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The Story Of An Hour “Kate Chopins”

Kate Chopin the author of “The Story of an hour” did a very great exceptional written piece of Literature as she describes it in an intriguing manner that lives audience more curious, the sudden death of Mr Brently Mallard. The author set it up in a short and to the point scenario , everything seems to have occurred instantly in a very short time like approximately an hour. Everything is so sudden and as well leaves the audience in extreme suspense as the devastating breaking news is informed cautiously to Mrs Mallard. The protagonist is said to have afflicted with a heart trouble condition. There are only four characters in the story including the Protagonist. Brently’s friend Richards who learned of the news, and her sister Josephine who informed her the death of Brently, her husband, in a railroad disaster. Because of her condition I believe , it was a huge unbearable piece of work to notify her. So the sister had to break it pieces not to cause much harm upon this delicate soul, Louise mourned, helplessly in the sister’s arms in comfort after hearing the news and in a while decides to isolate herself, goes to another room in deep sorrow to a place of grief and mourning the tragic loss of her beloved husband. Reality sinks in as she reminisces about her life reflecting the way she lived. A lot is divulged after the tragic and sudden death occurred. She also turns to realize that she is free, free and free to herself , no more sorrow. A true revelation of women oppressed but secretly embraces the “dominant ideology” in fear .

As she is by herself in her own space somethings gets on her mind .The gaze that she had, the

a delicious breath of rain and the look outside her window must have refreshed her so much . The view Through the window of fresh spring also symbolises new beginning awaits for Louise Mallard.

She thought she will smoothly transition to the freedom that she longed for I guess in that short Time she was married , she was young according to the text, Chopin (pg48 line 29) all this takes place As she calms in her grief, calms with new fresh thoughts but sobbing continues facing reality. As she continued the environment turned for her good. The way she acted when she was by herself basically brings out more evidence that this marriage was partially not a very happy one. They may had some moments of affection and intimacy like obviously in any marriage but the fact that she is relieved leaves so many questions, the author raise a loud sounding alarm on the kind of life the woman has been going through her marriage. Her actions and thoughts reveal some secrets untold in Marriage. Supposedly oppression in this marriage, and back in those days in the nineteenth century, looks like it was normal and that was a lifestyle as men were the ones working and woman being just a housewife who takes care of children and homebound and house chores .But it sounds like there was not much freedom.We can not even relate to these days.

As I connect this piece of literature to reality, life has since changed and it would be so sad to be in Louise's shoes to wait for death really for her to have freedom. That wouldn't apply now and a little concern, I can express is that is it because the husband is the breadwinner?, but at the same time women also carry a lot on them like pregnancy, carrying the baby to the last trimester , which men never experience it. And mostly taking care of the baby, mothers have busy hands so I believe this history is not good to follow.Though here in United States I have seen it differently , men and women in American marriages, despite the marital history discussed by the story, best upheld a

relationship of love and equality between husband and wife and they mostly set a very good example. There is no fairness like when women are looked down upon in society. Even though Louise thought to herself about freedom but still the society one way or the other was going to take its full course. Men remain dominant and these inside crying voices were never to be heard like crocodile tears which are never seen or noticed..There was anticipation of true freedom , some other authors suggest why men can make someone live under oppression . How about a divorce if the marriage is not working . Again back in those days as well I think it was inappropriate for a woman to call or apply for divorce was she heard at all? Not heard can not be heard anywhere else even in the community ,it was culturally not accepted because of law, man's dominance or women's submission protocole. We see feminist criticism, nobody would advocate for women.

As I write this paper , I am on the women's side and clarifying the concept that , they are fearfully and wonderfully made, women can do great and mighty things if they are confident and know who they are. Freedom doesn't only come when somebody dies , but we have freedom, born with freedom it is a tool that only women have to know how to use it, and now is the time to act upon our freedom and independence, not to ultimately result in death or destruction

those silent voices must be heard .If women rise and and men support that initiative and embrace that perspective , the world would become a better place for everyone.Freedom that we long for would apparently be birthed , every woman needs freedom and equality.I believe gone are the days when oppression reigned and women lived in fear, abuse and above all remains unnoticed.

Literally also from my research as a Social worker and on a cultural perspective, victims of abuse

Are mostly women, meaning that notion is endless it is from age to age regardless of cultural background ethnicity or race . Diederich (pg 116). “Thus, her death represents futility of her freedom. Likewise, our students pondered Louise's death, suggesting divorce as an escape option instead of death, an indication of their contemporary context...” I strongly agree to this noble idea especially the fact that myself for instance at some point, I was in the same state of silent oppression and basically protecting the adversary, resulted in so much of my low self esteem, deprived of my happiness, my freedom even up to my voice and decision which is a norm in my country where I grew up in. We still have so many women who live the same lifestyle and comfortable to divulge and protect the abuser or oppressor , which even despises the success of so many communities, and I believe according to research many end up dying very sad with so many diseases caused by such treatment. Thank God I made a bold decision , when one knows the truth , the truth will eventually set them free. I should have been forgotten a long time ago , it's only the Grace of God that found me .Now I can stand with a voice that can be heard and recognized and even stand for so many woman in my community. Dominance , abuse and oppression are mostly intertwined depending on how the recipient perceive it but I totally understand this situation in my perspective

“ Louise's death is an extreme way for Chopin to extricate her main character from marriage.” so true again I believe that is why some people have a choice to remain unmarried and choose to move on single because of some of these situations

My research as well on the article written by Duederich widened and open my mind a bit wider, there was discussion between the domestic students and international students about this whole concept. Interestingly they came up with different perspectives but ultimately blending at the

End. This idea of oppression is found in most cultures and is normality yet some are so very free, Louise disappears indefinitely as she noticed that her husband is not dead, but alive and the new was a big mistake which ultimately took Louise's life. The ending is so sad as it never rains in this Mallard's family but pours heavily. Louise is the one to die instead its so sad .The irony is being fulfilled, Chopin (pg49) Whatever Louise anticipated such as freedom , it comes in another way yes freedom but I also believe that in the beginning of creation , God created both man and woman in his own image, in his own image he created them.Adam and Eve his mind was for a man and woman to have dominion over all the things of the earth and the man is to be the head of the family but this is a biblical perspective which people turn its meaning and use it against women to gain dominance over them. Often times people miss and overlook the truth and hold on to their ways , their views but at the same time not in favor of women.

As I come to my conclusion , I don't as well think that Mrs Louis Mallard's health was attended to as it should be.Because of all is evidence we are as audience put in suspense so it can be very difficult whilst the protagonist is no more , the spouse might have to defend himself but there seems to be many underlying issued in regards of Mrs Mallard's sudden death beside being shocked by her husband's death , the physician quickly concluded since they know but I would think , ther was kind of negligence maybe from both the Mallards . The story ends so sad and so heartbreaking , the one who was thought to be dead now lives a more free life Brently and the one who was celebrating freedom , Louis passes suddenly, she ultimately got eternal freedom.

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