

QUICK CARD: THE SPIDER AND THE FLY



<i>Reference</i>	<i>The Spider and the Fly</i> by Mary Howitt ISBN-10: 0689852894 ISBN-13: 978-0689852893
<i>Plot</i>	A cunning spider, renowned for ensnaring insects and devouring them, flatters a silly fly. Despite all the evidence of his devilry, she is blinded by his sweet words. Their dinner date becomes disastrous. She is doomed!
<i>Setting</i>	According to Tony DiTerlizzi's brilliant illustrations, this story takes place in a gothic mansion-dollhouse in an abandoned playroom. The key scenes take place at night, lending a haunted, lurid atmosphere to both encounters between the spider and the fly.
<i>Characters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Spider, a well-dressed, oily fellow as genteel and silver-tongued as he is venomous • The Fly, a naïve young creature as shallow and vain as she is trusting • DiTerlizzi includes two more silent characters as well, ghosts of insect-victims past who try in vain to warn the Fly
<i>Conflict</i>	Man vs. Man Man vs. Himself- Will the Fly heed the wise suspicion in her heart and flee? Or will she be lured to her death by the Spider's flattery?
<i>Theme</i>	The moral offered at the end of the story: "To idle, silly, flattering words I pray you ne'er give heed. Unto an evil counselor close heart, and ear, and eye."
<i>Literary Devices</i>	Rhyme Rhythm Personification Foreshadowing Irony