

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

CH-9 : The Proposal

Part – 7

The Sudden Proposal

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

CHUBUKOV : What? I am an intriguer?

[shouts] Shut up!

LOMOV : Intriguer!

CHUBUKOV : Boy! Pup!

LOMOV : Old rat! Jesuit!

CHUBUKOV : Shut up or I'll shoot you like
a partridge! You fool!

Partridge : तीतर पक्षी

LOMOV : Everybody knows that — oh, my heart!
— your late wife used to beat you... My
feet... temples... sparks... I fall, I fall!

CHUBUKOV : And you're under the slipper of your
house-keeper!

LOMOV : There, there, there... my heart's burst!
My shoulders come off! Where is my
shoulder? I die. [Falls into an armchair]
A doctor!

CHUBUKOV : Boy! Milksop! Fool! I'm sick!

[Drinks water] Sick!

NATALYA : What sort of a hunter are
you? You can't even sit on a
horse! [To her father] Papa,
what's the matter with him?

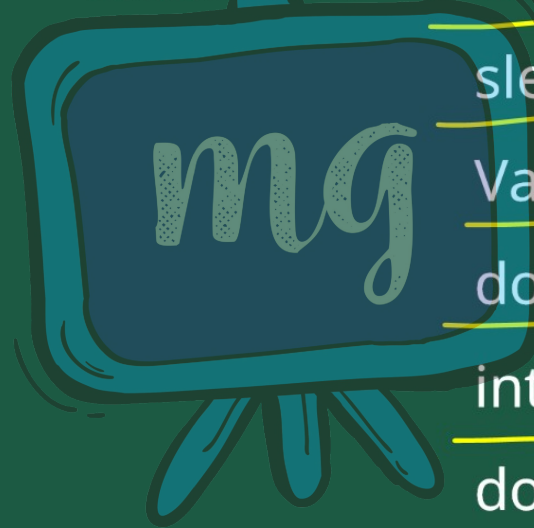
Papa! Look, Papa! [screams]
Ivan Vassilevitch! He's dead!

Milksop : मुलायम चारा

CHUBUKOV : I'm sick! I can't breathe! Air!

NATALYA : He's dead. [Pulls Lomov's sleeve] Ivan Vassilevitch! Ivan Vassilevitch! What have you done to me? He's dead. [Falls into an armchair] A doctor, a doctor!

[Hysterics.]



CHUBUKOV : Oh! What is it? What's the
matter?

NATALYA : [wails] He's dead... dead!

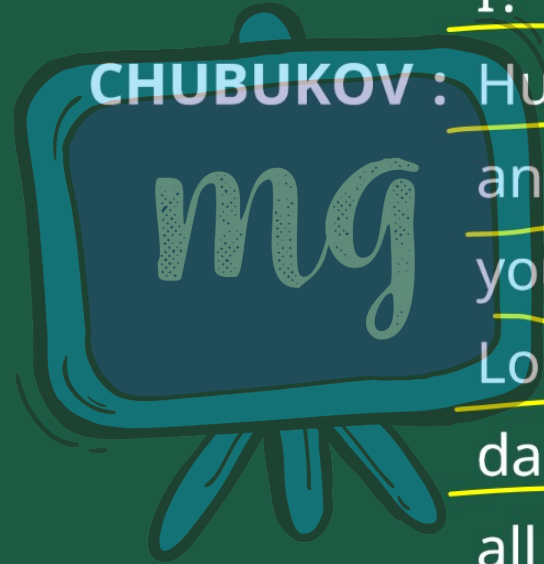
CHUBUKOV : Who's dead? [Looks at
Lomov] So he is! My word!
Water! A doctor! [Lifts a
tumbler to Lomov's mouth]
Drink this!

Tumbler : ऊँचा गिलास



No, he doesn't drink. It means he's dead, and all that. I'm the most unhappy of men! Why don't I put a bullet into my brain? Why haven't I cut my throat yet? What am I waiting for? Give me a knife! Give me a pistol! [Lomov moves] He seems to be coming round. Drink some water! That's right.

LOMOV : I see stars... mist... where am I?



CHUBUKOV : Hurry up and get married
and — well, to the devil with
you! She's willing! [He puts
Lomov's hand into his
daughter's] She's willing and
all that. I give you my
blessing and so on. Only
leave me in peace!

LOMOV : [getting up] Eh? What? To whom?

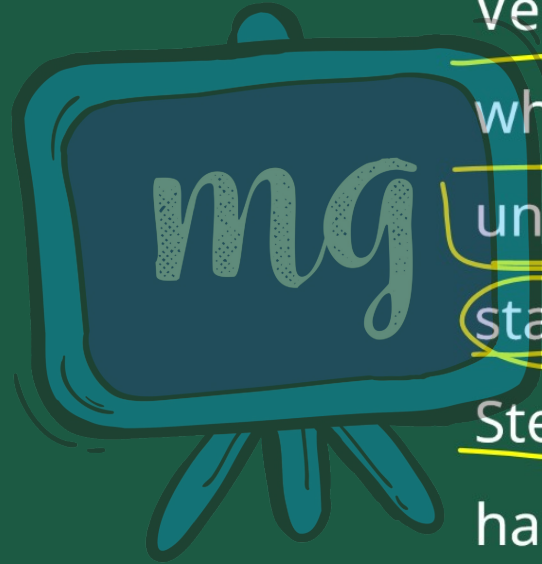
CHUBUKOV : She's willing! Well? Kiss and be damned to you!

NATALYA : [wails] He's alive... Yes, yes, I'm willing.

CHUBUKOV : Kiss each other!

Damned : शापित

LOMOV : Eh? Kiss whom? [They kiss]
Very nice, too. Excuse me,
what's it all about? Oh, now I
understand .. my heart...
stars.. I'm happy. Natalya
Stepanovna... [Kisses her
hand] My foot's gone to
sleep.



NATALYA : I... I'm happy too...

CHUBUKOV : What a weight off my
shoulders, ouf!

NATALYA : But, still you will admit now
that Guess is worse than
Squeezer.

LOMOV : Better!

NATALYA : Worse!

ouf : अह!

CHUBUKOV : Well, that's a way to start
your family bliss! Have some
champagne!

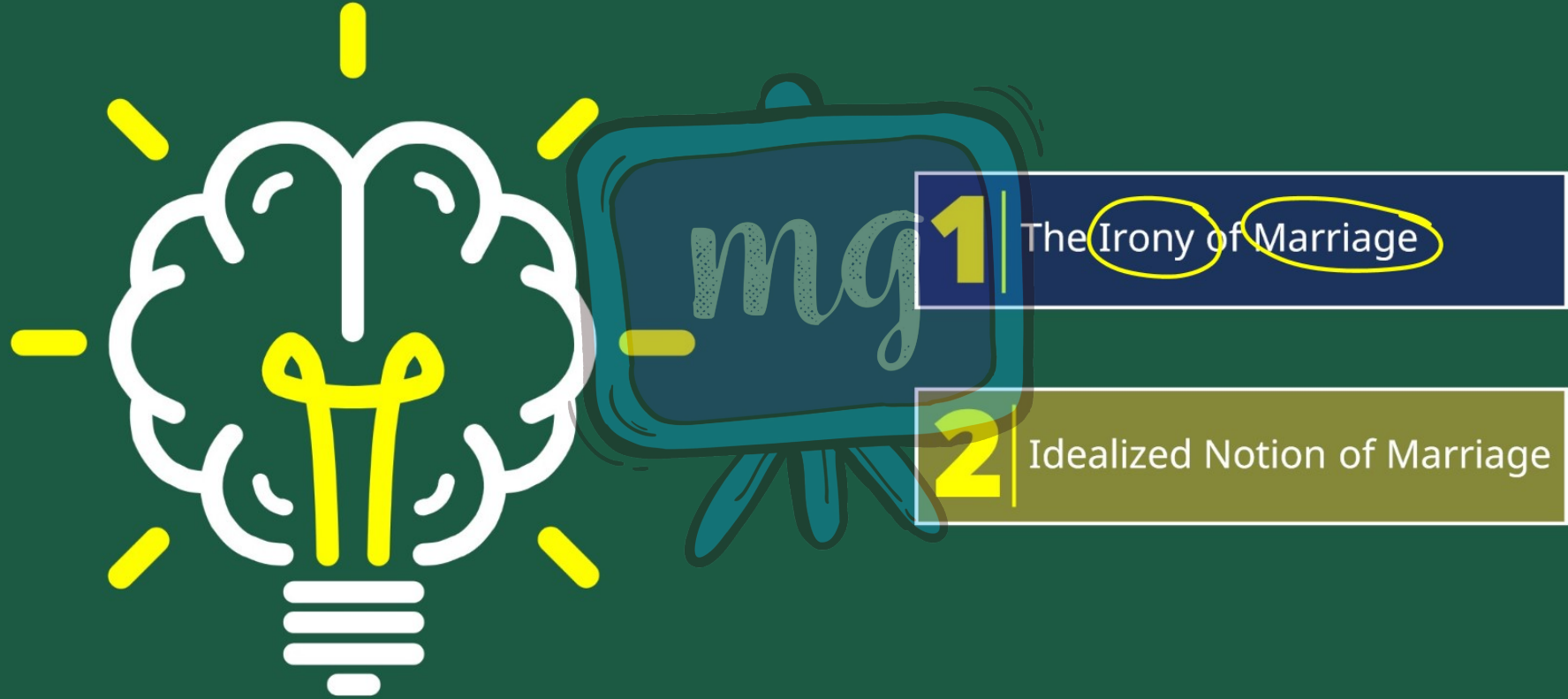
LOMOV : He's better!

NATALYA : Worse! Worse! Worse!

CHUBUKOV : [trying to shout her down]
Champagne! Champagne!

Bliss : परमानन्द

LEARNING OUTCOMES



1 | The Irony of Marriage

2 | Idealized Notion of Marriage

ASSESSMENT



1

What does Chubukov decide to do regarding Lomov and Natalya's relationship?

- A He disapproves of it.
- B He encourages them to get married.
- C He wants them to break up.
- D He stays out of it completely.

ASSESSMENT



2

What do Lomov and Natalya argue about immediately after their engagement?

- A Who should pay for the wedding.
- B The worth of their dogs.
- C What to name their children.
- D Where to live after marriage.

ASSESSMENT



3

What is the last thing Lomov says regarding Squeezer and Guess?

- A Guess is better.
- B Guess is worse.
- C Squeezer is better.
- D Both are good.