

## HH HOLMES

HOLMES has revealed to Julia, a tenant he has been having an affair with, his terrifying basement lair. She is paralyzed with fear as he opens himself up to her, his next victim.

### HOLMES

My real name is Herman Mudgett. I came from religious parents in New Hampshire. My father believed very much in “spare the rod, spoil the child”. I became used to his beatings and began to enjoy them. It was the only affection I would ever have from my father. When I was five, I would walk to school, Every day I would pass the office of our small town doctor, who enjoyed leaving his door open during the summer. As I walked by, I would cover my eyes- trying not to see what he was working on in there: usually pig corpses he’d whittle on, trying to practice his surgical skills. But there were some older boys that discovered my fear and thought it would be really fun to torture me. One day as I was walking to school, they grabbed me. I can’t forget it. I kicked and fought as hard as I could but they didn’t care. I’m sure my screaming woke up everyone as they forced me into the doctor’s door and left me face to face with one of his grinning skeletons. I remember being frozen to the ground in horror as I stared at this thing, which was once an actual person: its bony arms reaching out as if it wanted to grab me too. Those bullies had meant to torture me. They thought it would be so much fun to break an innocent child. How I wish I could see them now.