

The Bird in the Yellow Wallpaper

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Mrs. Hale

I am Mrs. Hale.

We are here to tell our stories unbeknownst to the men in our lives.

In the middle of the murder investigation of
John Wright,
I found Minnie Foster's unfinished quilt.
I wondered whether she was "goin' to quilt
or just knot it"
When the men came down from upstairs.

Do you know what they did in response?

They laughed.

The county sheriff
Stood there criticizing Minnie
For dirty towels
When he did not understand
That "there's a great deal of work
To be done on a farm."

Or when I am merely a housewife.

Even if men are wrong, they are deemed right by society.

Our worries and ideas are dismissed as...

Trifles

But do you know what is ironic?

"Our takin' up our time with little things,"
Actually led us to the motive.

I knew the sheriff and county attorney
Would use the dead bird against Minnie
Foster.

So I hid the bird in the pocket of my big coat.

Yellow Wallpaper Narrator

I am the narrator of The Yellow Wallpaper.

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Visiting a colonial mansion in the summer,
I declared that there was something queer
About the hereditary estate to my husband.

Do you want to know what he did in response?

He laughed.

"You see,
He does not believe I am sick."
What's worse is that I am confined to my
bed.

And "absolutely forbidden to work
Until I am well again."

"And what can one do"
When one's husband
Is an esteemed physician.

Even if men are wrong, they are deemed right by society.

False and foolish fancies.

My only self-expression
Is through my diary
And the woman behind the Yellow Wallpaper
As I cannot leave the house.

I knew my husband would advise me against writing.

So I hid the diary as I locked the room, pretending to sleep.

Maybe I am the woman behind the Yellow Wallpaper.

I am just glad
I am not a sheriff's wife.
Because supposedly,
They are married to the law.

Maybe I am the caged bird.

**They both represent our society's
women
Living in a man's world.**