CLASS- 10th

ENGLISH

THE PROPOSAL



~ANTON CHEKOV

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प्रस्ताव

Drama format

Characters

Dialogues

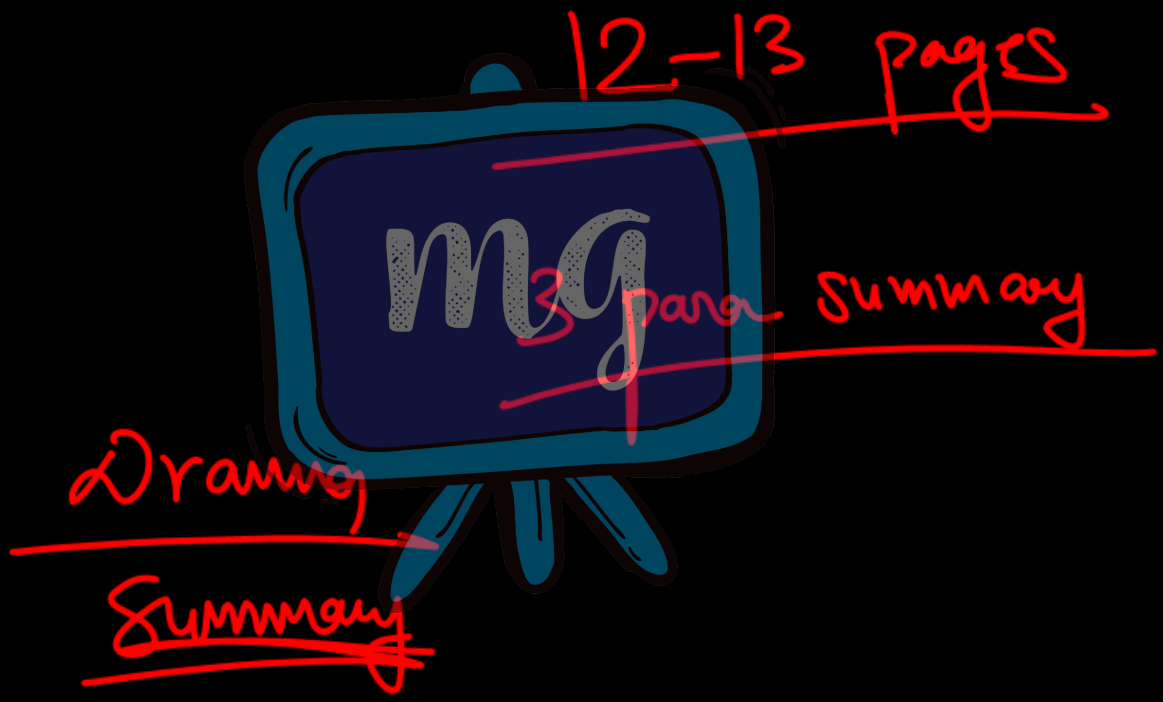


+ Forte (funny story)

comedy

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Russian culture

The Main Plot

Rich families often tried to marry off their children to other wealthy families just to grow their land and money. In the play, a wealthy man named Ivan Lomov visits his rich neighbor, Stepan Chubukov, to ask for the hand of Chubukov's 25-year-old daughter, Natalya, in marriage.

- Anton Chekov

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The Conflict

All three characters are very stubborn and love to argue. Instead of a romantic visit, they start fighting over silly, unimportant things. The actual marriage proposal almost gets completely forgotten because of all the shouting.

~ Anton Chekov



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The Ending

In the end, the desire for money and property wins out, so Lomov finally proposes. However, the fighting and arguing likely continue even after they agree to get married!

Stubborn

~ Anton Chekov

1. Lomov — brought proposal

2. Chubukov — father of bride

3. Natalya — 25 y/o bride



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Ivan Lomov, a wealthy but incredibly nervous and hypochondriac bachelor, dresses up in a fancy suit and visits his wealthy neighbor, Stepan Chubukov. Lomov has one main goal: to propose marriage to Chubukov's 25-year-old daughter, Natalya.

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- Wealthy – अमीर
- Incredibly – बहुत ज़्यादा
- Nervous – घबराया हुआ/बेचैन
- Bachelor – कुंवारा पुरुष
- Propose – शादी का प्रस्ताव रखना
- Hypochondriac – काल्पनिक बीमारी की चिंता करने वाला व्यक्ति (जो बिना वजह खुद को बीमार समझता रहे)
- Bachelor – कुंवारा पुरुष
- Propose – शादी का प्रस्ताव रखना

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Chubukov s thrilled, hugs him, and runs off to fetch his daughter. Left alone, Lomov starts sweating and stressing over his terrible health, heart palpitations, and bad sleep. But he convinces himself that settling down with Natalya is his best option.

- Thrilled – बहुत खुश
- Fetch – बुलाकर लाना
- Stressing – तनाव लेना
- Terrible – भयानक
- Palpitations – धड़कनें तेज होना
- Convinces – खुद को मनाना
- Settling down – घर बसाना
- Option – विकल्प

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2. The Great Oxen Meadows War

Natalya enters wearing a house dress and apron while shelling peas. Lomov tries to smoothly bring up marriage by talking about his long-standing friendship with the family and casually mentioning that his land touches their Oxen Meadows.

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- Apron – कपड़ों को गंदा होने से बचाने के लिए आगे बांधने वाला कपड़ा
- Shelling – छीलना (फली से दाने बाहर निकालना)
- Smoothly – आसानी से
- Bring up – चर्चा शुरू करना
- Long-standing – पुरानी
- Casually – यूं ही

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Natalya

Lomov

Instantly, the romantic mood explodes. Natalya fiercely argues that Oxen Meadows belong to her family, not Lomov. Lomov tries to explain the legal history–how his aunt's grandmother let Chubukov's peasants use the land in exchange for making bricks. Natalya refuses to listen, calls him silly, and threatens to send her mowers onto the land immediately.

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- Instantly – तुरंत
- Explodes – माहौल का बिगड़ जाना
- Fiercely – जोर-शोर से
- Legal history – कानूनी इतिहास
- Peasants – किसान
- Refuses – मना करना
- Threatens – धमकी देना
- Mowers – घास काटने वाले मजदूर / मशीनें

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Lomov

nervous

heart

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3. The Insults

Chubukov walks in, hears the shouting, and naturally takes his daughter's side. The fight spirals out of control. Both sides start trading savage family insults: Lomov calls Chubukov a gambling drunk, while Chubukov and Natalya insult Lomov's dead relatives and call him a land-grabber. Completely overwhelmed and having a panic attack, Lomov clutches his chest, yells that he is dying, and gets kicked out of the house.

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- Takes ... side – किसी का पक्ष लेना/साथ देना
- Spirals out of control – बात का बिगड़ जाना
- Trading – (यहाँ एक-दूसरे को ताने देना)
- Savage – क्रूर/भयानक
- Gambling – जुआ खेलने वाला
- Land-grabber – जमीन हड़पने वाला
- Overwhelmed – अत्यधिक भावुक या परेशान
- Panic attack – अचानक से घबराहट और डर का दौरा पड़ना
- Clutches – यहाँ सीने को हाथ से जकड़ना
- Yells – चिल्लाना
- Kicked out – धक्का देकर घर से बाहर करना

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4. The Quick Change of Heart

Right after Lomov leaves, Chubukov casually mentions that Lomov was actually there to propose marriage.

Natalya loses her mind. She bursts into loud tears, panics, and screams at her father to bring Lomov back immediately. Chubukov runs down the street in a panic and drags Lomov back.

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- Casually – यूं ही
- Mentions – जिक्र करना
- Propose – शादी का प्रस्ताव रखना
- Loses her mind – होश खो बैठना
- Bursts into – अचानक फूट-फूट कर रोना
- Tears – आंसू
- Panics – घबरा जाना
- Screams – चिल्लाना
- Drags – घसीटकर लाना

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Dog of Lomov = Guess

Dog of Natalya = Squeezer

5. Round Two : The Dog Fight

Lomov returns, looking exhausted and half-fainting. Natalya quickly swallows her pride, pretends she was wrong, and agrees that Oxen Meadows belong to him.

Hoping for a safe topic, Natalya asks about hunting. Lomov mentions his favorite hunting dog, Guess, is getting old and went lame. Natalya scoffs, claiming her dog, Squeezer, is infinitely better.

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- Exhausted – थका हुआ
- Half-fainting – बेहोश होने की स्थिति में
- Swallows her pride – अपना अहंकार या जिद छोड़ देना
- Pretends – नाटक करना
- Hunting – शिकार करना
- Lame – लंगड़ा
- Scoffs – उपहास उड़ाना/ताना मारना
- Infinitely – अनंत रूप से

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Dog fight

Chubukov
↓
Lomov suffers another heart spasm

6. Lomov Collapses

This sparks a brand-new argument. They start screaming at each other about whose dog has a better pedigree, calling each other's pets ugly and useless. Chubukov steps in, adding fuel to the fire. The insults fly higher until Lomov suffers another heart spasm, collapses into an armchair, and yells that he is dead.

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- Sparks – भड़कान
- Argument – बहस
- Pedigree – नस्ल
- Adding fuel to the fire – आग में घी डालना
- Suffers – पीड़ित होना
- Spasm – ऐंठन/दर्द का दौरा
- Collapses – ढह जाना/धड़ाम से गिर पड़ना

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Spasm
↓
wakes
↓
hand - hand

7. A Happy... Yet Noisy Ending

As Lomov slowly wakes up, a panicked Chubukov grabs Lomov's hand, slaps it into Natalya's hand, gives them his blessing, and tells them to just get married already. Lomov and Natalya kiss and awkwardly agree they are happy. But true to form, the very last second of the play shows them immediately resuming their shouting match–with Natalya screaming that her dog is better and Lomov yelling that his dog is better, while Chubukov calls for champagne to celebrate!

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- Panicked – घबराया हुआ
- Grabs – पकड़ना
- Slaps – जोर से रखना
- Willing – तैयार होना/राजी होना
- Awkwardly – असहज होकर
- True to form – अपनी पुरानी आदत के अनुसार
- Resuming – दोबारा शुरू करना
- Shouting match – चिल्ला-चिलाकर बहस करना

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Doubt ?

Drama

1. Lomov
2. Chubukov
3. Natalya

Quality

Stubborn + argue + fight

Oxen meadows

+ Lomov collapses + Chubukov + propose

+ angry + Guess ⅓ + Squeezer

Chubukov – hand in hand

Continue to fight

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The Proposal — Drama

CHARACTER SKETCH

Stepan Stepanovitch Chubukov

- Loud and Hot-Tempered – He gets angry very quickly, starts shouting at the smallest things, and easily joins fights instead of stopping them.
- Greedy – He cares a lot about land and money, instantly supporting his family in fights over property and initially suspecting Lomov only came to ask for a loan.

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- **Desperate Father** – He wants to get his 25-year-old daughter married so badly that he forces them to get engaged quickly just to find some peace in his house.
- **Fake and Selfish** – He can switch from shouting insults at Lomov to hugging and blessing him in seconds when he realizes there is a marriage proposal.

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Chubukov

1. Hot tempered and Loud
2. Greedy
3. Desperate
4. Fake and Selfish



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Natalya Stepanovna

- Stubborn – She never wants to lose an argument, fighting over silly things like a piece of land or whose hunting dog is better.
- Quick-Tempered – She gets furious and starts insulting people instantly when things do not go her way.

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- Moody – Her mood changes in a second; she can scream at Lomov and throw him out of the house, but the moment she hears about a marriage proposal, she panics and begs for him back.
- Hardworking Housekeeper – She is busy doing household chores around the house like shelling peas and drying crops.

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Natalya

1. Quick tempered
2. Moody
3. Stubborn
4. Hardworking



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Ivan Vassilevitch Lomov

- Extremely Nervous – He gets scared and anxious very easily, worrying constantly about his health, heart problems, and bad sleep.
- Hypochondriac – He constantly imagines and complains that he is dying or has serious health issues like numb feet and fast heartbeats.

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- Argumentative – Even though he comes to propose marriage, he cannot control his temper and starts loud, angry fights over land and dogs.
- Wealthy Landowner – He is a rich neighbor who wants to settle down, get married, and protect his property rights.

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Komov

1. Nervous
2. Hypochondriac
3. Argumentative
4. Wealthy



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1. What is the main reason why Ivan Lomov visits his neighbor Stepan Chubukov at the beginning of the story?

(a) To borrow money for gambling debts

(b) To sell his hunting dog named Guess

(c) To propose marriage to Chubukov's daughter, Natalya

(d) To file a legal complaint about stolen bricks

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2. What triggers the very first violent argument between Lomov and Natalya?

(a) A disagreement over whose hunting dog has a better pedigree

(b) A dispute over the ownership of Oxen Meadows

(c) An insult regarding Lomov's dead relatives

(d) An argument about the price of peas

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Guess
Lomov

2) Squeezer
Natalya

3. What are the names of the two competing hunting dogs owned by Lomov and Natalya?

(a) Rover and Spot
(b) Guess and Squeezer
(c) Max and Bella
(d) Thunder and Lightning