



Sasha

From *Ivanov*

By Anton Chekov

Age Range: Young Adult, Adult

Style: Dramatic, Contemporary

Monologue:

“What can you possibly have to tell me? That you are a man of honour? The whole world knows it. You had better tell me on your honour whether you understand what you have done or not. You have come in here as a man of honour and have insulted him so terribly that you have nearly killed me. When you used to follow him like a shadow and almost keep him from living, you were convinced that you were doing your duty and that you were acting like a man of honour. When you interfered in his private affairs, maligned him and criticised him; when you sent me and whomever else you could, anonymous letters, you imagined yourself to be an honourable man! And, thinking that that too was honourable, you, a doctor, did not even spare his dying wife or give her a moment's peace from your suspicions. And no matter what violence, what cruel wrong you committed, you still imagined yourself to be an unusually honourable and clear-sighted man.”

Play Synopsis:

Ivanoff is trying to regain the glory of his misspent youth. Ivanoff's wife is not aware that she is slowly dying. While dealing with that stress, Ivanoff falls for Sasha. Anna witnesses the beginning of their affair and later confronts Ivanoff. Others help in Ivanoff's demise.

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