

QUESTIONS

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ANSWERS

1. List three pet names which Torvald calls Nora.

Answer: squirrel, skylark, sweet little songbird, little Nora

2. Describe the relationship between Nora and Mrs. Linde.

Answer: Nora and Mrs Linde were old school friends. Mrs. Linde has fallen on hard times. She arrives at the house unannounced and asks Nora if Helmer might be able to offer her some work at the bank. Nora agrees to help. Nora confesses her secret that some time ago, she borrowed a large amount of money from a moneylender. Mrs. Linde continually encourages her to tell Torvald the truth.

3. Why did Nora need to borrow money?

Answer: To pay for a trip to Italy that her husband needed to improve his health

4. What is the name of the dance which Nora dances?

Answer: The Tarantella

5. Describe the relationship between Nora and Krogstad.

Answer: Krogstad is the man whom Nora borrowed money from for the trip to Italy. Krogstad has discovered she forged her father's name and is now blackmailing her. He threatens that unless he keeps his job at the bank –the job Nora has just arranged to be given to Mrs Linde – then he will tell Helmer everything. He goes on to explain that not only did Nora borrow money from him but she also forged her father's signature, which is a criminal offence.

6. What specific event led Nora to make the decision to leave?

Answer: After reading the first letter and discovering everything, Torvald has little concern for Nora and makes no attempt to take the blame for her, which is what she had expected. He is only concerned with the effect that this will have on his social standing.

After reading the second letter, informing Helmer and Nora that he will marry Mrs Linde and will have no need to reveal Nora's wrongdoing. Torvald is suddenly overjoyed and forgives Nora everything now that his reputation is no longer under threat.

Nora, however, in seeing that her husband cared for his honour much more than for her, has a revelation. Finding her whole marriage as a performance; she becomes set on a course of self-discovery and truth and decides to leave her husband and children to live alone.

7. Who said “I believe that before everything else I’m a human being”?

Answer: Nora Helmer

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Answer: Torvald Helmer

9. Who said “When I lost you it was as if the very ground had given way beneath my feet. Look at me now, a shipwrecked man clinging to a spar”?

Answer: Nils Krogstad

10. Who said “I just had to struggle along”?

Answer: Mrs. Kristine Linde