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SASHA from IVANOV by  
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SASHA:

What did you do it for? What did you insult him for? My friends, please make him tell me what he did it for! Well, what do you want to say? That you're an honest man? All the world knows that! I'd rather you told me whether you understand yourself, or whether you don't.

You just came in here now and hurled a shocking insult at him which nearly killed me – you did that as an honest man; before that you'd been pursuing him like a shadow and interfering with his life, and, of course, you did that too in the certainty that you were fulfilling your duty, that you were an honest man. You meddled with his private life, you bombarded me and all my friends with anonymous letters – and all the time you were doing it you thought of yourself as an honest man. Yes, Doctor, you thought it was honest not even to spare his sick wife, to keep on worrying her with your suspicions. And whatever you may do in the future – acts of violence, or cruelty, or meanness – you'll still think yourself an extraordinarily honest and high minded person! . . . .

So just think that over: do you understand yourself, or don't you?

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