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THE PROPOSAL + FOR ANNE GREGORY

THE BOOK THAT SAVED THE EARTH

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The Proposal

For Anne Gregory

(The Book that saved the Earth)



(Footprints without feet)

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The Book that saved the Earth

(~ Claire Boiko)

The Book that saved the Earth

Think Tank
(alien)
(mars) → Earth
(attack) हमला
↓
Library

"The Book That Saved the Earth" (वह किताब जिसने पृथ्वी को बचाया) एक मज़ेदार नाटक है। Play

2040 में, मंगल ग्रह (Mars) का घमंडी राजा थिंक-टैंक (Think-Tank) पृथ्वी पर हमला करने के लिए अपनी टीम भेजता है, जो एक पुस्तकालय (library) में पहुँचती है। किताबों को न समझ पाने के कारण थिंक-टैंक पहले उन्हें सैंडविच (sandwiches) और फिर सुनने वाला उपकरण समझ लेता है।

The Book that saved the Earth

जब उसकी टीम बच्चों की कविताओं की किताब मदर गूज़ (Mother Goose) पढ़ती है, तो थिंक-टैंक साधारण कविताओं का गलत मतलब निकालकर डर जाता है। हम्प्टी डम्प्टी (Humpty Dumpty) की तस्वीर में बड़ा गोल सिर देखकर उसे लगता है कि इंसान उसका शिकार करने आ रहे हैं, इसलिए वह तुरंत हमला रोककर डर के मारे भाग जाता है।

इस तरह नर्सरी कविताओं की एक साधारण सी किताब पृथ्वी को विनाश से बचा लेती है।

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Think Tank
(alien on mars)

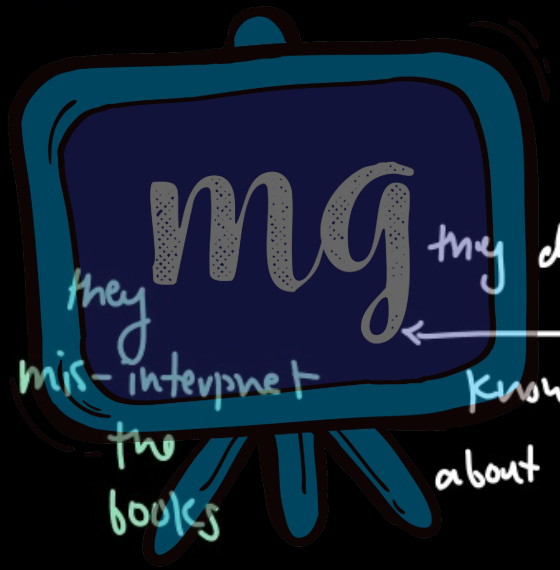
attack on
earth

Team members

Land
on

Library
(books)

they dont
know
about books



fear

elopp
(डराना
जान है)

The Book that saved the Earth

25th century

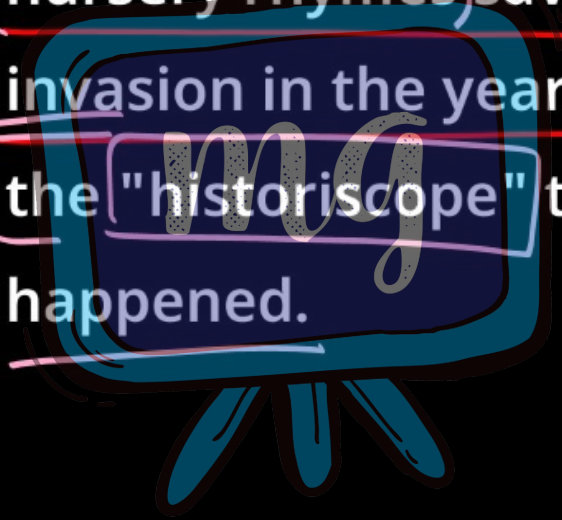
Story setting

Part 1: Welcome to the 25th Century Museum / 25वीं सदी के संग्रहालय में आपका स्वागत है

The play begins in the 25th century at the Museum of Ancient History on Earth. The Historian welcomes the audience and explains that the 20th century was called the 'Era of the Book' because books were used for everything.

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She reveals that a single dusty book of nursery rhymes saved Earth from a Martian invasion in the year 2040. She then turns on the "historiscope" to show what actually happened.



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HISTORIOSCOPE

25th century

history museum



Earth was saved by a book

The Book that saved the Earth

Think Tank

(egg shaped head)

Mars Space Control

Noodle

Part 2: Think-Tank and His Orders / थिंक-टैंक और उसके आदेश

The scene shifts to Mars Space Control in 2040. The proud ruler of Mars, Great and Mighty Think-Tank, sits on a raised box with a huge egg-shaped head. His assistant, Noodle, bows low to flatter him.

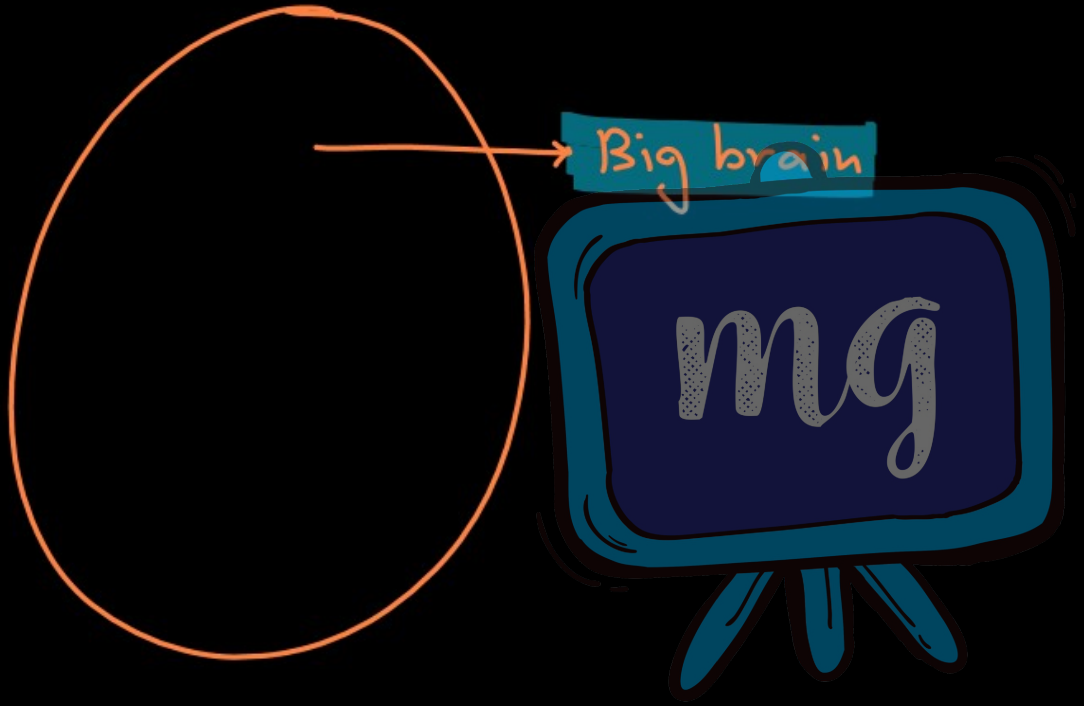
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Think-Tank admires his own looks in a mirror and boasts about his big brain. He orders Noodle to contact his space crew (Probe One), which has been sent to invade Earth before lunch.

Probe One
(Space crew)

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Omega
Iota
Oop

Centerville Public Library

Part 3: Martians Reach the Library / मंगलवासी पुस्तकालय पहुँचते हैं

The crew members—Captain Omega, Lieutenant Iota, and Sergeant Oop—land inside the Centerville Public Library on Earth. They are completely confused by the thousands of books. They guess that books might be storage items, peculiar hats, or part of a haberdashery.

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Part 4: The "Sandwich" Mistake/ "सैंडविच" की भूल

Think-Tank examines a book through his screen and foolishly decides that Earth is a crude refreshment stand and books are "sandwiches" (staple Earth food). He orders Sergeant Oop to eat a book. Oop reluctantly bites a corner of a book and complains that it is as dry as Martian dust.

Noodle – समझदार

Books are not for eating but for communication.



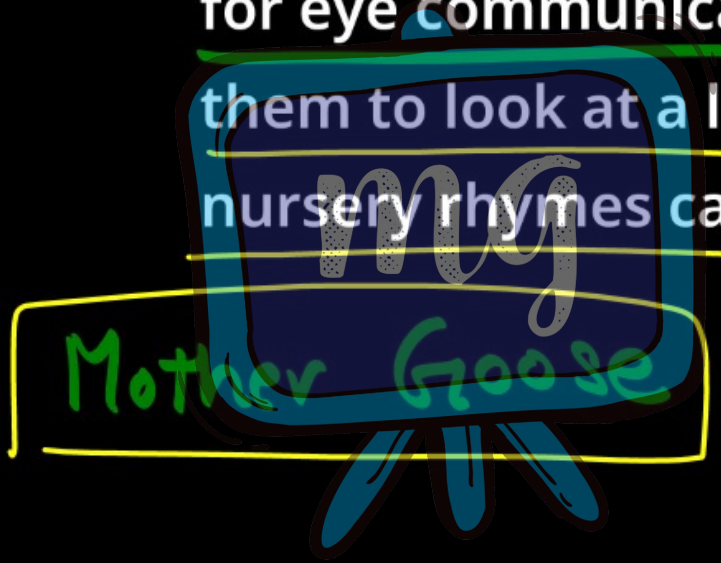
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Part 5: Communication Devices / संचार के उपकरण

Noodle politely suggests that Earthlings do not eat these items; they use them as communication devices. Think-Tank immediately agrees and orders the crew to listen to the books. The crew holds books to their ears, but they hear no sound.

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Noodle then suggests that these items are for eye communication. Think-Tank orders them to look at a large, colorful book of nursery rhymes called Mother Goose.



The Book that saved the Earth

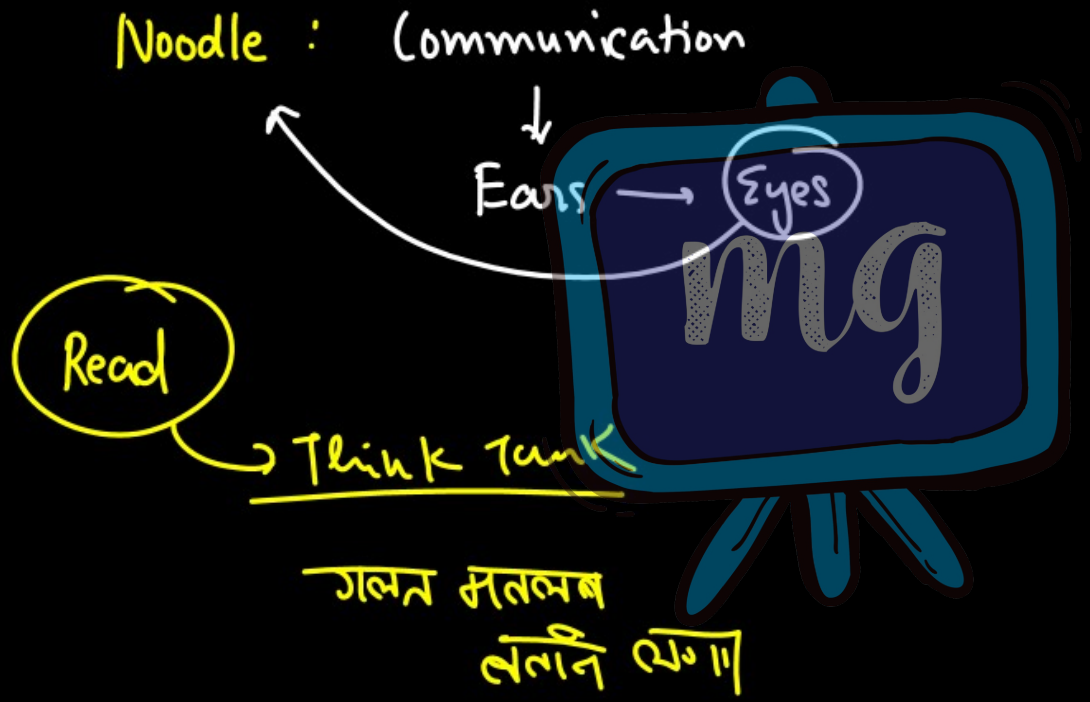


Part 6: Intelligence Vitamins and Code-Breaking/ बुद्धि की विटामिन और कोड खोलना

To read the printed code (the written letters), the crew takes intelligence vitamins given by their chemical department. After popping the vitamins, they are able to read the nursery rhymes, but Think-Tank misinterprets every single poem as a dangerous military threat:

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गलत मतलब
लगाना मना

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1. "Mistress Mary": Think-Tank thinks Earthlings have combined agriculture and mining to grow rare metals like silver and high explosives.
2. "Hey Diddle Diddle": He believes Earthlings have taught domestic animals musical culture and space techniques, and are preparing an interplanetary attack of millions of cows.

The Book that saved the Earth

Part 7: The Humpty Dumpty Panic/ हम्प्टी डम्प्टी का डर और भागना

Sergeant Oop reads the poem "Humpty Dumpty" and shows the picture to Think-Tank. Seeing Humpty Dumpty's huge egg-shaped head, Think-Tank screams in terror, believing Earthlings have seen him and are planning to capture Mars Central Control and fall upon him.

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डर के मारे

Terrified, he orders his crew to leave Earth immediately, remove all traces of their visit, and orders the entire invasion fleet to flee 100 million miles away to Alpha Centauri.

100 million miles दूर Alpha Centauri

The Book that saved the Earth

Part 8: Friendly Future Relations / भविष्य के मैत्रीपूर्ण संबंध

अब हमने वापिस contact कर लिया है।

Think Tank

replaced

Noodle

The Historian returns and chuckles, explaining that in the 25th century, Earthlings resumed friendly contact with Mars. Think-Tank was replaced by the wise Noodle.

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Earthlings taught Martians how to read, built a model library in Marsopolis, and cleared up the difference between sandwiches and books. However, the Martians can still never bring themselves to read one book: Mother Goose!

The Book that saved the Earth

1. Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the Book'?



The Book that saved the Earth

1. Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the Book'?

Answer : The twentieth century was called the 'Era of the Book' because there were books about everything, from anteaters to Zulus. Books taught people how to, when to, where to, and why to do things. They educated, illustrated, punctuated, and even decorated people's lives.

The Book that saved the Earth

2. What guesses did Think-Tank make about the books found on Earth?



The Book that saved the Earth

2. What guesses did Think-Tank make about the books found on Earth?

Answer : At first, Think-Tank guessed that the books were sandwiches (crude Earth food). Next, he guessed that they were communication devices to listen to. Finally, he guessed that they were devices for eye communication (to view pictures and codes).

The Book that saved the Earth

2. How did a dusty old book of nursery rhymes save the Earth from a Martian invasion?



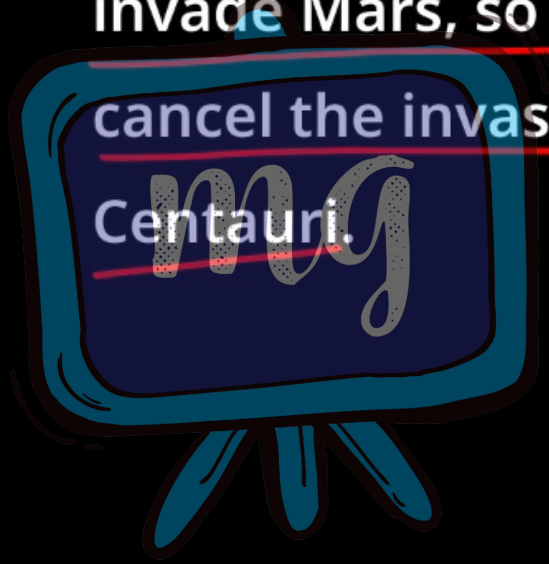
The Book that saved the Earth

3. How did a dusty old book of nursery rhymes save the Earth from a Martian invasion?

Answer : Think-Tank misinterpreted innocent nursery rhymes from Mother Goose as dangerous Earth threats. When he saw a picture of Humpty Dumpty, who had a big balloon head like his own, he panicked.

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He believed Earthlings were planning to invade Mars, so he ordered his fleet to cancel the invasion and flee to Alpha Centauri.



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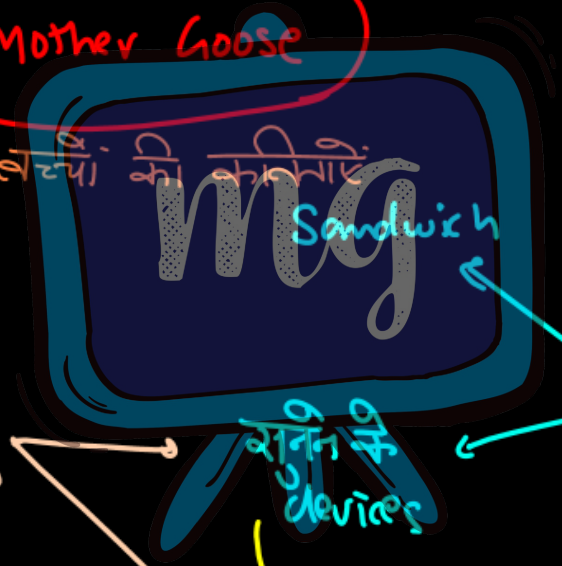
MARS → EARTH → Iota / oop / Omega

EARTH
दमला

Think Tank (stupid)
(leader of aliens)

Noodle (intelligent)
(assistant)
→ Books and communication devices

Mother Goose
छोटे बच्चों की कविताएं



Library
किताबें (कभी न देखी)
↓
Books के तौर में Think Tank से पूछते हैं।

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CHARACTER SKETCH

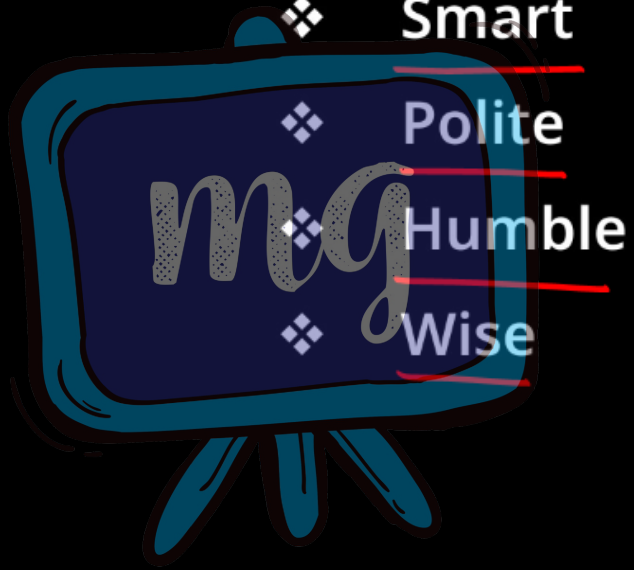
1. Great and Mighty Think-Tank

- Proud
- Foolish
- Cowardly
- Arrogant

The Book that saved the Earth

2. Apprentice Noodle

- Smart
- Polite
- Humble
- Wise



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3. Captain Omega

- Obedient
- Confused
- Loyal
- Fearful



(First Flight)

Poem - 9

For Anne Gregory

(~ W.B. Yeats)

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W.B. Yeats —daughter→ Anne Gregory

चिंता में एक कन्या लिखी
जीवन की शिक्षा देने के लिए



For Anne Gregory

यह कविता बाहरी सुंदरता और आंतरिक गुणों (inner beauty) के बीच के अंतर को दर्शाती है। जिसमे एक पिता अपनी बेटी को जीवन के बारे में समझा रहा है।

Part - 1

पहले भाग में कवि कहता है कि तुम्हारे कान के पास लहराते हुए ये सुंदर honey-coloured (शहद जैसे पीले/सुनहरे) बाल किसी भी young man (युवा पुरुष) को despair (निराशा) में डाल सकते हैं।

For Anne Gregory

कोई भी युवक तुम्हें तुम्हारी अपनी आत्मा या स्वभाव (for yourself alone) के लिए प्यार नहीं करेगा, बल्कि वह सिर्फ तुम्हारे इन सुंदर yellow hair (पीले/सुनहरे बालों) के आकर्षण में पड़कर तुमसे प्यार करेगा।

Part - 2

दूसरे भाग में युवती (Anne Gregory) उत्तर देती है कि यदि ऐसा है, तो वह बाज़ार से hair-dye (बालों का रंग) लाकर अपने बालों का रंग बदल सकती है।

For Anne Gregory

वह अपने बालों को brown (भूरा), black (काला) या carrot (गाजर जैसा लाल) रंग दे सकती है, ताकि जो युवा पुरुष निराशा में पड़े हैं, वे उसके बाहरी बालों के रंग के बजाय उसकी सच्ची पहचान और आंतरिक गुणों (for myself alone) से प्रेम करें।

For Anne Gregory

Part -3

तीसरे और अंतिम भाग में कवि पुनः कहता है कि उसने yesternight (कल रात) ही एक old religious man (वृद्ध धार्मिक व्यक्ति) को यह declare (घोषणा) करते हुए सुना था कि उसे एक पवित्र text (धार्मिक ग्रंथ) मिला है जो यह prove (सिद्ध) करता है कि इस संसार में केवल God (ईश्वर) ही ऐसे हैं जो तुम्हें केवल तुम्हारी अपनी आत्मा और आंतरिक गुणों (for yourself alone) के लिए प्रेम कर सकते हैं, न कि तुम्हारे बाहरी yellow hair (पीले बालों) के लिए।

Part - 1 (Speaker to AG)

Yellow hair —— external —— internal ✗

Part - 2 (AG to Speaker)

hair colour



Part - 3 (speaker to AG)

Only God can love you!

For Anne Gregory

POEM

"Never shall a young man, a
Thrown into despair b
By those great honey-coloured c
Ramparts at your ear, b
Love you for yourself alone d
And not your yellow hair." b

- Despair – निराशा
- Ramparts – सीमा/दीवार

कभी भी

तुम्हारे बाल जो तुम्हारे कानों पर दीवार बन कर इन्हें छिपाते हैं; इन्हें देखकर कोई निराशा में डूब जाएगा।

alliteration

For Anne Gregory

"But I can get a hair-dye
And set such colour there,
Brown, or black, or carrot,
That young men in despair
May love me for myself alone
And not my yellow hair."

- Hair-dye – बालों का रंग
- Carrot – गाजर जैसा रंग
- Despair – निराशा

For Anne Gregory

"I heard an old religious man
But yesternight declare
That he had found a text to prove
That only God, my dear,
Could love you for yourself alone
And not your yellow hair."

- Religious - धार्मिक
- Text – ग्रंथ
- Yesternight - कल रात
- Declare – घोषणा करना

For Anne Gregory

POETIC DEVICES

1. Rhyme Scheme – The structured pattern of end rhymes in a poem.
2. Alliteration – The repetition of the same consonant sounds at the beginning of adjacent or closely connected words.

For Anne Gregory

3. **Repetition** – The intentional repeating of words, phrases, or entire lines for emphasis and rhythmic effect.
4. **Anaphora** – The repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses or lines.

For Anne Gregory

5. Enjambment - The continuation of a sentence or clause across a line break without a terminal punctuation mark.
6. Metaphor - A figure of speech that makes a direct comparison between two unlike things by stating one is the other, without using "like" or "as."

For Anne Gregory

7. "Allusion - An indirect or passing reference to a person, place, event, or religious/literary work.



Q.1 What is the rhyme scheme of the following :—

The way a crow a
Shook down on me b
The dust of snow a
From a hemlock tree. b

Ans :— abab

For Anne Gregory

THEMES

- Superficial vs. True Love: नकली सच्चा
- Divine vs. Human Love:
- Inner and Outer Beauty



For Anne Gregory

1. Why does the young man fall in despair?



For Anne Gregory

1. **Why does the young man fall in despair?**

   Answer : The young man falls in despair because he is captivated by the girl's beautiful yellow hair (honey-coloured hair). He feels heartbroken because he loves her physical appearance, but she wants someone to love her true inner self.

For Anne Gregory

2. How can the young woman change the colour of her hair and why?



For Anne Gregory

2. How can the young woman change the colour of her hair and why?

Answer : The young woman can change her hair colour by using hair-dye to turn it brown, black, or carrot-red. She wants to do this so that young men will love her for her internal qualities (for herself alone) rather than her external beauty.

For Anne Gregory

3. What did the old religious man declare, according to the speaker?



For Anne Gregory

3. What did the old religious man declare, according to the speaker?

Answer : According to the speaker, the old religious man found a sacred text declaring that only God is capable of loving a person for their true inner self (for themselves alone) and not for their physical beauty like yellow hair.

(First Flight)

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The Proposal

(~Anton Chekov)

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The Proposal

"The Proposal" (प्रस्ताव) एक हास्य नाटक (comedy play) है। इसमें लोमोव (Lomov) नाम का व्यक्ति अपने पड़ोसी चुबुकोव (Chubukov) की बेटी नताल्या (Natalya) से शादी का प्रस्ताव लेकर आता है। लेकिन शादी की बात करने के बजाय, वे ज़मीन (ऑक्सन मीडोज़ / Oxen Meadows) के मालिकाना हक और अपने-अपने कुत्तों (गेस और स्क्वीज़र) की श्रेष्ठता को लेकर आपस में बहस करने लगते हैं।

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बहस इतनी बढ़ जाती है कि लोमोव बेहोश हो जाता है। जब चुबुकोव नताल्या को बताता है कि लोमोव शादी का रिश्ता लाया था, तो वह तुरंत मान जाती है। अंत में, लोमोव को होश आता ही है कि चुबुकोव जबरदस्ती दोनों का हाथ मिलाकर सगाई करवा देता है, लेकिन सगाई के तुरंत बाद भी दोनों फिर से कुत्तों पर बहस करना शुरू कर देते हैं। यह नाटक दिखाता है कि कैसे छोटे-छोटे झगड़ों में इंसान अपने मुख्य लक्ष्य को भूल जाता है।

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Lomov – बीमारी → panic, heart, insomnia — 35 वर्ष

Chubukov – लालची / झगड़ालू

Natalya – 25 – झगड़ा – argument



The Proposal

Part 1: Lomov Arrives at Chubukov's House लोमोव का चुबुकोव के घर आगमन

Ivan Vassilevitch Lomov, a rich 35-year-old landowner, visits his wealthy neighbour Stepan Stepanovitch Chubukov. Lomov is wearing formal evening clothes with white gloves. Chubukov is surprised and warmly welcomes him, privately wondering if Lomov has come to borrow money.

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Part 2: The Marriage Proposal
विवाह का प्रस्ताव

Lomov gets nervous and drinks water. He asks Chubukov for his 25-year-old daughter Natalya's hand in marriage. Chubukov is overjoyed, embraces and kisses Lomov, sheds a tear of joy, and runs to call Natalya, claiming she is in love with Lomov like a "lovesick cat."

The Proposal

Part 3: Lomov's Nervousness
लोमोव की घबराहट

Left alone, Lomov trembles with nervousness. He justifies his decision to marry: he is 35 (a critical age), suffers from heart palpitations, twitching eyebrows, and sleep disturbances, and Natalya is educated, good-looking, and an excellent housekeeper.

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Part 4: The First Argument - Oxen Meadows
पहला विवाद - ऑक्सन मीडोज (बैल के चरागाह)

Natalya enters, greeting Lomov in her apron while shelling peas. While making conversation, Lomov mentions "his" Oxen Meadows. Natalya interrupts him, claiming Oxen Meadows belong to the Chubukovs.

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Lomov explains that his aunt's grandmother gave the temporary use of the land to her grandfather's peasants in return for making bricks, but Natalya refuses to accept this and insists the land is theirs.

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Part 5: The Quarrel Escalates and Lomov Leaves/ झगड़ा बढ़ना और लोमोव का जाना

Chubukov enters and sides with his daughter. The argument turns into a heated shouting match. They hurl insults at each other's families: Lomov calls Chubukov a "grabber" and an "intriguer," while Chubukov calls Lomov's family "lunatics," his grandfather a drunkard, and his aunt an eloper.

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Lomov suffers severe heart palpitations and numbness in his leg, grabbing his hat and staggering out. Chubukov forbids him from ever entering his house again.

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Part 6: Natalya Learns About the Proposal
नतालिया को प्रस्ताव के बारे में पता चलना

After Lomov leaves, Chubukov reveals that the "stuffed sausage" had actually come to propose marriage to Natalya. Hearing this, Natalya gets hysterical, wails, and begs her father to fetch Lomov back immediately, shouting that she is dying. Chubukov runs out complaining about the burden of being a father to a grown-up daughter.

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Part 7: The Second Argument - The Dogs (Guess vs. Squeezer)/ दूसरा विवाद - कुत्ते (गेस बनाम स्क्वीज़र)

Lomov returns, feeling physically exhausted. Natalya quickly yields on the land issue, admitting Oxen Meadows belong to him, to get him to propose. However, the conversation shifts to hunting dogs.

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Lomov praises his dog Guess (bought for 125 roubles), but Natalya insists her dog Squeezer (bought for 85 roubles) is far superior. Lomov points out that Squeezer is "overshot" (lower jaw shorter than upper), which makes him a bad hunter.

The Proposal

Part 8: Lomov Collapses and the Engagement
लोमोव का बेहोश होना और सगाई

Chubukov re-enters and joins Natalya in criticizing Guess. Lomov gets severely excited, experiences intense palpitations, sees stars, and collapses into an armchair. Natalya and Chubukov panic, thinking Lomov is dead. Chubukov screams for a doctor and threatens to shoot or cut his own throat.

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When Lomov stirs and drinks water, Chubukov quickly puts Natalya's hand into Lomov's, gives his blessing, and asks them to kiss.

The Proposal

Part 9: A Quarrelsome Beginning
एक झगड़ालू शुरुआत

Lomov recovers, realizes what has happened, and kisses Natalya's hand happily. Chubukov feels relieved to get the burden off his shoulders and shouts for champagne.

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However, even as they embrace, Natalya and Lomov immediately start arguing again over whose dog is better, while Chubukov tries to drown out their voices with shouts of "Champagne! Champagne!"

The Proposal

Lomov – Guess

Ivanalya – Squeezer

1. Why did Lomov come to Chubukov's house?



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1. **Why did Lomov come to Chubukov's house?**

   Answer : Lomov came to Chubukov's house to ask for the hand of Chubukov's 25-year-old daughter, Natalya, in marriage. He wanted to marry her because he was already 35 years old and wanted to lead a quiet and settled life.

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2. How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for his daughter's hand in marriage?



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GROW WITH RAJASTHAN

The Proposal

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LET'S LEARN TOGETHER

2. How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for his daughter's hand in marriage?

Answer : Chubukov was overjoyed and filled with happiness. He embraced and kissed Lomov, shed a tear of joy, and said that he had always hoped for this proposal. He then quickly went to call Natalya.

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3. What argument do Lomov and Natalya give over the superiority of their dogs, Guess and Squeezer?



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3. What argument do Lomov and Natalya give over the superiority of their dogs, Guess and Squeezer?

Answer : Lomov claimed that his dog Guess was first-rate and superior. Natalya argued that her dog Squeezer was much better because of his high pedigree. नस्ल

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Lomov pointed out that Squeezer was "overshot" (short in the lower jaw), but Natalya refused to accept it and insisted Squeezer was a hundred times better.

whose dog is a better hunter.

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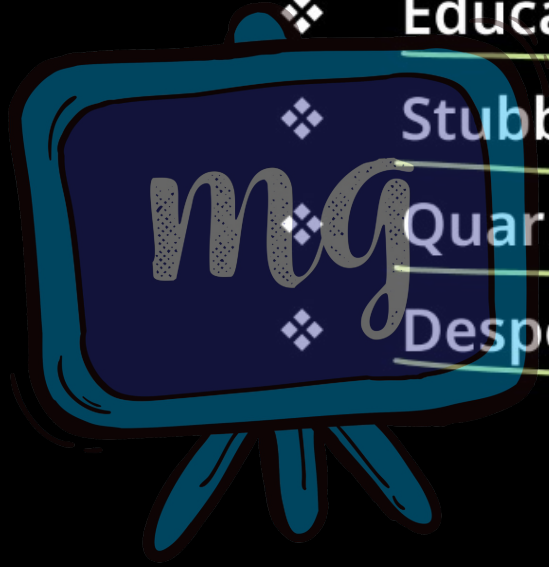
1. Ivan Vassilevitch Lomov

- Rich
- Nervous
- Sickly
- Argumentative

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2. Natalya Stepanovna

- Educated
- Stubborn
- Quarrelsome
- Desperate

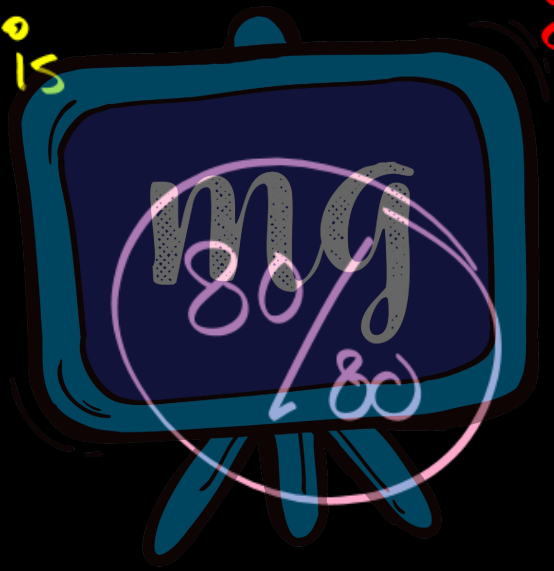


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2. Stepan Stepanovitch Chubukov

- Wealthy
- Greedy
- Dramatic
- Short-tempered

SURPRIZE is waiting



Syllabus is DONE !