Compare and contrast essay: The Interlopers and The story of an hour

The interlopers by Saki and The story of an hour by Kate Chopin are very different stories, but they have so many similarities. The plots are completely different, one is about two men settling a feud, while the other is about a woman finding the bright side of her husband's death. They have very similar ideas, though. Both stories have very faint foreshadowing at the beginning, and an accident causes the characters to rethink past decisions. I won't spoil the end, but both have very surprising ends. The two stories may have very different plots, but they share quite a few ideas.

The stories share faint foreshadowing at the beginning. In the interlopers, the author mentions a strong storm brewing as the men wander the land. In the story of an hour, the author mentions how Louise has a heart disease. Louise's friends have to be careful how they tell her about her husband's tragic death. One wrong move and she could collapse right before them. The foreshadowing is faint, but it's there.

In the interlopers, two men who are enemies get caught under a fallen tree. After giving up the struggle to get free they start to think. Why are they fighting? What is the point of this feud? An accident causes them to rethink their past choices. If the men hadn't been caught, one would have shot the other. In the story of an hour, Louis goes to her room to grieve her husband's unexpected death. There she starts to realize that his death isn't much of a loss; I know that sounds absolutely horrible! Louise starts to think that her marriage tied her down; now she can whatever she wants! She doesn't have to think of anyone but herself! She had an entire life ahead of her, which makes the reader think about how young Louise really is. But anyway, both stories have an accident that causes the characters to rethink past choices.

Death finds it's way into these two short stories, and in the most ironic way. In the interlopers, the men have decided to be friends, and both await their men to come free them. They hear footsteps and snow shuffling around so they call frantically. I started to get on the edge of my seat waiting to find who's men discover them, only to end with wolves finding them. Saki doesn't mention whether the men die, but I can only assume they do judging by the fear that strikes them. In the story of an hour, Louise comes out her room a new woman, ready to live her life. She comes downstairs when a tired, ragged, man steps through the door. Louise's "dead" husband doesn't even get to say hello before shock and surprise cause Louise to collapse, dead. Kate Chopin does not mention whether her death was caused by joy or surprise, but the doctor claimed she died from heart disease. The joy that kills.
These two stories have so much in common, yet they are so different. The interlopers has more of a comical side to it, even though the men die. The story of an hour had me ready to face palm at Louise, but I calmed as she started to accept death was coming to her. The settings are different, the character's personalities are different, but many of the ideas are shared. In conclusion, the stories are very different, but have very similar ideas.

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