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The Thing Around Your Neck First UK editionAuthorChimamanda Ngozi AdichieCountryNigeriaLanguageEnglishPublisherFourth Estate (UK)Alfred A. Knopf (USA)Publication date2009Media typePrint, Audio & mp3; eBookPages300ISBN978-0-307-37523-0 The Thing Around Your Neck is a collection of short stories by Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, first published in April 2009 by Fourth Estate in the UK and Knopf in the USA. It received many positive reviews, including: It makes the narrative seem as easy as the song of birds (Daily Telegraph); [1] Stunning. Like all good storytellers, she makes us want more (The Times). [2] Cell One Stories (first published in The New Yorker); in which a spoiled brother and son of a teacher is sent to a Nigerian prison and ends up in the infamous Cell One. Imitation (first published in Other Voices) is set in Philadelphia and concerns Nkem, a young mother whose art dealer husband visits only 2 months a year. She discovers that her lover has moved into her home in Lagos. A Private Experience (first published in the Virginia Quarterly Review) in which two women trapped in a mutiny between Christians and Muslims take refuge in an abandoned shop. This story highlighted the sympathy and peace between two women with different religions. It is told in the narrative of a third person so that readers are placed in an omniscient position to understand this idea. Ghosts (first published in Zoetrope: All-Story) in which a retired college professor looks back on his life. On Monday last week (first published in Granta 98: The Deep End) in which Kamara, a Nigerian woman who joined her husband in America, takes a job as a nanny for an upper-class family and becomes obsessed with her mother. Jumping Monkey Hill (first published in Granta 95: Loved Ones) is the most autobiographical story; [3] it is set in Cape Town at a writers' retreat where authors from all over Africa gather, and tells of the conflicts experienced by the young Nigerian narrator. The Thing Around Your Neck (first published in Prospect 99) a woman named Akunna wins a sought-after American visa and goes to live with her uncle; but he molests her and she ends up working as a waitress in Connecticut. The American Embassy (first published in PRISM international) in which a woman seeks asylum, but ends up walking away, without wanting to describe the murder of her son because of a visa. The Tremor, set on the Princeton university campus, concerns a Nigerian Catholic woman whose boyfriend left her, finding solace in the serious prayers of a stranger who knocks on her door. The Arrangers of Marriage (first published as New Husband in Review) in which a newlywed wife arrives in New York with her husband; and discovers that she is unable to accept his rejection of his Nigerian identity. Tomorrow Is Too Far (first published in Prospect 118) woman reveals the devastating secret of her brother's death. The Stubborn Historian (first published in The New Yorker) covers the life story of a woman named Nwangba, who believes her husband was killed by his cousins and is determined to recover his son's inheritance through his missionary education. Although her son did not realize what he expected, his granddaughter was able to recover it, highlighting the meaning of maintaining the past and its origin to thrive in the future. Bibliography Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (June 1, 2010). The thing around your neck. Knopf Canada. ISBN 978-0-307-37523-0. References ^ Jane Shilling (2009-04-02). The Thing Around Your Neck by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: Review. The Telegraph. 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A conversation with novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie Reviews Jane Shilling, The Thing Around Your Neck by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: Review, Daily Telegraph, 2 April 2009 Review from TimesOnline Jess Row, African/American, The New York Times, August 27, 2009 Aminatta Forna, Resistance Tests, The Guardian, May 16, 2009 Recovered from We have in class during the last few weeks, worked on the topic globalization, and related to this topic, we have red the tale The Thing around the neck of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is a well-known writer, born and raised in Nigeria. She traveled to the United States to study in college. When she lived in Nigeria, she was not used to be identified or judged by her appearance and culture... But that changed when she arrived in America. Suddenly, people looked at her in a patronizing and condescending way. The tale The Thing Around the Neck is about the young woman, Akunna, who wins the lottery for an American visa. She travels to the U.S., where she lives at her uncle's house and aunt for a short time, until her uncle sexually abuses her. She leaves the family, and takes things into her own hands. She gets a job as a waitress, but her employer takes advantage of her and discriminates against her. When it seems that things can't get any worse, Akunna meets a man who doesn't judge her and shows interest in her – and not in a bad way, like everyone else. They start to go and she opens up to him. They have a very good relationship, and he introduces her to his parents, who don't judge her either. One day she receives a letter from her family in Nigeria, which says her father is dead. So she decides to go back to Nigeria. This is a story about an immigrant, who comes to America, to have a better life. A woman with a good heart, who comes with an open mind to a new country, ready to start a new life. And time after time she is judged and humiliated by people who know nothing about her. It doesn't take long for the American population to completely break this woman. After a few weeks in the United States, she feels like something wrapped around her neck and almost suffocated her (page 60, line 14). She feels helpless and weak. But fortunately, an unjudged man appears, and treats her like a completely normal person. This little thing changes everything for her. That man who treated her well made her feel like the thing that wrapped around her neck began to loosen, to let go (page 63, line 34-35). That man changes it. Akunna and man end up coming together in a very special way, even if they have completely different origins, and do not have much in common. But his different cultures reflect the way Akunna thinks of him. For example, when she asks him why he hasn't graduated yet, and he replies that he has time to discover himself (page 61, line 12-13 and 16-17). That's so far from her reality. For her, it would be a great privilege to have the opportunity to go to school while he takes it for granted. There are some huge contrasts between American and African culture, but it doesn't seem like something that keeps Akunna and each other's man. To continue enjoying our site, we ask you to confirm your identity as human. Thank you very much for your cooperation. A more hopeful future: The Thing Around Your Neck, by Dr. Jennifer Minter (English Works Notes, 2016)An analysis of some of the narrative devices used by Chimamanda Adichie in her short stories. By Dr. Jennifer MinterMany of the stories of the anthology, "The Thing Around Your Neck", by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, explore stake in a generation of Nigerians whose lives have been interrupted by wars and colonialism. (Many of his characters have to deal directly or indirectly with the consequences of the Nigerian civil war and ethnic conflict also known as the Biafran War, which took place from 1967 to 1970, as well as with the brutal regime of Sani Abacha that ruled Nigeria from 1993 to 1998.) The loss of African traditions, exposure to Western lifestyles and values, immigration and globalism present many challenges for Adichie's main characters, who are often unable to define and articulate their anxieties and the thing around their concerns:Politics: Adichie at the foreground the brutal consequences of general Abacha's harsh and corrupt political system. It oppresses its citizens and many of those responsible have no respect for human rights and escape punishment. (Ugonna becomes a symbol of such brutality.) The system denies individuals their basic freedoms and their right to self-determination: hence pro-democracy rallies. Through namabia's change in attitude and behavior in Cell One, Adichie suggests that individuals should defend their principles and help those who have no voice or who are completely victimized by the (political) system. Adichie believes that the various ethnic groups must overcome their differences. Each must show compassion and tolerance to the other to live a peaceful and full life. Women, politics and human rights: Adichie criticizes Nigeria's political and patriarchal system that exploits and suppresses women. Women are often reduced to sexual conversations and are undervalued. Thus, women lack fundamental rights and choices. Women are conditioned to behave in submissive ways. Ujonna asks why we always don't say anything. Religion: Adichie criticizes missionaries and Nigerians who devalue African culture and praise/prioritize Western lifestyles, views, and attitudes. This leads to a lack of pride among Nigerians. Adichie suggests that if there is hope for Nigerians, they should embrace their own roots and celebrate their culture. They should reject the unique values of Christian missionaries and be proud of their own African roots and religious practices. Migrants : Adichie criticizes Africans/Nigerians who promptly adopt Western lifestyles and who reject or deny their own cultural traditions. Adichie suggests that those who migrate to America often compromise their African roots and diminish in the process. They often lose an important part of their African identity as they try to assimilate into the (materialistic) society of the white man. In addition, those who seek a new life often suffer because of the burden of family expectations. They feel responsible for the situation of their Nigerian relatives, but often do not have the means to meet their high expectations (materialists). Nigeria: the consequences of rapid and brutal social and political change Many of Adichie's characters have to deal directly or indirectly with the consequences of the Nigerian civil war and ethnic conflict also known as the Biafran War, which occurred from 1967 to 1970, as well as with the brutal regime of Sani Abacha, who ruled Nigeria from 1993 to 1998.Brutality and corruption associated with the political context in Nigeria: The constant scenario of brutality in stories such as Cell One and The American Embassy alerts readers to difficult lives suffered by the people in Nigeria and their desperate desperate to escape. At the American Embassy, General Abacha is accused of inventing a coup so he could kill and arrest his opponents. Similarly, in A Private Experience, Chika reflects on his participation in a pro-democracy rally at the university. They sang (the military must go! Abacha has to go! Democracy now! (45) Adichie constantly strengthens the power of soldiers to show their lack of compassion; their disregard for human rights and their indifference to the citizens of Nigeria. Their brutality also reinforces the people's sense of impotence (impotence). On one occasion, the soldier was fuming a man with a long whip (129) as people watched. A passerby says: our people got too used to begging with the soldiers (129). Such supplication highlights his impotence and despair. Soldiers are indifferent to human rights. In Cell One, the old father is in custody because he can't find the son/suspected criminal. He is indomors, humiliated and treated with contempt. To secure a free bucket of water he had to take off his clothes and parade down the aisle. The cellmates were laughing. (20) The narrator, who waits for her visa in front of the American Embassy, notices the power of the soldiers drawing attention to the glower on her face; the glower of a grown man who could flap another adult man if he wanted to, whenever he wanted. (131) This brutality marks the site of the brutal assault on her husband, who was detained for two weeks; the soldiers had broken the skin on their foreheads (135) The Narrator in this story is severely depressed because of the pain of loss; it is simply unable to function and cope with the devastating sense of shock. (131) Corruption is full and their lives are desperate: in Ghosts, teachers were not paid and did not receive their pensions. There were rumors that the Vice Chancellor had deposited the money in personal accounts of high interest (58) The money disappeared and then we would see new cars stamped with the names of foreign foundations. (69)Social and political context:In a cell One, a sense of illegality begins to take over the greater number of young Nigerians joining subversive cults as a sign of the breach of authority. In this tale, Adichie focuses on the rebellious and rebellious son and his experiences with the corrupt political system. The officer's advice to the narrator's parents reflects the attitude of many in positions of authority. He tells parents: you can't raise your children well, all of you who feel important because you work at the university. When your children misbehave, you think they are not punished. You're lucky, ma'am, very lucky you've freed him, family members experience a crushing sense of fear as they seek to find their son, because they know that the prison system is unfair and the cops and guards are tough. Even the prisoners themselves fear cell one, which is considered worse than its current conditions. The son could not imagine a place worse than his cell that was so overcrowded that he often was pressed against the cracked wall. (12) The senior police officer's blank face sparks his feelings of anger and anger in a system that so easily dispenses with the lives of his citizens. As the narrator recalls, his encounter with the policeman is full of fear because each of us suspected in particular that Nnamabia had been killed by police officers happy with the trigger and that this man's job was to find the best lie to tell us about how he had died. (18) The son is transferred to Cell One because, as the policeman says euphemically, he behaved badly. His fear is palpable and the author consistently repeats his daughter's feelings. She felt cooled by fear and her heart was beating as they crossed the deserted part of the city where unruly prisoners are dispatched. As a foreshadowing device, Adichie recounts the incident of two police officers who were fuming someone who was lying on the ground under the umbrella tree. The boy on the floor was writhing and screaming at every whip of a koboko from a policeman, but it was not Nnamabia; however, the child is not immune to punishment. When he is released, he came close enough for my mother to hug him and I saw him shudder and come back away; his left arm was covered in soft-looking wets. Dried blood was covered around his nose. Adichie does not report Nnamabia's traumatic experiences as he tries to resist the unjust treatment of the old man, but she fills in the gaps of his own assumptions and intuitions. She repeats the phrase: instead, I imagined him raising his voice and giving an image of the typical actions that are likely to happen. She also asks us to imagine that those in positions of power would be stunned by the audacity of the handsome boy at the university because of his posture. The fact that Nnamabia misbehaves reveals her own personal turmoil. He evidently sought to challenge or question the authorities and his treatment of the old man. The son reveals that he seems to be struggling with his principles and his views on human rights. If he misbehaves, it's ironically, not because he's stupid or arrogant, as the cop suggests. It's because he questions the severe and unfair use of authority. See Notes for Cell One: The Thing Around Your Neck by C.N. AdichieEthnic and religious conflict:As a consequence of corruption, brutality and ethnic violence (between Christians/the Igbo tribe and Muslims (the Hausa), Adichie shows how life can change so significantly at any time. Chika (um Igbo Igbo finds refuge and a place to hide in the small shop. She knows she'll never meet her sister, Nnedi. She's aware she's going to comb through the morgues at the hospital looking for Nnedi. Nnedi and Chika's lives are transformed just because they were in the wrong place (the market) at the wrong time (gang robbery) (47) Life and death are often reduced to luck on the day. Narrative devices/syntax: Adichie uses the hypothetical and conditional future time to convey the enormity of chika's loss that she wants to bury. (51) Later, when Chika wishes that she and Nnedi had not decided to take a taxi to the market only to see some of the ancient city of Kano outside her aunt's neighborhood: (Likewise, the other woman, will wish her daughter Halima was ill that particular day.) She knows they will live to repent of her unfortunate decisions, but that is fate and she will have to live with the consequences. There is no security; nothing is certain in the lives of Nigerians. The narrator of the American Embassy retransmits the sudden transformation of her life due to the sudden death of her son, Ugonna. She reflects on the fact that two days earlier, her life had been normal; She had bought Ugonna to school, had bought a sausage paper in Mr. Biggs, had sung along with Majek Fashek on the radio (131). Broken relationships: Women are powerless Many of the characters have broken lives and endure broken relationships that aggravate their unhappiness and dissatisfaction. Relationships also suffer because of the devastating lifestyle of Nigerians. Ugonna's death leads to the breakdown of sibling-family relationships are as problematic as those between the spouses. Both in cell one and tomorrow is far away, the sister is raised in the shadow of her brother's spotlight. Typically in Adichie's stories, siblings enjoy the adulation and favoritism of parents. In both, the sister feels a sense of inferiority that leads to jealousy. Literary device: The tree becomes a symbol of the power and authority of the brother; his fall from the tree could be seen as the narrator's subconscious desire to destroy his power. In the midst of two worlds:Families are disintegrating as Nigerians are caught in two worlds (between America and Nigeria, especially after the civil war). Often the younger ones move to America for greater opportunities, but Adichie suggests that they reject their traditional lifestyle and Nigerian customs at their jeopardizes. In Ghosts, the Father recalls his daughter's new life in America and the grandson he will never know. He does not want to live in America with her, because I will be forced to live a life demanded by so much convenience that it is sterile (67) It is a life filled with what we call opportunities. This feeling of sterility is reinforced by sense of loss — of traditional customs, culture and lifestyles. That life lacks passion, vibration and intensity is often highlighted in comparisons between America and Nigeria. America as a barren place: loss In The Shivering, Adichie also draws parallels between the passion, fervor and vibrancy of Catholic pherons in Nigeria compared to those of America. Father Patrick sprinkles water from a large saltshaker (166). The narrator reflects on how much more subjugated Catholic masses they were in America (166). In Nigeria, the priest would be splashing and turning holy water and people would be soaked. In Arrangers of Marriage: Chinaza, who is pressed for a perfect arranged marriage, discover firsthand how barren life is in America. Her husband encourages her to adopt American customs and forget her Nigerian habits. Literary devices: Food becomes a symbol of assimilation: the husband prefers pizza, Macdonald's, supermarkets, frozen meat and diet pears. Dave tells her that migrants must adapt to America. They will never move on unless they adapt to America (175). She must learn to say pitcher and not pitcher. In contrast, Chinaza prefers to cook her traditional cuisine, but the smells are offensive to her newlywed husband. Naming devices: In many of Adichie's stories, the main characters often change their names as they seek to assimilate into a new society. The name change from Ofodile to Dave (127) symbolizes his desire to assimilate as completely as possible into American society. It also reveals the shock of differences as Nigerians are forced to renounce their African identity and cultural values and values that define them and give them dignity. Similarly, when Dave coagia changed her name to Agatha Bell, Chinaza feels her identity as nigerian slipping. Like the food and drink she renounces, the name change becomes yet another symbol of the social and cultural differences that erode (undermine) her identity as a Nigerian. Literary devices: the thing around her neck becomes a symbol of the narrator's anxiety and despair for her lack of control in America. She feels lonely, isolated displaced and alienated. At night something would wrap around your neck, something that almost suffocated you before bed (119). She not only suffers from a lack of control, but from the burden of expectations placed on her by Nigerians at home. (See summarized notes: The thing around your neck) Syntax: Significantly, Adichie uses sentence constructs that refer to Akunna impersonally as You and consistently repeat the fact that you wanted to write because you had stories to tell but because of your own desperate circumstances you write to no one (118-119)The impersonal You their own sense of detachment; She She to deal with your anxiety and your distance problem; it is also their inability to help their relatives and tell them about their problems; it's hard to tell them because of the stereotypical impression they have of the American people and their lifestyles. Akunna experiences anxiety because she cannot meet relatives' expectations about her; she struggles to pay her rent on a waitress's salary and consequently cannot send home extra gifts expected by Nigerians. She wants to write to her relatives about real America; Americans who are not rich and who do not live in large houses and own big cars. But she finds out she doesn't want to disappoint them. Maybe she feels that they are even more desperate than her and is anxious because of a sense of hope and dependence. Akunna suffers from the burden of the stereotypical image of a wealthy American: many Nigerians have a stereotypical impression of America as a place of wealth and luxury; big cars and big houses where people had a lot. (37/ 182/ 124) You thought everyone in America had a car and a gun. (117) Nigerians build expectations based on these stereotypes; their relatives in Nigeria also expect a lot from immigrants, which puts enormous pressure on them. It becomes completely invisible as a reflection of its omnipotence and insignificance (No one knew where you were, because you didn't tell anyone. 119 Sometimes you felt invisible and tried to walk through the wall of your room in the hallway (119)Akunna finally writes home when she is able to send some 'sharp dollar bills' (127) which helps her ease her anxiety, but she is confronted with the news of her father's death five months ago. The fact that she had no knowledge of death; not attending the funeral or the goat celebrations reinforce their alienation and despair. Symbols: Her father's death becomes a symbol of how much she loses to assimilate into a new country. Stereotypes: Contrasting, Americans also have a stereotypical idea about Africa, for example, that Botswana is flooded with AIDS (119) This makes it difficult to establish rewarding relationships and be accepted as an individual. Juan's mother does not expect Akunna to be well read or educated. She is surprised to have read Nawal el Saadawi (126). Many Americans see Africans as an exotic trophy or an ivory tusk (126) (Akunna values his relationship with Juan because he knows more about Africa than most.) Many are helpless because of their situation in America. In The Shivering, Ukamaka has not seen it for three years and works for money that the employer is revoking. The Narrator of the Arranger discovers that her husband's divorce from an American has not arrived and leaves her vulnerable and feeling deceived. As women are are are vulnerable. They are often exploited by men – Nigerians or Americans – and struggle to survive. In a strictly patriarchal society that continues in America for many Nigerians, women are advised to protect their husband like a guinea bird egg (178). This alludes to the lack of power experienced by many women struggling with their sense of dependence. The narrator (Akunna) experiences an overwhelming sense of anxiety because of the helplessness of her situation. She refuses to compromise her dignity and resists her uncle's advances; this leaves her forsawed and she must rely on her own individual resources to find work and shelter. She is cautious about her boyfriend's often condescending attitudes and feels overwhelmed by pressure to help her relatives in Nigeria who await her support; (119). It becomes completely invisible as a reflection of your omnipotence and insignificance (No one knew where you were, because you didn't tell anyone. Sometimes you felt invisible and try to walk through the wall of your room in the hallway (119)There is a sense that the relationship will not stand the test of time or the difficulties encountered by Americans and Nigerian couples. They are gawked in; (125). Akunna's boyfriend buys her an expensive hand-painted scarf in Mexico. In A Private Experience, the scarf is a sign of Hausa ethnicity and reconciliation and compassion, but here it is just a materialistic symbol. Individuals and families: Loss of control and exploitationIn shivering, Adiche makes a parallel with the stories of Chinedu and Udenma and Ukamaka and Abidemi to show their loss of similar control in their relationships. (His loss is symbolized by the plane that crashed in Lagos shortly after leaving Abuja). Both protagonists who share a conversation about the plane, and pray together in Chinedu's apartment experience the pain of failed relationships. Both of his partners were controlling and obsessive types; the disintegration of their relationships leaves them feeling empty and disoriented. (Abidemi is extremely possessive and commands the relationship in such a way that Ukamaka feels very angry and angry when it ends; Abidemi marries a Nigerian girl and is very indifferent and indifferent to her ex-partner whose feelings he simply runs over.) (160; 153) Cause for optimism? There are often moments of great sensitivity and nobility among many strangers in Adichie's stories suggesting that it is possible for people to overcome their differences and provide comfort to each other. Despite obstacles and difficulties, the characters survive. In The Thing Around Your Neck, the narrator refuses to succumb to her uncle's demands and this aggravates her difficulties. However, she survives. Ikenna Okoro, the man who once disappeared in Ghosts has not died. (p 73) mysterious return return a symbol of nigerians' ability to survive huge obstacles. As the speaker-narrator says, we survived. It was a tacit agreement between all of us, the survivors of Biafra. (73) Similarly, the narrator of The Arrangers of Marriage knows that he has little power in his relationship, and that, as Nia advises it, you can wait until you get your papers and then leave. (186) Reconciliation and hope:Adichie shows that ethnic violence unnecessarily destroys communities and people's lives. In the expertly crafted story, A Private Experience, the Muslim (Hausa) and christian woman (Igbo) share refuge in a small market shop and identify their problems with each other as mafia violence spreads. Each is reeling from the senseless and sudden loss of a loved one, and yet Adachi describes it as not inevitable. The two women sympathize and comfort each other. Strangers share intimate secrets: Nnedi, the woman repeats, and her Hausa accent emanated the name Igbo in a feathered gentleness (47). Women find some accomplishment in shared conversations and shared experiences. There is no sense of sarcasm in the woman's voice as she recounts the suffering suffered by the tent owners. It seems that if the victims are Hausa Muslim or Igbo Christians everyone is suffering. Adichie tells in italics the thoughts of this woman: Hold me and comfort me because I can not deal with it alone. Chika realizes that the media focuses on the brutal and dangerous actions and consequences of this religious and ethnic conflict, but ignores the shared sense of grief and suffering. Chika will read in the Guardian that hausa-speaking reactionary Muslims have a history of violence against

non-Muslims and yet in this deeply personal and poignant relationship, both women come to share their universal experience of femininity. Chika examined her nipples and experienced the sweetness of a woman who is Hausa and Muslim. Narrative device (the symbolism of the scarf): While Chika offers advice to the woman for her nipple, the woman gives Chika her scarf (a sign of her ethnicity as a Muslim, a Northerner with a strong Hausa accent) to burn the blood running down her leg. Chika keeps the scarf as a symbol of her close intimate encounter, while the flow of blood connects women in a deeply personal way and reminds them of their common humanity. If there is hope, Adichie would suggest that it lies in recognizing shared human ties, often forged through deep suffering. (50) When she leaves, the woman hands the scarf back to Chika and turns out the window. In *The Shivering*, Adiche parallels the stories of Chinedu and Ukamaka that provide a degree of comfort. Chinedu reveals his that she is oppressed by an almost supernatural supernatural when Ukamaka prays (p. 164-166) This friendship also seeks to overcome differences: Chinedu encourages Ukamaka to come to his Catholic Church. She assures you that she will accompany you to your pentacostal church on another occasion. (165-166) Reviews: These assurances reflect the experiences of Igbo and Hausa women when taking refugees into the store.) As the loop, the elusive and indefinable thing around its neck loosens, so too the narrator begins to take greater control. The narrator does not want to be indebted to her American partner and so refuses to let him buy a ticket and accompany her home. Impersonally and assertively, the narrator comments: You said no, you needed to go alone. She refuses to give her partner a guarantee that she will return specifically to him, but admits that she must return or lose her green card. They hug and then you let him go. (127), suggesting that the narrator will decide on the future of the relationship. Adichie skillfully uses a metafictional format in *The Bouncy Monkey* to reflect the growing assertiveness and confidence of women. The narrator recounts her real experiences in a third-person narrative format that parallels the narrator's emotional experience. Thus, Adichie presents the notion that art mirrors real life and that the seeds of art are at the center of the lived experience. The resolution of one story mirrors the other. The exploitation of women hangs large both in corporate and first-hand history; Chioma realizes that she will need to compromise her dignity if she wants to secure a job. Similarly, Unjawa is embarrassed by Edward's leering and offensive (fascivious) approach. The conclusion of the embedded story and that of the main story converge: it is a story of the narrator's resistance to sexual exploitation. Chioma leaves work and refuses to please the Alhaji, (111) and goes to the office to clean his nearly empty desk. The narrator ends the story, the only thing I didn't add to the story is that after I left my Jeep and insisted that the driver take me home because I knew it was the last time I'd be riding in it. It is important to note that the story of *Afamefuma* (the *Stubborn Historian*) concludes the anthology that becomes an affirmation of Nigerian cultural traditions and literature. Significantly, if many characters struggle with their unnamed destiny, Grace overcomes her conditioned Christian upbringing and makes a very significant name change to *Afamefuna*. Syntax: and optimism and pride: Adichie repeats the future conditional past time, It was Grace who would do to reinforce the importance of her change of attitude toward her own education and her relationship with her cultural traditions and myths. Phrases like Grace would read about these savages; It was Grace who would feed a deep contempt for her father for years, reveal the author's endorsement of the change of *Afamefuna*. These phrases also criticize the missionary agenda of the Christian who sews the seeds of discontent among Nigerians. In order to capture the loyalty of Nigerians (support) missionaries deliberately devalue African culture, tribal customs and their history and myths. When Grace realizes that there is a strong connection between education and dignity that is exploited by missionaries in their attempt to control Nigerians. Missionaries betray Africans by devaluing their culture. Grace's father, Michael/Anikwenwa, becomes a victim of the re-education schemes of missionaries that make Nigerians complicit in their oppression. Specifically, Adichie criticizes missionaries who treat Africans as sinful and as black pagans. They seek to distance Africans from their cultural and spiritual myths. They teach that nudity is sinful. As a result, Nwegamba feels he is losing his son. The loss of the child also symbolizes the loss of cultural roots. Missionaries disturb families as a symbol of the rupture of society. A symbolic name change: Typically, Adichie uses the name change as a powerful identity symbol. Associated with this name change, she's a woman who gains confidence. Adichie portrays *Afamefuna* as a character who proudly rejects the missionary version of the story; she also rejects her husband's attempt (George Chikadibia) to demote the historical book she would write entitled *A Recovered History of Southern Nigeria*. Adichie reaffirms and praises *Afamefuna's* attempt to privilege African literature and culture and return to its own cultural roots, traditions and literature. Adichie suggests that this is necessary for Nigerians to maintain cultural pride, dignity and trust. This is the best opportunity they have for a hopeful future. As a testimony of her and her grandmother's shared courage, *Afamefuna* holds her grandmother's hand, the thickened palm of years of pottery. Because of this proud connection, *Afamefuna* looks to the future with confidence. A More Hopeful Future: *The Thing Around Your Neck*, by Dr. Jennifer Minter (English Works Notes, 2016) For Excellence in VCE, please see our newly published arguments and persuasive language

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