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S. No 20 B.A. English Hons, Part 2 Topic: The most humorous scene in *She Stoops to Conquer*. Dr Umesh Prasad Singh, Assistant Prof of English, D. B. College Contact No 7250460920, Email-ID drumeshsingh131@gmail.com

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The humorous scene in *She Stoops to Conquer*.

She Stoops to Conquer is a comedy, so it is full of humorous scenes. When Marlow comes to the house of Mr Hardcastle, he considers him the owner of the inn. He behaves accordingly. Mr Hardcastle misunderstands him. He considers him immodest. The mistake of Marlow and the misunderstanding of Mr Hardcastle make us laugh.

Mr Hardcastle trains his servants to wait at the table. He tells them their positions where they will stand. However, when the visitors come they are confused and they forget their positions. We also laugh at them.

The formal meeting between Marlow and Kate is also very interesting. Marlow becomes sheepish in his first meeting with Kate. He is not able to see her face also. He replies in the yes, no manner only. Kate tries to encourage him, but she could not. He proves himself a completely shy fellow.

Much of the humour in the play comes from Tony Lumpkin .Tony helps Hastings to elope with Neville but Neville does not want to go without her jewels. So Tony steals the jewels from the drawer of his mother. He gives them to Hastings .Hastings passes them to Marlow. and Marlow again gives them to Mrs Hardcastle. Thus, the jewls again fall into the hands of Mrs Hardcastle. This scene is full of fun. The audience cannot stop laughing.

Tony's great trick amuses at the end of the play. When Mrs Hardcastle finds out the elopement plan of Neville and Hastings, she reacts quickly. She decides to drive Neville away to her aunt's house. It is night. Tony offers to drive the coach. Instead of going straight, he drives the coach round and round the village until they have realized that they have crossed forty miles. In fact, Tony is in his garden.

Tony frightens his mother by talking about robbers .He says his mother that he is passing through the robbers' zone. But in fact they are in their garden. Mr Harcastle comes there. To see his father Tony tells his mother that the robber has come. He instructs his mother to hide behind the tree. Then Tony starts talking with his stepfather. Mrs Hardcastle feels that Tony is talking with the robber who will kill her son. So she requests Mr Hardcastle, understanding him a robber, to take her money and life instead of her son's life. She kneels down before her own husband for sparing the life of her son. This is the height of humour. I like this scene very much because it is the most humorous scene in the play.