

PADRE

Have you heard?

DR. CARRASCO

On my way here I was informed by at least ten people.

*(To ANTONIA)*

My dear, your uncle is the laughing-stock of the entire neighborhood. Padre? What do you know of this?

PADRE

Only that the good Señor Quijana has been carried away by his imagination.

DR. CARRASCO

Señor Quijana has lost his mind and is suffering from delusions.

PADRE

Is there a difference?

DR. CARRASCO

Exactitude of meaning. I beg to remind you, Padre, that I am a doctor.

ANTONIA

Please don't argue, we must do something about him!

DR. CARRASCO

I'm a little more concerned about us.

ANTONIA

What do you mean, us?

DR. CARRASCO

Our marriage, my dear. There is a certain embarrassment at having a madman in the family. In the eyes of others -

PADRE

*(Alarmed at this drift)*

Oh, come, come, Doctor.

DR. CARRASCO

I do not relish claiming a lunatic as an uncle!