryoct2024>

[New romantic H minigame](#) 🧐💕

[Oct 23, 2024](#)

This one is very Regency-era AU-coded!

servant MC gets noticed by the master/mistress of the manor 🦋💋🦋

I'd say this H is mostly simp H but, because of the different setting and the regency upstairs downstairs vibe, they're a bit extra "nobility" upper-class vibe 🤔 one day maybe I'll do a "humbled H" minigame lol

Password: REGENCYROMANCE

Helena version:

<https://doriana-gray-games.itch.io/helenashortstoryoct2024>

For some reason, I seem to only be able to have one link at the top.

Hope you like it! <3

🌟🎃 [HAPPY HALLOWEEN + \(Q&A\)](#) 🎃🌟

[Oct 30, 2024](#)

Here are the final Q&A answers with some Halloween questions 🧡🌟

Inside the pdf is some... **Jekyll/Hyde** Watson 🧟

“They had to leave, I’m afraid. But *you* do not... I rather think you should stay...” the figure steps closer.

And here's some extra Halloween goodies: <https://www.tumblr.com/doriana-gray-games/765789981748887552/happy-halloween-doriana-gray-games?source=share>

THERE'S SOME LINKS IN THE ABOVE TO LAST YEARS HALLOWEEN PATREON CONTENT!

Lestrade vampire, mc human / and mc vampire, L human 🌟

Happy Holidays y'all!

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[Update thingy](#) ✨

[Nov 11, 2024](#)

As I said in the community Patreon chat thingy, I will focus on the ball chapters for a little while now and only do Patreon content that doesn't take up too much writing time. So—

- Next week, I'll hold another **Discord Q&A** for ≈ an hour. (You can also send questions here and on Tumblr if you'd rather do so anonymously.) 🙋
- I'll do another **Tumblr master post** 😊
- And I have some short-form AAOTH **linear stories** I could finish and publish 📝
- But—no new interactive AU minigame this month! 😞

Please keep warm this November ✨🍁🧡💜💜💜🍁✨

XOXO 💋🦊

— *Doriana*

[Tumblr posts 2021 part 2](#) ✨

[Nov 15, 2024](#)

Here's another Tumblr master in the Tumblr master post series (not everyone has a Tumblr, and not everyone wants to scroll down years of content 😊✨ which is understandable!)

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I'll bold the best/story ones 😊✨

MC is sick and ROs take care of them: 😞

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/665934405835112448/i-am-currently-utterly-sick-and-was-wondering-what>

Halloween Scoobygang adventure: 🧛

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/665560404696694784/how-would-ros-act-if-they-were-stuck-with-sherlock>

The original fakeout-makeout prompt with Lestrade that led to this [minigame](#): 🍷

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/664496342510485504/how-would-the-ros-react-to-a-fake-out-make-out>

RO fav ice cream flavours: 🍦

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/666760278202040320/hi-really-enjoyed-the-demo-so-far-what-is-every>

Birthday gifts from ROs: 🎁❤️

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/668043505583718400/hiiiiiii-its-my-birthday-today-and-i-wanted-to>

Some RO holiday celebration headcanons: ✨❄️

<https://doriana-gray-games.tumblr.com/post/671313214151229440/watson>

Have a lovely day! 🍂✨

[Tumblr master posts](#)

[Patreon Discord Q&A times voting up now](#)

[Nov 18, 2024](#)

For those on Discord, the voting for the live Q&A times is up in the #patreon-discussion room now ✨
The voting will go on for at least a day.

Remember that you can still send in questions on Tumblr anon beforehand as long as you mark them as for the Q&A. Or you can send them here as a comment ❤️ (if you send them here as a comment, I can post the answer as a comment here too).

Btw, I once tried to format them to post them here, but it was a mess to do because of how Discord formats things. But I can still send them here as a PDF if you all want -- but just be prepared for a mess of a document

I would like the discord Q&A posted here, even if the format is very messy

I don't need the Q&A pdf then

73 votes total

[Patreon Discord Q&A time voted on!](#)

[Nov 19, 2024](#)

The date will be:

Saturday (2024-11-23)

Times:

10:30 (PST)

13:30 (EST)

18:30 (GMT)

19:30 (Central European time)

I'll also post right before it starts ❤️ (I've already gotten a few asks! ☺️ ✨)

[Q&A starting in 30 min!](#)

[Nov 23, 2024](#)

In 30 minutes, I'll begin a Q&A on Discord!


If you can't attend, you can send me questions:

- Here on Patreon as a comment on this post.
- On Tumblr, if you want anonymity, mark them as Q&A tho!




See you there! ❤️

XOXO,



Doriana

 [I sent off ch6.1 to alpha reader](#)

[Nov 30, 2024](#)

I really wanted to rip that bandaid off this month, and I did   

I know I was less active on Patreon, but it was all for the next update, believe me. On average, I had 30 minutes on weekdays and about a day on the weekend to spend on this. So, had I spent more on Patreon content, we wouldn't have gotten very far.

So thank you all for your patience and support  

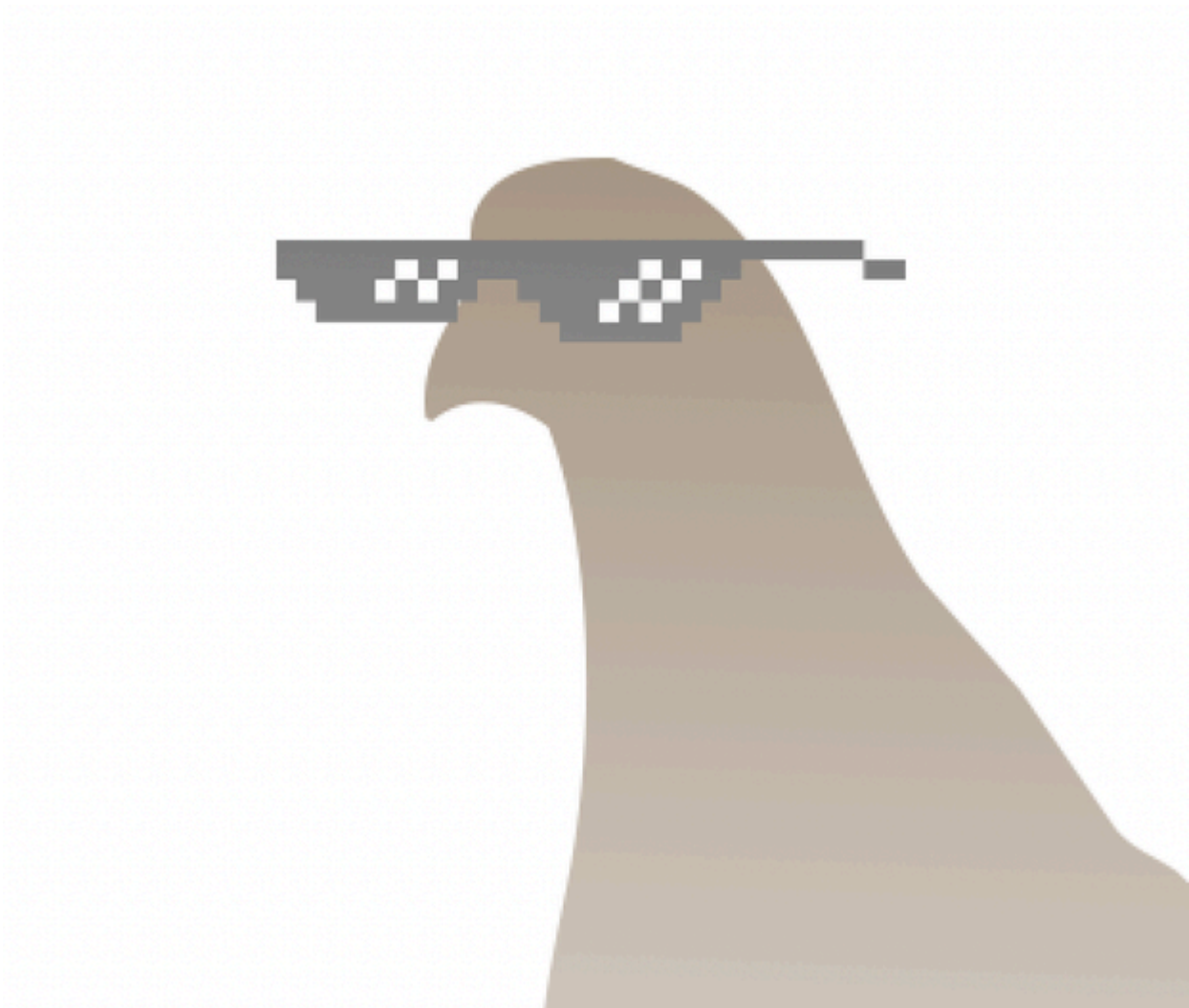
But I want to include some Christmas content for you all next month, too, and perhaps a new chapter towards the end. *Perhaps*.

That is my hope, at least.



XOXO

– Doriana



[Sneak Beaks – part 1](#) 🐦👤

[Dec 8, 2024](#)

This is just behind-the-scenes stuff + sneak peeks stuff 😊

And I'll put the sneak peek stuff far down at the bottom of the page! ❤️

I'll do a few of these leading up to the next release <3

I'm working hard on the next chapter -- my time is a little short, but y'all's support allows me, and spurs me on, to continue working on it. And I'm making good progress! This chapter focus is the reason the Patreon specials are a little sparse now, but they will soon be more plentiful again ❤️

Some background on Mrs Hudson's life before Sherlock:

- Mrs Hudson's late husband was a wealthy, older, working-class man. She, as a young woman, came to work as a maid in his household, the townhouse you all live in now. She was really rather

pretty, he was rather charming (or rich)... and she became involved with him. (Something she set out to do). Even if she often remarked to him in a mock scandalous tone how he had taken advantage of an innocent young woman of five and twenty.

- They soon married. And they loved each other dearly until the day he died.
- A scene of Mrs H telling you of her late husband that I don't know if I will ever be able to fit in the game, so I might as well post it here:

"He made me with child, and we had to wed. Now, in the end, that part of our lives wasn't meant to be. But then he was already stuck with me! No, no, I am only jesting—I had that man around my finger... and I liked him very well there.

... The truth is, I miss him terribly. Every day. But, now I have you. And Watson. And Horatio. All to keep me company. It is not so bad, I don't think. It is a full life. One I cherish."

- Her husband had set up something on his deathbed. He had arranged so that, a few weeks after he had gone, a delivery of a kitten would appear. With a letter from him. "Something to keep her company when he could not". Horatio, she named her new cat, after his middle name.
- Her marriage is *one* of the reasons why Mrs Hudson pushes H so much (either platonically or romantically) onto MC. It worked out so well for her, so she wants to see you happy and well taken care of when she's gone.
- She's also a snob (in the modern meaning) and wants to get further in society or to live through you a little. So... some of that too. (I never said she was a saint).
 - (Bonus: My main inspiration for Mrs Hudson is Mrs Bennet from *Pride & Prejudice*, mixed in with some Kitty from *The 70's Show*, and some people I know IRL... which I can't say who... 🤔🤔)

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Some breadcrumbs for the main plot + possibly a red herring or two:

- You can figure out the main plot twist already, to a good level of proof. But no one has... (One person was real close once tho...)
- The birds!
- Frank the coachman will return when you most/least need him.
- The prologue and the case Lestrade is working on 🤔
- Sometimes the people closest to you act awfully strange.
- Conspiracies, conspiracies...
- So many letters these days.
- What if people are exactly what they seem?
- There's actually less than you suspect, but more than you know.

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Chapter 6.1 sneak peeks

(There are two versions of this scene, one where H can come to pick you up themselves ofc. So I thought to show the non-H one).

There is a knock at the door.

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There stands a man in a navy greatcoat and a pristine top hat. He nods deeply and asks in the gravely assured tone of a man who already knows he has the right individual before him.

"Miss/mr/mx Holmes, I presume?" Even the shoes are terribly polished for a man who works near mud and horses. "I've come to escort your group to the evening's ball—by the courtesy of Sir/Lady \${full_nameH}."

The man steps back and to the side. This allows both the cold wind in and you a good view of the large carriage—four horses and a heavy gilded frame. No expenses were spared. None at all...

Mrs Hudson will be entirely pleased.

*page_break

Watson's steps are quick as they come down the stairs. You, in turn, step back and give some room away from the door-frame, just in time for their smile to turn to a glare when they notice the carriage.

"Sherlock... Tell me if I am far too uninformed on current standards—but are gentlemen/ladies not generally thought to seek virtue?" They give you a passing glance as they walk up to your side, then levies their eyes forward, out the door once more. "Is it pride, greed, or gluttony to covet all too much?" John/Jane whispers in your ear.

"Greed would be the typical answer," you return to Watson's complaint about the owner of one extravagant carriage.

You see them look at you then, in the corner of your eye. For a far too long, quiet moment.

On the other version of the scene, there's... a lot more LT stuff! 🥳

Also, there are a few scenes that only happen if H comes to pick you up, so I almost recommend saying yes if you want more content from W!

Random sneak peek:

Their voice is a little lower. "As much as I do not wish to invite or encourage scandal..." Something in their tone and too-direct stare makes you question some part of that statement's truth, but which part... you are quite unsure of.

[Chapter 6.1 release date ✨](#)

[Dec 13, 2024](#)

This is potentially a terrible idea, to announce this publically, but I'm trying to have the deadline push me into making sure I prioritise this enough to get it done in time— 🤔

Chapter 6.1 will come out around the new years, on Patreon! ✨🎉🎈

It's not a long chapter, because I've been working on the whole of the ball at the same time. But it's a fun little thing, and a lead-up for grander things! Furthermore, it's to make sure y'all get something fun while you wait for the ***giant*** that is the 6.2 update ✨ Many fun W, H, and MC moments ❤️😊 both romantic and platonic!

I also want to give away a Patreon membership when it launches to one of the Patreon free members!

XOXO

– Doriana ❤️

[Do you want W pov? \(after 6.1\)](#)

[Dec 21, 2024](#)

I'm in the middle of getting this next chapter coded and flavour texted ✨🍷

But I wanted to quickly ask you about an idea I have for a Patreon exclusive scene (in the game but password-locked) that could happen when you've finished the upcoming chapter:

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*comment Watson POW
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Would it be interesting to see Watson's POW of MC's outfit reveal?

(If so I might work on that once the chapter is given to Patreon and then give y'all that when 6.1 is given to the public?)

Yes

No

I have no opinion

276 votes total

[Happy holidays everyone!](#) 🥰❤️

[Dec 23, 2024](#)

It's been a strange year for me. I finally finished my schooling, but just as I exited school—the game industry and the economy were a mess.

But I have... sort of a job? And I have you all, and this project and this Patreon 🥰 And I would be very lost without it, and you all. I love having this hobby and project to always come back to. It feels... safe. And warm. To always have a creative thing that I can return to.

So thank you ❤️ Truly.

I'm currently on the final spurt of the update, and I'm currently on track I think, which is good. But it also means I can't spend a lot of time writing Holiday specials.

So—

Here's last years CYO Christmas AAOTH adventure for those who missed it or want to see it again:

<https://www.patreon.com/posts/95283817>

And—

[For more holiday cheer, here are some earlier Christmas/holiday/winter-themed posts on Tumblr!](#)

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My dear Sherlock,

In the stillness of the midnight hour,

I think of you.

I wonder, as your hour darkens,

Do you think of me?

Wearing a veil of words,

Heavy is my ink-stained hand,

But, would you not think of me?

When there is one too many letters,

And too few questions to answer.

I will spill the ink,

I will tell you all,

When you see me,

As I see you.

– Faithfully yours

– X

[Chapter 6.1 Released!](#)

[Dec 31, 2024](#)

Happy New Year, everyone! 🥳✨

Here comes the early part of the giant that is the ball chapter. I think you will like it—especially if you like:

- WATSON
- HAMISH/HELENA
- LOVE TRIANGLES (a lot)
- More carriage rides
- Mrs Hudson

❤️ I hope you do!

I wish you a wonderful New Year 🥰

XOXO

– *Doriana*

PS. I will work on the W POV for the outfit reveal scene once I've worked on the inevitable bugs and fixes!

<https://forms.gle/AYnn39TgQTi6Ro6L8>

[A small Ch6.1 poll](#)

[January 3](#)

Anonymous google feedback and bug form ✨

For the people who have played the chapter, if you would fill this out, it would really help me out! ❤️ (It's small and won't take much time! 🥰)

And there's a little bonus at the end <3

<https://forms.gle/AYnn39TgQTi6Ro6L8>

- I pushed a bug and fix update today, which might have cleared your saves.
- Once I've finished some further fixes on the chapter, I'll go back to working on a W POW (the reveal moment down the stairs) for the Patreon and, ofc, CH6.2! ✨👑✨

Thank you!

PS.

I'm so glad y'all seem to enjoy the new chapter!

- A tip: I really recommend playing with Simp H and W at least once, in the same carriage, cause it has some of my favourite moments!
- The chapter is rather branchy, so try a few different things if you want more playtime 💖

[I wanted to ask —](#)

[January 8](#)

Your recollection is interrupted by your fellow passenger's question:

- ☒ Watson
- ☐ Mrs Hudson
- ☐ You think of someone not here—

The reason I greyed out this choice was because I wanted to remember to ask y'all if this is a choice y'all feel would be interesting to have. In my head, it will allow you to have a one/two-page reflection about L and how you feel about what has gone down and meeting them again.

And also, a similar little moment about W and H if they aren't in the carriage with you! (+ maybe one other bonus reflection 🥰✨)

So let me know if that's something you feel would add to your playthrough 💖

Also, please fill out the anonymous Google feedback form ✨

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And there's a little bonus at the end <3

<https://forms.gle/AYnn39TgQTi6Ro6L8>

- I've finished some further fixes on the chapter, though some still remain, and I've started work on the W POW (the reveal moment down the stairs) and CH6.2! ✨👑✨

Thank you!

I feel like this choice would add to my experience.

I'm neutral or uninterested in this choice.

290 votes total

[✨ BTS ch6.1 and more — ✨](#)

[January 15](#)

I've been fixing the bugs and fixes for the chapter, some stuff that will come with an upcoming fix is:

- **Some balancing of W platonic route ✨**
- **H romance (but MC who's not as convinced) 🤔**
- **And the greyed-out option in the carriage! 💖**

Additionally, I've been tinkering a bit on the upcoming **W POV** thing, which will be added to the end of the ch6.1 file as an optional thing. The moment of MC's reveal. I think I could have it by early next month or before, but my life looks hectic at that time of the month, so I'm not putting down a date yet! 😞

And I also needed a bit of a mind break, so I wrote a thousand words on the old [Dracula minigame](#) I posted a while ago (not aaoth related, just a little mini side project of a few thousand words to practice sexy times...) But I don't have an update there to post yet, as I want it to be longer + it was only on the bad end route. 🧑🏻🧑🏻

I also want to give a great big thank you to everyone who filled out the [form](#)! It has already helped me tremendously, from everything from inspiring content to finding bugs ❤️🥺

But—Let's get to it!

Some ch6.1 behind-the-scenes secrets ✨

Spoilers for the chapter below:

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First of all -- I wrote quite a few sketches of W being flabbergasted 🤔 In the end I didn't go with a full-on 'jaw droop awooga' but close enough. Anyway, of one version some of my notes remain in the code, where I wrote:

W when they see MC (if MC doesn't do anything special, unattractive or platonic) they should have a warm smile on their lips. The one that creeps up when you meet a dear friend. The one you can't hold back. The one that just happens because you are so happy to be in their warm presence for now or for the future.

(Watson smiles warmly, "Sherlock. Are you excited? I rather believe I am... With a hint of nerves. I do not believe I've gone to such a show before.")

Also, that section with W ballooned up so much that I had to force myself to stop early... I could have done that for far too long... (Which is why I'm writing the POV thing haha).

But! Don't think this is the last you will hear of reveals, outfit conversations, or stunned reactions. Not even with W! Y'all, you two haven't even discussed yours and their themes yet! (we just need to allow W to catch their breath first, for a moment...)

- Fun fact, this part:

"I will try my best, tonight. By your side. I mean, I... I have never been to a [i]proper[/i] ball before. But I..." They admit, then their words once again trail off, just as they gaze deeply into your eyes.

Was in the carriage. At first, I had written the carriage versions as a friend option and a romance option. With two entirely different conversations. Buuut... I didn't like it, and it gave two entirely different vibes at the end (Where W was sad in platonic and happy in romantic). And so I put this in earlier, and that allowed me a good excuse for W to be bummed out in the carriage so that I can give them an excuse to... go a *little* wild / let loose at the ball...

Just a little...

- What W went to pick up before you all left with the carriage will appear in chapter 6.2. But not for all W's.
- The reason MC is wearing a big coat is because I wanted a specific reveal moment with H, and I wanted one that all MCs can have. Not just the one where MC gets picked up.
- Mrs Hudson's gaudy bird outfit was just a thing I felt I had to do... How could I not? 😏
- Fordyce's Sermon exists irl and it is dreadfully dull! Also—this will be brought up again, soon...
- I swear I've been sitting on the part where they argue over that book/rule for sooo long. But I'm glad you seemed to like it ❤️ (It's also the moment H starts to regard W as more than an ant by their shoe, and more like a rat gnawing at their shoe... Maybe something they need to kick away at to get rid of...).

- H has 1 line in the carriage that was a little inspired by Mr Collins from Pride and Prejudice... if someone spots it I'll give you a gold star ✨😁
- I had even more forward H lines that I cut...

Their voice is a little lower. "As much as I do not wish to scandalize you..." Something in their tone and too direct stare makes you feel as if they'd at least be more than capable, more than willing, if the circumstances were right. "Partaking in the waltz is still seen as rather... tawdry, by the old guard. It is a tad more intimate—one on one—hand in hand—but you would survive it, I am sure. And it is enough for some to call it scandalous when done with enough vigour."

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Their voice is a little lower. "As much as I do not wish to invite or encourage scandal..." Something in their tone and too-direct stare makes you question some part of that statement's truth, but which part... you are quite unsure of.

But in the end, it felt a little too quick, even for Simp H...

- There's a dialogue with Mrs. H that only appears if you're attractive or look better than usual! (Just wanted to mention that).
- I also wrote a "break up" choice in the carriage, but it... caused so many branching issues and it felt a bit whiplash-y:

#"Extreme professionalism, My lady / Sir." My voice is firm, my gaze a glare. their offer, and them, seems all of a sudden a thing I wish to avoid.

*set turnedDownHInTheCarriage true

Their lean towards you disappears by the blink of an eye and with the quietest yet audible tsk. "Ah," They say, followed by a pause as their lips frown further into what must be the straightest, most unamused line.

"Yes." They take a deep inhale, then exhales. "I suppose I misread this situation. Consider my assistance rescinded. I won't trouble you further, Detective, not beyond the professional nor that of the utmost pertinence."

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I can't believe you read all that. I hope you were at least moderately entertained.



XOXO

- Doriana

Douchestrade

[A Lestrade AU minigame - a different, douchier Lestrade... Play in your browser](#)

<https://doriana-gray-games.itch.io/douchestrade>

[Testing the porting to Itch ✨](#) (still CS).

January 23

Hi hi!

With Dashingdon shutting down its WIP hosting, which is where I've been hosting my ChoiceScript files, I wanted to try the Itch porting. So I've ported the Douchstrade minigame to Itch, with the same code, but a new save system.

It should be and feel pretty much the same. I think the saves should be more stable though.

Please tell me if this is working for y'all.

If it does I'll move the whole game soon.

[💖 Mini update on updates 💖](#)

January 27

Here's how I'm planning the next two weeks:



- Thursday-Friday this week (week 5) I'll release ch6.1 for the public with some *fixes* more than the current Patreon build.
 - At this time dashingdon will go down, so I'll put this new public build, up on Itch.



- The week after that (week 6) I'll make a new Patreon build on Itch with:
 - That same Chapter 6.1 +

- + Watson's POV of the reveal moment (it's looking to be a decent minigame length, and I will probably put it at the end of the chapter, but with the MC choices, so you don't have to restart to test all those choices out).
- + The greyed-out choice in the carriage "You think of someone not here..." With, well, not being greyed out and actual content.
- + Further fixes.



XOXO

~ Doriana

[Sneaky peek -- W pov ✨](#)

[February 2](#)

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And yet, nothing had prepared them.

Nothing *could* prepare them.

Not for this.

Not for *you*.

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The doctor knew their eyes were glued to your face.

But it was a damn better option than the alternative. Their eyes forced by all the politeness they may muster to not travel a gaze downwards where it may linger in places one may lose oneself for good.

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As if their heart was bare by your feet, sneered or trampled.

Yet, they did not mind such ownership.

You may take it all.

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Watson is a simpppppppppppppppp

Coming soon (next week on patreon -- ITS EVEN INTERACTABLE! I know. I didn't know I knew how to do interactable W pov either. To think I had such simpery in me.)


XOXO

~ Doriana 

[Content update to Ch6.1!](#) ✨

[February 9](#)

(The public and patreon build is currently the same for ch 6.1! [Link here!](#))

Big update to the chapter! 

- That previously greyed-out choice now has multiple options, depending on who's not in the carriage! ✨ (and a feature to reset romance points, which I know was asked for.)
- W POV !!! (It's at the end of the chapter, for variable reasons).

- New H ch 6.1 choices, for a less romantically interested MC.

Password: NewContentLESTRADEEEEE

It's very late here, and I wanted to get this out before I collapse!

- Now I have to sleep 😴

Take care! 🍷

XOXO

Doriana

[W POV — finished — now live! ✨](#)

[February 10](#)

The Patreon link in my last post is now updated with the fixed pronouns!

❤️❤️😬 That was **a lot**—lesson learnt, write POVs with mc as (you)...

The 6.1 update comes with a bunch more words and:

- More H scenes and choices!
- Ro reflections in the carriage! (for *everyone* not there!)
- And, of course, W pov (interactable)!

But, if you're in a hurry, here's a more easily read W pov version, with one random road taken—

John version: (see pdf for better formatting and Jane!)

Watson had seen the detective walk down these same stairs in many disguises, on many different days, in many different manners of dress.

And yet, nothing had prepared him.

Nothing *could* prepare him.

Not for this.

Not for you.

To say Watson was nervous was an understatement. Of course, Watson was nervous about many things tonight, few of which were under his definitive control, but all of them involved you.

But when he saw you, *there*, as you walked down to the landing of the stairs... The nerves all melted away, much like his blood pooled at his now heavy feet. And, soon, followed his sense—

Both laid out on the wooden floor.

As if he stood on them, unsteady and unsure. Somehow, he swore he could feel the beat of his blood, that damning loud pulse, as if below your heels.

As if his heart was bare by your feet, sneered or trampled.

Yet, he did not mind such ownership.

You may take it all.

Watson and his detective stood there for many moments too long. Him, gazing at you. At your eyes and familiar visage. But he did not notice the breach of time-gated etiquette by his stares at that moment. No, he noticed more how you looked and, how dry his mouth was and how little he had said when he wanted to...

How he wished to tell you...

Tell you...

He mustn't tell you. And time simply flew by as he stood there, frozen.

Thankfully, appearing more thawed than John was, as he saw it—your feet moved. At that moment, Watson finally found that edge of resolve, that courage he always found under fire, and his feet moved too, by whatever blood and sense had finally found its way there.

He held his hand out. A steady hand, by some god-given grace.

It did not flutter; it remained unpanicked, unlike his heart and blood.

God, he was known to be strong. But you made him so weak...

Did you truly not know how much?

The doctor, in turn, knew his eyes were glued to your face.

But it was a damn better option than the alternative. His eyes, forced by all the politeness he may muster to not travel a gaze downwards where it may linger in places one may lose oneself for good.

It was at this time he had first tried to truly speak, but his voice came out horrifyingly breathless and broken, "Sherlock..." He had tried to smile, but it was uneven and too plastered on.

He cursed himself for that. Inaudibly, yet in his mind loudly and vulgarly, with words he only recalled from his youth.

The polite tongue he always held felt as if it was slipping by the day.

He did not know how to cease such moral descent.

Not with you around.

And all the additional interlopers abound.

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"You do not care for it..." you had said.

That had caused one more curse to not be uttered but entirely heard in his mind.

'Not... care for it?'

How could he not, he thought as his eyes roamed down by some allowance in those words, and he drank every penny worth of the sight.

An angel, in a delicate style that brought you out in delicate white and further blinding, opalescent white.

How could he not...

You were...

"I..." He swallowed again. "Forgive me, it is quite the..."

He forced himself back into more polite gazing, rather than leering, and found some final word as he met your eyes, "Opposite..."

Your eyes had more punch than gun powder, he thought then—and had, many times before—but he only ever thought it. He did not write such truths in their stories or even in his journal.

No, for he feared putting pen to paper of such hidden truths would uncover them enough for deduction to discover.

Little was ever hidden from beyond your fair, alluring lashes and dazzling eyes.

He knew that...

He knew that far too well.

"It is?" you had asked so softly.

Did you know how soft your voice could be? When you spoke sweet words to him, or you felt unguarded or weak, then you returned with a voice that he was sure must be reserved for only him.

Nonetheless, he did not wish for you to doubt. Not ever.

So he had said, in words he thought would come out in order, "Sherlock, you... I apologise."

But the words did not. *Could not*. Not by a tongue as knotted as his heart.

Watson further blushed, as he had been, and he knew as such, and his mind found further curses inside for that. "I did not know I'd be without capable words."

But he did know.

Of course he knew.

You were his undoing. You were his weakness. His main motivation and his fatal flaw.

And he would not change it for the world. Not if it killed him.

"You look just as I..." he attempted words once more. "that I expect you hoped that you would look. Radiant. *Wonderful*. Trust this—and... beyond, in my eyes."

The man paused and almost sighed, but no air left his lungs or parted lips. "But how do I say this—I do not know how to say that... that you look lovelier than I have ever seen you before, and exactly as I have always seen you?"

You had always been radiant in his eyes. From that first glowing moment to all the blinding moments since. But he did not wish for you to doubt. He fears his words will cause harm unless he clarifies—

"I swear, I must be making a fool of us both. My words carry no sense whatsoever—" he cleared his throat and stepped further to stand now steady with both feet on the step below you. Once again, that polite pause as he tries to explain, to formulate his heart from his mind.

"You look remarkable. Always. But now all of London will see it too. And, so... perhaps remain by my side? Just for the night. I do not quite know if London is ready for a brilliant an individual who shines this bright..." he sighed.

As you were, all that loveliness on display... he did not want to share that vision with others. He knew too well what it would inspire in others, what they would imagine.

"Perhaps if the English language had stronger words—then perhaps I could tell you better, how you appear before me. As you always do... Always have."

"Then... you do not dislike it?" You had asked once more.

How... how do you doubt this? How do you still?

Beautiful, wonderful, Sherlock...

"No," he had answered with a grin, as the question felt so far removed from his feelings that it was practically comical.

"No, dislike—dislike could not be a word further from the truth, Sherlock. I simply fail at words. Not appreciation," he laughed.

It felt a warm, happy thing. And you had smiled, too, and he wished nothing would ever make you stop.

If anyone made it here --

I might do a valentines special RO letter Q&A. Send letters on valentines to the ROs, and hear back (after a little while)! 💖

Would that be fun?

[Send a Valentine's letter!](#) 🧡💌

[February 11](#)

I had an idea for the next thing we do on Patreon to be a letter Q&A—but with a twist! ✨💖✨

I have done these before, where the characters reply to your letters just as they would have in-game.

But!

What if these were Valentine's letters? 😊✨



Would you participate in sending or reading these? Does it interest you?

If it does, I'll send out a form on the 14th! 📧

I want to send or read these!

93%

Ehh... Not my cup of tea.

7%

Poll ended Feb 13, 2025 · 120 votes total

Patreon Q&A — Valentine's Day 2025 💖

The ROs (or characters, Mrs Hudson love letter, anyone?) **receive your letter** sent to their residence.

And it just so happens to be **Valentine's Day**, and your letter appears rather perfumed and flowery 💖

- **The timeline can be anything** (and the RO's relationship to you or Sherlock can be any at all if you specify). Still, if nothing is specified, the timeline will be at a current chapter of the game, and the RO will have romance points currently with Sherlock 💖

Dear Doctor J. Watson

Dear G. Lestrade

Dear Honourable H. Hawthorne

Dear Mrs Hudson

Dear... ?

Patreon Q&A - Valentine's Day 2025 💖

The ROs (or characters, Mrs Hudson love letter, anyone?) receive your letter sent to their residence.
And it just so happens to be Valentine's Day, and your letter appears rather perfumed and flowery 💖 -
The timeline can be anything (and the RO's relationship to you or Sherlock can be any at all if you specify).

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuKWBfr62Nz74-0E7H3hc5svl9RdLCaJwBfzBOOMlvbrE4aQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

[Happy Valentine's Day! \(Q&A send a letter\)](#)

[February 14](#)



NOW CLOSED!

💖💖💖 Happy Valentine's Day! 💖💖💖

I hope you are enjoying a good day of romance (if you wish it, and however you find it), good food, and great vibes 🌹 ✨ 😊

The ROs would also like to have a happy Valentine's Day—

So send them a Valentine's letter [RIGHT HERE](#), and they will get back to you soon!

It's a Q&A Google form and is entirely anonymous ~

W-POV:

I also wanted to help some people find the romance W-POV!

In the Patreon build, you can play it [here](#), and it comes up at the end of ch6.1! (You can skip to chapter 4, and there will be additional new content in chapter 6.1!)

But! If you don't want to go through all that—[here](#) are some PDFs and in-Patreon versions of the POV (they are differently formatted, though, and not as specific to your Sherlock).

XOXO

Doriana 💖

[Progress update thingy](#) 💖

[February 22](#)

The first Valentine's Day responses are landing on your doorsteps tomorrow (Sunday)! I think, even if you didn't send one, some of the responses might be interesting to read—because y'all were very imaginative with your letters, I have to say 😊 ❤️ 📧!

Other than that, I had a pretty shitty health week, pretty much all Monday to Thursday. But my brain is finally on, and I am excited to write and work again 😊 I've been reading romance novels, and it's so fun to read something when the first impulse is to want to write more yourself!

Who would have thought writers need to read? 😊 /sarcasm

Anyway, I've been working on some Ball scenes and getting a lot of good Lestrade ideas lately, and it made me remember this BTS thing:

Fun fact, that line Mrs H has in the carriage was in the first version Lestrade's! (No... not the one about MC looking wonderful...)

The first little sketch of the carriage ride in ch6.1, I wrote before the bar chapter was done, and because the bar chapter was initially much more tame in insults, there was a version where L could have come along too.

To get them to go along you would have to pass a few variables and you'd get this:

-> Lestrade (cut this)

"What is so special about this case, Sherlock?" Lestrade nods at Hamish/Helena. "No offence, My Lord/Lady."

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alternatively L: "There is no shortage of expensive crime—there must be a reason. What is so special about this case?"

I just think it's a hilarious image to imagine Watson, Lestrade, Mrs Hudson, Hawthorne, and Sherlock all in one carriage...

The conversations we could have had 😊

[Valentine's Letters 💖 part 1](#)

[February 23](#)

More to come soon! (I'm splitting it up cause tbh there were a lot of letters and I also want to manage to get some ball writing in 😞)

But! I have to repeat it, you all were imaginative 😊 And that continues in the subsequent few batches lol

This was one:

They could spit on the letter and I'd be fine with that i need content dori

I know who you are, lol. ILY.

Anyway—I really hope you will like them. Even the ones you didn't send.

Sneak peek:

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Get away from Holmes, loser.

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And how, pray tell, do I look at her?

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I shall meet you in kind, whoever you are, and promise that if I find you by a crime scene she is ever at—you won't ever see the outside of a cell again. You do not have a claim on her. Nor do I. But by God, you do not.

Stay fucking far away from her, you deluded fucking fanatic. Do not talk to her. Do not send her letters.

— A firm promise from this shadow of a man.

[Valentine's Letters !\[\]\(1a935a0667e7c4f6e8da2c32be39da8c_img.jpg\) part 2](#)

[February 28](#)

More to come soon! (I'm splitting it up cause tbh there were a lot of letters and I also want to manage to get some ball writing in 😞) There will prob be 3 or 4 parts in total!

I do love these letters lol.

- So do Mrs H 😊

Here was one:

Sneak peek:

Mrs. Hudson,

Your beauty grows ever greater with time. Such a lovely woman should never be alone on Valentine's day. As the youths are saying these days- hit me up.

XOXO

Dear sender,

Whoever you are,

I knew this day would come. I am immensely flattered, somewhat appalled, and a little interested. But, alas, I can not.

No, my duties are to my home and its occupants now. They fill my hours well, and I would simply not have enough for you too, dear writer; I am sure with your voracious appetites and my inherent magnetism, it would monopolise my time entirely.

I simply lack the time. And I am content with the memories of love; I have enough longing to last a lifetime...

You are kind.

For humouring me.

Take care of yourself, dear.

- Best regards
- Mrs Hudson

P.S. Do you have a title? How many carriages? I know two *very* unengaged youths.

[I'm curious:](#)

[March 3](#)



looking at my posted stuff on patreon, I do think it's L's time for new content. But maybe I'll do a linear thing cause they already have so many minigames compared to the others. But after that

- it's been a while since W has had a minigame (and boy do I have ideas)
- H is definitely lacking linear content

But I just wanted to check in — who do you feel you want content of most next:

(It's ok to just pick your main RO because you want to see them more! I just wanted to ask y'all for some info on y'all.)

J Watson

G Lestrade

H Hawthorne

268 votes total

[Plans for the next two weeks](#) 💕

[March 3](#)

This week:

- **Friday 7th, update public build ch6.1 with W pov and more.**
- Send another batch of the Valentine's letters to Patreon.

Next week:

- **Upload linear fiction story for Lestrade on Patreon.**
- Another Patreon free tier to paid tier giveaway. (Remind me if I forget...)

Sneak peek below for y'all of the Valentine's letters (there's like... 30 of them, but basically, Patreon users got to send letters, and the game characters answered them).

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[Valentine's Letters 💖 part 3](#)

[March 8](#)

The final batch is coming soon! (I'm splitting it up cause, tbh, there were a lot of letters, and I also want to manage to get some ball writing in 🙄) There will be 4 parts in total!

I... was listening to love ballads on Spotify while writing these.

I think it shows...

They are sappy (in a good way!)

Here is one:

Dear Doctor J. Watson

When I first resolved to write you this Saint Valentine's Day, it had been with the intent to reveal to you the depth of my ardor and affection. However, the longer I thought of it, the more reticent I became. I beg you to forgive my cowardice. If your companionship were to stop or shift in any way, I am not sure I would survive the blow. I so cherish your steadfast company. Your keen mind and kind regard for all are such a balm to my heart. You are starlight; you have replaced the dark of my life and quietly filled it with your dazzling presence. You owe me nothing, dear Watson, and yet I hold hope that like the stars you so resemble, you too can wait patiently for me to find the courage to reveal my feelings to you. Until then and like always, my heart is in your gentle keeping.

Your ardent admirer

Their reply:

I do not know who you are, dear writer. But I know very well who I wish that you were. More than anything, I wish you were who I have in mind—who I *always* have in my mind, day and night, on good days, and more often, during the bad.

Dear writer... *Let me pretend.*

I have no address to return this to, so I beg you, cruel as it may be, let me pretend.

Let me pretend it is *you*. Let me imagine a world where such things could be true.

Where they love me.

As I love them.

- The one who pretends.
- J. Watson

P.S. I pray you pardon me for my weakness.

You, God, and all in between. Forgive me.

I had to write these words down.

Somewhere.

I love you.

[March 9](#)

[Closed poll] **2. Experience control WON!**

I need to get the pulse on something, and polls always help me figure things out in the grand scheme of things better than anything.

At the ball, there will be a branching of different things to do.

Imagine something similar to the Ch1 crime scene branching + some of the vibe of the carriage in Ch2 with Watson.

I am trying to determine if you all like time management or would rather have complete control of the experience.

1. Time management:

Classic example: You only have time to do Five things, but Eight things are available. Maybe you lose out on a romantic moment, a deduction scene moment, or something based on your choices.

- You can't do everything in one playthrough.
- Time management (a pro for some, a con for others).
- Less playtime per playthrough, but a more condensed, streamlined play.

2. Experience control:

Time is not a factor, and what to do and when is your choice entirely.

- You can choose to end the choices early, ex, "I've done all I wish to tonight, and the hour is getting late."
- It might feel a little more overwhelming with so many choices if you're a completionist on replays.
- But it allows for complete control of your experience, a more story-based setting.

3. Compromise option:

You can do almost everything, but certain branches have mutually exclusive branches that lock the other out. So there is still some replay value, but it's a much smaller amount.

- You can still choose to end the choices early, ex, "I've done all I wish to tonight, and the hour is getting late."

Which would you prefer?

1. Time management

12%

2. Experience control

59%

3. Compromise option

29%

Poll ended Mar 14, 2025 · 214 votes total

[Lestrade short story ✨ If Sherlock took to crime](#)

[March 14](#)

Y'all have been asking me, since the start of this whole project, "What if Sherlock took to crime and did so very well?"

What if Sherlock became the worst killer London had ever seen?

We all know they'd be capable of such a thing. Don't we? 😈

Remember this part from Chapter 5?

"We all expect great things the day you can't find an excuse from your own company... There's really only a few worthy ways this all ends. When the crime is too low, perhaps you can turn to making your own, really sink low and comfortable in the depths of depravity—"

A two-part, two-POVs, short story, with that final showdown between detective and inspector, now killer and once friend.

I had a lot of fun writing a new type of MC 😊

I hope you enjoy it too! ❤️😊

