

"Waiter, a glass of beer!"

The glass that was brought him he gulped down at one swallow. Only, in taking up his pipe again, as his hand trembled, he let it drop, and it broke. This caused him a gesture of despair, and drew from him the complaint:

"Well, now, that's really a tragedy that is. It'll take me a month to color another. *Makes it seem like a really bad thing. ~ just a pipe*
He has had it a long time *negative to make it dark

And through the immense room, now full of tobacco-smoke and beer-drinkers, resounded again his everlasting cry:

"Waiter, a glass of beer!" Only this time he added, "And a new pipe!" *Will he tell him what happened later on?*

Guy de Maupassant (1850-1893) French Writer from fam. of noble

- one of greatest French writers (100s of short stories)
- contracted syphilis in twenties, got mentally ill / insane

Structural Devices

Literary Devices

- short story
- dialogue
- repetition of "glass" 14x
 - "Waiter, a glass of beer" 7x
 - beer 13x
- 58 paragraphs (indents)
- 1st person POV
- before each "Waiter, a glass of beer!" he was speaking of something negative*

- tone: mellow, apathetic, calm, indifferent, resignation, desperate
- descriptive language ~ Count is broken down
- SI TTS ~ sight @ hearing & smell @ taste
- onomatopoeia ~ "rattat-tat"
- theme ~ People do not overcome bad times in life unless they address and accept what is going on, and they do not deny problems and try to forget them.
- simile ~ "as black as coal"
- metaphor ~ "bring out a syllable"
- symbolism ~ "Waiter, a glass of beer"
- resignation, deflecting, anti-social behavior, "drowning his sorrows," alcoholism, anxiety/crutch about uncomfortable life topics

