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“The Squatter”

Who is She?

- 'A widow, a middle-aged woman who had been married four times. Each husband had wasted away and died' (71).
- 'Her walls, her cupboards, her bureaux, were teeming with second-hand dealings with life. It takes a bold and authentic robber to get first-hand plunder. Someone else's marriage ring was on her finger; the photograph taken of Robin for Nora sat upon her table. The books in her library were other people's selections' (72).
- 'She had endless cuttings and scraps from journals and old theatre programmes... she was generous with money... the general feeling was that she was a well-read woman, though she had read perhaps ten books in her life' (73).

- 'When she fell in love it was with a perfect fury of accumulated dishonesty; she became instantly a dealer in second-hand and therefore incalculable emotions' (75).
- 'That woman... would use the third-rising of a corpse for her ends. Though... I must admit she is very generous with money' (123). - Dr. O'Conner