

下の文に描かれている家庭には老夫婦Sir JohnとMary、息子夫婦RobertとHelen、およびLucyをかしらにまだ幼い弟妹たちをふくめ9人の孫が住んでいる。Hattonというのはこの家に長年仕えている乳母である。

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Helen went downstairs to the dining-room, where her husband, his parents and his three eldest children were assembled for luncheon.

'Hatton continues to manage the little ones in her own way. I suppose it would (A)do no good to interfere,' Helen said.

'What is wrong with the method?' said Robert.

'A good many things that only a mother would see.'

(B)'Then we cannot expect Hatton to be aware of them.'

'Nor the rest of us, Mother dear,' said Lucy. 'You must not look for sympathy. I am always thankful that I had the same nurse when I was young. (C)It takes any anxiety for the children simply off me.'

'Hatton will rule the house in the end,' said Helen.

'A good many of you seem to be doing that,' said Sir John. 'But if (D)too many cooks spoil the broth, the right number make it very good.'

(E)It is a real achievement, the way you all work together,' said Robert. (F)I mean to pay you a serious compliment.'

'You talk as if you were (G)a creature apart,' said Helen.

'Yes, you do, Father,' said Lucy.

'Did you change your room, Lucy, my dear?' said Mary.

'Yes, I am having Graham's, Grandma.'

'What is this about changing rooms?' said Helen.

(H)It is the first I have heard of it.'

'Lucy wants more light,' said Daniel. 'So we are arranging for Graham to do without it.'

(I)I was the natural person to consult,' said Helen.

'Well, Mother dear, Grandma seemed just as much so,' said Lucy. 'Perhaps more, as the house is hers.'

Helen was silent, submitting to the place she had accepted, and Mary gave her an almost sympathetic glance.

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