

A Doll's House

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Why does Nora say coming back would require both people to change?

TOTAL TIME

PASSAGE

30 minutes	The wonderful thing
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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 III

START the most wonderful thing of all would have to happen. END That our life together would be a real wedlock.

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THE MOVE

Define reconciliation as mutual transformation rather than return

WHY THIS PASSAGE

Nora refuses a return based on promises or emotion alone. For reconciliation to become possible, both people would have to become different enough for the marriage itself to be a real partnership rather than a restored version of the old arrangement.

MARK

Underline the conditions Nora sets for the 'wonderful thing.' Circle every place where change is required from both Nora and Torvald. Star the phrase that defines what a genuinely different marriage would be.

NOTICE

- Why is Torvald's desire for Nora to stay not sufficient?
- What would have to change in Nora as well as in Torvald?

- How is mutual transformation different from simply repairing the old marriage?

THINK

Answer provisionally: Why does Nora say coming back would require both people to change? Choose the strongest interpretation you can defend from this passage alone.

WRITE

Write a short evidence-based response to: Why does Nora say coming back would require both people to change? 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	Nora says return would require both people to change because reconciliation without transformation would simply restore the old unequal marriage. Real wedlock would require her to become an independent person and Torvald to relate to her as one.
EVIDENCE	Use the conditions Nora sets for herself and Torvald and the phrase defining what a true marriage would have to become.
WATCH FOR	Do not answer that love or apology alone could bring her back. The passage explicitly rejects return without mutual change.
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.

STUDENT PAGE · SAME PASSAGE, SAME THINKING

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OPEN THE MARKED PASSAGE IN TUMBLELIT

SOLO: read independently. SUPPORTED: use narration + highlighting. LISTENING: listen to the exact passage. The question and evidence task stay the same.

1. MARK - Underline the conditions Nora sets for the 'wonderful thing.' Circle every place where change is required from both Nora and Torvald. Star the phrase that defines what a genuinely different marriage would be.
2. NOTICE - Why is Torvald's desire for Nora to stay not sufficient? What would have to change in Nora as well as in Torvald? How is mutual transformation different from simply repairing the old marriage?
3. THINK - Answer provisionally: Why does Nora say coming back would require both people to change?
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.