The Final problem Analysis

“If I have now been compelled to make a clear statement of his career, it is due to those injudicious champions who have endeavoured to clear his memory by attacks upon him whom I shall forever regard as the best and wisest man whom I have ever known.”
-Dr John Watson



THE DEATH OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Full Scale Iq, Cognition, Intellect, Knowledge & physical capabilities: Green
Emotional Quotient, Social Intelligence, Adversity capacity & Psychology: Yellow
Manipulation, Deception, psychological warfare & Influence: Red
Strategy, planning & tactics: Dark blue
Anticipation, Prediction & Traps: Light blue
Thinking, Reasoning & investigator skills: Pink
Adaptability: Purple
Countering: Orange
Extra Information: white
Before reading this please read The short stories, The final problem and The Empty house. This simply gives an analysis to his scheme and spoils the entire story which are very good stories. So please read both stories before reading this.
(I know you won't anyway but please do)

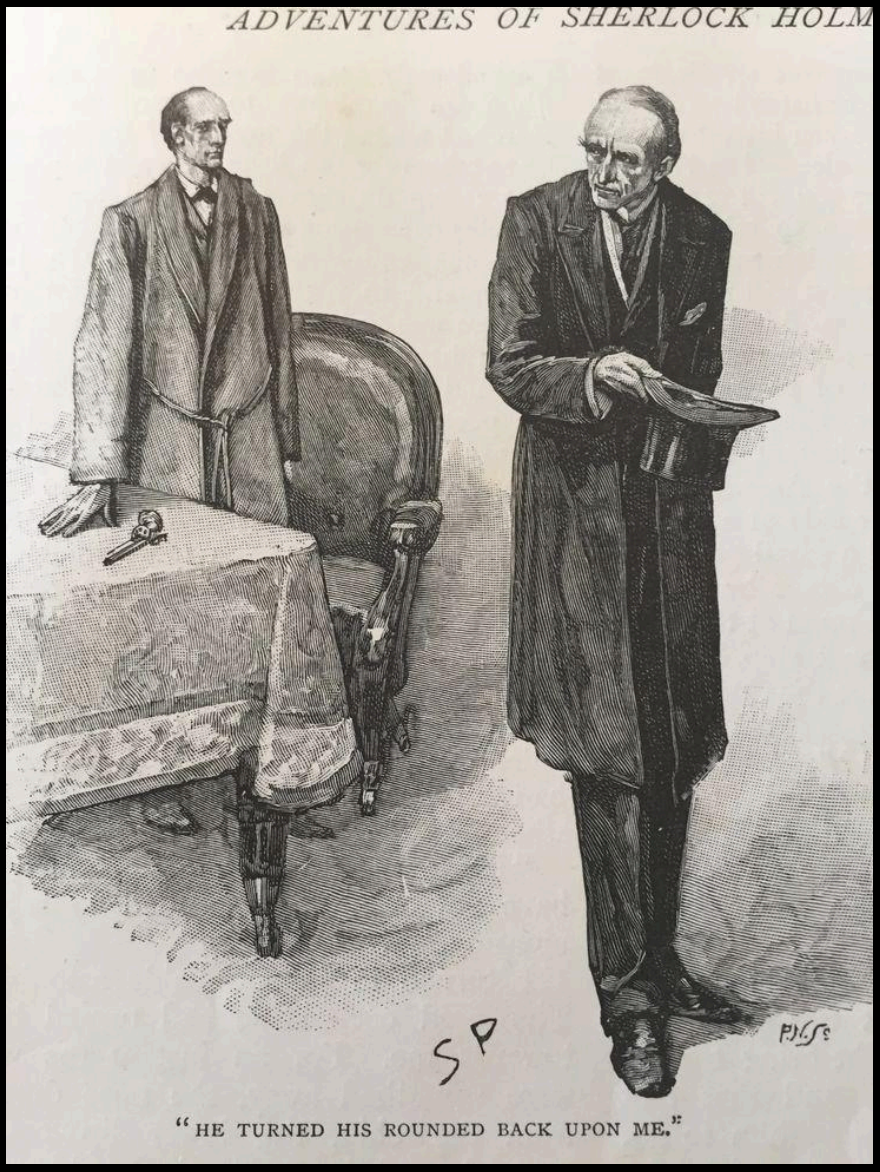
Context & Goals

Sherlock Holmes had been engaged by the French government on a private matter. During this business he had provoked Professor Moriarty "The Napoleon of Crime". He has a Continental crime organisation and is responsible for a half of the crime in Europe and nearly all that is undetected by governments. All his agents are organised and smart. James Moriarty Is a genius that Sherlock says is potentially as smart as he is himself. Sherlocks goals are simple.

1. Keep Watson safe during the entire process of the plan and after the effects of the plan.
2. Eliminate Moriarty & his entire Organisation which will at the same time eliminate 50% of all the crime in Europe and absolutely abolish the entire underground criminal world.

- After he survives The confrontation with Moriarty he adds two additional goals to his scheme
    a. Survive and keep himself hidden while travelling across the globe and then reintroduce himself back into his profession.
    b. Get Sebastian Moran put into custody and therefore eliminate the final member of Moriarty's organisation.

The Final problem



Conversation with Moriarty (Pre-plan)

Sherlock after having returned from his case with the French government. Professor James Moriarty pays him a visit. Moriarty tells Sherlock that he must "Drop it" referring to his detective career and Tells him the extent of his organisation & how it Would be a deeply stupid move for Sherlock to ignore a man with a Continental organisation. He tells Sherlock he is clever during this & implying it would defy his natural nature to Think he has any chance against this organisation. This is manipulation done by Moriarty to try to Get Sherlock to quit his Consulting Detective career so that Moriarty's liberty wouldn't be at stake. Sherlock sees through this manipulation and tells him "Let me pay you one in return when I say if I was assured of the former eventuality I would, in the interest of the public, cheerfully accept the latter". This attempted Manipulation by Moriarty actually backfires as it lets Sherlock Psychoanalyse him. Now let's run through what Sherlock concluded from this conversation. We know that the psychoanalysis was done only using what he's seen from

this conversation as this is the only time he's actually heard words from Moriarty that aren't through a facade. Also we know he formed a psychoanalysis on Moriarty as he uses his understanding of Moriarty to anticipate what he'd do later in the narrative.

Firstly Moriarty is a powerful man, having an organisation that controls nearly half of all crime in Europe and all that is secret from all governments In Europe. He could've easily tried to kill him & simply never showed himself therefore not risking his Liberty. Him Telling Sherlock & Giving him the chance to back out & not get himself killed is a massive disadvantage from his perspective. So why? While simply he's an immense psychopathic narcissist who potentially has a god complex & completely obsessed in his own freedom. Now Moriarty tells Sherlock

"I am quite sure that a man of your intelligence will see that there can be one outcome to this affair."

And later on he states.

"This is not danger, it is inevitable destruction. You stand in the way not merely of an individual but of a mighty organisation, the full extent of which you, with all your cleverness, have been unable to realise. You must stand clear, Mr. Holmes, or be trodden under foot."

This shows quite a couple things about Moriarty's psyche. The fact he says 'It is Inevitable destruction' & 'But one outcome to this affair' shows that Moriarty is incredibly certain that he will Beat Holmes. We know Moriarty is a genius from the obvious fact of fabricating an entirely normal life as a maths professor while at the same time concealing & organising 50% of all the crime in Europe. This means that Firstly his IQ for being able to organise millions upon millions of crimes at once. This means his intelligence is practically unparalleled & nobody has ever been able to come close to him in intellectual ability. It seems that Moriarty seems to enjoy this Feeling of superiority over the common folk of the world. He enjoys the sense of freedom he has at being able to easily evade the world's smartest people with ease & organise millions of crimes at once with no difficulty. We know he enjoys this sense of freedom As he specifically states "I am in Positive danger of losing my liberty. The situation is becoming an impossible one" he is directly stating that Sherlock is challenging his freedom & that it is impossible for this situation to go on with him & Sherlock. This means Moriarty views Sherlock as a challenge to his freedom which is basically his whole life. More evidence to back this up is that he states 'You stand in the way not merely of an individual but amid a mighty organisation, the extent of which with all your cleverness, have been unable to realise." Now since we know Moriarty is a narcissist whose enjoyment of freedom is based upon his unmatched intellect. But it's also based on his Organisation which is an extension of his genius intellect as he built up the organisation without anyone knowing & only using his limited resources. Now his organisation gives him basically unlimited freedom as he can travel anywhere either in complete secrecy or publically & take anything he wants with it. Sherlock challenges his organisation by unravelling it slowly, To him is unravelling his intellect & therefore unravelling his Freedom which he has spent so long trying to achieve. This gives him a deep hatred against Sherlock as he literally endangers the most important thing in his life, his freedom. He isn't used to anybody being able to figure out a single one of his schemes (I'm not saying that out of the millions of crimes he's done that not a single one failed but it was probably a small amount that failed or were discovered & if they did it would be like 1 out of millions so it wouldn't be to much of concern) Consistently. Someone like Sherlock whose entire career would literally challenge his entire way of life would be absolutely impossible to live in the same world as. This is why he asks Sherlock to drop his career rather than just kill him. He has no problem with Sherlock's intellect since he still views himself as smarter. But he has a problem with him using his intellect to basically challenge his freedom which is why he asks

him to stop being a consulting detective. When this fails he simply sees Sherlock as a whole a blockage in the path of his freedom which must be destroyed. From this reasoning Sherlock has psychoanalysed from one conversation & some basic background information on Moriarty that he's a SuperGenius psychopathic narcissist who only cares about his freedom & the fact he can travel across the world with literally no restrictions. He views Sherlock as a blockage in the way of his freedom & way of life. With this understanding of Moriarty Sherlock is able to anticipate & predict all his actions over a week's period. Which you will see soon enough. Also using the vocabulary that Moriarty uses to formulate a psychoanalysis about him is quite impressive verbal comprehension. **(Resistance to manipulation, Emotional understanding, Psychoanalysis, seeing through people, Inductive reasoning, abductive reasoning, deductive reasoning, probabilistic reasoning, Logical prediction, anticipation & VCI)**

The actual scheme:

Firstly before meeting Watson he meets his brother Mycroft. He asks him that tomorrow at quarter nine he must get a cab to lowther Arcane. And when Watson gets in the cab drives him to Victoria in time for the Continental express. He spends the day there for safety. The Next day he sprints to Watson's office, despite being shot at by air guns he avoids detection & reaches Watson's office & walks into his consulting room. He asks Watson to close the shutters as if he's alone in the room as he observes a bunch of hidden air guns surrounding Baker Street. So he asks Watson to Close the blinds as if he's alone in the room, so that they will think it's just him in the house. He then tells Watson about Moriarty, he makes sure to sound scared when describing Moriarty. He says that he has the most knowledge on the criminal world & that Moriarty in his opinion is the smartest man he has ever met. He then talks about how impressive he is & how much presence he had when he came to talk to him. He then says that he does have a plan to beat Moriarty but his tone & mannerisms make it seem more like an idea rather than a concrete & thought out plan (why he does this will be explained later on). He then tells Watson that they're gonna leave the country & flee to another one. He gives him detailed instructions telling him to: That night using a trusted messenger dispatch any luggage to Victoria unaddressed. He tells Watson to send it unaddressed that night to ensure Moriarty doesn't know it's his luggage and that it'll be when he gets there which means he can move faster when doing later parts of the strategy. He will then get a Hansom cab, making sure to take neither the first nor the second one. This is because Sherlock predicts that the first & second cabs would be taken by Moriarty as if you were Moriarty & suspected Watson & Sherlock had a plan. You would send two cabs, one for him to go into & another Incase he doesnt go into the first one. Which is why he has to go in the ones after it, to prevent him from being caught & potentially tortured by Moriarty. From here he'll instruct drivers in the hansom cab to the strand end of the lowther arcade by giving him a note with the address (written by Holmes) & that he must tell the driver not to throw it away. Sherlock tells him not to throw it away as he knows when Moriarty's organisation get to the cab he was in, he anticipated Moriarty himself would follow in person. He would read this Note & from here he would see it's Sherlocks handwriting & know he's planning it. This will make Moriarty himself think that Sherlock has no particular plan to beat him & Is rather trying to escape him with his loved ones. This will make Moriarty believe he has the advantage & fuel his ego more. Which will

be important for later in the plan. He will then sprint through the arcade since he knows the Moriarty organisation would be following his cab, so he has to sprint across the arcade to stay ahead of them. Then at the other end of the arcade there will be a small brougham waiting which is being driven by Mycroft. It'll then drive him to the Victoria Continental express. Due to the fact Sherlock seemed so serious when he said this & seemed genuinely fearful. This makes Watson follow the instructions to perfection. And the next day he ends up safely, ahead of Moriarty at the Victoria express.

Meanwhile Sherlock has disguised himself as an Italian priest. From here he simply gets a normal cab To the continental express early in the morning before Watson. Concealing himself completely from Moriarty & his organisation. When Watson reaches the Express he frantically is looking for Holmes but can't see him due to how good his disguise is. To make sure that if any of Moriarty's organisation is looking for Holmes, they can't locate him via Watson. When Watson asks who he thinks is an Italian priest. Sherlock speaks fluent Italian with tiny bits of English inbetween to make it seem like he's attempting to speak English when he can't. When the train leaves, Sherlock takes off his disguise and talks to Watson. Sherlock then tells Watson that Baker Street had been set on fire & tells him that Moriarty is truly this intellectual equal. Why he does this will be revealed later on. Sherlock then explains that he will do what he predicts Moriarty will do, which is engage a special. Watson asks, "But it must be late?" & Sherlock explains that the train stops at Canterbury & there's always a quarter of an hour delay at the boat. During that delay is when Moriarty will catch them & have them killed. So instead, they'll get out at Canterbury, take out their luggage & put it on an express towards Switzerland. Moriarty will go to Paris where he'll wait two days at the depot then he'll mark the luggage & follow it. This is a trap that Moriarty will follow to ensure that he's far away from Holmes & Watson. Meanwhile, they will bet the train to Newhaven & go cross country & go to Switzerland via Luxembourg & basle. They then travel slowly towards Switzerland while Moriarty is being led by their luggage.

On the third of may they reach Switzerland, Meoringen. They travelled across the mountains & passing the falls of Reichenbach. Here Watson receives a message from a Local that someone at the hotel they're staying at, is sick & requires an English doctor. After hearing this Sherlock knows it's Moriarty & that his prediction was correct. He had predicted that Moriarty would lead Watson away from him to get him totally isolated. When Watson leaves Sherlock continues to climb the hill up to the falls of Reichenbach. Here Sherlock sees Moriarty, he plays on Moriarty's ego by asking him how he evaded the police & congratulating him on his methods. Still playing on his ego he asks for a couple seconds to write a note for Watson to read & publish after his death. As he makes it seem to Moriarty he knows Moriarty will win & kill him. From here Sherlock fights Moriarty, he doesn't intend to win the fight as he expects Moriarty to be a strong & competent fighter. Instead he is willing to kill himself & Moriarty to ensure that Moriarty's organisation will crumble. But despite what Sherlock had predicted Moriarty was a much weaker fighter than he thought & using Baritsu (Japanese combat method) he beat Moriarty & pushed him down the falls of reichenbach. From here he relies on the contingency for when he survives.

(I know in the empty house it states that every word of his note to Watson is the truth but that doesn't mean he didn't have a contingency. The note states that he's going to kill himself & Moriarty

but that was the original plan. He originally intended to kill himself & Moriarty since he didn't think he'd be able to beat Moriarty in a fight so easily. When he does kill Moriarty he relies on the contingency he didn't think he would have to enact.)

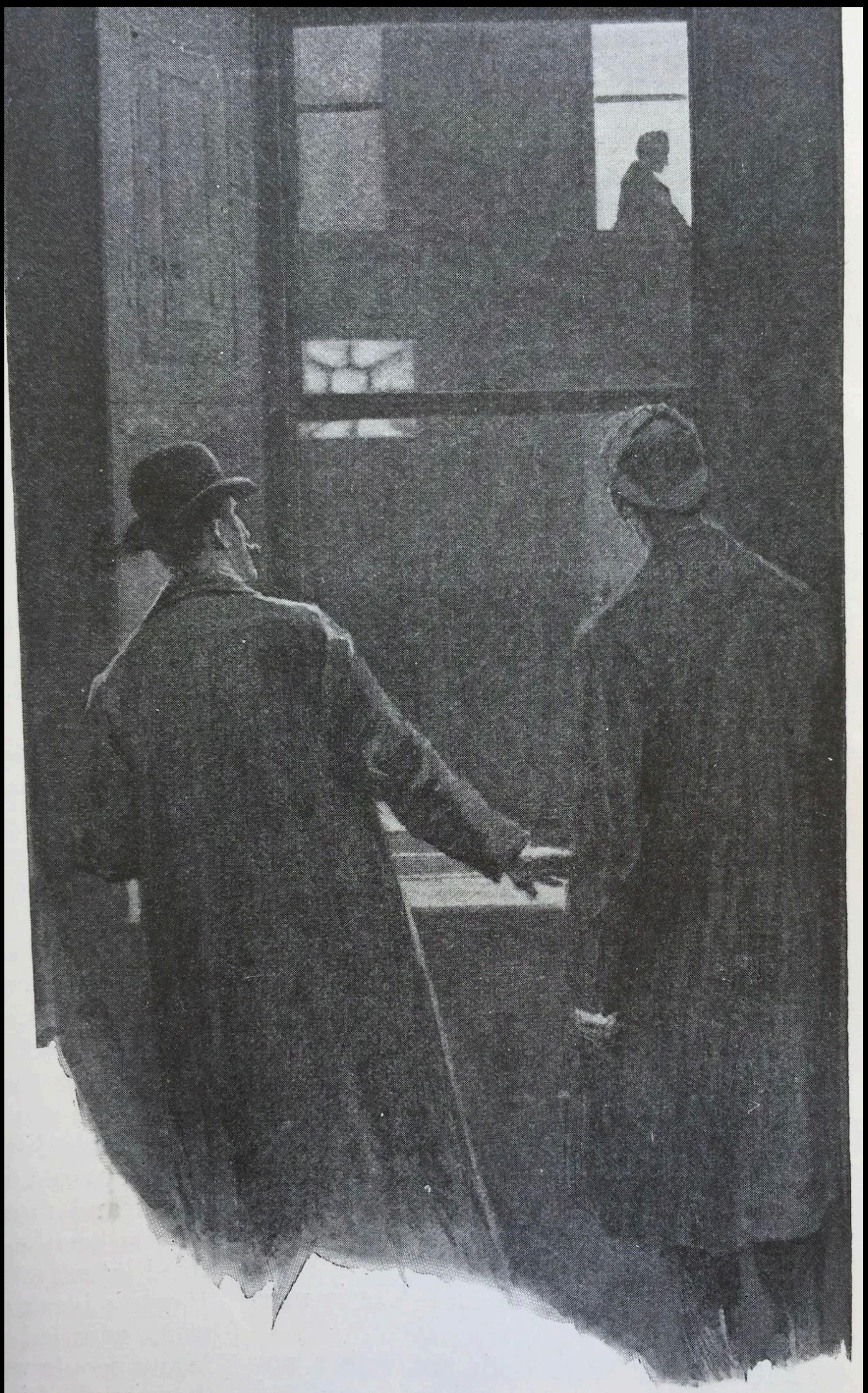
Now this contingency completely relies on the image to the public he has built over the course of this plan. Now he knows Watson will document the build up to killing Moriarty from his perspective as he would do it out of respect for Holmes & wanting the public to know what his friend did. This is why he acts scared when talking about Moriarty & in his note he gives such a sad farewell to Watson. And stating that Moriarty truly is as smart as him & he used such smart methods. This means that after Moriarty has died & the remains of his organisation read Watson recall of events (which Holmes knows will be very detailed) they don't suspect that Holmes had any intention or thought of survival. Or that he survived at all. This is also further helped by the fact he ensured Moriarty would end up in Switzerland next to the reichenbach falls, as he knows that if he or Moriarty falls down the falls & dies. Their bodies would never be discovered. This is why he specifically chose the location of reichenbach falls so that if this contingency ever came into play. The organisation wouldn't find Moriarty's body or his. So they wouldn't suspect that Holmes survived, since if they only found Moriarty's body but not Holmes they would suspect Holmes survived. All of this creates the illusion that Sherlock Holmes is dead & that he sacrificed himself in order to kill the Napoleon of crime Moriarty.
Also by killing Moriarty (Holmes had Hypothesized that Moriarty controlled almost every aspect of his organisation personally) the organisation would crumble with everyone either trying to commit crime without Moriarty & being caught. Fighting over the power gap in the organisation & causing mass discourse & crumbling its structure even more. And finally other members would stop committing crime all together.

It's also important to note that during the plan Holmes had predicted that Moriarty would want to physically fight Holmes to prove his superiority. Every prediction made on his actions is based on this hypothesis. Holmes abused Moriarty's superiority complex, making him think he was in control the entire time. Making him think he was always one step ahead of Holmes. He does this by making it seem like he's running from him. With the luggage, going all the way to Switzerland, getting on a train, asking Watson to run. This makes Sherlock seem terrified to Moriarty, so when he follows Holmes he doesn't suspect that Sherlock has planned the whole thing to kill him. And that the plan was more improvised rather than methodically thought out. Needless to say this requires an immense level of Emotional understanding
(Anticipation, logical prediction, Indirect manipulation, abusing insecurities, abstract control, concealment, fabrication, strategic deception, Abductive reasoning, Emotional understanding)

This isn't a part of the plan but I should also state the stress tolerance required for this plan. Sherlock is in a very stressed scenario, he can't trust anyone other than his very close friends & has to take precautions against discovery at all cost. He had already had dozens of attempted assassinations, with air guns always watching over him ready to fire. Apart from the threat of his death he is also risking continental security if he fails, as without Sherlock to beat Moriarty. Nobody will be able to stand up to him & with his ego already being massive & with it growing every day. He will become bolder & bolder with his actions to the point of potentially starting wars or crippling the governments. Also if he fails the safety of Watson or Miss Hudson or even Mycroft could be in

danger. Despite all this stress, Sherlock completely composed the entire plan. He was able to execute a very elaborate scheme with zero mistakes & zero flaws (there's probably one flaw I haven't noticed but it isn't a significant flaw). He is able to effortlessly lie to his friends & consider almost all possibilities while under all this stress.
(Intrapersonal Emotional management & stress tolerance)

The Empty house



"I CREPT FORWARD AND LOOKED ACROSS AT THE FAMILIAR WINDOW."

Three year anticipation:

Over the next three year period Sherlock Travels across Asia & Europe keeping his identity a secret. As soon as he reaches the south of France which is very close to London. Moran commits murder in London & Holmes learns about this as soon as he's about to go back to London. Now this has to be an insane coincidence as Sherlock travelled across all of Asia & Europe for three years. That means he was gone for 1,095 days. That means the chance of Sherlock returning to London on the same day as Moran murder would be 1/1095 which is a low end estimation. That's not accounting for all the variables like him happening to him on a direct boat from south France to England. What I'm thinking is the chances of Holmes travelling to London on the same day as Moran killing someone is astronomical. And highly unlikely, therefore I believe Holmes actually anticipated the exact Week (maybe day but that's very unlikely) that Moran would snap & commit murder. Also Holmes has shown he has a detailed knowledge on Moran & his psychology by the end of the story, so he does have the knowledge for this.

This would be extremely hard to predict but possible as Holmes knows that Moran would be hunting him but then wouldn't be able to find him. So he predicts that after a couple months of searching for Him he will eventually give up, he knows Moran is smart enough not to try & return to Moriarty's broken organisation. So he will return to England. He understands that Moran probably turned to crime because he enjoys the excitement & the constant winning. You can tell this from the fact he's the "best sniper in Europe" meaning he rarely ever loses. This also means he has a huge ego & can be easily offended. This means he'll probably turn to gambling. Now he anticipates that after a couple years he'll become comfortable with gambling & due to his intelligence he'll be consistently winning. Over time he'll gamble more and more until eventually in the third year he's too confident & fails. And loses a lot of his money. This will offend Moran's ego & will prevent him from continuing his gambling addiction as he would've lost his money. So he will kill the person at the casino he goes to. This is probably an oversimplified version of what he actually did but this feat isn't explained, it's only shown. From the information Holmes had tho, this is how he would've been able to anticipate what Moran did over the three years.
(Anticipation, logical predictions, Emotional understanding, psychoanalysis & profiling)

The actual scheme:

Since he just survived The fight with Moriarty he relies on his contingency. He decides that since many members of the Organisation would probably start looking at the site where their Master had died to see if he or Holmes had survived. Since they both 'died' at the waterfall, it probably means their bodies will never be discovered. Meaning Holmes can just disappear without having to make any other precautions. Holme's instantly adapts to the terrain of the Rechainbach fall, climbing down the side just outside of Watson's & the police's view. He climbs down the Fall's since if he walks down he would leave tracks in the mud and prove his survival. Despite seeing Watson read his

letter & cry over it, he stops himself from letting Watson know. He climbs down Reincarchan falls for a couple hours without rest, when he gets to the Bottom. Moran (seemingly Moriarty's contingency to kill Holmes if he died) starts to shoot at him, Sherlock maintaining composure, runs through the forest at the bottom of Rechainbach fall. Being able to dodge the sniper & get away from Moran. From here Sherlock contacts Mycroft for Money & intel on whats happening in London. He travelled for two years in Tibet, then went to Persia, Mecca & then a visit to Khalifa. Then he spent a couple months in France & as he anticipated with this time frame Moran Committed Murder which allowed as the moment for Sherlock's return.

He visited Mrs Hudson & despite being dead for 3 years, he still had a good relationship with her & she forgave him. He then noticed outside there was a man watching Bakerstreet, since there's no reason to be stalking bakerstreet since Watson doesn't live there & He's only just got back, it must be someone working for someone who knows Sherlock is alive & waiting for his return. Meaning he's a confidant of Moran, this means Moran will try to assassinate Holmes later in the day. Presumably at night. He would also probably try to shoot him from the empty house down the road as it's at satisfactory height & it's empty.
He then disguised himself as a elderly man, this ensures that Moran won't see him & kill him before he notices. He goes to Watson's practice & reveals himself to Watson, which causes Watson to faint from shock (GAYYYYYYYYYY). He then wakes up Watson & explains to him how he survived & what they need to do next (this conversation is so sweet). Then later in the night, they sneak into the empty house down the road & hide in it. It's then revealed that before Holmes had reached London, he asked for the creation of a wax figure of Himself. He then asked Mrs Hudson to put in the window late at night. He then asked her to put the lights on but keep the curtains drawn, so Moran can only see the silhouette. This would lure Moran to shoot Holmes in the night.
Then Moran came & loaded his gun, as he shot the wax figure Holmes & Watson attacked him & after a lot of fighting they apprehended Moran. Charging him with the attempted murder of Sherlock Holmes & Murder of the man from before.

And with that the plan is completed.

Afterword & other stuff

While this plan certainly isn't the most complex but it is immensely efficient & executed to perfection, each tactic having multiple uses & helping towards the main goal of the plan.
I know this plan may seem out of character as certain aspects are never explained to Watson by Holmes but It's very in character for Holmes to keep certain details from Watson in his plans. Manipulating Helen in the speckled band, manipulating the wife in The naval treaty, ect are all aspects of Sherlock's plan that he never explained to Watson.

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Ask me any questions you like about certain aspects of the plan or if you need more context I'll provide it.

Anyway Cya y'all