

EVELYN

Your pilot light is out.

HOLMES

Pardon me, I wasn't aware a customer had arrived. My apologies.

Holmes dusts off his hands and rises to his feet.

HOLMES (CONT'D)

I'm the proprietor of this establishment: Call me Henry. Here for a room?

EVELYN

Not if you can't get your furnace working. It's cold as cats in here.

HOLMES

You'll have to excuse me. I'm a little short handed at the moment. My man has been out sick.

EVELYN

Your pilot light is out. Like I said. Just light it.

HOLMES

I've tried.

Evelyn goes to the furnace, inspects it:

EVELYN

Get me a match.

HOLMES

And what would you know to do?

EVELYN

It's the thermocouple.

HOLMES

Excuse me?

EVELYN

May I look at it?

HOLMES

I wouldn't impose such a task on a lady.

EVELYN
Pretend I'm a man, then.

HOLMES
Such an insult.

EVELYN
Please. Allow me to try. I insist.

HOLMES
...Alright.
(hands her a match:)
Go ahead, then.

Evelyn sticks her hand into the furnace and pulls out the wick.

EVELYN
When I fix this for you, will you give me a discount on a room?

HOLMES
Negotiate.

EVELYN
A furnace fixed for 40 percent off my room's rate.

HOLMES
30 percent.

EVELYN
You'll lose business with cold rooms. I stand firm.

HOLMES
She drives a hard bargain. I like it. I'll give you 40 percent off if you stay under my employ until my handyman returns.

EVELYN
Alright.

They shake hands.
Evelyn takes a pin out of her hair and cleans the orifice of the pilot light. She puts it back into the furnace, and it lights.

EVELYN (CONT'D)
Thermocouple was clogged. Should be good now. What room?

HOLMES

(impressed:)
Well, well. You are impressive Miss...

EVELYN

I'm Evelyn. Evelyn Stewart.

HOLMES

Take 304.

Evelyn goes for her trunk. Holmes gives her the keys to her room.

HOLMES (CONT'D)

Will you need help with that, or can your masculine tendencies handle it?

EVELYN

If you can think of a way to hoist a trunk up two flights of stairs while wearing a corset, knickers, a skirt and an apron- I'm open to the idea. Until then, I'm relying on what's left of chivalry.