

A Doll's House

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What does the macaroon scene establish about Nora and Torvald before the serious secret is revealed?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	The hidden macaroons
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FIND THE ANCHOR TEXT

Use the Anchor Text Table of Contents in the Enhanced Reader to open the START anchor. Then use the dropdown to select the END anchor.

SECTION / LOCATION Act I

START She takes a packet of macaroons from her pocket END Hasn't Miss Sweet Tooth been breaking rules in town today?

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THE MOVE

Use a tiny deception as structural foreshadowing

WHY THIS PASSAGE

The macaroon deception is tiny, but it establishes a marriage in which Torvald makes rules in a parental tone and Nora protects small areas of autonomy through secrecy and performance. The serious later secret grows out of a pattern already visible in miniature.

MARK

Underline Torvald's rules or assumptions about Nora's behavior. Circle Nora's acts of concealment around the macaroons. Star the moment she performs innocence after already breaking the rule.

NOTICE

- What kind of authority does Torvald assume over a trivial choice?
- Why does Nora hide rather than openly disagree?
- How does the small deception prepare us to understand the structure of the larger secret later?

THINK

Answer provisionally: What does the macaroon scene establish about Nora and Torvald before the serious secret is revealed? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: What does the macaroon scene establish about Nora and Torvald before the serious secret is revealed? Use at least two details from the assigned passage and explain how they support your interpretation.

CLOSE

Name the single detail that most changed or sharpened your interpretation, and explain why.

STRONG ANSWER	The macaroon scene establishes a marriage pattern in miniature: Torvald sets childlike rules, Nora hides a small act of independence, and she performs innocence rather than openly contesting his authority. The later serious secret grows from the same structure.
EVIDENCE	Use Torvald's pet names/rules and Nora's concealment or denial around the macaroons.
WATCH FOR	Do not say the scene foreshadows merely because Nora lies. Explain what the tiny lie reveals about power and communication in the marriage.
SOLO	Read the exact passage independently.
SUPPORTED	Use narration and sentence highlighting while reading the same passage.
LISTENING	Listen to the exact passage; visual following is optional. Same question and evidence demand.

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

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1. MARK - Underline Torvald's rules or assumptions about Nora's behavior. Circle Nora's acts of concealment around the macaroons. Star the moment she performs innocence after already breaking the rule.
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3. THINK - Answer provisionally: What does the macaroon scene establish about Nora and Torvald before the serious secret is revealed?
4. WRITE - Write a short response using at least two pieces of evidence from this passage.

Use evidence from the assigned passage. Show what you noticed and how the text supports your interpretation.