

# THEY HAD CHARACTER



*Oh, what have I done to be blessed with such friends?*

—Lucy Westenra

What a find! Your research has uncovered these excerpts from the obituaries of the Count's most famous foes and victims. You might have to *fill in the gaps* to make sense of them. With a little *rearrangement*, you should be able to gain insight into the Count's *anatomy* and appearance. **Fill letters into the names to get each clued word. Anagram these letters by**

**column to get NATO letters. The answer is **WAXY****

For a break from his busy schedule of vampire hunting and pontificating, Abraham **VAN HELSING** would [disappear] into the garden, where he would contemplate the [Norse underworld and its goddess, Loki's daughter], while going back and forth on a [swaying seat].

**VANISH  
HEL  
SWING  
=> VAN[ISH] HEL  
S[W]ING  
=> ISHW**

A brash and bold American, Quincey **MORRIS** was always disparaging the group's plans, saying, "Let's go the [extra] mile and try something really [dangerous]!"

**MORE  
RISKY  
=> MOR[E]RIS[KY]  
= EKY**

**NATO (ISHW+EKY)  
=> WHISKEY => **W****

Mina **MURRAY**'s favourite letter of the Greek alphabet was [μ]. Being very organized and a bit OCD, she liked to write it out, over and over, forming an [orderly pattern].

**MU  
ARRAY  
=> MU[A]RRAY  
=> A**

Jonathan **HARKER**, though a lovely chap, infuriated his friends and family by doing only [50 percent] of the job when he was the [guy clearing the lawn of leaves].

**HALF  
RAKER  
=> HA[L]F[R[A]KER  
=> LFA**

**NATO (ALFA)  
=> ALFA => **A****

Lucy **WESTENRA** had a fondness for any novel of the [genre featuring American cowboys]; she damaged her eyesight by reading such stories late into the night with only a weak [beam] of moonlight by which to see.

**WESTERN  
RAY  
=> WESTE[R]NRA[Y]  
=> RY**

Dr. Jack **SEWARD** took artsy photographs of many of his patients, whether [male or female], for which he won a [trophy].

**SEX  
AWARD  
=> SE[XA]WARD  
=> XA**

**NATO (RYXA)  
=> X-Ray => **X****

Being wealthy, Arthur **HOLMWOOD** had a lot of leisure time to indulge his hobbies. For instance, he liked to use a pocketknife to [sharpen] branches from a [particular tree] that grew in the [grove] on his estate, a practice that came in handy when he became a vampire hunter!

**HONE  
ELM  
WOOD  
=> HO[N]E[LM]WOOD  
=> NEE**

**RENFIELD** often liked to go to his happy place in his mind: a [boat full of animal pairs], paid for in [Japanese currency]. Because of his fear of water, he pictured it in a [meadow].

**ARK  
YEN  
FIELD  
=> [A]R[KY]ENFIELD  
=> AKY  
NATO (NEEAKY)  
=> YANKEE => **Y****