

LIZZIE. I'm sorry to disturb you. I hope I won't take up too much of your time.

SHERLOCK. How do you do?

LIZZIE. Well, thank you.

SHERLOCK. I don't believe that to be the case, Mrs. Chapman. I gather your visit has something to do with your husband?

LIZZIE. Why do you say that?

SHERLOCK. The skin on your finger near your wedding ring is red.

LIZZIE. I...yes. My husband is Thomas Chapman. He is-

SHERLOCK. The Scotland Yarder?

LIZZIE. Yes. You've heard of him?

SHERLOCK. His name has appeared in the papers.

LIZZIE. Someone has been sending me letters. At first I thought it nothing, but they keep coming.

(Sherlock reads contents of anonymous letter that accuses her husband of terrible things)

LIZZIE. I'd heard you spoken of before, Miss Holmes. I understood you've been known to help women who find themselves in difficult spots.

SHERLOCK. Mrs. Chapman, who do you suppose wrote this letter?

LIZZIE. I don't know. That's why I came to you.

SHERLOCK. Have you any reason to believe the contents of this letter to be true?

LIZZIE. No, none whatsoever. I showed my husband the last one. He said he'd take care of it, but that was two weeks ago. This one just arrived the other day, and I didn't want to trouble him with it. He does such important work at Scotland Yard.

SHERLOCK. And so instead you brought it to me. I have heard of your husband before.

LIZZIE. My husband is a good man. All I want to know is who wrote this letter. Are you going to help me or aren't you?

SHERLOCK. If you want my advice you should find a relative, someone away from the city.

LIZZIE. I've made a mistake. I should go. I'm sorry to have intruded.

WATSON. Let me walk you out, at least.

LIZZIE. No. Thank you. I can see myself out. Good day.