

NINA

You liked me? You really liked me?

TRIGORIN

You were beautiful. You are beautiful.

NINA

You are Trigorin Cheapnovelich.

TRIGORIN

I am.

NINA

I have read every word you have ever written.

TRIGORIN

You embarrass me.

NINA

But you are a genius, a visionary...

Masha enters, followed by Seymon.

SEYMON

He is a lunatic!

MASHA

But I love him!

NINA

I love your work.

TRIGORIN

You should come to see me some time. I would love to... discuss art with you.

NINA

Really?

TRIGORIN

Yes.

NINA

I feel like I am flying. Like a seagull.

TRIGORIN

Perhaps another bird.

NINA

No, a seagull.

TRIGORIN

Very well.

NINA

I must go, but I will be see you again.

Nina exits.

TRIGORIN

Yes. Yes you will.

(picks up a dead seagull)

She feels like a seagull. Such a charming girl. There is a story in this somewhere.