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The Man with the Twisted Lip



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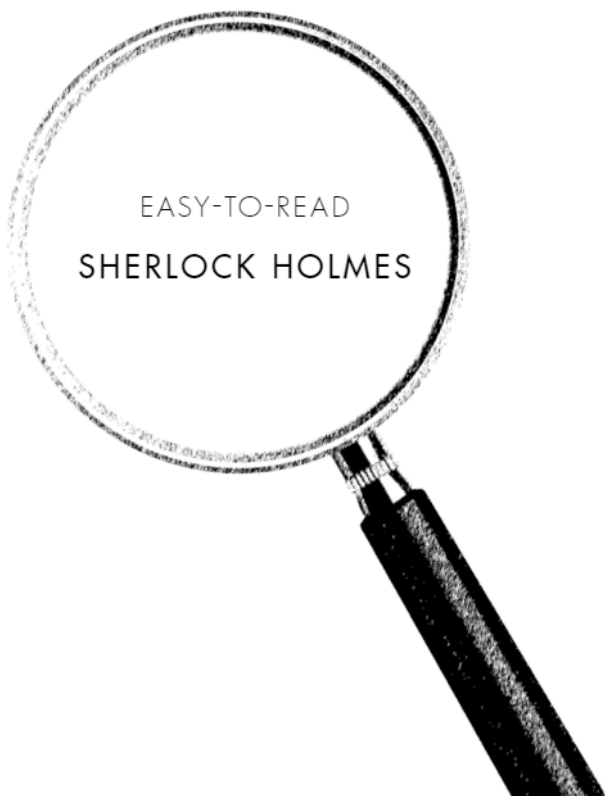
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## The Man with the Twisted Lip

The famous story by Arthur Conan Doyle,  
retold by Helene Bakker





*Sherlock Holmes was a famous English private detective. He didn't really exist, but the writer Arthur Conan Doyle wrote so well that many people think he did.*

*Sherlock Holmes started work as a detective about 150 years ago in the city of London, along with his friend Doctor Watson. The way Holmes solved attacks and murders has made him famous all over the world. Even today, films are still made about his detective work.*



## CHAPTER 1

# Opium

Opium is a drug you can become addicted to. In Sherlock Holmes's time, opium was sold in opium dens. These were dark cellars where addicts could lie and smoke opium pipes.

Watson, Sherlock Holmes's friend, no longer lived with Holmes. Watson was married and had become a family doctor. His practice was in a different neighbourhood.

A couple of his patients were drug addicts.

One of them was Isa Whitney.

Isa had once been a strong lad.

He was cheerful and ready to help anyone. He was married to a lovely woman.

When he started smoking opium, though, things went wrong. He changed into a poor wretch. Opium – that's all his life revolved around.