

1. MRS BIRLING

2. SHEILA

3. GERALD

4. INSPECTOR

1: I don't think we want any further details of this disgusting affair.

2 [cutting in]: I do. And, anyhow, we haven't had any details yet.

3: And you're not going to have any. [To MRS BIRLING] You know, it wasn't disgusting.

1: It's disgusting to me.

2: Yes, but after all, you didn't come into this, did you, Mother?

3: Is there anything else you want to know – that you ought to know?

4: Yes. When did this affair end?

3: I can tell you exactly. In the first week of September. I had to go away for several weeks then – on business – and by that time Daisy knew it was coming to an end. So I broke it off definitely before I went.

4: How did she take it?

3: Better than I'd hoped. She was very gallant about it.

2 [*with irony*]: That was nice for you.

3: No, it wasn't. [*He waits a moment, then in low, troubled tone*] She told me she'd been happier than she'd ever been before – but that she knew it couldn't last.