

PLOT OF SHORT STORY

THE LOTTERY

INTRODUCTION

Villagers gather once a year for the traditional "Lottery." Everyone meets on June 27th to meet Mr. Summers, the coordinator of this event and others. Children gather small rocks while adults wait patiently for what's to come.

INITIATING INCIDENT

Mr. Summers arrived to the square and asked for some support holding a chipped, black box. He mixed around the slips of paper inside it.

RISING ACTION

- The oldest man in the village, Old Man Warner, declared villagers who cancelled the Lottery "crazy fools."
- The Lottery began, and so families began drawing slips of paper.
- Once everyone drew their paper, the families patiently waited until they were told to reveal. And all the sudden, it happened.

CLIMAX

Bill Hutchinson revealed a marked piece of paper. After the second draw within the family, his wife, Tessie, had the mark this time. She began expressing feelings of panic and fear. These feelings were absent moments before.

FALLING ACTION

As children looked upon their stones, the collection grew. Everyone passed stones around, including to Tessie and Bill's youngest son. Tessie "won," and was about to meet her "prize."

CONCLUSION

The phrase "It's not fair" had been repeating for a few minutes, only until a stone hit the side of Tessie's head. This was followed by many more stones.