

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

CH-9 : The Proposal

Part – 3

Argument Over Oxen Meadows

ARPITA SHARMA



OVERVIEW

1. A Russian Wedding

2. Lomov Arrives at Chubukov's House

3. Argument Over Oxen Meadows

4. Continuation of Conflict

5. Natalya Learns About the Proposal

6. The New Argument

7. Teasing and Mockery

8. The Sudden Proposal

NATALYA : Well, I never knew that before.

How do you make that out?

LOMOV : How? I'm speaking of those Oxen

Meadows which are **wedged** in

between your birch woods and

the **Burnt Marsh.**

NATALYA : Yes, yes... they're ours.

✓ Wedged : फँसा होना

✓ Burnt Marsh : जला हुआ दलदल

LOMOV : No, you're mistaken, honoured
Natalya Stepanovna, they're mine.

NATALYA : Just think, Ivan Vassilevitch!
How long have they been yours?

LOMOV : How long? As long as I can
remember.

NATALYA : Really, you won't get me to
believe that!

LOMOV : But you can see from the documents,
honoured Natalya Stepanovna. Oxen
Meadows, it's true, were once the
subject of dispute, but now everybody
knows that they are mine. There's
nothing to argue about. You see my
aunt's grandmother gave the free
use of these Meadows in perpetuity

Dispute : विवाद

Perpetuity : अनिश्चित समय

to the peasants of your father's grandfather,
in return for which they were to make
bricks for her. The peasants belonging to
your father's grandfather had the free use
of the Meadows for forty years, and had
got into the habit of regarding them as
their own, when it happened that...

<u>Peasants</u>	:	किसान
<u>Bricks</u>	:	ईंटें

NATALYA : No, it isn't at all like that!
Both grandfather and great
grandfather reckoned that
their land extended to Burnt
Marsh - which means that
Oxen Meadows were ours I
don't see what there is to
argue about. It's simply silly!



Reckoned : मानना

LOMOV : I'll show you the documents,
Natalya Stepanovna!

NATALYA : No, you're simply joking, or making
fun of me. What a surprise!
We've had the land for nearly
three hundred years, and then
we're suddenly told that it isn't
ours! Ivan Vassilevitch, I can hardly
believe my own ears.

These Meadows aren't worth much
to me. They only come to five dessiatins,
and are worth perhaps 300 roubles,
but I can't stand unfairness. Say
what you will, I can't stand unfairness.

✓ Dessiatins : रूस में भूमि मापन की इकाई

Roubles : रूस की मुद्रा

Unfairness : अन्याय

LOMOV : Hear me out, I implore you! The
peasants of your father's grandfather,
as I have already had the honour
of explaining to you, used to bake
bricks for my aunt's grandmother.
Now my aunt's grandmother, wishing
to make them a pleasant...

Implore : निवेदन

NATALYA : I can't make head or tail of all this about aunts and grandfathers and grandmothers. The Meadows are ours, that's all.

LOMOV : Mine.

NATALYA : Ours! You can go on proving it for two days on end, you can go and put on fifteen dress jackets, but I tell you they're ours, ours, ours! I don't want anything of yours and I don't want to give anything of mine. So there!

LOMOV : Natalya Stepanovna, I don't want the Meadows, but I am acting on principle. If you like, I'll make you a present of them.

NATALYA : I can make you a present of them myself, because they're mine! Your behaviour, Ivan Vassilevitch, is strange to say the least! Up to this we have

Principle : नैतिक सिद्धांत

always thought of you as a good neighbour,
a friend; last year we lent you our threshing-
machine, although on that account we had
to put off our own threshing till November,
but you behave to us as if we were gypsies.
Giving me my own land, indeed! No, really,
that's not at all neighbourly! In my opinion,
it's even impudent, if you want to know.

Threshing-machine : गाहने की मशीन

Gypsies : असभ्य व्यक्ति

Impudent : अशिष्ट व्यक्ति

LOMOV : Then you make out that I'm a landgrabber?
Madam, never in my life have I grabbed
anybody else's land and I shan't allow
anybody to accuse me of having done
so. [Quickly steps to the carafe and drinks
more water] Oxen Meadows are mine!

✓ <u>Landgrabber</u>	:	<u>भूमि अधिग्रहितकर्ता</u>
<u>Grab</u>	:	अधिकार करना
<u>Accuse</u>	:	दोष देना



NATALYA : It's not true, they're ours!

LOMOV : Mine!

NATALYA : It's not true! I'll prove it! I'll
send my mowers out to the
Meadows this very day!

LOMOV : What?

NATALYA : My mowers will be there this
very day!

Mowers : घास काटने वाले

LOMOV : I'll give it to them in the neck!

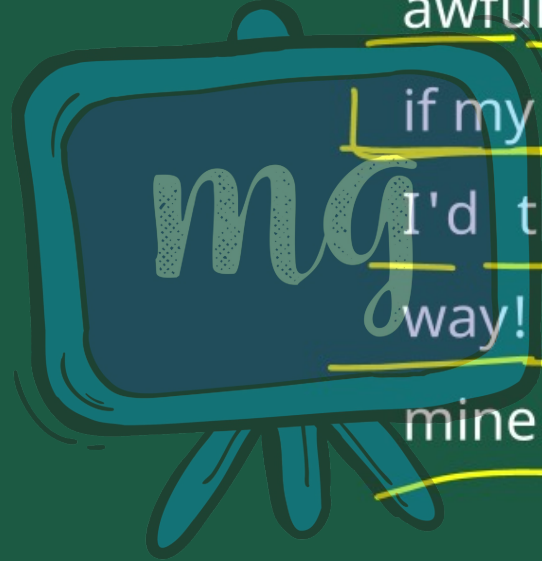
NATALYA : You dare!

LOMOV : [Clutches at his heart] Oxen
Meadows are mine! You understand?
Mine!

NATALYA : Please don't shout! You can shout yourself
hoarse in your own house but here I must
ask you to restrain yourself!

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| ✓ Dare | : साहस करना |
| ✓ Hoarse | : कर्कश |
| ✓ Restrain | : रोकना |

LOMOV : If it wasn't, madam, for this
awful, excruciating palpitation,
if my whole inside wasn't upset,
I'd talk to you in a different
way! [Yells] Oxen Meadows are
mine!



Excruciating : अत्यधिक दर्दनाक

NATALYA : Ours!

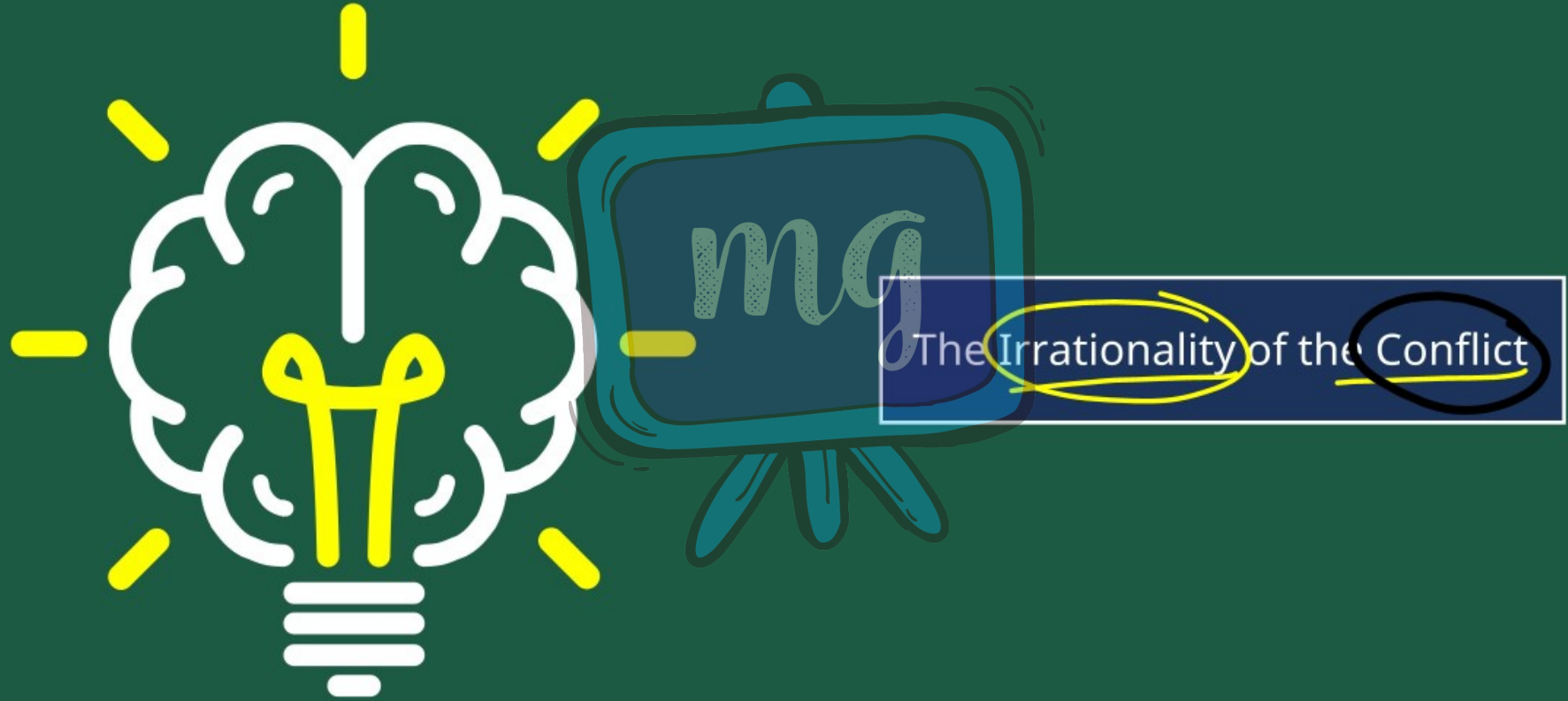
LOMOV : Mine!

NATALYA : Ours!

LOMOV : Mine!



LEARNING OUTCOME



ASSESSMENT



1

How does Natalya describe Lomov's behavior?

A

Friendly and generous.

B

Strange and impudent.

C

Kind and respectful.

D

Understanding and patient.

ASSESSMENT

2

What physical reaction does Lomov experience during the argument?

A

He feels hungry.

B

He clutches at his heart.

C

He starts to laugh.

D

Understanding and patient

ASSESSMENT



3

What does Natalya plan to do in response to Lomov's claim?

A

Ignore him.

B

Send her mowers to the Meadows.

C

Call the police.

D

Discuss it with her father.