

*The Adventure of the Praed Street Irregulars - Prae
The Reminiscences of Solar Pons - 1961*

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Quotes

- *Ah, Parker, it warms me to observe such definite proof of my good influence.*
- *Ah, Parker, surely you jest! The answers are so obvious that not even you could be unaware of them!*
- *Your department, Parker, I think (upon viewing a dead body).*
- *Ah, Parker, you are indeed growing more observant. Soon I shall have no secrets left, and my poor powers will be exposed for what they are.*

The Case

A Balkan crown prince narrowly escapes a hit-and-run that kills his two guardians. Alfred Peake and the other Praed Street Irregulars hide him in a warehouse, but the boy is kidnapped. Pons suspects the evil Israel Scarpedon and sets out to find the boy, urged on by Bancroft.

Comments

- Though he appears barely makes an appearance and utters only one line, the unidentified Dr. Fu Manchu aids Pons in his attempt to recover the boy.
- Israel Sarpedon is possibly “the second most dangerous man in London.” This certainly brings to mind Holmes’ enemy, Charles Augustus Milverton. Pons then refers to Baron von Kroll as the most dangerous. He then backtracks and mentions Fu Manchu as the most dangerous man in London and possibly all of Europe. Couldn’t he just have said that Sarpedon was the third-most dangerous man in London?