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Find the Foreshadowing

Foreshadowing is a literary device in which an author drops hints about plot developments to come later in the story. An example of foreshadowing is the description of dark clouds in the distance. This hints that a storm is coming, which could be literal or metaphorical.

Directions: Explain what the following statements from *Sherlock Holmes* foreshadow. Then, find your own example of foreshadowing from the play.

- N1:** Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson are a crack team of private detectives who use elementary logic and Holmes’s vast knowledge to solve mysteries.

N2: The two sleuths are on the trail of one of the city’s most notorious criminals, Lord Blackwood, whose reign of terror throughout London is reaching its peak.

- Constable Clark:** It’s Lord Blackwood, sir. He has come back from the dead.

- Holmes:** I have one question, Sir Thomas. If the rest of his family is dead, why are you still alive?

N4: Judging by the nervous look on Sir Thomas’s face, he clearly worries about the same thing.

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Foreshadowing statement:

What this statement foreshadows:
