



Holmes moves around the castle grounds, seeking clues. He bends down and picks up a piece of pumpkin.

Holmes Interesting.

He continues his search, keeping hold of the pumpkin. After a few moments, he sees a scurrying mouse. He picks it up by the tail and looks at it closely.

Watson enters, in disguise as a female cook.

Watson I can rustle you up something tastier if you're hungry?

Holmes Thank you, Betsy, that won't be necessary.

He puts the mouse down (which scurries off) then leads Watson by the arm away from the gardeners.

Watson What have you found?

Holmes A piece of the jigsaw, Watson.

Watson Oh. It looks like a piece of pumpkin.

Holmes Well, yes. And a mouse too. Neither of which belong here.

Watson I see.

Holmes But they belong to the puzzle, you mark my words.

Watson I've found something too. At least, I've found something out.

Holmes Excellent, let's hear it.

Watson The Prince has a glass slipper left behind by the missing lady. He's going to marry its owner. Well, if he finds her.

Holmes I say, this is news indeed. Glass slippers are incredibly rare, rather fragile, hard to make and very expensive.

Watson Does this help us then?

Holmes It certainly does. It tells us that we are looking for a wealthy, exotic beauty, delicate in stature, cultured, well-connected, of noble or possibly even royal stock, and weighing no more than nine and a half stone.

Watson Gosh.

Holmes Or ...

Watson Yes?

Holmes It tells us the exact opposite.

Watson I see. And how does it relate to a mouse and a piece of pumpkin?

Holmes Elementary, my dear Watson. Come, we have work to do.