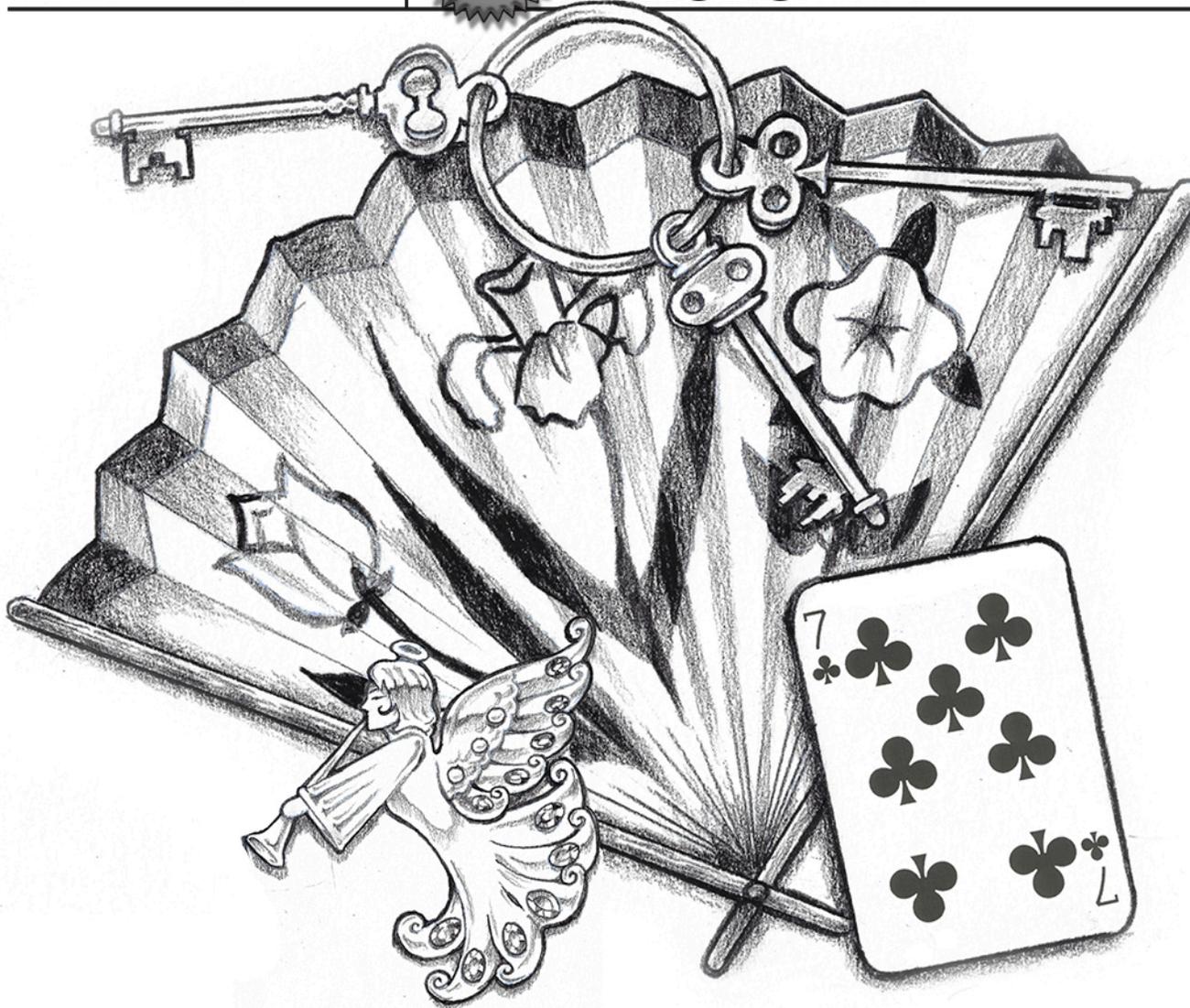




# WHODUNIT? TIME TO ACCUSE!



We finally visited Sir Byron's study, the scene of the crime. Although the police had removed Edington's body, everything else in the room was left as it was found.

Holmes proceeded directly to the desk. Four simple items were arranged in a seemingly random pile inside the top drawer. Holmes smiled, knowingly.

When I confessed that these so-called clues told me nothing, Holmes chided me. *"My dear Whatsit, I am surprised at you. Let me explain. Sir Byron suspected someone in the household of plotting his murder and reached out to me. He must have become certain of his beliefs too late to prevent the scheme. He dared not write me a note naming the killer. The murderer might have found it after the crime and destroyed it. Instead, Sir Byron left these four objects for me. My friend knew everyone in the house would disregard them as ordinary. Only I would understand their secret meaning. And so I do."*

Staring at Holmes blankly, I confessed I was still lost. He continued, *"Look, old friend...stop looking at the items individually. Look at the totality of what you see. And then...what do I always tell you, Whatsit? Use your powers of deduction. Through use of the **process of elimination**, only one suspect will remain. Then, you can easily extract a confession from the guilty party. Think, Whatsit, think!"*

Who murdered Sir Byron Edington?

What are the exact words you think the murderer said when accused?

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