



Inequalities and their impacts...

What do you think?

Joined Up Care
Derbyshire

ON A PLATE



A 3D title "ON A PLATE" is shown on a broken, light blue plate. The plate is surrounded by scattered food items, including green peas and a knife. A book fragment lies nearby with the text "A SHORT STORY ABOUT PRIVILEGE".

THIS IS RICHARD.
HIS PARENTS ARE
DOING OK.



AND THIS IS PAULA.
HER PARENTS?
NOT SO MUCH.



RICHARD'S HOUSE IS WARM AND DRY.
HIS SHELVES ARE FULL OF BOOKS AND
HIS FRIDGE IS FULL OF FOOD.



PAULA'S HOUSE IS FULL OF PEOPLE AND
NOT MUCH ELSE. IT'S DAMP AND NOISY AND
SHE KEEPS GETTING SICK.



RICHARD'S PARENTS WILL DO ANYTHING FOR THEIR BABY...

Good boy!

Clever!



...AND SO WILL PAULA'S. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE WORKING TWO JOBS.



RICHARD GOES TO A GREAT SCHOOL.
WELL RESOURCED, GOOD KIDS.
HIS TEACHERS LOVE THEIR JOB.



AT PAULA'S SCHOOL, THE CLASS SIZES ARE
LARGE, THE SCHOOL IS UNDERFUNDED,
AND LOOKS IT. HER TEACHERS ARE TIRED,
STRETCHED THIN FROM THE STRESS.



SO MAYBE WE CAN SEE WHY THE EXPECTATIONS SET FOR RICHARD...

B+? Oh dear, we need to get you a tutor...



... MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TO THOSE SET FOR PAULA...

B? Hey, not bad!



... AND OVER THE YEARS ALL THESE LITTLE DIFFERENCES...



(PARENTS PAYING FOR UNI)



(JUGGLING WORK AND POLYTECH, STILL GETTING IN DEBT)



I have friends working there - I'll have a word, and get you an internship.

Thanks Dad.

... THEY START TO ADD UP. TO BUILD INTO SOMETHING BIGGER.

You should be finishing your studies, not looking after me...

Dad, you're sick.

AND BECAUSE EACH
LITTLE DIFFERENCE
SNEAKS BY UNNOTICED...

Yep, the loan
is approved.
Congratulations!

Look, we just can't
help you. Maybe try
Eazee Finance?



THEN MAYBE RICHARD STARTS TO BELIEVE
THAT HE DESERVES TO BE ON TOP.
THAT HE DID IT ALL HIMSELF.

Oh you're Roger's boy right?
I've heard good things, keeping
my eye on you...



AND MAYBE PAULA STARTS TO SETTLE.
LEARNS TO 'KNOW HER PLACE'.

OK, you've got the job, but
I'm watching you sweetie...





A man in a grey tuxedo with a green bow tie is holding a single coin. He has a speech bubble above him. In the background, another man in a tuxedo is partially visible. A hand from the right is holding a tray of many coins.

Less whinging, more hard work I say. I'm sick of people asking for handouts. No one ever handed me anything on plate.



FURTHER READING: LOOK UP AUCKLAND CITY MISSION'S 'SPEAKING FOR OURSELVES' BOOKLET

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