

Act 3 An Inspector Calls

Overview

- It is revealed **that Eric is the father of the child** (Irony) – Eric confesses to this. He met Eva (Daisy) at the Palace Bar, where during the night they were together, she ended up pregnant.
- As soon as Eric found out about this, **he stole money from Mr Birling's business** to support her and his unborn child. Eva refused to take this money as she was aware that it was stolen – she contrasts the depiction of the lower class being thieving and immoral.
- The Inspector before he leaves delivers a **final speech about responsibility, social inequality and compassion to the Birlings**. This speech is a warning because he states if they don't change, there will be severe consequences to their actions.
- Gerald then returns, after taking a stroll and reveals the information he had found upon his leave – **there was no Inspector Goole at the police force he claimed to be from**.
- Mr Birling, Mrs Birling and Gerald are [*triumphantly*] celebrating this fact, and celebrating that they will no longer have to hide this "*public scandal*".
- Sheila and Eric are **appalled at their attitude towards the suicide**, as they believe that the 3 of them are allowing themselves to forget their immoral actions against Eva.
- During their celebrations of not being found out, they receive a phone call. Mr Birling picks up, it is a call from the **local police station to inform him that a young girl has died and is on her way to the infirmary. Another Inspector will be calling...**

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Mr Birling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Still refuses to accept responsibility -Is overjoyed when they find out the Inspector isn't a real Inspector -Instantly relieved that his public reputation has been protected -Continues to patronise Sheila and Eric for being members of the younger generation -His speech is cut off at the end when the phone rings and it is another Inspector calling <p>(look at the Act 3 Mr Birling lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
Mrs Birling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Alike to Mr Birling, is stuck in her beliefs -Boasts about how she didn't accept responsibility and listen to the Inspector -Patronises Sheila and Eric <p>(look at the Act 3 Mrs Birling lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
Sheila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -She is trying to persuade Mr and Mrs Birling to be responsible -Really influenced by the Inspector's final speech and starts teaching these lessons back to her parents <p>(look at the Act 3 Sheila lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
Eric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reveals he impregnated Eva Smith -He stole money from Mr Birling to support her, although she refused to take it -He feels intense remorse for his actions but we can still see that his objectifying view of women is deeply engrained into him -He tries to make Mr and Mrs Birling see their wrong-doings <p>(look at the Act 3 Eric lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>

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Gerald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gerald returns after his stroll to reveal that he has found out that Inspector Goole was not a real Inspector -He tries to regain a position of power and authority in the way he reveals this -He is happy to dismiss the suicide and asks Sheila about the ring again <p>-(look at the Act 3 Gerald lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>
The Inspector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -He reveals that Eric impregnated Eva and stole the money -He does his final speech speaking about responsibility and the need for it <p>(look at the Act 3 Inspector lesson for grade 9 analysis on this)</p>