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Class-X

English

First Flight

Chapter-9

The Proposal



Anton Chekov

Part - 4

Neha Rajvanshi



LOMOV : My left foot has gone to sleep... You're an intriguer....Oh, my heart! And it's an open secret that before the last elections you bri... I can see stars... Where's my hat?

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NATALYA : It's low! It's dishonest! It's mean!

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Malicious : दुर्भावनाशील

CHUBUKOV : And you're just a malicious, doublefaced intriguer! Yes!

LOMOV : Here's my hat. My heart! Which way? Where's the door? Oh I think I'm dying! My foot's quite numb... [Goes to the door.]

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Staggers : लड़खड़ाना

CHUBUKOV : [following him] And don't set foot in my house again!

NATALYA : Take it to court! We'll see!

[Lomov staggers out.]

CHUBUKOV : Devil take him!

[Walks about in excitement.]

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Rascal : दुष्ट
Villain : अपराधी

NATALYA : What a rascal! What trust can one have in one's neighbours after that!

CHUBUKOV : The villain! The scarecrow!

NATALYA : The monster! First he takes our land and then he has the impudence to abuse us.



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CHUBUKOV : And that blind hen, yes, that turnip-ghost has the confounded cheek to make a proposal, and so on! What? A proposal!

NATALYA : What proposal?

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Wizen faced : झुर्री दार चेहरा

Frump : अप्रिय



CHUBUKOV : Why, he came here to propose to you.

NATALYA : To propose? To me? Why didn't you tell me so before?

CHUBUKOV : So he dresses up in evening clothes. The stuffed sausage!

The wizen-faced frump!

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Wails : चिल्लाना

NATALYA : To propose to me? Ah! [Falls into an easy-chair and wails] Bring him back! Back! Ah! Bring him here.

CHUBUKOV : Bring whom here?

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Hysterics : अत्यधिक भावनात्मक प्रतिक्रिया

NATALYA : Quick, quick! I'm ill! Fetch him!

[Hysterics.]

CHUBUKOV : What's that? What's the matter with you?

[Clutches at his head]

Oh, unhappy man that I am! I'll shoot myself!

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I'll hang myself!
We've done for her!

NATALYA : I'm dying! Fetch him!

CHUBUKOV : Tfoo! At once. Don't yell!

[Runs out. A pause.]

NATALYA : [Natalya Stepanovna wails.] What have they done to me?

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Fetch him back!
Fetch him!
[A pause. Chubukov runs in.]

CHUBUKOV : He's coming, and so on, devil take him!
Ouf! Talk to him yourself; I don't want to...

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NATALYA : [wails] Fetch him!

CHUBUKOV : [yells] He's coming, I tell you. Oh, what a burden, Lord, to be the father of a grown-up daughter! I'll cut my throat I will, indeed! We cursed him, abused him,

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drove him out; and it's all you... you!

NATALYA : No, it was you!

CHUBUKOV : I tell you it's not my fault. [Lomov appears at the door] Now you talk to him yourself.

[Exit.]

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LOMOV : [Lomov enters, exhausted.] My heart's palpitating awfully. My foot's gone to sleep. There's something that keeps pulling in my side....

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NATALYA : Forgive us, Ivan Vassilevitch, we were all a little heated. I remember now: Oxen Meadows... really are yours.

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Twitching : खिंचाव

LOMOV : My heart's beating awfully. My Meadows... My eyebrows are both twitching....

NATALYA : The Meadows are yours, yes, yours. Do sit down. [They sit] We were wrong.

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LOMOV : I did it on principle. My land is worth little to me, but the principle...

NATALYA : Yes, the principle, just so. Now let's talk of something else.



LOMOV : The more so as I have evidence. My aunt's grandmother gave the land to your father's grandfather's peasants...

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Shooting : तेजी से हिलना

NATALYA : Yes, yes, let that pass. [aside] I wish I knew how to get him started. [aloud] Are you going to start shooting soon?

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LOMOV : I'm thinking of having a go at the blackcock, honoured Natalya Stepanovna, after the harvest. Oh, have you heard? Just think, what a misfortune I've had! My dog Guess, who you know, has gone lame.

Lame : चलने में असमर्थ



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NATALYA : What a pity! Why?

LOMOV : I don't know. Must have got his leg twisted or bitten by some other dog. [sighs] My very best dog, to say nothing of the expense. I gave Mironov 125 roubles for him.

NATALYA : It was too much, Ivan Vassilevitch.

LOMOV : I think it was very cheap. He's a first-rate dog.

NATALYA : Papa gave 85 roubles for his Squeezer, and Squeezer is heaps better than Guess!



LOMOV : Squeezer better than Guess? What an idea! [laughs] Squeezer better than Guess!

NATALYA : Of course he's better! Of course, Squeezer is young, he may develop a bit,

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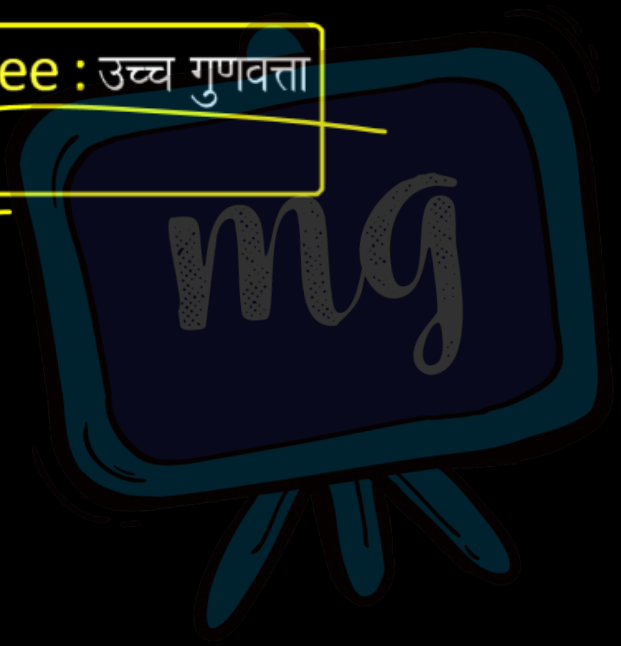
Pedigree : उच्च गुणवत्ता वाला



but on points and pedigree he's better than anything that even Volchanetsky has got.

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LOMOV : Excuse me, Natalya Stepanovna, but you forget that he is overshot, and an overshot always means the dog is a bad hunter!



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NATALYA : Overshot, is he? The first time I hear it!

LOMOV : I assure you that his lower jaw is shorter than the upper.

NATALYA : Have you measured?

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LOMOV : Yes. He's all right at following, but if you want to get hold of anything...

NATALYA : In the first place, our Squeezer is a thoroughbred animal, the son of Harness and Chisels

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while there's no getting at the pedigree of your dog at all. He's old and as ugly as a worn-out cab-horse.