

## Root of Constancy

- Diction: the word "beets" is repeated throughout the short story
- Beets symbolize sexual organs, sexual intimacy, emotional intimacy, infidelity, challenge (differences), stubbornness, selfishness
- Repetition of red/pink to imply passion, sexual frustration, & pleasure
- Sausage/luncheon meats repeated to symbolize maleness, forcing his wants/desires on her

Theme: A couple can have differences and still be happy together, if they try to be open-minded. <sup>only</sup>

## Waiter, A Glass Of Beer!

- Diction: the phrase "Waiter, a glass of beer!"
- The phrase WAGOB suggests alcoholism, premature aging, anxiety/cruch about uncomfortable life topics, anti-social behavior, resignation, drowning his sorrows, deflecting (change convo)
- Uses diction to imply how desperate, broken down, and tired the Count is.

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. ; Inactivity can lead to a sense of uselessness and depression. ; Coping skills vary between individuals - some prefer not to deal with things; Drowning yourself in a wave of sorrow makes it harder to swim to the shore of the rest of your life.