

"(with dignity) we've done a great deal of useful work in helping deserving cases." Clearly enjoys her position of power as a prominent member of the Brumley Women's Charity.

"In the circumstance I think I was justified. The girl had begun by telling a pack of lies." Steely resolve. Adamant she is right.

"Grateful...cleverly...amusing" praises Gerald for proving the Inspector was a hoax. She finds it amusing like her husband and sees no reason why she shouldn't continue behaving as she did.

"But I didn't know it was you." Refuses to take any responsibility for her earlier words.

Role of women

Mrs Birling leaves responsibility for important decisions to her husband. Mrs Birling does have power but in comparison her power is not important compared to Mr Birling.

Mrs Birling has some control over her family. She has enough power to make petty decision but not enough to overrule or decide on major decisions.

Mrs Birling's importance and power within the charity is mainly due to her husband and social status, however the power she has is obvious when her charity encounters Eva Smith.

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