

## SYNOPSIS

# Watson & Willie

**Giuseppe Alessandro**, a rather rotund, middle-aged bachelor; falls asleep in his overstuffed chair and ottoman, after starting to read a new novel he has just purchased the day before. However, Giuseppe has logged in another long day in his bakery [located downstairs] where he started his day long before dawn, so he is naturally worn out, as he nods off.

As he falls asleep, the book lays upon his lap with his hand still clutching the open cover. On a small doily covered table next to him sits a brass candlestick where a single bees wax candle aluminates Giuseppe's cozy one bedroom apartment. To avoid a chill later, Giuseppe was wise enough to build a small fire in the fireplace before he sat down in his comfortable chair, which will help keep his little sanctuary warm and cozy as the night progresses.

Giuseppe lives a simple life, and has very few 'wants'. As long as he can ply his craft and earn a living, and occasionally buy a new book to read he is for the most part a happy man. Probably his biggest gripe in life is the presence of two pesky mice that share his comfortable apartment, and although he has made some halfhearted effort to rid himself of these two little characters... he acknowledges that he does enjoy their companionship in his otherwise lonely world, and besides... they don't eat much.

As Giuseppe drifts off to dreamland, the two curious critters make their presence known. **Watson**, the smarter of the two is naturally the most curious, and his little buddy **Willie** is your typical country bumpkin, who can hardly keep from tripping over his own feet. Willie, not unlike Watson, was orphaned at an early age, and ended up literally adopting Watson as the big brother that he never had. Conversely Watson appreciates having Willie as his biggest fan, and because he knows that Willie will follow him to the ends of the Earth, he often serves as the instigator of trouble because his curiosity often gets the better of his good judgment.

Watson climbs up the table and makes the precarious jump across to Giuseppe's armchair. Willie is fearful enough for the two of them and whispers... " Be careful!". Watson stops and puts his hands on his hips, looking sternly at Willie, as if to indicate that he knows what he's doing... and says... "Pipe down!", then he makes his way over to the open book and starts to scan the text for clues. Willie chimes in asking... "What is it?" Sarcastically Watson replies... "it's a book Einstein!".

Willie is a bit teed off and says... "I know that! What's the title?"

Watson raises his hand to shield his voice, to prevent waking Giuseppe, and says... " The Adventures of Sherlock Homes".