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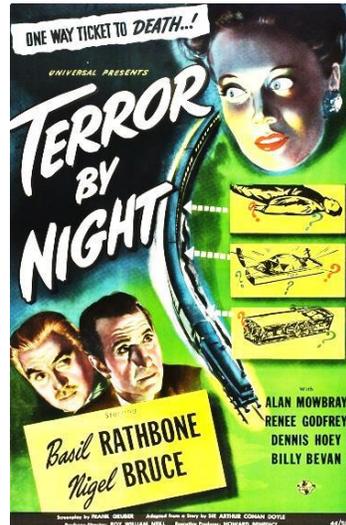
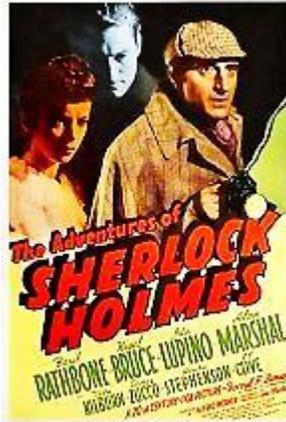
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# JOHN H. WATSON MD



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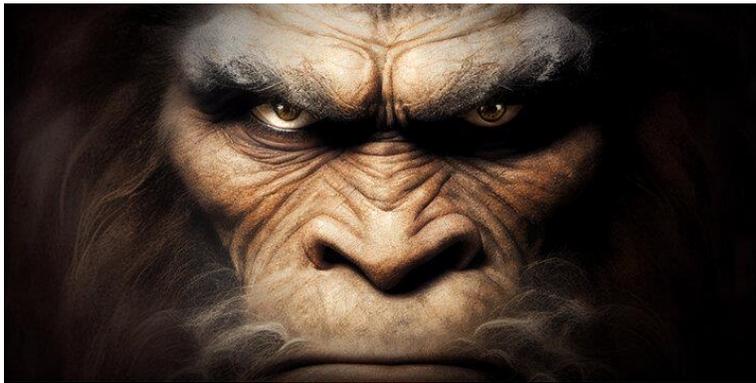
*Amazing how some of our most baffling cases begin. Our last adventure had us chasing porcelain busts of Napoleon in pursuit of stolen Bank of England plates, and brought Colonel Cavanaugh and his murderous gang to the gallows!*

*Little did I know, that events in a New York wood would soon launch Holmes and I on an international quest that would shake the world, or at least, a unique corner of it!*

*A sweet summer morning and the hikers were out in force soaking in the joys of nature...*



*When suddenly, seemingly out of nowhere...*



*And nature wasn't that wonderful anymore!*



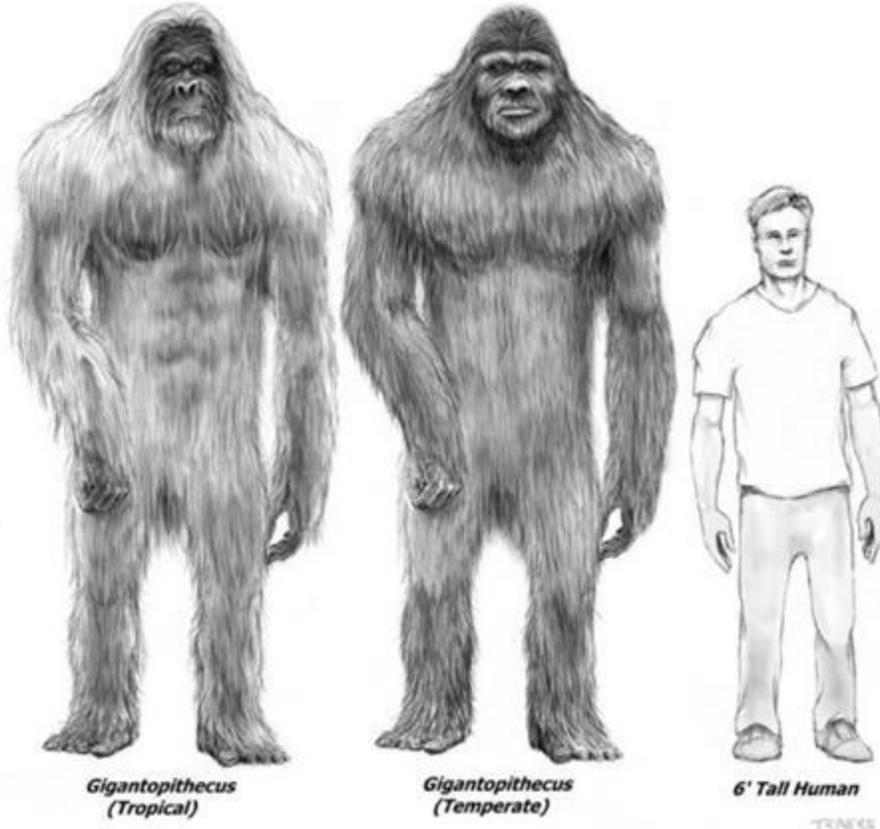
*It took all of two days for the news to reach 221B Baker Street...*



*"Great Scott, Holmes! There's a creature  
in the Catskills!"*

# THE TIMES

## New York "MONSTER"?





*"Watson, old friend, New Yorkers, full of Broadway bravado and tabloid headlines, can't help but create their own 'monsters'!"*



*"Mr. Holmes, Dr. Watson, there's someone here to see you."*

***The moment he appeared, ready to lock and load, like my old Afghan regiment, the 5th Northumberland Fusiliers. I knew we were on our way to who knows where!***



*"Mr Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson. Princess Elizabeth requests your immediate presence!"*



*"Mr. Holmes, I'll be cooking you a fine dinner!"*

*"Better not, Mrs. Hudson. We might not be back for a while."*



***"Gentlemen, the PRINCESS!"***

# 1946





***Through London to the Palace with  
every speed limit broken!***



*"Complete with  
police escort!"*

*"The princess must  
be in trouble!"*

*"Or we are!"*

***After too much further ado...***



*"Gentlemen, so good of you to come.  
I've got an American mystery  
for you!"*



**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**

***By Jove! Will we soon have a bison by the tail?  
Or could this Royal summons be about....???***



*"We English are a proud and an imaginative people, holding our myths and legends dear!"*



*"As we should, Your Majesty!  
The heroic tales of our ancestors  
have given us courage in the  
bleakest of times."*



*"America, once our rebellious child, has legends of their own, but as of late, more and more of them have begun to believe that one of their myths is real!"*



*"We English have as many dragons as the Chinese, yet very, very few of us believe they actually existed."*



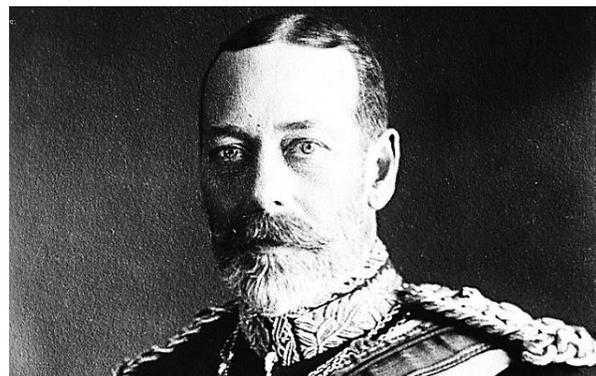
*“Have either of you ever heard of Mohonk Mountain House, a castle-like resort 150Ks north of New York City?”*



*“Sounds fascinating, Princess! Has a crime been committed there? Maybe a murder or two?”*



*“Oh, no, Doctor, NO! Mohonk was founded In 1869 by Albert Smiley, a naturalist my grandfather insisted, was “way ahead of his time!”*



*“King George VII himself! MY goodness. Your Majesty, I had no idea! But where do Holmes and I fit in?”*



*“Mohonk has a “monster” problem!  
This “creature” came out of the  
forest last week and scared the  
Dickiens out of hikers!”*



*“Remembering the King George  
connection, Mohonk contacted  
our embassy and they...”*

*“But of course, Holmes! They  
then requested the world’s best  
‘consulting detective!’”*



*“Precisely Dr. Watson! Arrangements have  
been made, paperwork completed. Your flight  
leaves in two hours. All of England flies with  
you!”*

**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**  
***Back in another limousine! Treated like royalty!***  
***Are we then supposed to run through the wood***  
***to catch this "Creature of the Catskills"?***



*"Princess or no princess,  
ordering us about like a pair  
of shuttlecocks!"*

*"Watson, old friend, couldn't  
you feel the strength blossoming  
inside that teenage girl?"*

*"She's royalty and certainly  
worthy of respect, but we've  
served Kings, President and  
Premiers and this young..."*

*"Yes, Elizabeth is quite young,  
but one day she is going to be Queen,  
the beaming face of the Commonwealth  
and the one fixed point in the Universe!"*

***Sooner than we thought possible...***



***And then we were off!***  
***What a time to be alive and flying!***  
***Holmes & J were making history, being aboard the***

**very first British Airways passenger flight  
across the Atlantic!**



**Nearly twenty blessed hours in the air via Shannon  
and Gander, to refuel, enabling the service, as the  
Lockheed L-049 'Constellation' airliners that plied the route  
couldn't do so without stopping.**





*"Long live British Airways, Watson!  
Man was meant to fly! Yet again  
technology urges humanity to evolve!"*

*"And us, Holmes, are we 'evolving'?  
An all-expense paid week at the  
Mohonk Mountain House for a  
paranormal conference!"*

*"So it would appear, old fellow, but  
there may be other cards in play."*

*"Beyond Ghoats, Goblins, and  
other mythical monsters?"*

*"Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are  
not summoned from across an ocean unless..."*

*"There's a mystery Mohonk wants  
solved. Discreetly, of course!"*

*"Exactly, a mystery that threatens the very  
future of the Mountain House!"*

*"A fine reputation ruined! Their  
business terminated!!"*

*"Yes, but I believe we may be charged to  
capture a creature that does not exist!"*

*"So the game will soon be afoot, but  
we won't know whose feet they are!"*



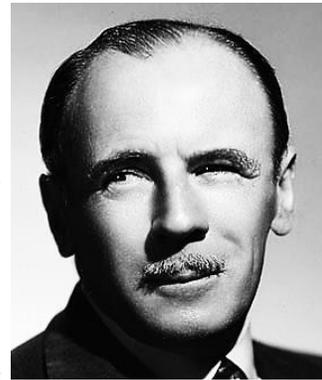
*"The wonder that is the London  
Times! Tell me, Watson, have you  
ever heard of the 'nantinaq?'"*

*"Great Scott! No, not yet!  
I can't wait to hear all  
about it!"*

**AT IDLEWILD AIRPORT...**



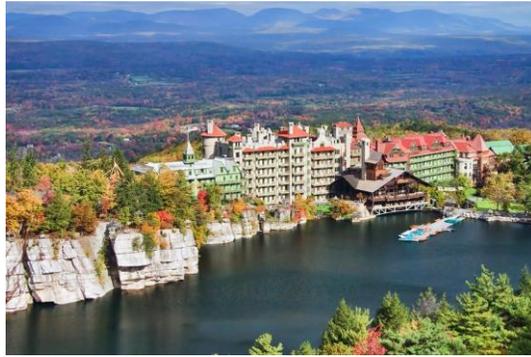
*"Welcome to New York & Mohonk Mountain House!"*



*"I've stored your luggage, Please do not smoke in the limousine."*

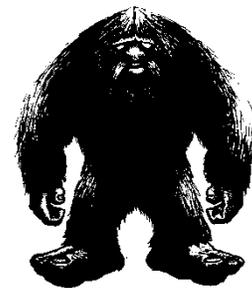
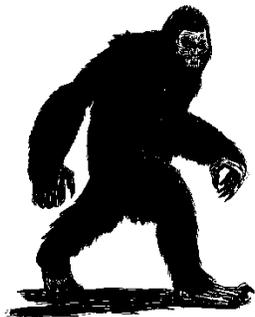
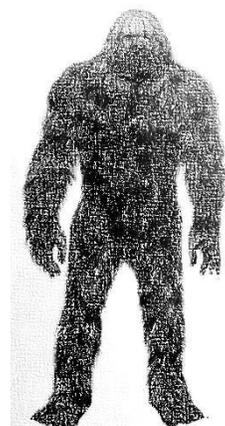
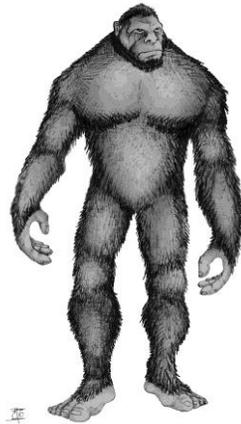
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***Eager to be off, we jumped in and were on our way! Fine roads, but the traffic! Outside the big city comes the lush countryside!***





*“New York is a solar system of colliding cultures.”*

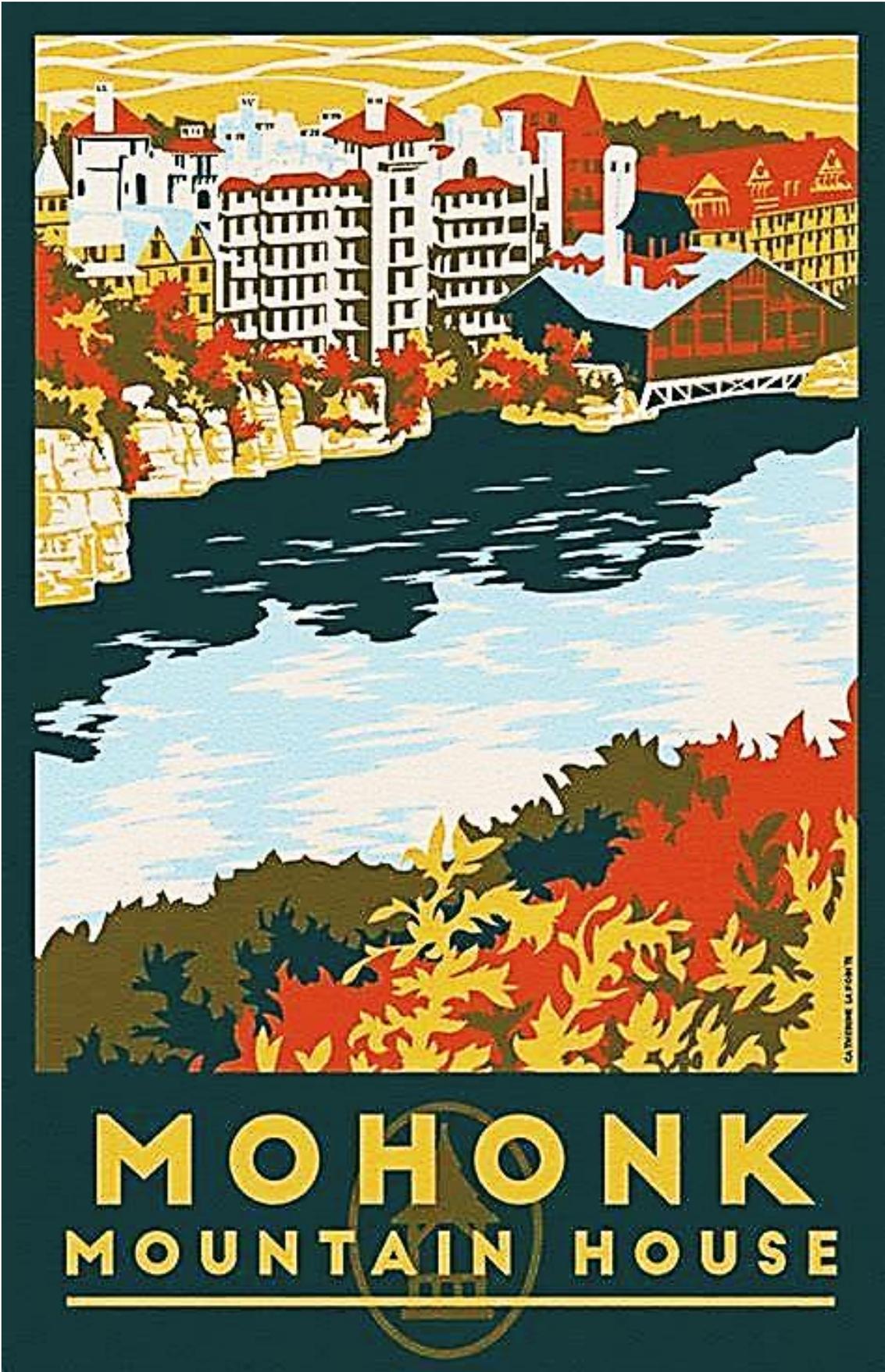
*“And Mohonk Mountain House, ‘The Lake in the Sky’!  
“Which ‘solar system’ is this ‘Catskill Creature’ from?”*

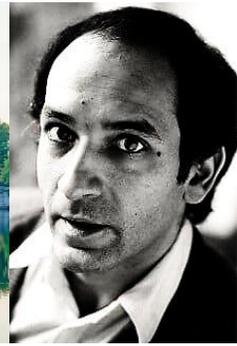


*“Therein lies the rub, old friend.  
I have no idea!”*

**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**

*Holmes’ reply shocked me. Never have I seen him so perplexed. What kind of case was this? We spent the rest of the trip taking in the lovely summer New York scenery. Finally...*





*"Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson. So good to see you."*

*"We'll take care of everything. The 'Chief' is expecting you."*



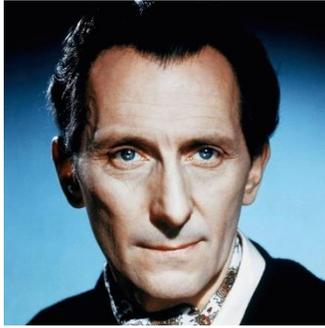
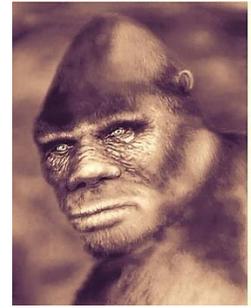
*"Magnificent! And so Victorian!"*

*"With a legendary kitchen and nature trails!"*



*"Watson, the only thing I suddenly believe is that the Princess understated our challenge!"*

*"Nonsense, Holmes! We'll expose this Catskill 'creature' fiasco before lunch!"*



*"Ah, and here are the superstars of the conference!"*

*"Expect to catch any ghosts or maybe a goblin or a certified crypto-creature?"*



*"Gentlemen, the 'Chief' is waiting."*



*"Careful, Watson! The spirit world is watching and listening!"*

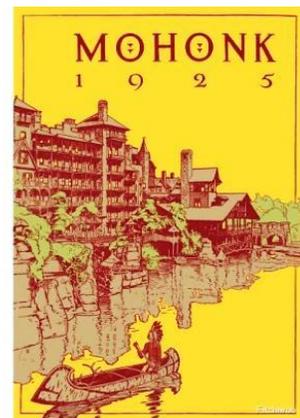
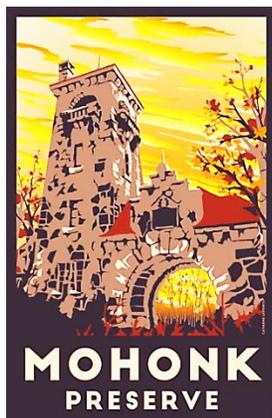
*"Oh, Holmes, let them! We're celebrities, aren't we?"*

FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD  
*The 'Chief' – Are we at Mohonk or an Indian reservation? This whole case is becoming more and more suspect!*



*“Watson, this case is not what we or the Princess think it is!”*

*“And when we do find out, what then?”*



*“Mohonk welcomes “The world’s greatest detective” and his esteemed comrade. Please don’t smoke in here!”*

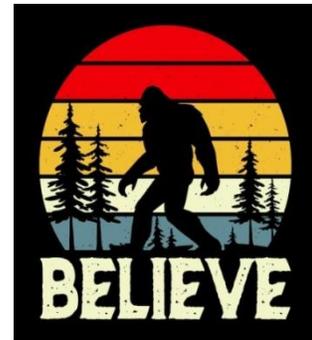


*“Very well, ‘Chief’, then let’s get down to business!”*

*“And where and when is lunch?”*



*“Let me first confess that I insisted **MOHONK Consultations** schedule this ‘Paranormal Conference’ as a ruse to bring you here to either capture this elusive creature or to debunk its very existence!”*



*“This ‘hairy man’ or in the Himalayas – The ‘Yeti!’”*



*“Balderdash! We confronted a ‘ghost’ in Canada and a ‘vampire’ in Sussex! And exposed both as crude, and cruel hoaxes!”*



*“Dr. Watson, if this creature is a hoax, it’s been hundreds of years in the making. Indian tribes from ‘sea to shining sea’ have reported the ‘hairy man’ in legend and in artworks!*

*“Just this month there have been ‘sightings’ by local people. They’re starting to call this woodland thing ‘the Mohonk Monster’!”*



**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**  
***At that moment, the ‘Chief’s’ assistant opened the door and four men entered. Naturalists? Crypto-Zoologists?***



*"Mr. Sherlock Holmes! I could sense your skepticism from acres away!"*

*"And what happens if this legend is revealed as a living, breathing animal?"*



*"The New York Zoological Society will prove this 'hairy man' not only exists, but is thriving in these woods!"*

*"And then, Mr. Holmes and you, too, Dr. Watson, will be ridiculed beyond redemption!"*

**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**

***"The laggards! And Holmes just sitting there, taking their merciless abuse. Or is he giving these pompous fools just enough rope...?"***



**BASKERVILLE HALL**



*“Mr. Holmes, Dr. Watson, the scenes of your most famous cases have been turned into tourist traps!”*



**MUSGRAVE MANOR**



*“Community yard sales, thanks to Sherlock Holmes!*

*“Not at Mohonk Mountain House!”*



*“Last week, this was taken less than a mile from here! Mr. Holmes, can you, through ‘deductive reasoning explain the ‘Mohonk Monster’?”*

FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD

***A sudden silence overtook the Chief's ornate office. All stared at Holmes. Here and now would "the world's greatest detective" break this "monster case" wide open?***



*"Elementary, learned colleagues! This picture was taken with an excellent camera in exceptional lighting."*

*"Holmes, you astound me! More 'Hollywood' than it has any right to be!"*



*"Oh, Holmes! You are a master at subtle sarcasm!"*

*"Subtle as a switchblade! Sherlock is a certified skeptic!"*



*"I only believe what has been proven.  
I'm from the old country where Scots and the  
Irish have been chasing "monsters" and Leprechauns  
unsuccessfully for generations!"*



*"Photographs prove nothing. Based on double-  
exposed pictures, Authur Conan Doyle, one of the  
greatest writers in all of English Literature, believed  
emphatically...in faeries!"*



*"Enough histrionics! I want this "Mohonk Monster" captured  
and caged which will draw tourists here by the millions!"*

*But far better for this iconic resort would be to expose this  
"monster" as a hoax! Let those responsible be captured  
and caged!"*

***Hello? Without knocking, this big gallot comes in... "Plainclothes Man"!***



*"I'm La Strade, Mohonk Security.  
And I'll be chasing this 'Monster', too!"*

**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**

***Great Scott! Yet another finger in the pie!  
Holmes must be like a kettle about to boil!***

***Then, as usual, almost the opposite!***



*"At last all the players are in place, all pursuing either a senseless hoax or the miraculous return of a mythical 'monster'.*

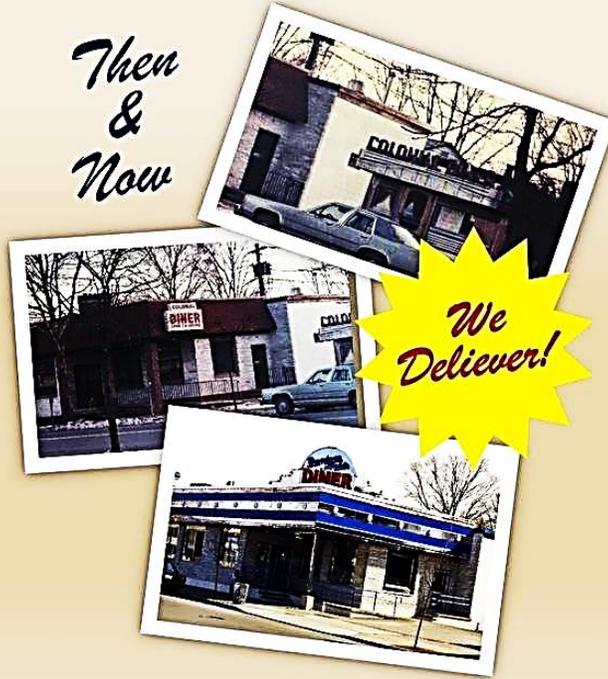
*"Yes, gentlemen, as we used to say back  
at 221B Baker Street..."*

*"The game is afoot...indubitably!"*

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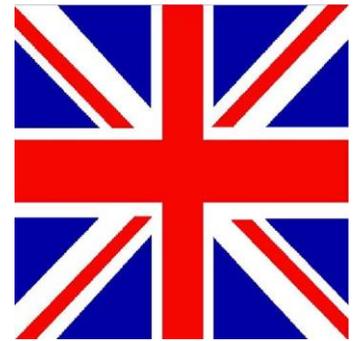
*"Highly recommended!" "Especially breakfast!"*



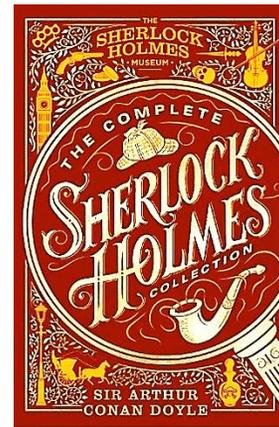
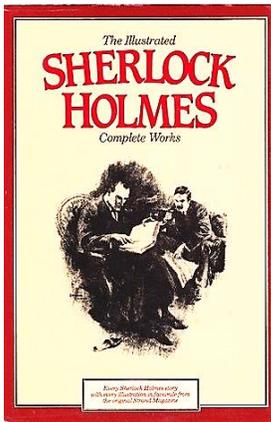
“There is nothing in the world exactly like Lake Mohonk. It is famous, yet it has the kind of fame that people and places had before newspapers were known.”

**The New York Times**

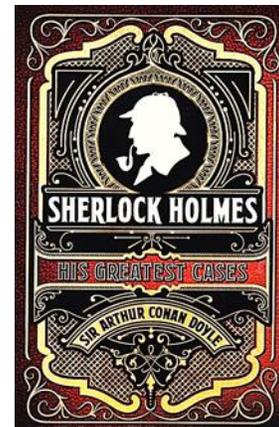
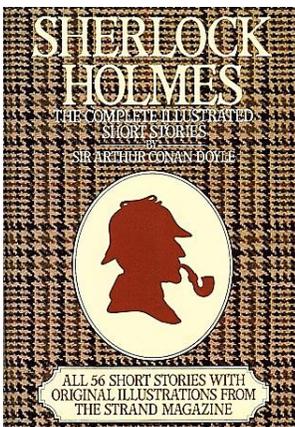
**1882**



At Buckingham Palace, the Royal Family was in the midst of a literary discussion...



*“Sherlock Holmes, Sherlock Holmes! He’s become more popular, more famous than all of us!”*



*“Because, Dear Family, Mr. Holmes, and his able confederate. Dr. Watson, make for the finest consulting detective team in the world!*

*“And Sherlock Holmes is fun!”*



*“This Mohonk ‘Monster’ business! I see no ‘fun!’”*

*“But I do! Shades of Edgar Allan Poe!”*



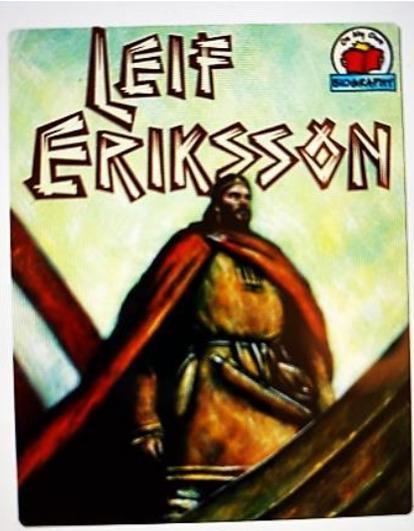
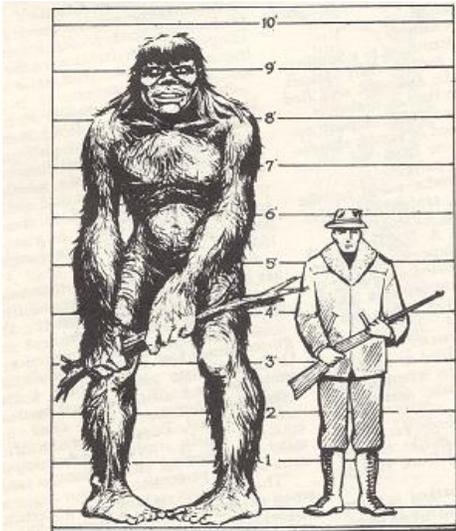
*“No, father! **BIGFOOT** is not an ape! A completely separate species!”*



*“My dearest daughter, do not be seduced by false trappings! If this ‘**BIGFOOT**’ exists, Holmes will reveal it, but if this is some kind of elaborate hoax, our ‘consulting detective’ may be, as they say in New York...’Up the Rondout without a paddle!”*



**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**  
***'Consulting detectives' should never dream because  
doctors always do! And my medical expertise can  
only imagine the 'Catskill creature', this 'SASQUATCH'  
or as many here are referring to it as 'The MOHONK Monster'!***  
***If this biped animal exists, it wasn't born last week  
or last century, but thousands if not millions of years ago!***  
***First recorded sighting...The Vikings!***



*The beast, here at Mohonk, deep in the wood, coming closer, coming for me!*



*Its hairy hands grabbing my throat!  
I'm dying, doomed...AAARGH!"*



*'Watson, wake up!*



*"Oh, Holmes!"*

**IN MOHONK'S MOST LUXURIOUS SUITE...**



*"Everything set?"*

*"Holmes and Watson?"*

*"Not good enough, soon enough!"*

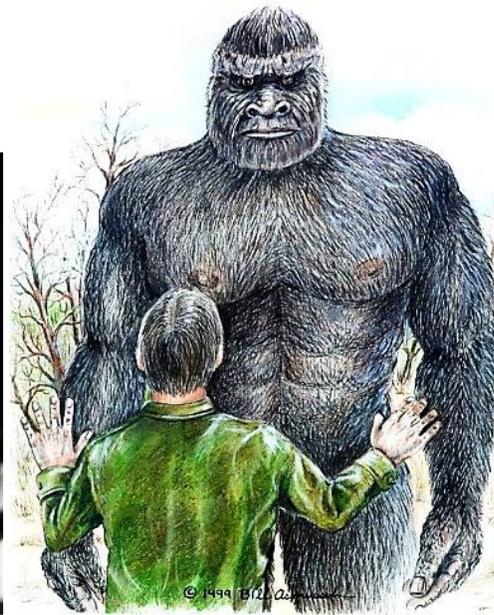


*"Like a Tiffany watch!"*

*"Got our ears on them."*

*"Give us the word, we're locked in!"*





*“Dear old Watson, dream of the ‘monster’ much?”*

*“Scared the pajamas off me! What now?”*

*“For us to get our minds fully engaged! And to do that I suggest We go outside, fill up our bowls, And smoke to our hearts’ content!”*

*“Indeed, Holmes. Mohonk is noted for its charming gazebos and beautiful views, better to see this ‘monster!’”*



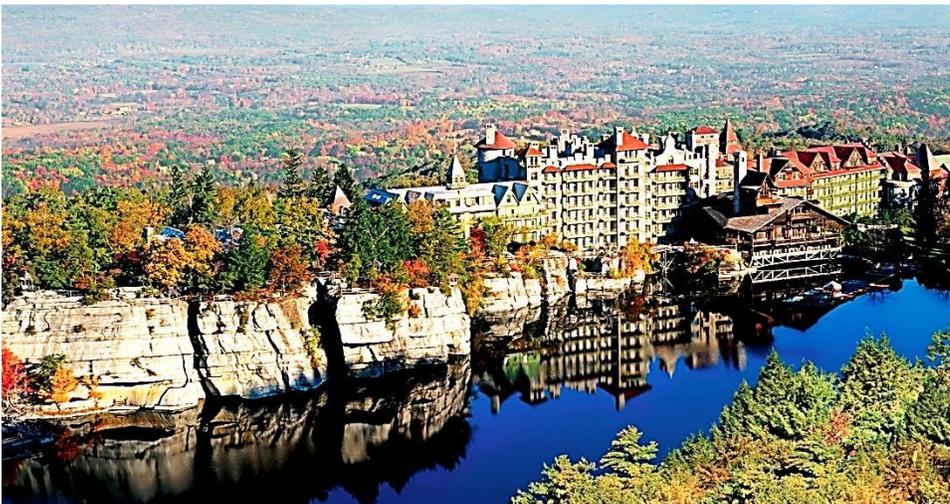
**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**  
***Looking out from Mohonk Mountain House, I feel like an intrepid English explorer who has discovered a breathtaking new world!***  
***Holmes and I have toured the Empire and have been feted in a collection of castles! And honored like a pair of Round Table Knights!***



***Plus the heritage and luxury of grand manors! I have to constantly watch my weight, but Holmes, never!***

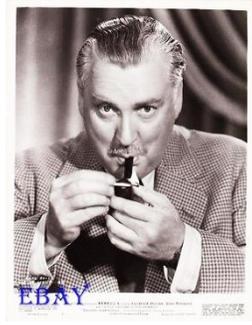


***Mohonk Mountain House – An American castle and manor! A certain unique feeling being here up in mountains, and this “Catskills Creature”?***





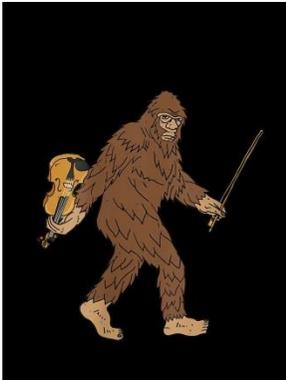
*"Nothing beats a good smoke, aye, Watson?"*



*"Clears the mind as it clouds the lungs!"*

*"It seems to me, that if this "monster" has been with us for ages, that just maybe it has taken up the violin or perhaps football!"*

*"Don't lead me on, Holmes! Not for a minute do you believe this beast exists!"*



*"What I believe is irrelevant! but we must be able to prove is that 'horse of a different color you heard tell about'."*

*"Go ahead, confound me, wizard! Imagine not the beast, but what will become of us when we capture 'Susquatch'! What a movie that would make!"*



*"Watson. your sense of humour forever escapes me!"*



*"I only hope that I'm a better doctor than I am a fortuneteller! Late breakfast?"*

*In Mohonk's legendary kitchen, but not the one preparing our "brunch".*



*We got there mere minutes later...*



*"Oh, Mister Holmes, Dr. Watson, it was terrible!  
And just like that, it ran away!"*



*"Disgraceful!  
Unacceptable!"*



*"The chef/czar!"*

*"And his boss?"*



*"Gentlemen, enough!  
Come back for lunch!"*

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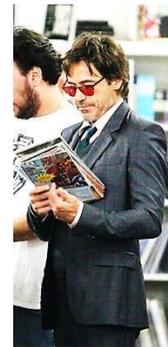
## MONSTER at The Mountain House?



**"No Comment" says Sherlock Holmes**



"Chief?"



"We have a growing  
'Monster' problem!"

**Mohonk's "security" came to its own conclusions!**



"Well, Mr. Holmes! This plaster cast  
proves beyond a doubt this 'monster' exists!"



*"This 'monster' does have a big foot, wouldn't you say, Watson?"*



*"Big foot, indeed! 'BIGFOOT', that could catch on!"*



*"You, you absolutely infuriate me, Holmes! You don't believe this 'Monster', this **BIGFOOT** exists! And I cannot wait to prove you wrong!"*



*"You will not be alone, Inspector! There are many longing for the fall of this overrated, over-exposed consulting detective. What a misunderstood, underappreciated movie that would make!"*



*And Holmes just stood there, stiff as Roman marble!  
It wasn't until we were alone did he speak...*



*"We're running out of time, Watson.  
The conference starts at noon  
tomorrow. The 'chief has called  
in the National Guard and they'll  
be scores of them combing through  
the woods looking for our 'BIGFOOT!*

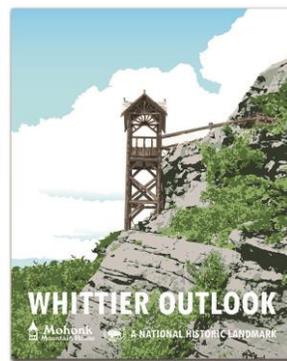
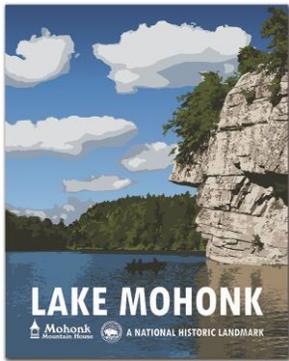
*"Rather than look for a 'monster',  
let us research in order to find a motive!"*

### **BUT ON THE WAY...**

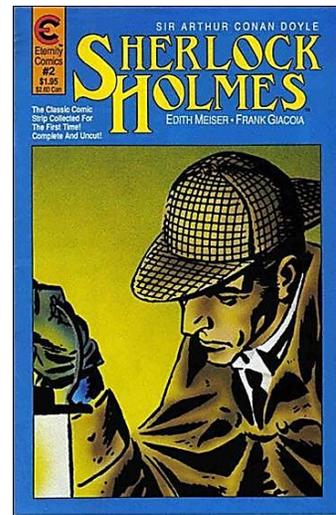
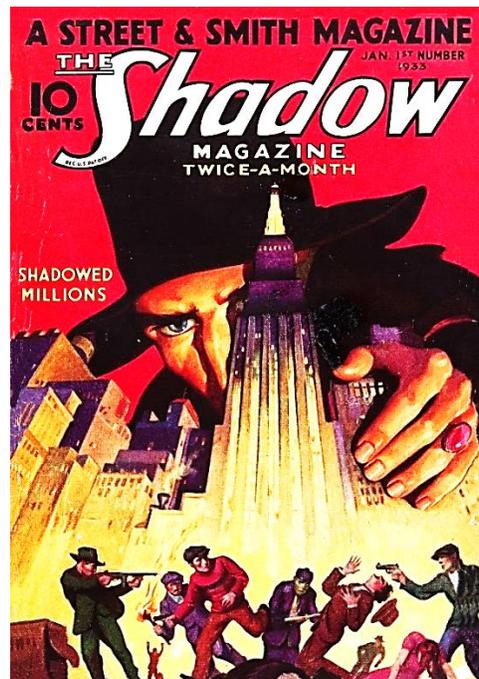
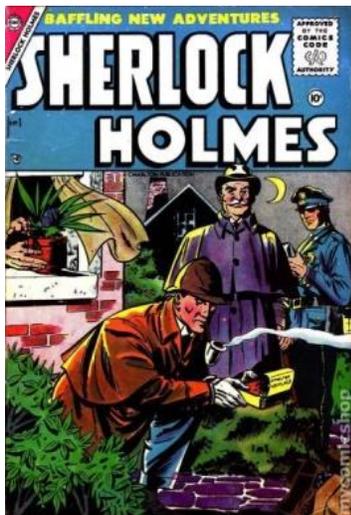


*"Oh, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson!"*

*"Gentlemen, I'm Lamont Cranston!"*



*"Pleasure to know you!" "Haven't we met in another medium?"*

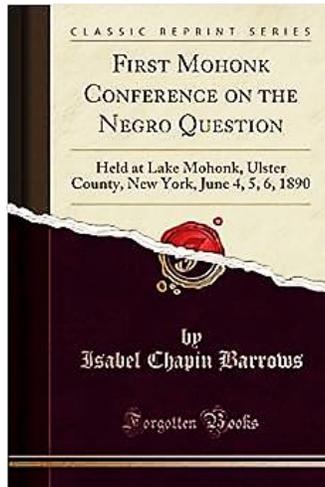


*"Not yet, can't wait!"*

*"Should you go down to the city, look us up!"*



***The Mohonk Library was hardly that of London's!  
Yet Holmes took to it like a duck to the Thames!***



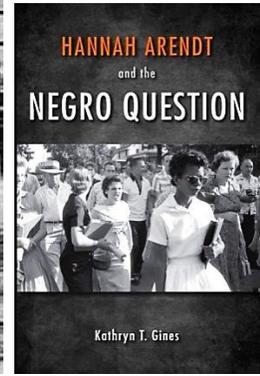
*“Our purpose is to help to bring about a clearer understanding of the interrelationship of all life on earth, emphasizing the need for sustainable use of all the earth’s resources, including the human community, and to support the development of practical means to do so.”*

***“Mohonk Quakers – No wonder King George was impressed! But did they take on any sticky issues?”***



***“Head on! In 1890 – The Negro Question!”***

***“They had an answer?”***



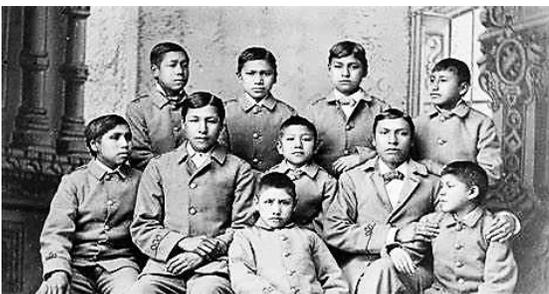
*“Albion Tourgée set the tone, a Civil War a novelist, lawyer and Civil War veteran “condemned the South’s ‘slaveholder mentality,’ and Northern ‘do-gooders’ for their blindness and for their assumptions that blacks would be better off becoming ‘white at heart.’”*

*“Rich, altruistic White People wanting others who aren’t to become just like them and are insulted, hurt, and in total disbelief when they encounter resistance!”*



*“Albert Smiley became a member of the Board of Indian Commissioners in Lake Mohonk Friends of the Indian Conference between 1883 and 1916.”*

*“Not a good time for the Natives! US policy called for cultural genocide and dispossession!”*



*“Quakers of the 19th century, concerned themselves with the social, economic and political conditions of those deemed inferior and uncivilized”*

*“Quakerism seemed to favor U.S. imperialism and Anglo-Saxon superiority. U.S. Indian boarding school system stole Native children and stripped them of aspects of their identities.”*



*“Terrible times for those Americans here first!”*

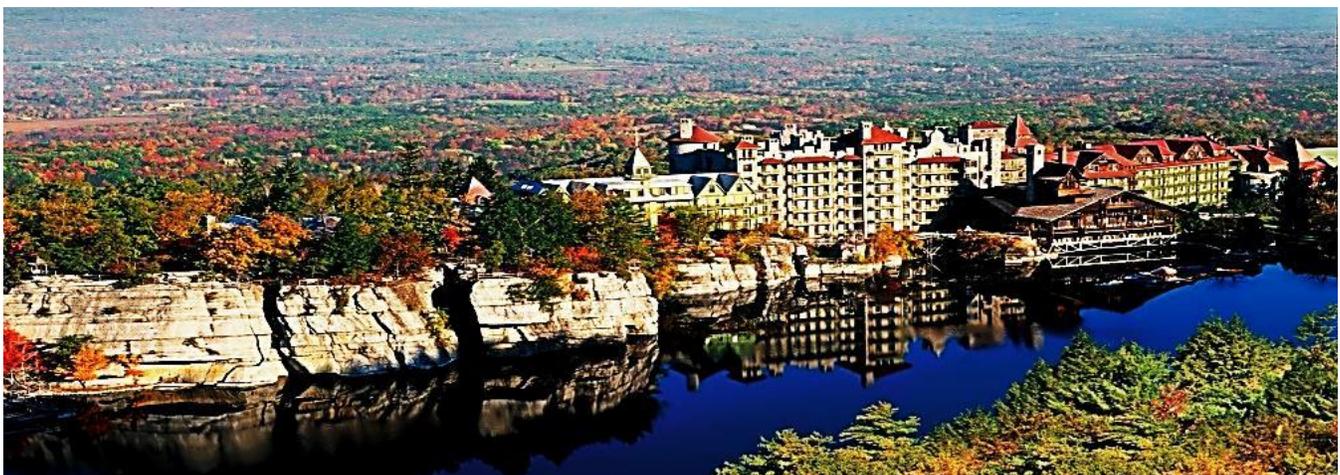
*“Indeed! Rich white people usurping a native culture! Where in the world did that concept come from?”*

*“Ha! Finally, Watson. That was funny!”*

**WHILE ON THE NEWEST MEDIUM...**



*“Upstate New York – Is there a “monster” at Mohonk Mountain House? We have two reporters at the scene...”*





*“A single ‘monster’ or the first of a full tribe? An invasion!”*

*“We’ll soon have the answer, with Sherlock Holmes on the case!”*



**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**  
*Holmes is losing his mind! Does he think we’re back in London a century ago? He hires a Mohonk carriage and off we go...*





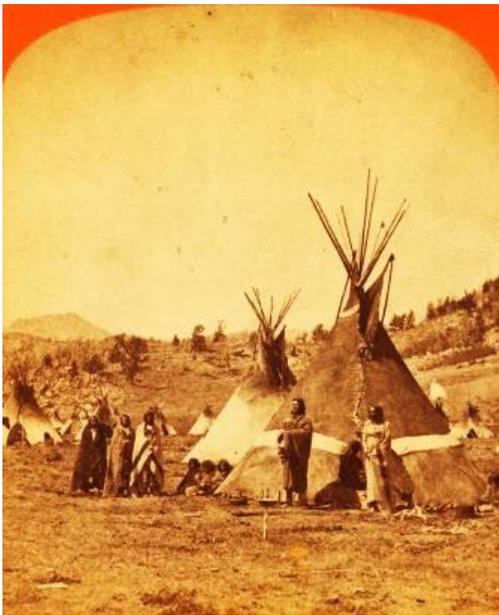
*“Why the ‘monster’, Watson? Who benefits from this creature’s wrath? Is this nature’s doing or a hoax directed at Mohonk?”*

*“Then if this Sasquatch is real, we catch and cage it! But if it doesn’t exist, how do we discover its true identity?”*

*“Indians! Mohonk’s actions inadvertently led to disaster! What a cunning source of revenge this could be!”*

*“As if we know anything about these American aborigines! ‘Returning to those thrilling days of yesteryear’ to meet Crazy Horse?”*

***Mohonk’s ‘resident Indian’ was Chief Iron Eyes, a Warranawankong fullblood and renown naturalist whom I’ve never heard of. For just a moment, fear shot through me – What was Colonel Custer thinking as he...***

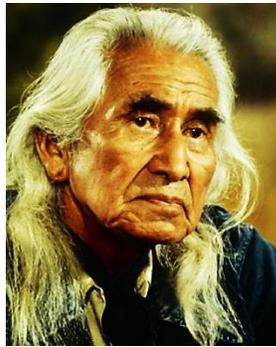


***Holmes gave the driver a “ten-spot” and asked him and the horses to wait...***



*“Good afternoon, Chief Iron Eyes!  
May we speak with you?”*

**FROM INSIDE THE CABIN, NOISES...THEN...**



*“I’m Iron Eyes, what do you want?”*



*“Oh, Mum, Father! Holmes,  
Watson and a ‘monster’?”*

*“Shameless!”  
“But it sells newspapers!”*



# THE TIMES SASQUATCH VS. SHERLOCK



## **Mystery of The Mohonk MONSTER**



## **HOLMES NAMES THE CREATURE BIGFOOT!**



*“Long live Sherlock Holmes, our peacetime hero!”*



*“Chief, I’m Sherlock Holmes with my friend, Dr. Watson.”*

*“Holmes, I’ve heard of you! Not the doctor. Thanks, but I don’t want a check-up!”*

*“We’ve come to talk about Indians and this ‘BIGFOOT!’”*

*“Ah, the ‘Mohonk Monster’! Care for a cup of tea?”*

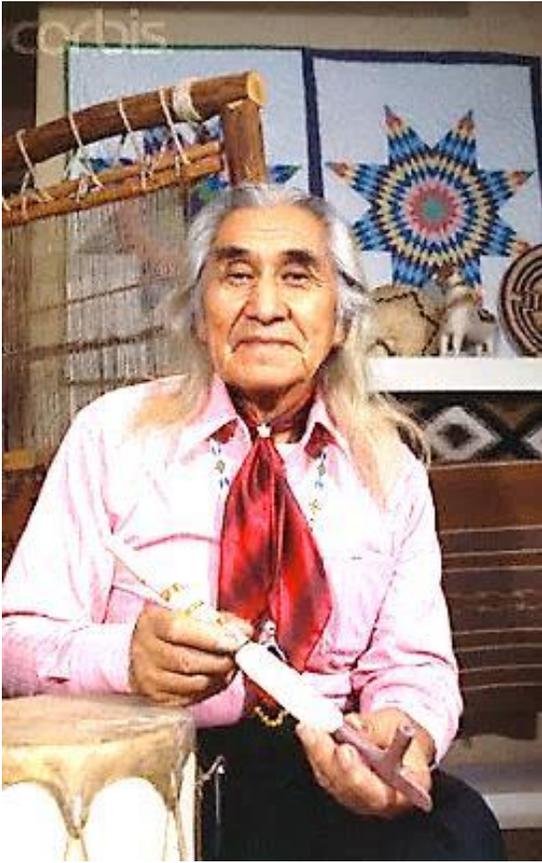


*“Excellent, Chief, EXCELLENT!”*

**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**

***We went inside and sat facing the Warranawankong Chief and it was like a Wellsian trip through time and I imagined his ancestors ravaging up and down the Rondout!***



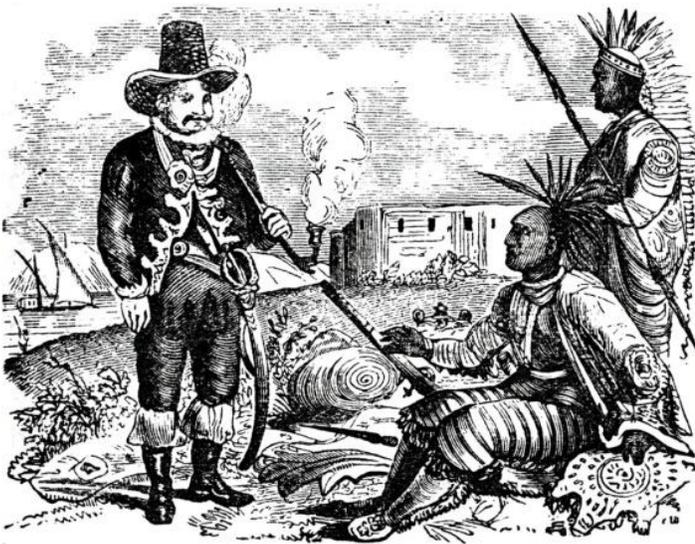


*"You gentlemen don't mind  
if I smoke, do you?"*



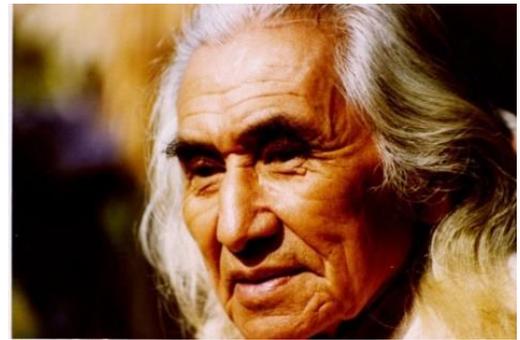
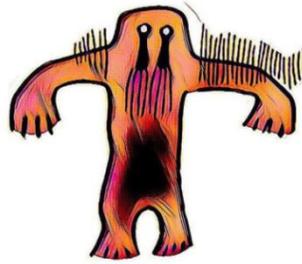
*"Only if you don't mind us  
joining you."*

***Iron Eyes then chided our English ignorance.  
The fiercest Indians America ever saw came before the  
horse and the gun, lived right here in New York!***





*Back in those days, Mohonk Consultations and the Bureau of Indian Affairs believed the best way to solve the Indian problem, and the Negro problem was to turn Black and Red people into White people! – the **OREO** Solution!”*



*“Do you believe this creature exists or that a Black or Red man is using ‘BIGFOOT’ for revenge against Mohonk?”*

*“Neither! ‘BIGFOOT’ is a myth until I touch him and if a Black or Red is out for revenge, there’d be bodies, very dead bodies!”*



*“Thank you, Iron Eyes, you may have helped solve this mystery!”*



*"And thank you, Doctor!  
Now I will remember you!"*



*"And I, you, Chief! You will call me  
when you need a check-up, right?"*

**IN MOHONK'S MOST LUXURIOUS SUITE...**



*"They're a born comedy  
duo and don't even know it!"*



*"Plus Mohonk, a mystery and  
a 'monster' – **FRANCHISE!**"*

***We returned to our room and Holmes  
began detailing the problem at hand when  
there was a knock at the door.***



**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**

***I stood straight up, expecting a break, but...***



*"Hello, who's this?"*



*"Hi, Mr. Holmes, Dr. Watson!  
I'm Steven, your #1 fan!"*

*"That's very nice, Steven."*

*"We don't sign autographs!"*

*"That's okay. I just wanted to  
tell you that when I grow up, I'm going  
to write a Sherlock Holmes mystery!"*

***And with that, the little boy was gone, hopefully,  
his dream as well. Only I write Sherlock Holmes!***



***What? Suddenly Holmes lit up like a blood  
hound picking up a scent. Then he gave me the  
'shut up' signal as he searched the room until...***



*"Outside for a smoke, Watson?"*

*"Indeed, a deep bowl!"*

**FROM COAST TO COAST AND ACROSS THE POND...**

# TIME

THE WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE



## MOHONK'S "MONSTER" TRUE OR FALSE?



**Does Sherlock Holmes Know for Sure?**

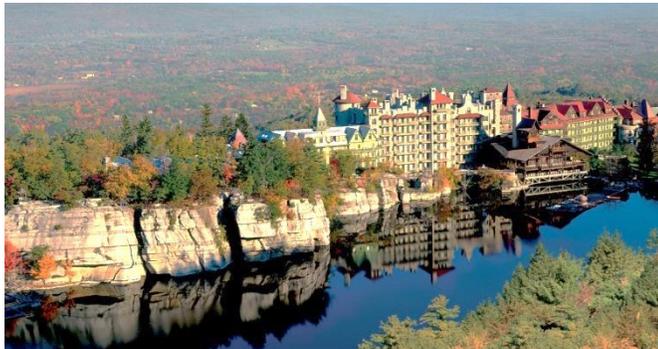


FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD

***Mohonk's "Chief" held an "Emergency Meeting" and didn't invite us. One of the participants filled me in completely!***



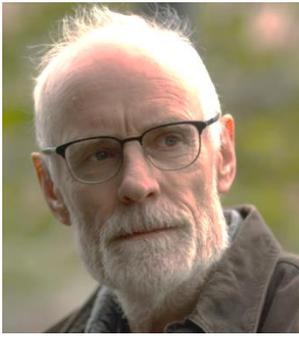
*"Members of the Board, Mohonk Mountain House faces a crisis like none in its history. Beyond wars, depression and recessions, but we may not survive the 'Mohonk Monster'!"*



*"A good idea went completely out of control once you invited Sherlock Holmes and his Doctor lackey!"*

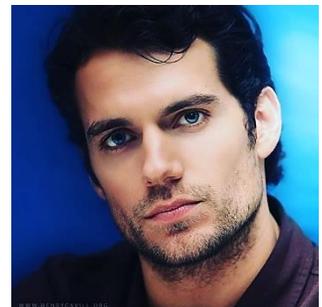
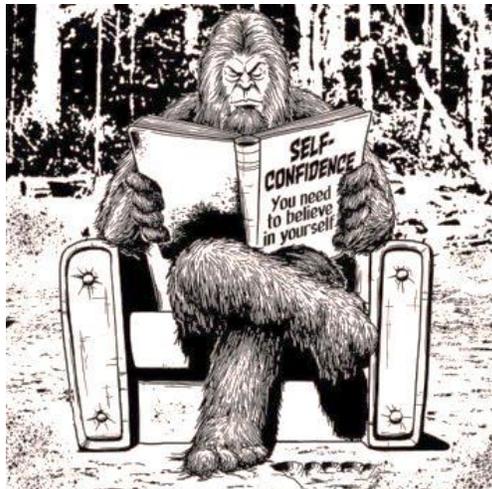


*"The 'Monster' sparked momentary interest, but when Holmes came here, World Media came after him!"*



*“We totally underestimated the power of the media— newspapers, radio and this fledgling television!”*

*“Swept up in “Monster”mania! Sherlock Holmes became the cherry atop the sundae!”*



*“As we speak, nearly 200 fully armed National Guardsmen are searching the woods!”*

*“They’ll force the ‘Monster’ closer and closer to...us!”*



*That's when we burst in!*



*"The 'Monster' may already be here!" "Or at Mohonk all along!"*

*The "Emergency Meeting" reacted as if  
Holmes and J had come to steal the silverware!*



*"How dare you proclaim your own  
**BIGFOOT** to be a hoax without a  
scintilla of evidence!"*



*"Mohonk would never stoop to such a tactic!  
You know who this **BIGFOOT** is? Do you  
where it is?"*



*“Mohonk is very beautiful and very large resort, but it’s possible that the ‘monster’ is in this very room!”*



*“Holmes, are you implying that one of us...”*

*“Is an imposter!”*



**“Imposter!”**

**“Im-pasta vasule!”**

*Across the pond, a messenger arrived from Piccadilly  
with precious cargo...*



*It traveled quickly through the corridors of power...*



*"For Princess Elizabeth?"*

*"Immediately!"*

# Strand Magazine

**THE GAME IS BIGFOOT!**



**MYSTERY OF THE MOHONK MONSTER**



*"Oh, Thank you, **THANK YOU!**  
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ONE WONDROUS WEEKEND!



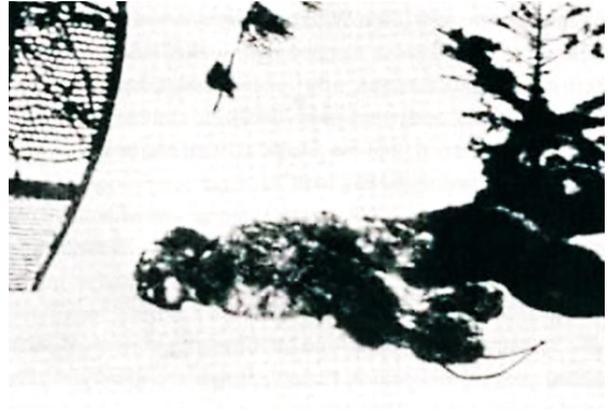


**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**  
***At Mohonk Mountain House, I awoke at dawn.***  
***Naturally, Holmes is up and gone. Where he's now***  
***is mine to find out.***

**CRYPTIDS - ANIMALS THAT CRYPTOZOOLOGISTS BELIEVE MAY EXIST SOMEWHERE IN THE WILD, BUT WHOSE PRESENT EXISTENCE IS DISPUTED OR UNSUBSTANTIATED BY SCIENCE.**



***If Bigfoot is real, breathingly real, then Holmes and J***  
***will catch the 'Mohonk Monster' and bring him home in chains. That's***  
***the happy ending.***  
***But if this 'Bigfoot' is an elaborate hoax...for what? To what end?***  
***Will the words of John H. Watson be those which forever slay***  
***the 'monster'?***



*Unless, of course, Holmes has a better idea!*



*“Sir, my men and I searched the woods as if it were Hitler’s hideaway and found nothing of your ‘monster!’”*

*“Mohonk Mountain House thanks you and your men, captain. But will it put the ‘monster’ to bed?”*



At the behest of Princess Eleizabeth, a royal limousine was dispatched to outer London and returned with a renown doctor, a top specialist in Cryptids and Exo-Biology.



*"Thank you so much for coming, Doctor!"*

*"My pleasure, Your Majesty!"*

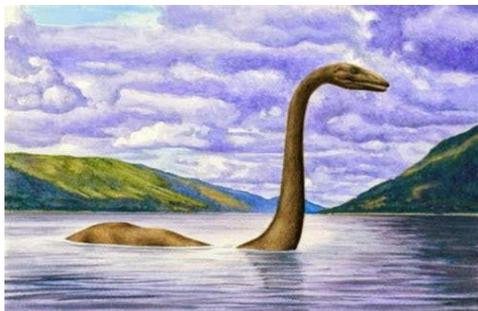
*"I'm...England is in need of your expertise... the Mohonk 'monster'!"*

*"All the Kingdom wants to know! Does this creature exist?"*



*"Friend, foe or fake?"*

*"Or a product of Man's imagination?"*





*“Then the Mohonk ‘monster’ is real or merely a cruel hoax?”*

*“Exactly! And Sherlock Holmes is the man to find out!”*



*“Let Sherlock Holmes and Watson be today’s English heroes. As brave as Athurian Knights and as skilled as RAF pilots, yet they rarely, very rarely kill anyone!”*



*“Your Majesty, I am and always will be the optimist. The hoper of far-flung hopes and the dreamer of improbable dreams.*

*“For this creature to prove its existence is to either be caught by or to kill Sherlock Holmes!”*





# CONFERENCE ROOM



*“Welcome all to Mohonk Mountain House!  
We have questions all the world wants  
definitive answers to!”*



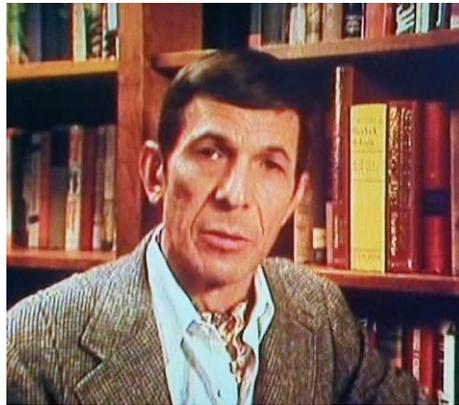
*“Pure myth and legend or as  
real as every one of us?”*



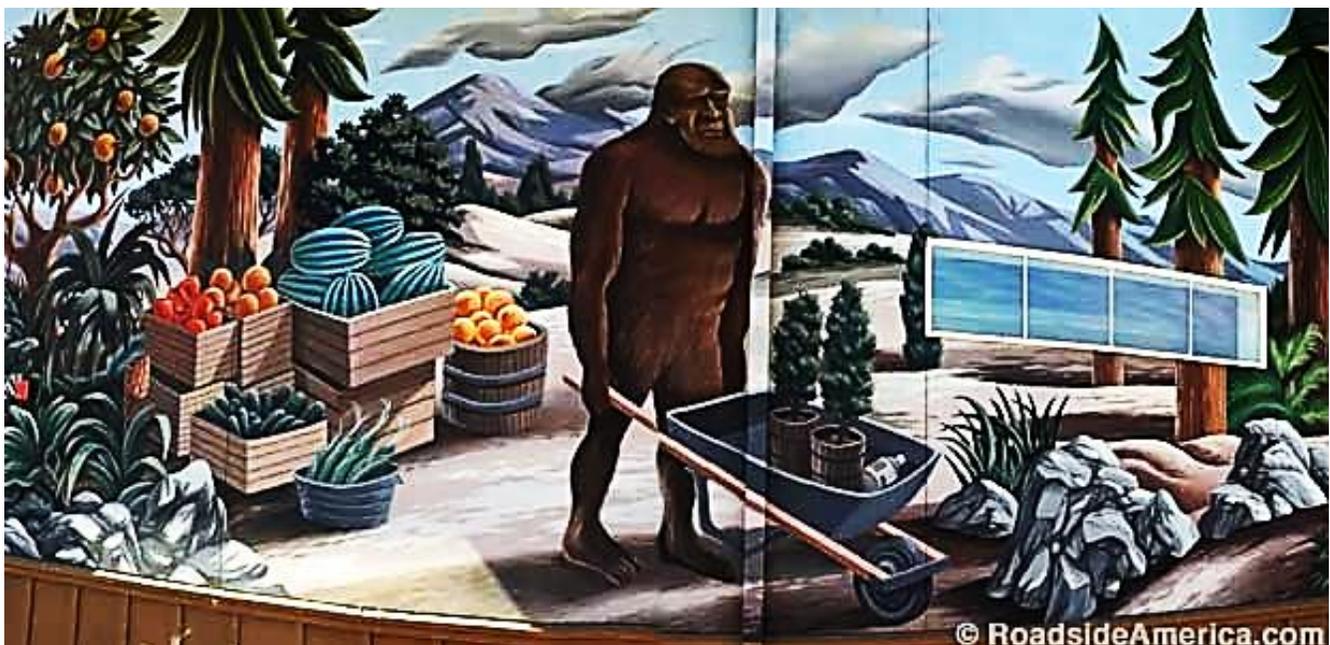
*“Trust’. my fellow scientists,  
‘Then verify!’”*



*“Let us first confront the **BIGFOOT** in the room!”*



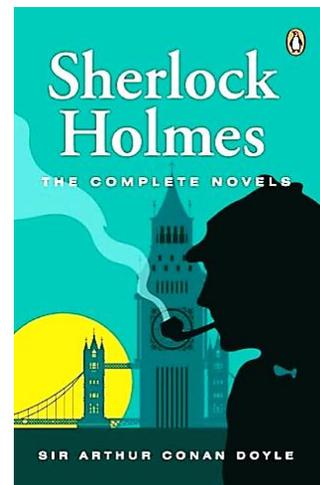
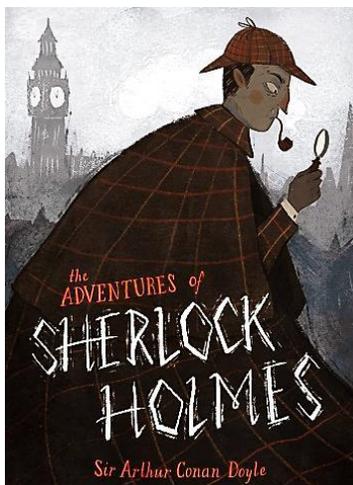
*“Insufficient evidence!”    “Agreed. However, until we can prove    “The opposite! **BIGFOOT** this **BIGFOOT** exists, he does not!”    exists until we confirm otherwise!”*





**"BIG-FEET! A family, families!"**

**"Somewhere, somehow, a BIGFOOT community!"**



**"Speculation and theories! If BIGFOOT exists, let the creature prove so himself!"**

**"Will dinner be served?"**



# BEST ON THE RONDOUT!



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**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**  
***What if this "mythical creature actually exists?  
Where did it come from? How long has it been living  
all around us?***



***Media people around the world believe this  
creature is real! "Adirondack Ape", "Yeti", "Hairy Man"!  
How could a being, a "monster" with so many different  
names have never been born? Who could have invented  
such a story?***



**ON THE MORNING LONDON NEWSTANDS...**

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# Daily Planet

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## NEW YORK'S NEWEST HEROES!



ENGLAND'S "DYNAMIC DUO" BY CLARK KENT

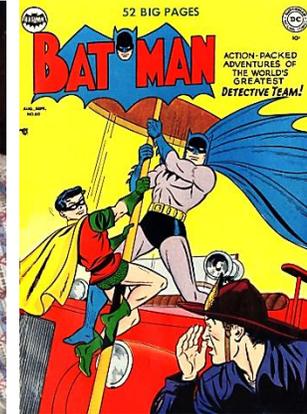
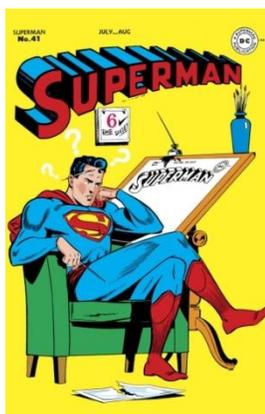


## SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF THE MOHONK "MONSTER"

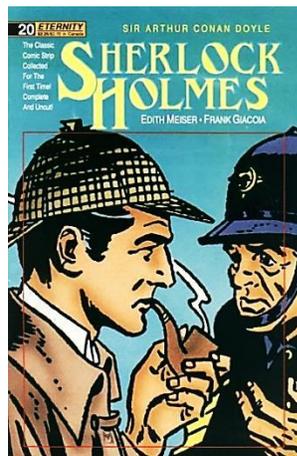
BY LOIS LANE



# Daily Planet



*“Absolutely disgraceful! Comparing our Sherlock Holmes to their costumed comic book heroes!”*



*“America doesn’t understand, never has! What planet does their staff come from?”*



*“Oh, dear Elizabeth! You know how those Americans are!”*



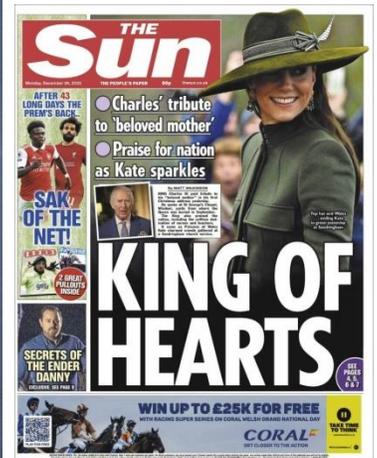
*“Headlines fuel the bottom line!”*



*“The ‘Mohonk Monster’ could be a classic case!”*



*“Let this be a warning to our own tabloid press. One day, when I may be queen, if this ‘yellow journalism’ persists...”*



*“Off with their heads!”*



*“Delicious! Mohonk’s culinary reputation is well-deserved!”*

*“Meanwhile, **BIGFOOT**’s got my stomach in knots!”*



*“Good evening, Mr. Holmes! I’m Bruce Wayne and it’s an honor!”*

*“And I’m his ward, Dick Grayson. Hopefully, we’ll see you around later!”*



*“Odd ducks, eh, Holmes? But you act like you know them well.”*

*“Maybe I do, Watson. maybe I do!”*

**FROM A STRATEGIC LOCATION...**



*"We're running out of time.  
We've got to climax tonight!"*

*"All systems are GO!  
We'll break a lot of legs!"*



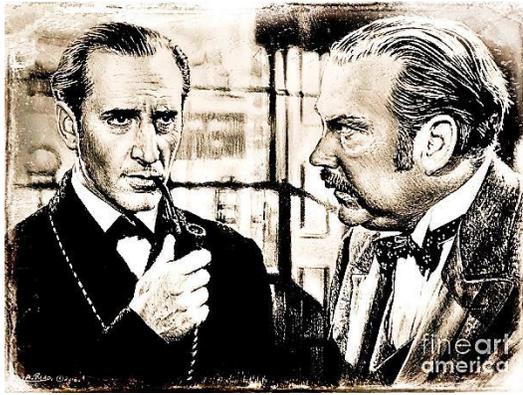
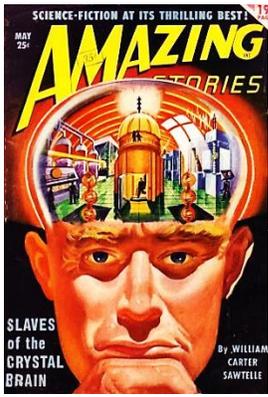
**FROM THE JOURNAL OF JOHN H. WATSON MD**

*Night came to Mohonk like a dark shroud eager  
to abet our growing mystery.*

*But not Holmes! Staring out into the darkness, I've  
never seen him so perplexed. Was this "monster madness"  
a mystery beyond his grasp?*



*"No, Watson. I'm not baffled.  
I'm embarrassed! This 'Mohonk  
Monster' has to be a fake and  
we fell for it. We should have  
declined the case straight off!"*



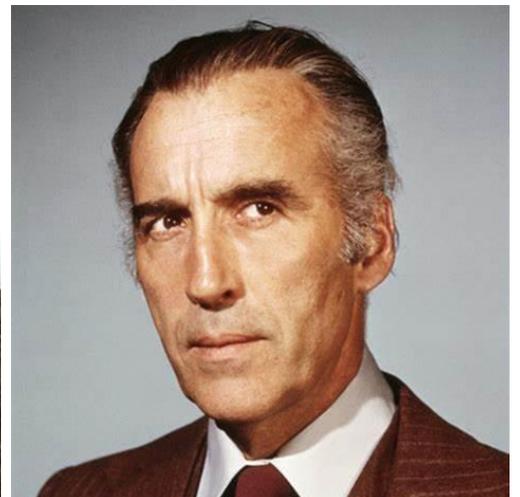
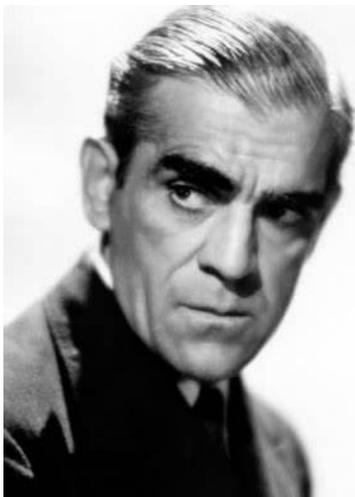
*"Our presence at Mohonk legitimized the creature!"*

*"And you gave **BIGFOOT** his name! You could be entitled to royalties!"*



*"Whose conspiracy is this? And why? Who will benefit from **BIGFOOT**'s acceptance?"*

*"But Holmes, who would do such a thing? The idea of one of our esteemed colleagues becoming..."*



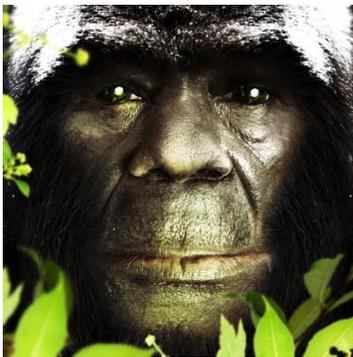
*"America tastes are as mystifying as their appetites! A '**BIGFOOT**' burger may be just around the corner!"*

*"A monstrous masquerade to publicize a creature that does not exist?"*

*"Only in America!"*



*“Watson, we find ourselves in a unique and precarious position – we must expose a ghost, not of a dead individual, but of a ‘monster’ that never existed!”*

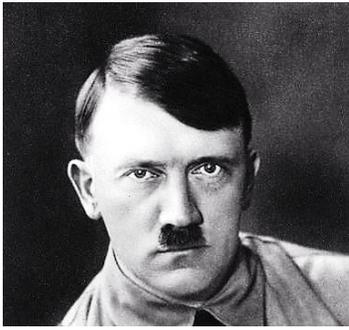


*“You can’t change the masses. They will always be the same: dumb, gluttonous and forgetful.*

*“Make the lie big, make it simple, keep saying it, and eventually they will believe it.”*



*“And I don’t like it a bit! We’ve brought murderers, thieves, and traitors to justice! What’s justice for **BIGFOOT?**”*



*“As we speak, Watson,  
there are thousands, maybe  
millions who believe that Hitler  
is still alive!*

*“Honeymooning  
with Eva in  
Argentina?”*



*“As we both surmise that this **BIGFOOT**  
is a fake, going out and looking for it would  
be a waste of time and effort!*

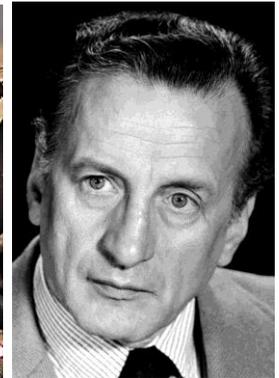
*“However, those behind this macarbe maquerade  
are becoming desperate for our recognition. Rather  
run to them, let us turn off the lights, and very patiently  
wait right here for the ‘Mohonk Monster!’”*

**NOT FAR AWAY...**



*“Lights, cameras, action!”*

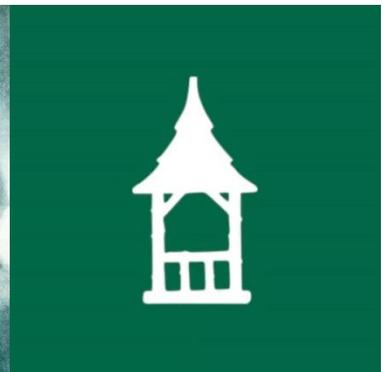
*“It’s show time!”*



*"This highly-touted converage is a joke! We came here for serious scientific discussion and got **BIGFOOT!**"*

*"We came not only for information, but respect and got neither!"*

*"America doesn't want science, but sensationalism!"*



*"Whatever conclusions are drawn from this conference, above all, the integrity of Mohonk Mountain House comes first. Our reputation as the finest resort in the Rondout Region must be maintained.*

*"Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson can fend for themselves!"*



*“Consulting detective! What exactly are Mr. Holmes expertise?”*



*“His detection is legendary, but only if you believe in legends!”*



*“But isn’t that what brought us here? If not for Holmes, **BIGFOOT** would have remained nameless!”*



*“A formerly anonymous legend named by Sherlock Holmes! And should the hoax come fo roost?”*

**DOWN THE HALLWAY TO A CERTAIN ROOM...**



**WHILE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD...**



*"Oh, this waiting! I cannot endure it!"*



*"Yes, my dear. The one skill that diminishes with practice!"*

*"Never got very good at it myself!"*



*"Enough is enough! Overseas operator, please!"*



**IN THAT CERTAIN ROOM...**



*"A BIGFOOT 'stake-out'?"*

*"And we're the 'bait'!"*



*"The moment of truth!"*

*"Of the Big Lie!"*



**THE MOMENT THE “MONSTER” ENTERED THE DARK ROOM...**



*“High-low, Holmes!”*



*“Right out of rugby!”*



*“Down he goes!”*

*“Quickly, let’s take off his mask!”*



*"No, no! I'm a victim of soicumstance!"*

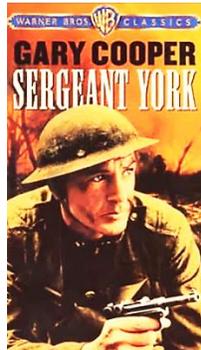
ON CAME THE LIGHTS...



*"BIGFOOT, a stooge!"*

*"Why soitenly!"*

*"But whose stooge?"*



*"Mine! And soon worthy of an Oscar!"*



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*"Not with us! We've had enough of your exsploitive exercises!"*



*“Way ahead of you, gentlemen! We’ve already cast the next Sherlock Holmes adventure!”*



*“NOT at Mohonk Mountain House! This resort’s integrity will never be compromised, especially by Hollywood hucksters!”*

*“Please pay your bills in full and check out!”*



*“I’m not really a ‘monster’,  
Yuk, yuk, yuk!”*



*“Come along, ‘BIGFOOT’! There’s people who want to talk to you!”*



*"Long distance, Mr. Holmes!"*

*"Buckinghamd Palace, sir!"*



*"From where?"*

*"Your Majesty!"*



*"Oh, Mister Holmes, I'm so relieved that you are alive and well!  
"And Dorctor Watson?"*

*"You killed it?"*



*"Your Majesty, the Doctor is equally well, but I'm afraid that the 'Mohonk Monster' is gone forever!"*

*"No Princess. We can neither confirm that the creature does or not exist, Let him take his place on the same shelf with elves and leprechauns!"*





*“Funny, farsical and frustrating, Mister Holmes.  
No matter how hard we try to make sense of the  
real world, humanity’s imagination continues to thrive!”*



**“BIGFOOT will bury us all!”**



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***Yet another beautiful Mohonk morning made even  
more stunning by the fact that Holmes and J have  
finished this ‘monster’ case and can’t wait to  
get back to 221B Baker Street!***



*"Mr. Holmes, Dr. Watson, all of Mohonk Mountain House thanks you!  
"I will alert our limo service!"*

*"No need sir. We've already been offered transportation."*



*"Wayne Enterprises at your service!"*

*"Tally-Ho!"*



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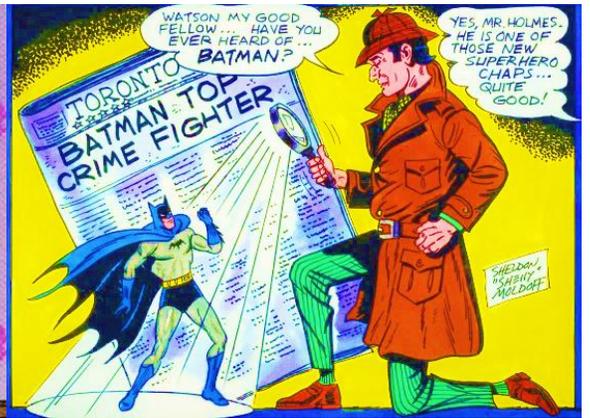
***We left Mohonk Mountain House and I hoped we had good reason one day to return. But where are we going now? Blast Holmes and his mysterious ways! Bruce Wayne and Master Grayson, who are they?***

**THE LIMOUSINE SPED SOUTH...**



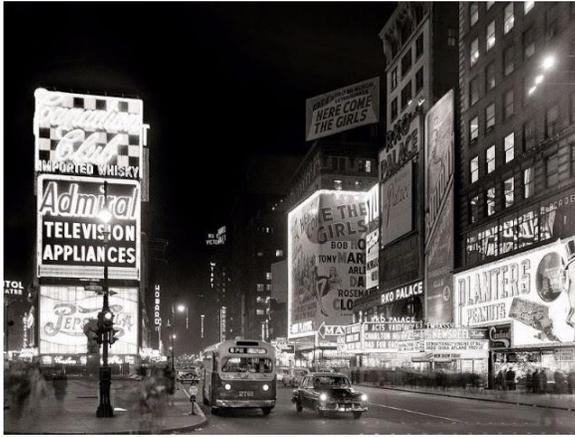
*“My compliments, Mr. Wayne on your crusade in Gotham City!”*

*“One detective to another, I look forward to working with you.”*

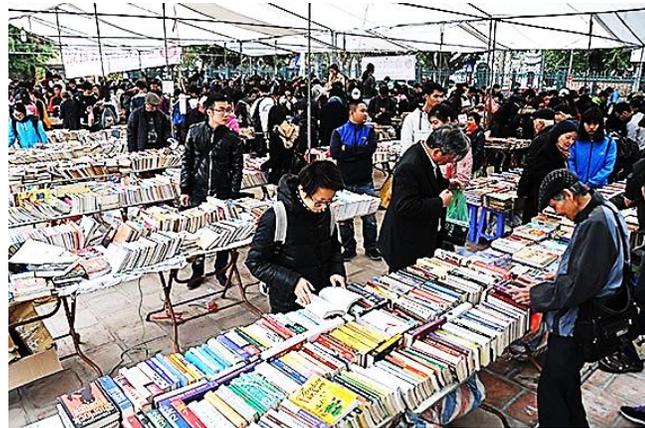


*“Holmes, I say! Now there’s only one mystery left to solve!*

*“Where are we going?”*



*“New York City and the ‘Gay White Way’ or the Governor’s Mansion in Albany?”*



*“Neither! Today’s a special day, Watson!  
Less than ten miles away, the Americans  
are celebrating yet another tradition inherited  
from the crown...”*



*“The Stone Ridge Library Fair!”*



*"Stone Ridge?"*



*"On the Rondout. Boy Wonder,  
on the Rondout!"*

