

*The Adventure of the Missing Tenants – MisT*  
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*The Chronicles of Solar Pons, 1973*

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The Case

At two in the morning, Pons awakens Parker from sleep, telling him that his brother Bancroft is on his way. Bancroft arrives and announces that Ercole D'oro, the Italian Consul, has disappeared from his love nest in Orrington Crescent. When Pons deduces that the address is 27 Orrington Crescent, a home from there had been mysterious disappearances in the past, he investigates.

Quotes

- *I never cease to marvel at the sexual habits of my fellowmen. To go to so much trouble and expense for a little casual dalliance!*
- *Capital, Parker! I am always delighted at evidence of your growing inductive skill.*
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Comments

- A few months prior, there had been a sensational article entitled, 'Orrington Crescent House Hole in Space?' Three residents of the house had simply vanished in the past, with no motive and leaving no trace, within the past five years. Perhaps some Ponsians will be able to locate and reproduce that article.
- Bancroft Pons is irritable and annoyed in this case. He basically shows up, tells his brother to go investigate the house and says that he is going home: implying, back to bed. It would seem that the elder Pons does not like to be deprived of his sleep.
- Pons and Parker have an amusing little exchange on wooing:

Pons: *"I put it to you that the romantic setting ought to have more than subdued lights – a fire on the hearth, music, flowers or some pleasant scent – which, I submit, ought not to be antiseptic in essence."*

Parker laughs with, he feared, some cynicism.

Parker: *"For the purpose of seduction, perhaps, Pons. But once the arrangement has been made, I assure you that most ladies are as interested in getting to the heart of the matter as the men."*

Pons: *"Ah, I must defer to your greater experience in these matters, Parker. I am naïve enough to have believed that the ladies are invariable partial to the romantic accoutrements."*

- A reading of this case certainly brings to mind *The Adventure of The Norwood Builder*.
- Pons' use of a microscope is of assistance in solving the case. As with his illustrious predecessor, Sherlock Holmes, Pons combines observation with scientific methods to produce clues.