

1. One example of a landlord exploiting their tenants would be how in New York city, many landlords would not lower their rent to meet the high demand for housing. This meant that landlords could make up for missed payments from previous tenants. Many landlords did not care about their tenants and the properties were the least of their worries, evicting them was. Many landlords would hold grudges on tenants that were missing payments by ignoring maintenance orders or complains of other neighbors. All of this would cause a vicious cycle for both the tenants and landlords, but the tenant was at the short end of the stick. The tenants had to pay for high rent, landlords had to evict them, make up for that money by getting a new renter, while the property became more uninhabitable while still keeping the price of rent as high as possible; therefore, taking advantage of tenants and making money. Another example of this would be how easily a landlord could evict people and cause them to go deeper into debt. Landlords would hire moving companies, in this example Eagle Moving and Storage, to move tenants out once they have been evicted with a police officer by their side. Eagle Moving and Storage would come in, pack up everything and store it away, but you, the tenant, had to pay for the moving and storage fees. This meant that many tenants with families couldn't afford these costs, especially if they could not afford the rent that got them evicted in the first place. This also meant that tenants and families could lose their valuables. In this case, the tenants did pay rent, but the landlord didn't pay the mortgage, making this eviction not the tenant's fault, yet still making it all fall on the tenant.

- a. These two examples were highlighting the landlord's power by showing their lack of care for their tenants and properties. In the first example, the landlords keep rent up as high as possible to combat demand, yet evict many people which costs

them money, and causes them to bring in a new tenant to help pay off those extra costs. This shows that the landlords are blatantly exploiting tenants on property that is run down. In the second example, the tenants had not missed a payment, but the landlord did on the mortgage causing the eviction to land on the tenants, making the landlord not lose much, but the tenants losing almost everything.

2. One example of tenants being exploited by landlords would be when Arleen gets a call from Pana, Pana knows what situation Arleen is in. Arleen is living in a shelter, trying to do anything to get a place to live, even if it means lying to the landlord. Arleen takes up the apartment, knowing rent is high and not seeing the apartment before agreeing. Arleen sees her new apartment and loves it, everyone who comes by loves it, but it's too good to be true. One day, one of her sons had assaulted a teacher and had the police chase him back to the apartment, this isn't good because Pana doesn't want the police coming in because it's considered a nuisance building. Once Pana heard about the police coming by, he made Arleen a deal, if she left, he would payback her rent and security deposit, if she didn't, she would be evicted. Pana was exploiting Arleen in this moment because this is a situation of power play, Pana has more power over Arleen to bribe her with money to get out. Although Pana was a nice guy, he knows he has more power over Arleen and can evict her easily. The second example of tenants being exploited by landlords would be overreacting. Venetta was living in her apartment with her children when one of them, Tembi, pulled the fire alarm. Of course, pulling the fire alarm is a very bad thing to do when it's not an emergency, and in this case, it wasn't an emergency. When Tembi pulled the fire alarm, Venetta was evicted and told to leave by the next day. This is exploitation because of how fast Venetta was evicted and was given no notice whatsoever. This shows

how landlords can easily do anything they want with no warning causing tenants to move elsewhere, usually run-down neighborhoods and ghettos due to the eviction they got.

- a. These examples highlight tenant oppression by showing how a landlord, no matter how kind, can easily evict someone with no warning or using a bribe. These tactics work on lower income individuals because they can't fight it, there is a huge use of power play with money.
3. Exploitation is invisible. One huge example of this would be Pana bribing Arleen with her rent and security deposit to make her leave or she is being evicted. This may seem very kind on the surface to do, but Pana is taking advantage of Arleen with her money and holding it over her head to get her out of his hair. At the end of the day Pana can make Arleen leave no matter what, but Arleen has a choice of keeping her money and leaving or losing her money and being evicted, which can make it far harder for her to find a new place to live that's reasonably priced and not run down. Arleen and Pana already have a previous relationship with one other, Arleen used to live in Pana's fathers building. This also allows Pana to have an advantage over Arleen by having a relation with her previously to allow him to make this bribe and not seem too weird about it, when it's exploiting her emotionally. Pana wants to try and help Arleen in the beginning and the end but in the end must do what's best for him. Arleen just wants to raise her kids in a good neighborhood and keep her kids off the street, but she's also gone through eviction before and trying to win a really hard battle.