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- Write an analysis of the following excerpt. You may wish to address topics or issues you find pertinent to complicate your reading. Refer to details of the text to substantiate your analysis.

In the very instant that he assumed this belligerent attitude he realized that he was acting like a baffled clodhopper, and this consciousness made him feel ten times the yokel that he looked. He tried to think of telling words with which to answer her, but his mind was paralyzed and he was conscious only of the burning sensation in his face and neck. He knew that his ill-fitting coat was sticking out around his collar, that he was cutting a sorry figure....So, defeated and discomfited utterly, not so much by the woman as by his own ineptitude, he turned and stalked away, hating himself, the party....Well, he hadn't wanted to come! That was Esther's doing!...Then he saw the absurdity of the whole episode....He had made such an issue of it with his talk about the work he had to do as a novelist, and how he had to keep clear of her world in order to do it....It was, he knew, a distinguished gathering....he saw that there were some among them who wore quite another hue. That fellow there....With his pasty face and rolling eyes and mincing ways, and hips that wiggled suggestively as he walked....