

The Inspector – Key Quotations

The timing of the Inspector's arrival. He purposefully interrupts Mr Birling's '*community and all that nonsense*' speech.

He creates '*an impression of massiveness, solidity and purposefulness.*'

How he speaks: slowly, sternly, coolly, with authority

'There isn't as much difference (between respectable citizens and criminals) as you think.'

'(coolly) We often do (make an impression) on the young ones. They're more impressionable.'

'Don't stammer and yammer at me again, man. I'm losing all patience with you people.'

'(Rather savagely) You started it.'

'We don't live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other...if men will not learn...they will be taught it in fire and blood and anguish.'

Eva Smith/Daisy Renton

What she represents

‘drank disinfectant...several hours of agony.’

‘A good worker too...the foreman there told me he was ready to promote her into what we call a leading operator.’

‘Ring leader’ ‘She’d had a lot to say – far too much – so she had to go.’

‘no relatives to help her, few friends, lonely, half-starved, she was feeling desperate.’

‘She enjoyed being among the pretty clothes.’

‘She decided she might as well try another kind of life.’

‘Girls of that class.’ ‘Wretched girl’s suicide.’

‘She looked young and fresh and charming’ ‘Joe Meggarty wedged her into a corner’

‘All she wanted was to talk.’

‘Daisy knew it was coming to an end...she was very gallant about it.’ ‘She told me she’d been happier than she’d ever been before – but she knew it couldn’t last.’

‘She called herself Mrs Birling.’

‘She came to you for help because she wanted to keep this youngster out of any more trouble.’

‘I threatened to make a row’ ‘as if she was an animal, a thing, not a person.’

‘there are millions and millions and millions of Eva Smiths and John Smiths still left with us.’

