

HOLMES

And what is it you do?

PITZEL

...A bit of everything. Plumbing. Wiring. Welding. Carpentry. I have a fascination with electrics.

HOLMES

And where are you from, Mr. Pitezal?

PITZEL

Ben. Please. I'm desperate for work. I have a wife and children back in Philadelphia who need to be taken care of, and I'm sorry to say I've let them down.

HOLMES

What's your wife's name?

PITZEL

Carrie.

HOLMES

She doesn't like you very much, does she?

PITZEL

Don't speak ill of her. It's probably not very fun to be married to me.

HOLMES

Do you like her?

PITZEL

I want to make my family proud, sir. The world, I'm afraid, has not been kind. Holmes studies him curiously.

HOLMES

I have a funny question for you, Ben.

PITZEL

Anything. Please.

HOLMES

If I asked you to- and for a good sum of money, would you kill a man?

Without hesitation:

PITZEL

Yes.

HOLMES

Well! Forgive the question. It's merely a metaphor for the level of loyalty I require. Well done. You're hired.

PITZEZEL

Thank you sir. I can't even begin to express my gratitude.

HOLMES

I'm building a large iron furnace in the basement to warm the building. I suppose you'll know how to connect it to the gas lines?

PITZEZEL

I can get it operational within the hour.

HOLMES

Good. I want it hot. Very hot.

PITZEZEL

Leave it to me.

HOLMES

I will.