

Some quotations from Eric (Act 3) to consider

Inspector: Was she drunk too?

Eric: She told me afterwards that she was a bit, chiefly because she'd not had much to eat that day. (p.51)

Eric: Yes. I wasn't in love with her or anything – but I liked her – she was pretty and a good sport –

Birling (*harshly*) So you had to go to bed with her?

Eric: Well, I'm old enough to be married, aren't I, and I'm not married, and I hate these fat old tarts round the town – the ones who see some of your respectable friends with –

Birling (*angrily*) I don't want any of that talk from you – (p.52)

Birling: You must give me a list of those accounts. I've got to cover this up as soon as I can. You damned fool – why didn't you come to me when you found yourself in the mess?

Eric: Because you're not the kind of father a chap could go to when he's in trouble – that's why.

Birling: (*angrily*) Don't talk to me like that. Your trouble is – you've been spoilt – (p.54)

Birling: ... And there's going to be no more of this drinking round the town – and picking up women in the Palace Bar –

Mrs B: (*coming to life*) I should think so. Eric, I'm absolutely ashamed of you.

Eric: Well, I don't blame you. But don't forget I'm ashamed of you as well – yes, both of you.

Birling: (*angrily*) ... That. There's every excuse for what both your mother and I did – it turned out unfortunately, that's all - (p.57)

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