

GEYER

It is strongly suspected Holmes that you have not only murdered Pitezal, but you have killed his children. The best way to remove this suspicion is to produce the children at once. Now where are they? Where can I find them?

HOLMES

Do you like my jacket? The guards allow me to wear my own wardrobe as we've become good friends. Quite nice of them. They see me every day and hold me in such high esteem. Shouldn't you trust their opinion? These men who deal with criminals every day. They know a murderer when they see one.

GEYER

Where are the children, Holmes?

HOLMES

I say to you again, I did not kill Pitezal-- so why should I kill innocent children? They are with Minnie Williams on a much deserved holiday. I'd ask her.

GEYER

Their mother was not aware of this holiday. You can understand that she's gravely concerned.

HOLMES

How am I to assure her while locked away in this cell? You're becoming quite combative, Mr. Geyer. I resent your tone.

GEYER

What would you prefer?

HOLMES

Your friendship, detective. Like the guards. I thought we were growing close. Can we turn the tables? I'd like to know more about you.

GEYER

For what reason?

HOLMES

I want to know who I'm confessing my secrets to. A confidence for a confidence. Can we try it?

GEYER

...Perhaps.

HOLMES

I'll start easy then. Tell me about your family. Any children?

GEYER

I had a wife and child. They died in a fire two weeks ago.

HOLMES

Well, that's a lot to know. How awful. Thank you for your confidence.

GEYER

A secret for a secret you said. Well? Where are the Pitezal children?

HOLMES

Two weeks ago. That's horrible, detective. I admire your dedication.

GEYER

Enough. Tell me what happened.