



The Open Window

BY SAKI

جامعة ساوة

كلية التربية

قسم اللغة الانكليزية

المرحلة الثانية

رقم المحاضرة 2

اسم المحاضر م. م. منار منصور علي

Who Is Saki ?



- Hector Hugh Munro (1870–1916) was a British author who ~~was~~ better known by his pen name, Saki. He wrote several well-known short stories that mocked Edwardian English society and its customs, exploring human behavior and life's absurdities.
- Under the pen name "Saki," Munro published 138 short stories, five plays, two novels, and dozens of sketches, political satires, and essays.
- **Saki's Style:**
- His stories are famous for their Unique , wit, satire, and surprise endings

Video

- https://youtu.be/jU9NmM-1sAQ?si=EfOLzUdUifc_n7Gk

The Open Window



- Published in 1914, just before Munro left to fight in the World War I, it is most appreciated for its surprising ending, which reveals that the reader has been deceived by Vera's macabre tale of death and desperation.
- Michael Dirda recently celebrated the story in a Wall Street Journal review, calling this piece and others by Saki "masterpieces".
- 'The Open Window' is a story about a deception committed against an unsuspecting and nervous man by a young woman whose reasons for lying remain unclear.

Discussion

- What is the genre of this story ?
- Why do people sometimes make up stories or tell white lies?
- What do you think makes a story believable?
- Imagine you are new to a town and are meeting a complete stranger. Are you more likely to believe a strange or sad story they tell you, or be skeptical?
- Is it a story within a story ?



Reading time

