

The General Action of BADVI HAMAR

Antreas Elizparian has become rich by cheating his now deceased partner out of his share of their business. Ardashes Otarian, the partner's son, speaking on behalf of his long deprived family demands half of Antreas' present wealth. His situation is complicated, however, by his love for Antreas' daughter Markarid to whom he reveals the fact that he holds documentary proof that her father cheated his. She demands to see this proof which he brings to her asking her to be his judge. She, in turn, shows them to her prideful and choleric brother Pakrad. He and a vain sister Rozalia try to prevent Markarid from returning the papers to Otarian. She is adamant in her desire for justice even at the expense of her father. The favorable attitude of her mother and a playboy brother (Suren) encourages her in that direction. When Rozalia and Pakrad warn Antreas of his danger, he must act. With his brother-in-law Saghatel, he rifles his daughter's desk and steals the incriminating documents. Having seen the theft in shocked silence, Markarid begs her father to return the documents for the sake of honor. He refuses and burns them in a rage. When Ardashes forcibly enters the house and demands the papers, she assumes her father's guilt saying that she herself burned the papers. Ardashes cannot believe this as she leaves the room. He begins questioning Antreas and as he is doing so his answer comes in a most shocking and horrifying manner to end the play.