

Quiz: RL.5.5

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

The Boor

Characters

Helena Ivanovna Popov [a young widow, mistress of a country estate]

Grigorji Stepanovitch Smirnov [proprietor of a country estate]

Luka [servant of Mrs. Popov]

A Gardener

A Coachman

Several Workmen

Setting: The estate of Mrs. Popov

Time: The Present

[Mrs. Popov discovered in deep mourning, sitting upon a sofa, gazing steadfastly at a photograph. Luka is also present.]

- 1 Luka. . . everything that breathes is enjoying life, even the cat knows how to be happy—slips about the courtyard and catches birds; but you hide yourself here in the house as though you were in a cloister and have no pleasures. . .

[A bell rings loudly.]

Mrs. Popov [shudders]. What's that? Say that I am receiving no one.

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- 2 Mrs. Popov [gazing at the photograph]. You shall see, Nikol, how I can love and forgive—My love will die only with me—when my poor heart stops beating. [She smiles through her tears.] And aren't you ashamed? I have been a good, true wife . . . and I shall remain true until the grave, and you—you—you're not ashamed of yourself, my dear monster!

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[Smirnov enters followed by Luka.]

- 3 Smirnov [Discovering Mrs. Popov—politely.] Madam, I have the honor to introduce myself; Lieutenant in the Artillery, retired, country gentleman, Grigorji Stepanovitch Smirnov! . . .
- 4 Mrs. Popov [without offering her hand]. What is it you wish?
- 5 Smirnov. Your deceased husband, with whom I had the honor to be acquainted, left me two notes amounting to about twelve hundred rubles. . .

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