

The Glass Menagerie Quotes

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Quotes

"I didn't go to the moon, I went much further—for time is the longest distance between two places."

Exp:

Tom says this as a narrator. This shows the theme of memory and the emotional distance between Tom's current life and his past life with his family.

"Glass breaks so easily. No matter how careful you are."

Exp:

Laura tells this to Jim. Just like the glass animals, Laura and her whole family are fragile.

"She lives in a world of her own—a world of—little glass ornaments, Mother."

Exp:

Here, Tom is attempting to make his mother understand that Laura is peculiar compared to other girls. He is telling her that Laura lives in a world of her imagination. He hides from the harsh real world.

"You live in a dream; you manufacture illusions!"

Exp:

Amanda says this to Tom. But this line becomes ironic because it is more correct for Amanda herself. She cannot accept reality. She has created the illusions of her girlhood with her constant displays of her old Southern charm.

"I'm tired of the movies and I'm about to move!"

Exp:

Tom is saying he wants to experience life and does not want to live only in fantasy.

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