



THE LOTTERY

SHORT STORY

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INTRODUCTION:

Characters: The Hutchinson's, school children, families, Mr. Warner, and Mr. Summers who conducts The Lottery.

Setting: A village that is sunny, and American as apple pie. Villagers anxiously gather in the town square.

Mood: Idyllic, and a sense of tranquility.

INITIATING INCIDENT:

- Families gather together, waiting for Mr. Summers to begin the drawing.
- Children begin to round up stones, preparing for the Lottery that day.
- Townspeople discuss and gossip on their stance on holding the yearly lottery.



RISING ACTION:

1. Participants begin selecting their slips of paper from the black box, and emotions get tense and ominous.
2. Mr. Adams remarks that other villages have stopped the lottery, but Old Man Warner is threatened by the idea of change.
3. Bill Hutchinson selects the paper marked with the black dot. Subsequently, someone in his family will be sacrificed.

CLIMAX:

- Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and their three children continue drawing slips of paper out of the box.
- Tessie has drawn the paper marked with the dreaded black dot.
- Ultimately, Tessie will meet her fate.



FALLING ACTION:

- Tessie protests by saying, "it isn't fair, it isn't right."
- Villagers close in on her in the town square.
- No one feels sympathetic for Tessie.

CONCLUSION:

- Tessie plummets to the ground with screams and cries.
- The story ends with Tessie being surrounded by villagers who stone her to death.
- The story ends, with the words "and then they were upon her". (Jackson, p. 9)



CITATIONS:

- Piktochart, Shirley Jackson's "The Lottery"
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