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Holmes Invites Watson In.

The Red-Headed League

As Dr. John Watson called on his friend, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, one autumn day, he found the great detective deep in conversation with a very stout, red-faced elderly gentleman, with fiery red hair.

"Forgive me, Holmes," said Watson in the doorway. "I didn't mean to intrude."

"Not at all," said Holmes. "Come in and close the door behind you." Then turning to his guest, the detective explained, "Dr. Watson has helped me solve many of my most successful cases, and I have no doubt that he

will be just as useful in helping me solve yours too, Mr. Wilson."

The stout gentleman nodded at Dr. Watson as Sherlock Holmes sat back in his armchair, putting his fingertips together, as was his habit when he was in a thoughtful mood.

After Dr. Watson had seated himself on the sofa, Holmes leaned forward and spoke. "Mr. Jabez Wilson here has begun telling me a story which promises to be one of the most unusual I have heard in some time. I'm quite certain that a crime has been committed, but I want you to listen to the story from the beginning, Watson, right from Mr. Wilson's lips, and I'm sure you'll agree that I've never had a case like this before."

Jabez Wilson pulled a dirty, wrinkled newspaper from his pocket and flattened it on his knee. It was a page filled with classified ads. As Mr. Wilson ran his finger down one column, Watson took a few moments to study him, realizing full well how much he could

Jabez Wilson's Classified Ad