

Sherlock Holmes - Remastered

A handout

Summaries

"A Scandal in Belgravia"

- Aired on 01.01.2012
- Modern adaptation
- From the BBC
- Flashback to a swimming pool where they meet Jim Moriarty their main antagonist
- Sherlock Holmes lives with John Watson and Mrs Hudson, the landlady in Baker street 221B, London
- At Buckingham Palace:
- Mycroft, Sherlock's brother, gives them an order to get compromising photos from a young female royal back
- Irene Adler or Dominatrix or The Woman as she's called
- She expects them and is naked so he can't observe anything
- they get surprised by Americans who want the phone
- they fight them and Irene gets her phone (with the photos) back from Sherlock by poisoning him
- she changes his ring tone to moaning
- With Mr Hudson as hostage the Americans try to get the phone but he frees her
- The government has planned to let an airplane with already dead people to be exploded by terrorists so they won't know that they are spied on by an informant but Sherlock reveals this to Irene when he solves a code for a flight
- two years of planning are collapsed
- Irene blackmails Mycroft
- gives him a list with many demands
- Then Sherlock got the solution
- Irene is sentimental and in love with him
- code SHER so it says "I am SHER-locked"
- Watson and Mycroft lie to Sherlock that Irene got in a witness protection program but she's dead
- But in real she gets saved by Sherlock who is disguised as a terrorist which wanted to kill her

"A Scandal in Bohemia"

- by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- published in 1891 in the Victorian era
- narrated by John Watson
- they meet the 30-years-old German King of Bohemia
- wants to marry the second daughter of the king of Scandinavia
- he made a photograph with Irene Adler
- a retired Opera of Warsaw, lives in London
- blackmails to publish the photo
- this would ruin him
- Irene and Godfrey Norton, a lawyer, marry
- Sherlock gets with a trick in her villa
- he needs air and a maid opens a window
- With his signal, Watson throws a plumber's smoke-rocket into the room
- Sherlock cries out for fire and then claims false alarm
- In case of fire everyone looks immediately to their most valuable item and so did Irene Adler, as Sherlock reports
- With the king they show up at Irene's house which she already has left
- She took the photo for protection and has left a letter in which she clarifies
- She is very impressed by Sherlock
- the king does not have to worry about the photograph
- the king is happy
- Sherlock only wants and gets the photograph as payment.

Comparison

Film (Belgravia)	Short story (Bohemia)
John writes a blog about them	from John's perspective
In winter (Christmas & new year)	In March
Watson is single	He's married
He worked as a doctor	He works again as a doctor
Live together	Lived together
Mrs Hudson: Landlord	Has housemaid
Sherlock is addicted to cigarettes	Cocaine and ambition
Royal young women	German young king meets them in person
Irene Adler is a Dominatrix	Opera singer
She should and does solve the case	Watson has to deduct their client
Sherlock wins against her	She wins but he does not lose either
Gets with a trick (got beaten up) in her house but she sees through	Gets with a trick in her house
With a fire alarm he gets the hiding place	With a fire alarm he gets
Compromising photo: probably naked	"Just" in the same picture
Americans try to steal the phone	Five attempts were made
They communicate via text messages	She wishes him a good night
Sherlock is very impressed by her	He's very impressed by her as he states
Story ends happy because she gets saved	King is happy; Sherlock gets the picture

Characterization

Irene Adler

- Is gay
- Dominating
- Enjoys herself and her games she plays
- Manipulative
- Tries to be emotionless but love is her weakness
- clever: naked so Sherlock can't observe anything
- smart: micro bombs in her phone
- Intelligent: Solves the "murder" at the river
- Sarcastic: "would you like to sleep on it [blackmail demands]? - Yes, thank you. - too bad"

Sherlock Holmes

- Called "the virgin"
- Remorseless: lets Irene beg but doesn't care
- Emotionless, Cold: "I way playing the game", "I know and this is just losing"
- Clever, smart
- Rogue (einzeltgängerisch)
- Unsocial, doesn't recognises others feelings
- Apologizes to Molly
- Charming because of his brilliant mind but he also fails
- humorous

John Watson

- Intelligent: he's a doctor
- Courageous: he has worked in a war
- Reserved: doesn't say a lot
- Faithful to Sherlock
- Nice, tries to make everyone happy
- polite
- Sober
- Not assertive, soft: gives Sherlock the phone because he wants it

Film Analysis

colours used

emotions that are conveyed

background

colour grading

scene

details

Shot types

extreme close-up

close-up

long shot

two/three shot

establishing shot

bird's-eye view, top/aerial shot

point-of-view shot

pan/panning shot

low-angle shot

wide-angle shot

microscopic close-up

medium shot

very long shot

over the shoulder shot

full shot

frog's perspective

extreme long shot

reaction shot

high-angle shot

Camera movement

static /stationary

tracking

titled frame

zooming in/out

Transitions

dissolve

fast cut

wipe

fade-in/out

straight cut

Focus

in focus

rack focus

out of focus

Time

freeze frame

time-lapse motion

slow motion