

Summary

A CUP OF TEA

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Setting: England, early 1900s

Rosemary Fell is young, smart, fashionable, and very rich. She is used to having everything she wants. One cold, rainy afternoon, she is about to return home from shopping. She has just seen a lovely enamel box at her favorite antique store. She loved the box, but she did not buy it because it was very expensive. As she leaves the store, Rosemary is in a sad mood. A poor, hungry young woman asks Rosemary for money to buy a cup of tea. Suddenly, Rosemary sees the chance for an adventure. She decides to take the woman home and be kind to her. At her house, she serves the woman tea and sandwiches. Rosemary's husband, Philip, arrives home. Rosemary introduces him to the woman. Philip asks Rosemary to join him in the library. There he tells Rosemary that he does not approve of her adventure. He also comments that the young woman is very beautiful. This comment upsets Rosemary.

UNATAZA DETÉ

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Escenario: Inglaterra, a principios del siglo XX

Rosemary Fell es joven, inteligente, elegante y muy rica. Está acostumbrada a tener todo lo que quiere. Una tarde fría y lluviosa, está a punto de regresar a casa después de ir de compras. Acaba de ver una preciosa caja esmaltada en su tienda de antigüedades favorita. La caja le gustó mucho, pero no la compró porque era muy costosa. Al salir de la tienda, Rosemary está triste. Una joven pobre y hambrienta le pide dinero para comprar una taza de té. De pronto, Rosemary ve la oportunidad de una aventura. Decide llevar a la joven a su casa y ser amable con ella. En su casa, sirve a la joven té y sándwiches. El esposo de Rosemary, Philip, llega a casa. Rosemary le presenta a la joven. Philip le pide a Rosemary que lo acompañe a la biblioteca. Allí le dice a Rosemary que no está de acuerdo con su aventura. También le comenta que la joven es muy hermosa. Este comentario molesta a Rosemary.