

*‘Heavily comfortable,
but not cosy and
homelike’*

‘The lighting should be pink and intimate until the Inspector arrives, and then it should be brighter and harder’

*‘Dessert plates and
champagne glasses’*

*(Mrs Birling) 'A rather
cold woman and her
husband's social
superior'*

Mr Birling: 'We may look forward to a time when Crofts and Birlings are no longer competing but are working together- for lower costs and higher prices'

*'Sheila is still admiring
her ring'*

Birling: 'We employers
are at last coming
together to see that our
interests- and the
interests of capital- are
properly protected'

Birling: 'I'm talking as a hard-headed, practical man of business. And I say there isn't a chance of war'

Birling (about the
Titanic) 'Unsinkable,
absolutely unsinkable'

Birling (to Gerald): 'Lady
Croft- while she doesn't
object to my girl- feels
you might have done
better for yourself
socially'

Birling: 'There's a very good
chance of a knighthood- so
long as we behave
ourselves, don't get into the
police court or start a
scandal' *Laughs*

Birling: ' a man has to
make his own way-
look after himself'

Birling: 'you'd think everybody has to look after everybody else, as if we were all mixed up together likes bees in a hive'

**Birling: 'Community
and all that nonsense'**

Interrupting Birling's
speech: '*We hear the
sharp ring of a front
door. Birling stops to
listen*'

'The Inspector need not be a big man but he creates at once an impression of massiveness, solidity and purposefulness'

Inspector (about Eva
Smith) 'She was in great
agony'

'She lies with a burnt-out
inside on a slab'

Inspector: 'What happened to her then may have determined what happened to her afterwards, and what happened to her afterwards may have driven her to suicide. A chain of events.'

Birling: 'I can't accept
any responsibility'

Birling: 'It's my duty to
keep labour costs
down'

Sheila: 'I can't help thinking about this girl-destroying herself so horribly- and I've been so happy tonight'

Sheila: 'but these girls
aren't cheap labour-
they're people'

Sheila: 'If I could help
her now I would'

Sheila: 'We need to
stop these silly
pretences'

Sheila: 'Between us we
killed her'

Gerald: 'So I broke it
off'

Inspector: 'Apologise
for what? Doing my
duty'

Inspector: 'Public men
have responsibilities as
well as privileges'

**Mrs Birling: 'She only
had herself to blame'**

Mrs Birling: 'I did
nothing I'm ashamed
for...I used my
influence to have it
refused'

Inspector: 'She was alone, friendless, almost penniless, desperate. She needed not only money, but advice, sympathy and friendliness'

Sheila: 'Mother, I think
it was cruel and vile'

- Mr Birling (to Mrs Birling): Sybil, when this comes out in the inquest, it isn't going to do us much good'

Mrs Birling: 'If he refused to marry her- and in my opinion he ought to be compelled to- then he must at least support her'

Mrs Birling: I blame the young man who was the father of the child... He should be made an example of'

Mr Birling (about Eric):
'He's admitted he was
responsible for the girl's
condition... he supplied
her with money he stole
from the office'

Eric (to Mrs Birling):
'Then-you killed her.
You turned her away
and you killed her and
the child'

Inspector: 'One Eva Smith has gone- but there are millions and millions and millions of Eva Smiths and John Smiths still left with us. With their lives, their hopes and fears, their suffering and chance of happiness, all intertwined with our lives '

Inspector: We don't live
alone. We are
members of one body'

Inspector: 'They will be
taught it in fire, blood
and anguish'

Birling: 'There will be a public scandal. I was almost certain for a knighthood'

Eric: 'Oh- for God's sake! What does it matter now whether the give you a knighthood or not?'

Mrs Birling (to Eric): 'I
am ashamed of you'

Sheila (to her parents) :
'The point is you don't
seem to have learned
anything'

Birling (just off of the phone):
‘That was the police. A girl
has just died- on her way to
the infirmary... a police
inspector is on his way here-
to ask some – questions’