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**“The Necklace”**

**---Guy De Maupassant**

**Summary:-**

**“The Necklace” is an interesting story of a pretty girl, Matilda, who was born in a family of clerks. She always thought of riches and luxuries. She was married to a petty clerk in the office of the Board of Education. Her dissatisfaction due to poverty made her constantly unhappy and complaining. Somehow she was spending her life in a discontented manner.**

**The most striking turn in her life came when one day her husband, Loisel handed her over an invitation to a dance party**

**from the Minister of Public Instructions. She got irritated and threw down the invitation card. Loisel was dumb struck at her disappointment. He came to know the reason after it. It was the lack of proper dress and jewellery. Loisel anyhow bought her proper dress and advised her to borrow some jewellery from her rich friend Mme Forestier. She did so and borrowed a diamond necklace from her.**

**At the ball party, her enthusiastic and joyous performance turned her out to be the prettiest of all—elegant, gracious, smiling and full of joy. All the people present there appreciated her. She came back home at 4a.m. fully satisfied. But when she removed her wrap to have a final view of her glory before the glass, she was shocked to see that the necklace was missing. When they failed to get it after searching a lot, Loisel reported the**

**matter to the police and put an advertisement in the newspapers without any result. Matilda wrote to Mme Forestier pretending that the clasp of the necklace had broken and so she would return it after getting it repaired. When all the hopes of getting the necklace were lost, they decided to buy a new one.**

**Loisel had only 18,000 francs, so he borrowed the rest amount from usurers to buy a new one for 36,000 francs. To arrange the borrowed money, she worked very hard. She sent away the maid and began to live in a rented room in an attic. She did all her household work and Loisel also worked overtime to save money. Thus, horrible life of necessity changed her in a tired old woman within ten years of hard time.**

**One day Matilda happened to meet Mme Forestier during a walk. She revealed her miserable past regarding the necklace to her. Matilda was horribly surprised to know the reality about the necklace. Mme Forestier told her that it was a false one and was worth of only 500 frenks.**

**Thus, 'wearing a necklace of one night grabbed Matilda's neck for the rest of life.'**