

## **BOYARINYA VERA SHELOGA**

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Vera, the wife of Ivan Sheloga, who is absent at the War, is singing her child to sleep. Nadezhda, her sister, learns that the child is not Sheloga's, but the mother refuses to divulge more than that one day, when on her way to the Pechersky Monastery, she had become faint, and had found herself, on regaining consciousness, in the tent of a stranger, who subsequently visited her at her home. Hardly has she finished her story when her husband returns. When he puts the question, "Whose is that child?" Nadezhda, to shield her sister, proclaims herself the mother. (The child is Olga, the Maid of Pskov, her father is Ivan the Terrible.)