

...in which Luna and Astro assume the roles of famous detectives

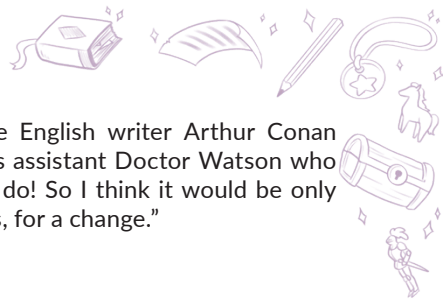
“So, we haven’t seen any traces of the gremlin, and nothing is clear about the pot. The conclusion is that the gremlin has either disappeared or is hiding. Meanwhile, the student of the Magic Speech house hasn’t been found yet. Which means...”

“...We must go find him!” Luna exclaimed.

“Indeed. Perhaps through solving this case, my dear Watson, we can get a clue on how to unravel the puzzle of the gremlin that appears and disappears in the school,” Astro went on.

“Who’s Watson? Astro, have you forgotten my name?”





"No, I haven't. There are many stories by the English writer Arthur Conan Doyle about the detective Sherlock Holmes and his assistant Doctor Watson who investigate various mysterious crimes. Just like we do! So I think it would be only proper for me to call you Doctor Watson sometimes, for a change."

"You must be Sherlock Holmes, then?"

"Quite right, Doctor Watson!"

"It's not enough to go and investigate cases to be Sherlock Holmes. You need to have an analytical way of thinking, young man," the conversation between the two friends was suddenly interrupted by the owl, who seemed to have appeared from thin air.

"Do you mean I'm not able to think analytically?!" Astro asked huffily.

"I'd rather suggest that if you are actually able to do so, you just don't know how to apply such a skill because of your young age," the owl said.

"What do you mean?" Luna asked perplexedly.

"She means we are not smart enough to investigate," Astro fumed.

"You can think so, if you wish. I would like to inform you officially, though, that I'll watch your investigation carefully, and if you cause any damage for the Academy with your awkward or irrational actions, I will report it immediately to Professor Novus," the owl declared. She flapped her wings and fluttered out of the window to the clear sky, demonstratively ending the conversation.

"Why is she so angry with us?" Luna wondered.

"No idea, but I don't like it," Astro said.

"What if we complain to Professor Novus and tell him that we don't want her spying on us?"

"No, I don't think we should. Then she'll definitely say we are not capable of doing anything. Professor Novus has given us an assignment to investigate the disappearance of the student and appearance of the gremlin, and that's what we'll do. Let this arrogant owl spy on us as much as she wants. Let her do whatever she chooses, but we'll continue our investigation."

