

## Act 1

The main characters :

Nora Helmer

Torvald Helmer

Mrs. Linden

Krogstad

**The play occurs in the Helmer's flat , this flat doesn't have very expensive furniture but it is very comfortable it belongs to the middle class people .**

The play begins with Nora coming into the house, she was shopping for Christmas, she has a user in the house to take care of her 3 children. Trovold and Nora still young people who got married 8 years ago, He just got promoted into bank manger and she is a very beautiful housewife who is full of life and takes care of her beauty . We notice that he still loves her for he keeps calling her bit name as his squirrel or lark . Though T treats his wife as a child and loves her , he insists that she must follow his rules . T asks his wife not to spend a lot of money and to keep economical . because the new \_\_\_\_\_ will not be given to him till after three months from his new job but she refuses and asks for more money .also he asks her not to eat macaroon or sweet so she would not become fat or spoil he teeth .she lies and tells him that she is not ,while she eats them secretly .this tells us that she would not mind lying to her husband and deceiving him . N has a sense of humor. She is enthusiastic character . From the beginning we assume that they are a very happy couple.

T goes out .Avisitor came to visit the Halmers . Mr .Linden , an old school friend of Nora who has not seen her for 10 years, they started to talk about their past lives and what happene d to them during these years . Mrs.linden was married to man that she did not love ,only because he offered her the financial security , for she needed to take care of her invalid mother and younger brothers , but now her husband died bankrupt leav ing her to work hard to survive, her mother also died and her brothers could depend on themselves and don't need her . she needs to have a job to support herself ,that is why she came from the country where she used to live to the city . she asks Nora to ask her husband if he can give her a job , Nora says I will ask him to give you one and Mrs. Linden thanks her for her kindness . We discover that due to her circumstance she married an old man whom she did not love but she married him for his money s o she can help her family . From this conversation we can know some things about N's past life . she is

loveable person and she sacrifice her life for the sake of her family .Also we know that N &T was poor and had to work hard . But suddenly her husband got sick and diagnosed with TB . So under medical advice he had to go to warm country .Like Italy but they could not afford the money, so she borrowed the money from Krogstad and since then she has to pay regular monthly installments (premiums) without the knowledge of her husband because she told him that she took the money from her father .She has no regret about what she has done never the less she is proud of what she have done . From this we can see that she sacrificed in order to help her husband .

Dr. rank is a good man and a good friend of Hemmlers . He is quite wealthy man but he has a very bad health due to his father's moral corruption. One of the important theme in this play is heredity .

K while he was going to visit H at his study D.R was telling Mr.H how bad man and corrupted K is an employee in the bank . Mrs. L knows K because he was a layer in the town that she was living in and she also believes that he is a bad man . also N says that he is a bad man too .All guests and Mr.H leave. N and her children are on the stage alone .She is playing with her kids, suddenly a knock on the door .The visitor is K .He comes to ask her to convince her husband not to fire him because he is a widower with a lot of kids. He knows that Mr.H will fire him and he tried to talk to him to keep his job in the bank but he did not receive a favorable reply, so as N's creditor he comes to ask her to talk to her husband very well and that she cannot change his mind, so she said honestly that she can not. Now he threatens her to tell her husband about her forgery signature of her father on the bond of surety which he still keeps he discovered that she forget her father signature in order to get the money , so she is a criminal in the eyes of the law no matter how noble her motives are so he gives her two choices either to convince her husband to keep his job or he would make a public disclosure of her crime . K is trying to be a good man but he is using evil because he has no other way in order to provides a good , decent life to his kids. N did not know that she committed a crime . In one hand we hate K for his past bad doings but in the other hand we sympathize with him because he is struggling to be a good man .

When Mr.H comes back to his home he asks N if any one came to see her , she denies and lies saying (No) but he says that he just saw K left their flat , so she says ( yes he came trying to keep his job ) Now N asks her husband (why do you hate him much? And what do you have against him ? ) He says (it is because of forgery ) in the bank and K managed to escape the punishment and he is affecting everyone around him . That Is why he hates him so much .Mr.H is judging people he acts as a moralized person and began to judge K's morals .

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T talking as a moralist to his wife when she tries to keep K in his job but T refuses her request.

### **Dramatic irony:**

That Mr. H is talking to N about K and how bad person he is without knowing that N has committed the same crime. Also, he does not know why N asks for K's excuse .

**From act 1** we can see that the whole dramatic situation is realistic and that the language is simple . the actions are fast .No exaggerated situations everyth ing in natural and not supernatural .

## **Act II**

This act also occurs at the Helmer's house .It is Christmas day and N is talking to Ana, first asking her to bring her fancy dress box and then asking her about the children . Ana answers her that the children are playing with their Christmas gifts and asking for their mommy . N is terrified and scared the nurse to keep them away because she is scared and she is not in the mood for playing. N now thinking of her children after her husband's t alk about the influence of a bad mother on her children , when he said that the corruption of the children is due to the bad influence of the mother . Also his talking about the bad influence of K on his children , and how his corruption can be contaminating in his house which will get to his children . This speech of the husband disturbs her, and makes her think s of her crime which is similar to that of K 's and the influence on her children . Now Ana comes again and asks her to bring the children for they did not see their mother for some time and they are asking for her but N says no , and reasons that as they should get used to the idea that she will be more far away from them now and not being able to see them as much as they used to . N asks Ana " what would she think about their feeling if she was away from them forever? ( this question reveals an important development which is her thinking of leaving her house and her family forever or committing suicide ). But N did not wait for Ana's answer and she went to see Christina who arrived after getting a call

from N to help her mending her fancy dress .N asks her friend to her with the critical situation of K when Mrs .L came to help N with her dress .

From this conversation we see that Mrs.L suspects something about Dr.Rank and she believes that he seems insincere man because he comes regularly with no obvious reasons that is why she gave her friend this advice to keep him away from her family; but N says that he is a very harmless friend. L now thinks that Dr. Rank is the one whom N borrowed the money from , but N corrects her idea and tells her the truth .

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> conversation between N and her husband** .This conversation contains confrontation .She here tries to convince her husband to keep K's job .In act I , she hints that he should not fire K but here in act II she says that in a direct way .

### **Mr. H refuses to keep K's job why ??**

- he promised Mrs. Linden that he will help her so he will fire K to give her his job.

N says that he can fire any other one. This is not a real reason to fire k from his place in the bank .

-he does not want to look like a fool in front of his employee s that he is easy to play with and his wife can change his mind .

-he says that I can forgive his moral failings if K have not taken advantage of their old friendship . They (K &Mr.H) were school mates and Mr.H regrets that now. Mr.H cannot work with K because K calls T with a familiar way he calls him with his first name . He hurts T's ego because he is a superior to K now and that is why he should call him in a formal way at least at work . K embarrasses T in his job when he calls him as if they were friends.( this reason is the important one ).

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> reasons we can see that T is an arrogant man and he is a straight , moral man . He compares himself to her father and he says that he is better than her father .N says that she afraid that K might take a revenge but T says that no one can harm him and he is courageous enough to not be afraid of any acts of vengeance .

**Here we have another dramatic irony** T does not know that N is begging him to keep K's job in order to not be publically disgraced .

Dr. Rank comes in . we sympathies with him because he is about to die . He talks to N about his sickness and he says that once somebody dies is soon will get forgotten . He feels that something is overweighing N's mind so he offers his services and he confesses with his love to her , N is not surprised because she always felt his love and care .She politely puts him off but she says that she loves her husband and only him but she enjoys his company too . Suddenly K comes in because he received his dismissal .He comes demanding an explanation and comes with new threat . She offers money but he refuses . He comes to tell her that he changed his mind he will not tell the authority instead he wants T,N and K sit as friends and discuss the matter he wants to have a higher job in the bank (the second in the bank ) and sometimes he might be the manager. Before he leaves him dropping a letter in the closed letter box of H.N tells Mrs.L everything about K .Mrs.L says that she will help N and tries to convince K to withdraw his letter from H's letter box because the two had a past love affair and she believes that she can influence him . N is optimistic and tries to keep her husband busy by the Tarantella's rehearsal which is a traditional dance in Northern Europe which she will perform in the Christmas celebration . At the end of this act she decides to commit suicide which is the last solution.

**Act II represents** the raise of actions we know something about H's character.