

EMMY.

Torvald did something really stupid.

I know that he's still, technically speaking, married to you.  
And I'm not saying that none of this is his fault.  
There's fault on his part, for sure.  
But basically, what happened,  
when you left, people noticed,  
and of course they noticed,  
and people would ask, "Where's Nora?"  
and Torvald, I'm sure you could guess,  
he was pretty upset about it, felt pretty private about it,  
didn't want to talk about it – it was embarrassing – people ask him  
where you are and he'd have to say you left him – it would be awkward,  
both for him and for the person asking,  
so at first when people asked, he'd say that you had gone away,  
left town, visiting family,  
something like that.

He really didn't say much about it, he didn't want to lie,  
but then when about two or so months had gone by,  
and you were still gone – I mean I don't know exactly how it happened,  
obviously I was so little, I wasn't aware of what was happening – but  
someone made the assumption that you weren't well,  
that you had gotten sick,  
and Torvald didn't say no,  
so that's the story that went around –  
that you were gone and you were sick  
and recovering at a sanitarium.  
And then another month or two passes,  
and someone somewhere says something or makes the assumption  
that it's worse than that,  
and that you hadn't recovered  
and you were  
no longer alive.

And that's what people assumed,  
and Torvald – now he's so far in  
and to explain the truth – I know it's a weak thing he did

but he had his job at the bank and was  
a very respected member of the community,  
very well – liked, trusted,  
to have to explain such an embarrassing set of  
truths and misunderstandings and so on –  
so he said nothing.  
And by saying nothing  
he was sort of saying something  
which is that you  
had died.

And once people came to think that,  
that's when – well you know what happens when that happens –  
there's an outpouring of affection and support,  
people visited,  
they brought food,  
they really rallied around him  
and us – the whole family.

And there's also some government support for the families,  
there's that – some money you get – of course there was no death  
certificate ever filed,  
but these things happen, mistakes, oversights –  
just because of the way people found out,  
this gradual sort of realization that that's what was – and because  
Torvald is well – respected, well – liked, and because he runs the bank –

You see?

It's a problem. You being here, doing what you're doing.

Do you –?