Tea Time
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Synopsis

As a woman of certain reputation in her small suburban town, Mrs. Thompson hosts tea every Sunday afternoon, to which she invites those worthy of intellectual conversation. She thoroughly enjoys leading discussion about ways in which her charitable nature might enlighten those less fortunate than she.

Characters

MRS. THOMPSON – The leading lady
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Did you hear what happened to Linda’s daughter a few weeks ago? She’s fine, just a minor bump on the head from hitting the steering wheel I guess. Well, apparently, the young man in the other car is facing some decent prison time. I was very intrigued by the article; did you see it? Apparently the boy, Jimmy or something, was adopted by a gay couple after having spent the first four or something years of his life in foster care. You know, I’m not prejudiced or anything like that, but it seems to me that children who come from homes like that just can’t help but be somewhat damaged. I have plenty of friends who are gay and I know they can’t help it. I’m not a person who judges others; I just think that maybe it is unfair for gay couples to raise children. Doesn’t a child need a mother and father? Since before they reach puberty, we can tell if kids will have problems with misbehavior for the rest of their lives, and all we can really do is blame the parents. Its just sickening how uneducated parents can be about how their behavior affects their children. I mean if this boy gets convicted he will be considered a criminal forever! And of course the crime rate in this country is just terrible. I feel so grateful that my children have been able to live the life they do. If I were Linda I never would have let my daughter live in such an awful neighborhood! I’m not a person who recognizes color, but there are so many African Americans in that neighborhood. Do you know that 90% of the people in prison are African American? I don’t know what it is about this country but the African American population does seem to cause more trouble. Like I said I don’t have anything against them and racist talk makes me very uncomfortable. People that make jokes like that are absolutely horrible. Yet again some people just aren’t as well educated as you and I. *(Mrs. Thompson takes a sip of tea and thinks over another point)*
You know I think there have actually been a smaller number of arrests in the past few years especially with having an African American president. He definitely sets a higher standard of living and promotes the idea that everyone, including the African Americans, can succeed in this country. *(Said very matter of fact)* Now all we need is a gay, homeless man to become president and this country will be very well off.