

# Bastrykin Has a Closer Look With a Magnifying Glass

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Alexander Bastrykin **Russian Investigative Committee**

Alexander Bastrykin, the head of Russia's Investigative Committee, has become a social media star after bringing back every old-school detective's favorite tool: the magnifying glass.

On March 13, the modern-day but not as modernly inclined Sherlock Holmes was spied using a magnifying glass to examine a laptop screen during a citizen reception in Moscow. Plain old zooming in wouldn't work, according to the committee, because it causes image pixelation. Clearly, clarity was of the utmost concern — and the magnifying glass would allow for no such distortion.

Having seen the Investigative Committee's dedication to details for themselves, social media users are reacting to Bastrykin's magnifying glass with what the internet does best: memes.

Here's a look at some of our favorites:

Bastrykin getting to the bottom of his basic instincts once and for all.

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[#Бастрыкин pic.twitter.com/Jy5by5DfIw](#)

— Elshansky (@pezhnya) [18 марта 2019 г.](#)

When he's not up to his stellar detective work, Bastrykin also keeps his magnifying glass handy for burning the legs off of crickets.

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Can't teach an old dog new tricks.

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They say if you say your name three times while turning your phone around very carefully, anyone facing you will see your face twice.

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