

## Lily Tomlin as Miss Stephanie Crawford

Gossiper: "So Jem received most of his information from Miss Stephanie Crawford, the town scold, who said she knew the whole thing"(13).

In this picture, Lily Tomlin plays Ernestine the Operator, the character that she created for a television variety show called *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In* during the 1960s. She would be a good recasting choice because both of these characters are nosey and like to gossip about negative news and neighbors. In the quote above, Miss Stephanie Crawford is about to discuss



with Jem all of Boo Radley's problems with the stabbing incident of his father and his legal entanglements. In one skit, Ernestine the operator called up a local customer, Mr. Veedle, and enjoyed breaking the news to him about unpaid bills and the removal of his phone service. She even used the privileged information that she received through the phone company about his personal income taxes and bank balance to threaten him. Ernestine's pinched face and rolling eyes could make a perfect depiction of Miss Stephanie, especially with that annoying smirk.