

THE PIECE OF STRING

GUY DE MAUPASSANT

A short story which was first established in 1883. This short story focuses on the subjects: criticism, greed, and peasantry. The point of view given by the author is in the 3rd person limited perspective. It's tone is Busy and pessimistic. It was clearly shown by Maupassant that the conflict is on Man vs. Society. The protagonist of the story is Maitre Mauchecorne: the one who picked up the string. He is much conscious with his reputation. Maitre Malandain portrays to be the antagonist.

The Summary of the Plot

It is a market day and everyone is busy. The square of Goderville is very crowded. Maitre Hauchecorne saw a string and picked it up. In the meanwhile his rival, Maitre Malandain, saw him. Hauchecorne was accused of the robbery of the wallet and was sent to the mayor's office. He defended himself although no one believed him. The wallet was returned by another guy. The people thought of Hauchecorne was just trying to trick them through an accomplice. Hauchecorne died in grief.

Author's Background

Henri Rene Albert Guy de Maupassant was known for his prompt and natural style in writing a short story. He was born on August 5, 1883 near Dieppe in Normandy. He joined his mother when his parents were separated when he was 11. He does not the string have compassion on his characters. The near end of his life was erratic. He was sent to a mental institution in Paris, France.