

## **Lomov at Chubukov's house**

The play begins in a drawing room of Chubukov's house. Ivan Lomov comes to meet Chubukov. Chubukov is extremely happy to meet him. He is surprised to see Lomov wearing a formal dress and asks him if he was going somewhere. Lomov informs him that he has come to meet him because he needs his help. Chubukov thinks that Lomov must have come to borrow money from him. Finally, Lomov told that he has come to ask for Natalya's (Chubukov's daughter) hand for marriage.

## **Chubukov's Reaction to the Proposal**

Chubukov gets very excited after hearing about the proposal. He hugs and kisses Lomov. He informs Lomov that he waited for this proposal since a long time. He even guarantees that Natalya would also agree to the proposal and goes to call her.

## **Lomov Thinks about Natalya and His Life**

Lomov starts trembling (shaking) due to overexcitement. Lomov is left alone in the drawing room. He starts talking to himself. He finds Natalya to be a good housekeeper. She is well educated and not bad looking. He thinks that he needs to get married now because he is thirty-five years old. He thinks that now he needs to live a quiet and peaceful life. He also thinks that he is always restless and cannot sleep properly.

## **Natalya Meets Lomov**

Natalya enters the drawing room and is surprised to see Lomov. She asks Lomov why he had not come there for a long time. She welcomes Lomov and starts talking about the work in the fields. Suddenly, she notices Lomov's dress. She asks him why he was dressed in an evening (formal) dress and enquired if he was going to a ball (party). Lomov tells her the purpose of his visit. But instead of talking about the proposal, Lomov tells her about the

good relations between Lomovs and Chubukovs. He also mentions about Oxen Meadows that he had inherited from his aunt.

### **Argument over Oxen Meadows**

After hearing Lomov calling Oxen Meadows as his own, Natalya tells Lomov that the Oxen Meadows do not belong to him. They actually belonged to them. An argument began over the Oxen Meadows. Both of them constantly state that the Meadows are owned by them.

Lomov offers to show documents to prove his claims. Lomov clarifies that he is talking about the Oxen Meadows that are between her Birchwoods and Burnt marsh. He clarifies that the Oxen Meadows were once a subject of dispute between their families. But now it belongs to Lomov. His aunt's grandmother gave its free use to the peasants of Natalya's father's grandfather. The peasants used to make bricks for the grandmother. Since peasants used the meadows for forty years, Chubukovs started considering the land to be their own.

### **Argument Continues between Natalya and Lomov**

Natalya does not agree and stick to her point that those meadows belonged to them. She insists that the land have been owned by them for nearly 300 years. Both Lomov and Natalya insist that the land is not worth a lot of money but they want the land as a matter of Lomov offers to make meadows as a present to Nat Natalya also says that she can make meadows as a present to Lomov.

### **Chubukov Joins the Argument**

Chubukov enters the room and gets to know the reason for the argument. He supports Natalya and tells Lomov. that Oxen Meadows are owned by them. The quarrel increases to such an extent that Lomov and Chubukov start abusing each other and their families.

Chubukov tells Lomov by saying that he cannot talk to him so disrespectfully as he is twice of his age. He calls Chubukov a land grabber. Lomov threatens that he would take Chubukov to the court. Chubukov says that Lomov's grandfather was a drunkard.

His younger aunt Nastasya ran away with an architect Chubukov calls him a villain and a scarecrow. He also ca him a monster who has the courage to propose. All come excites Lomov and his health deteriorates. Finally, Chubukov asks Lomov to leave his house and never come back again.

### **Natalya Gets to Know about the Proposal**

As soon as Lomov leaves, Chubukov tells Natalya that Long had come to propose her for marriage. When Natalya hears this, she almost faints and starts crying. She blames Chubukov for irritating/exciting Lomov and asks him to bring Lomov back. Chubukov goes to get Lomov back

### **Another Argument over Dogs**

Lomov enters the house again. Natalya tells him that the Oxen Meadows belongs to Lomov and shifts the conversation. Then, they start talking about dogs. Lomov tells Natalya that his dog 'Guess' is the best dog.

Natalya again objects to Lomov's claims and calls her dog 'Squeezer' to be better than Guess. Again, an argument begins. Both of them list the qualities of their dogs and claim their dog to be better than the other. Chubukov al joins the argument and again it grows to such an extent that they start abusing each other.

### **Chubukov Asks Lomov to Marry Natalya**

While they are arguing, Lomov's condition worsens and h falls onto an arm chair. Both Natalya and Chubukov thin that he has died and start crying. They think that Natalya chance of getting married has gone.

After sometime, Lomov comes to his senses. Chubukov tells Lomov that Natalya is ready for marriage and that they should get married soon. He does not want to lose even a single moment and joins their hand. He asks the to kiss each other.mo

But again, they start arguing about their dogs while Chubukov calls everyone for Champagne to try to quiet Rubs her daughter.