

The Seagull (Masha)

by Anton Chekhov

Scene Synopsis

Masha is talking with Trigorin and assesses how she will deal with her broken heart.

Play Synopsis

Set in the Russian countryside, the cast of characters comes together desiring more than what they have. Some want love, some money, some a place in the world. Arkadina, an aging actress, comes home with her lover and begins a series of events that will ruin her whole family and those of the estate.

Masha says

I am telling you all these things because you write books and they may be useful to you. I tell you honestly, I should not have lived another day if he had wounded himself fatally. Yet I am courageous; I have decided to tear this love of mine out of my heart by the roots. By marrying Medviedenko. Oh, if you knew what it is to love without hope for years and years, to wait for ever for something that will never come! I shall not marry for love, but marriage will at least be a change, and will bring new cares to deaden the memories of the past. Shall we have another drink? Don't look at me with that expression on your face. Women drink oftener than you imagine, but most of them do it in secret, and not openly, as I do. They do indeed, and it is always either vodka or brandy. To your good health! You are so easy to get on with that I am sorry to see you go.