

A Marriage Proposal: A Funny Tale

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A Marriage Proposal is a delightful farce of Anton Chekhov with characters are viewed with lively by compassionate humor. Lomov's good clothes suggested that he was on his way of some engagement. He went to Tschubukov's house to ask for the hand of his daughter Natalia. Lomov asked for water because he became a bit excited expressing his request for marriage proposal. He also got nervous and betted about the bush by saying that he require some his help. Lomov thought cold and his body was trembling as he was going to takes his examination. According to him he was in critical age of 35 with a weak heart and he was very sensitive getting excited. Tschubukov became very happy to hear the marriage proposal so he allowed Lomov to talk with Natalia. Natalia said about his clothes if he was on his way to a ball and seemed to be looking better. According to Natalia's screaming, snorting and raging to not fall within the limits of common decency. She was a woman of principle. She was not ready to bear the injustice. She told Lomov if he wanted to scream and snort and rage, he

may do it at home and requested him to keep himself in common decency.

Lomov talked about family property to show her that they have the closest relation with each other. They started to quarrel on the question of meadow's ownership. Lomov claimed that it belongs to him according the court-record and he said that his aunt's grandfather put it free from all cost to her father's grandfather's peasants for a certain time to make bricks. But Natalia claimed that this was hers for 300 years. Later, she also refused to take Lomov's gift of such meadows when Lomov wants to present it to her. Then the Tschubukov came between their fight and he insulted Lomov's parents and relatives. He told Lomov that his grandfather was a dipsomaniac, his father a gambler and glutton and younger aunt Nastasia ran off with an architect. Natalia added insulting and saying him usurper and he has appropriated other's property. So he drank water repeatedly becoming nervous.

Actually, Tschubukov had not told Natalia about marriage proposal before quarrel. When Natalia came to know, she

asked her father to bring back Lomov and said that she will die because she felt happy on hearing about proposal and realized that her father has insulted Lomov, a person who wants her.

Considering himself as crushed with bad luck he refused to call him back because it was question of his honor. Then father and daughter started to quarrel because she wants to marry with Lomov whom father does not like now.

On the arrival of Lomov, Natalia changed the topic by saying that the meadows really belong to him.

Tschubukov rates Lomov as a hunter by saying that Lomov has a weak heart and he is not able for hunting but he is good for kitchen work. Tschubukov's uncle tried in a court for embezzlement and his late wife did beat him according to Lomov. When the disputes of the meadows came to an end, the dispute of the dogs arouse. They started to quarrel about superiority of their dog and claim one's dogs as a better than other. But Tschubukov became polite and ask to be quiet and love each other. In this way the talk of marriage proposal became delayed. And they celebrated the event by kissing and enjoying the bottle of

champagne. Tschubukov called it domestic joys.