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'我查看了查尔斯爵士走过的地面,"莫谛默医生说。"地上有足迹, 不是人的,是一只极大的猎犬的爪印!





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## 简 介

1859年5月22日阿瑟·柯南道尔生于苏格兰的爱丁堡,后于爱丁堡大学学医。1881年开始行医,但没赚到什么钱,于是便开始写书,创作剧本,发表文章。

他爱创作历史及冒险故事。1887年柯南道尔发表了首部侦探小说——《血字的研究》,因此而一举成名。书里叙述的是位才华横溢的侦探夏洛克·福尔摩斯和他的助手华生医生。随后发表的福尔摩斯的故事包括《福尔摩斯冒险史》、《福尔摩斯回忆录》、《福尔摩斯归来》、《四签名》、《巴斯克维尔的猎犬》和《恐怖谷》等。

1893 年柯南道尔创作了《最后的案件》,福尔摩斯在故事中身亡。读者不喜欢这样的结尾,他们愤怒、恼火,并不断写信给柯南道尔。于是柯南道尔又写了《空屋》,让福尔摩斯复活。

柯南道尔一生做过好多有意思的事。年轻时曾在 船上任职。1900年去过南非。布尔战争期间在前线 一所医院工作,之后又去美洲、澳洲、非洲、欧洲旅行。 在这些国家他谈自己的书,谈论政治和社会问题。自

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已还干过私人侦探! 搜集证据,帮助无辜的犯人,使他们后来得以无罪释放。

柯南道尔两次结婚。1885 年娶了路易丝·霍金斯。一起生活 21 年,有两个孩子。1906 年路易丝过世。1907 年柯氏娶第二个妻子琼·莱基。他们生了 3 个孩子。1902 年柯南道尔被授予爵士称号。1930 年7月7日去世,享年 71 岁。

该故事由阿瑟·柯南道尔爵士创作。讲的是一位 侦探夏洛克·福尔摩斯的冒险经历。故事由福尔摩斯 的朋友华生叙述。

福尔摩斯不是警察,是位私人侦探。他为失主找回失窃之物,失主给他付酬。福尔摩斯还破解疑难案例,抓罪犯。

故事发生在 1889 年。那时还没有电话。发电报 是人们传送要紧消息的快捷手段。

《巴斯克维尔的猎犬》发生在英格兰西南部的大沼地。那儿荒凉孤寂,人口不多,也是一个危险之地。 大沼地里山丘耸峙,岩石嶙峋,被称为石山。沼泽上面 长着片片的嫩绿草地,下面却是酥软、深深的泥潭,人 和动物掉进去就丧命。

## The People in This Story



### Sherlock Holmes 夏洛克·福尔摩斯,一位绝顶 聪明的侦探,生活、工作在伦 敦贝克大街 B 幢 221 号。



Doctor Watson 华生医生,福尔摩斯的朋友。 协助福尔摩斯解破疑案。



Dr Mortimer 莫谛默医生,一位内科医生, 住在英格兰西南部的大沼附 近。



Sir Hugo Baskerville 雨果·巴斯克维尔,1645 年为 巴斯克维尔庄园主。



Sir Charles Baskerville 查尔斯·巴斯克维尔爵士,在 本故事开始时为巴斯克维尔 庄园主。莫谛默医生怀疑查 尔斯爵士是被人谋杀的。



Sir Henry Baskerville 亨利・巴斯克维尔爵士,巴斯 克维尔庄园的新主人。





Mr and Mrs Barrymore 巴里莫尔先生及夫人是巴斯 克维尔庄园的仆人。



Mr Jack Stapleton

杰克·斯特普尔顿先生,住在 格林盆大泥潭附近的梅利琵 邸宅,对大沼地的植物、鸟及 昆虫感兴趣。



#### Miss Stapleton

斯特普尔顿小姐是杰克·斯特普尔顿的妹妹,住在梅利琵邸宅。她身材红长,美丽动人,长着一头黑发,一双黑眼睛。



#### Mr Frankland

弗兰克兰先生,住在库姆特雷 西附近的赖弗特庄园,对研究 天体感兴趣,有一巨型望 远镜。



#### Seldon

塞尔顿,大沼地监狱一名逃犯。

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# 1

#### Mr Sherlock Holmes

MY name is Doctor Watson. I am writing this story about my friend, Mr Sherlock Holmes, the famous detective.

Sherlock Holmes lives at 221B Baker Street, in the middle of London. My story begins in Baker Street, one morning in 1889, when a man knocked on the door.

I heard the man say, 'Mr Holmes? My name is Dr Mortimer. I need your help.'

'Come in,' said Holmes. 'How can I help you?'

'I have a strange story to tell you, Mr Holmes,' said Dr Mortimer. 'My story is very strange. Perhaps you will not believe me.'

# The Curse<sup>1</sup> of the Baskervilles

**D**R Mortimer sat down. Sherlock Holmes and I listened to his story.

'I am a doctor and I work in the country,' said Dr Mortimer. 'I live and work on Dartmoor. And, as you know, Dartmoor is a large, wild place. There is only one big house on Dartmoor—Baskerville Hall. The owner of the house was Sir Charles Baskerville. I was his friend as well as his doctor.'

'I read of his death in *The Times*<sup>2</sup> newspaper,' said Holmes.

'That was three months ago,' said Dr Mortimer. 'The newspaper reported his death, but it did not report all the facts.'

'Was there something strange about his death?' asked Sherlock Holmes.

'I am not certain,' said Dr Mortimer.

'There was a story about a curse on the Basker-

<sup>1</sup> Curse: 灾祸,诅咒 2 The Times:《泰晤士报》



ville family. Sir Charles believed this old story.

'A curse?' I asked. 'What do you mean?'

'Here is the story,' said Dr Mortimer. He took a large piece of paper out of his pocket. 'Please read this. It is the story of the Curse of the Baskervilles.

Holmes took the paper and read it. 'It is called The Hound of the Baskervilles,' he said. He showed me the paper. This is what it said:

In the year 1645, Sir Hugo Baskerville was the owner of Baskerville Hall. Sir Hugo was a cruel man who did not believe in God. Every day he went out hunting and drinking with a gang of wild friends.

A farmer on Dartmoor had a beautiful daughter. Sir Hugo wanted to marry the girl, but she was afraid of him. The girl's father told Sir Hugo to stay away from his farm. Sir Hugo was very angry.

One day, when the farmer was working in his fields, Sir Hugo rode to the farm with his friends. They caught the girl and took her to Baskerville Hall.

The poor girl was terrified. Sir Hugo locked her in a bedroom. Then he started drinking with his gang. When he was drunk, he became more wild and cruel. He shouted at his men and hit them.

The frightened girl waited until it was dark.

Then she opened a window and escaped from Baskerville Hall.



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Her father's farm was about four miles away. It was night, but she was able to follow the path in the moonlight. She started to run across the dark moor.

Sir Hugo went to the girl's room. It was empty and Sir Hugo was terribly angry. He ran to his men and jumped onto the table where they were drinking. He kicked the plates and glasses off the table. 'Fetch the horses!' he shouted. 'Get the girl!'

They all ran outside and jumped onto their horses. Sir Hugo kept a pack of wild dogs for hunting. 'Let the dogs find her!' he shouted. 'The Devil can take me¹ if I do not catch her!'

The dogs ran out across the dark moor<sup>2</sup>. Sir Hugo and his men rode after them. The dogs barked and Sir Hugo shouted.

Then they heard another noise. It was louder than the noise of barking and shouting. The dogs stopped and listened. They were afraid.

The men heard the noise too. It was a loud and deep howling sound—the sound of a huge dog howling at the moon. The men stopped their horses, but Sir Hugo rode on. He wanted to catch the girl.

Sir Hugo did not catch the girl. Suddenly

<sup>1</sup> The Devil can take me: 让魔鬼惩罚我吧 2 moor: 沼泽