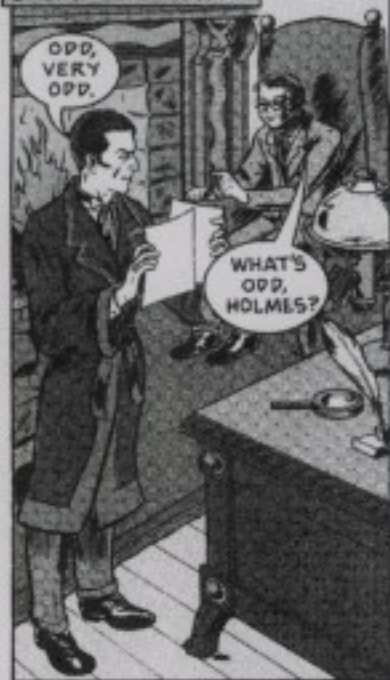


# The Confused Coupling Caper

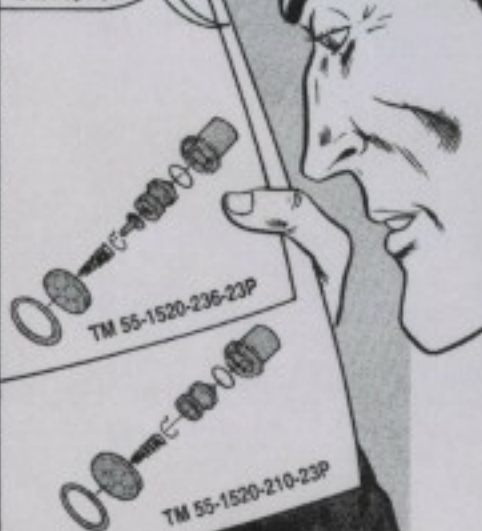
LATE ONE EVENING AT THE DWELLING OF SHERLOCK HOLMES...



ODD, VERY ODD.

WHAT'S ODD, HOLMES?

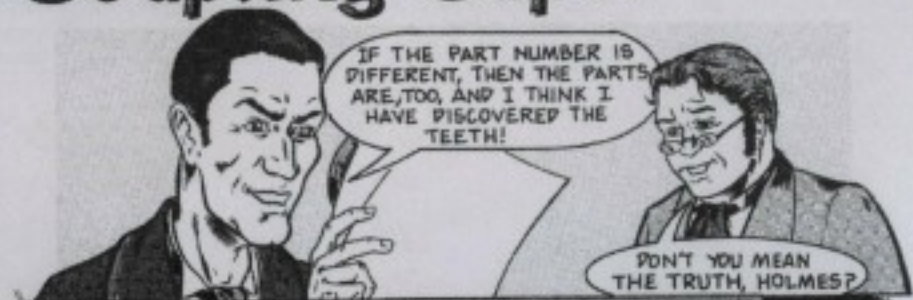
THE MALE SPHERICAL COUPLING, NSN 1615-00-791-6073, USED ON THE QUILL ASSEMBLY OF THE HUEY'S 42-DEGREE GEARBOX LOOKS IDENTICAL TO COUPLING, NSN 3020-00-439-5590, USED ON THE COBRA'S 42-DEGREE GEARBOX.



THAT MEANS THEY'RE INTERCHANGEABLE. RIGHT, HOLMEST



IT'S NOT THAT ELEMENTARY, PEAR WATSON. THE PART NUMBER FOR THE HUEY COUPLING IS 204-040-603-7, BUT THE COBRA'S PART NUMBER IS 204-040-603-11.



IF THE PART NUMBER IS DIFFERENT, THEN THE PARTS ARE, TOO, AND I THINK I HAVE DISCOVERED THE TEETH!

DON'T YOU MEAN THE TRUTH, HOLMES?

"I MEAN WHAT I SAY WATSON. IT'S THE COUPLING'S TEETH! THE HUEY'S COUPLING, THE -7, HAS 24 TEETH. THE COBRA'S, -11, HAS 26 TEETH."



SWITCHING THOSE TWO COULD MEAN DISASTER, HOLMES!



IT ALREADY HAS, WATSON

**EPILOGUE**  
Sherlock Holmes succeeded when others failed because he never accepted anything at face value.  
If two parts have different stock numbers, they're different parts—**PERIOD.**

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