

The Baker Street Irregulars

Just as I finished speaking, a pattering of footsteps were heard coming from the hallway. A tuft of disheveled hair slowly poked out from behind one side of the doorway, partially covering a pair of bright curious eyes. A dirty, ragged young boy stepped into view, and enthusiastically introduced himself.

“Wiggins reporting, sir!”

Ah, Wiggins is the leader of a group of street urchins whom Sherlock Holmes calls the Baker Street Irregulars. Holmes refers to them as the “Baker Street division of the detective police force”, sometimes employing them to help gather intelligence on a case. They are perfect for such tasks as they go everywhere and hear everything, and are less conspicuous than an official-looking person.

“You have shown up at just the right time! This team of detectives here may wish to employ your services for their investigation at some point. What are your fees again?” I asked.

“One shilling per day!” cried Wiggins.

“Your team does have some spare change saved up for this, right?”

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Your team had earned a total of pence from the pre-hunt tasks. There are no further ways to earn more, and the amount cannot be pooled with those from other teams to be used together.

If your team has enough to pay Wiggins, you may employ the services of the Baker Street Irregulars to help you gather intelligence for a particular puzzle. Twelve pence, or the equivalent of one shilling, will be deducted from your team's earnings. Inform Hunt HQ when you do so, and describe your current progress on the puzzle (eg. where are you stuck, theories, attempts). The Baker Street Irregulars will aid your investigation by providing some useful information for the puzzle relevant to your progress so far.