How does Mary feel about her husband?

How can you tell that something is disturbing Patrick?

What can you tell about Mary’s relationship with her husband from this dialogue?

How can you tell that Patrick is feeling nervous and perhaps ashamed?

What seems to be Patrick’s biggest concern as he delivers this news?

What do you think Mary is going to do next?
Cite an example of situational irony and explain what makes it so unexpected?

Why is this passage an example of dramatic irony?

What kind of irony is being used when Mary asks the police officers to do her a “small favor” and eat the lamb?

Now that you have read the story, what do you think the title means? How is it ironic?

The ending is somewhat ambiguous and hard to interpret. What do you make of Mary’s giggling at the end of the story?