

## Spoiler for *Scenes That Didn't Make It -- #2*

OK, this one's harder. The first part is a play on the well-known saying by Holmes, repeated twice in the canon, that it is a capital mistake to theorize in advance of facts. Holmes' statement here echoes his oft-spoken ill regard for Watson's stories (the actual phrase he uses is the one he says when Watson told him he was getting married). Watson would not have been pleased.

Holmes fanatics are aware that there is actually one Sherlock Holmes story told by Holmes himself, *The Lion's Mane*, written after Holmes retired to Sussex. It is universally considered the absolute worst of the lot.

JW is John Watson, and ACD is his literary agent, Arthur Conan Doyle. Doyle's response would also have infuriated Watson. Watson never did write any stories about Holmes in Sussex.

So there—ruin my fun...