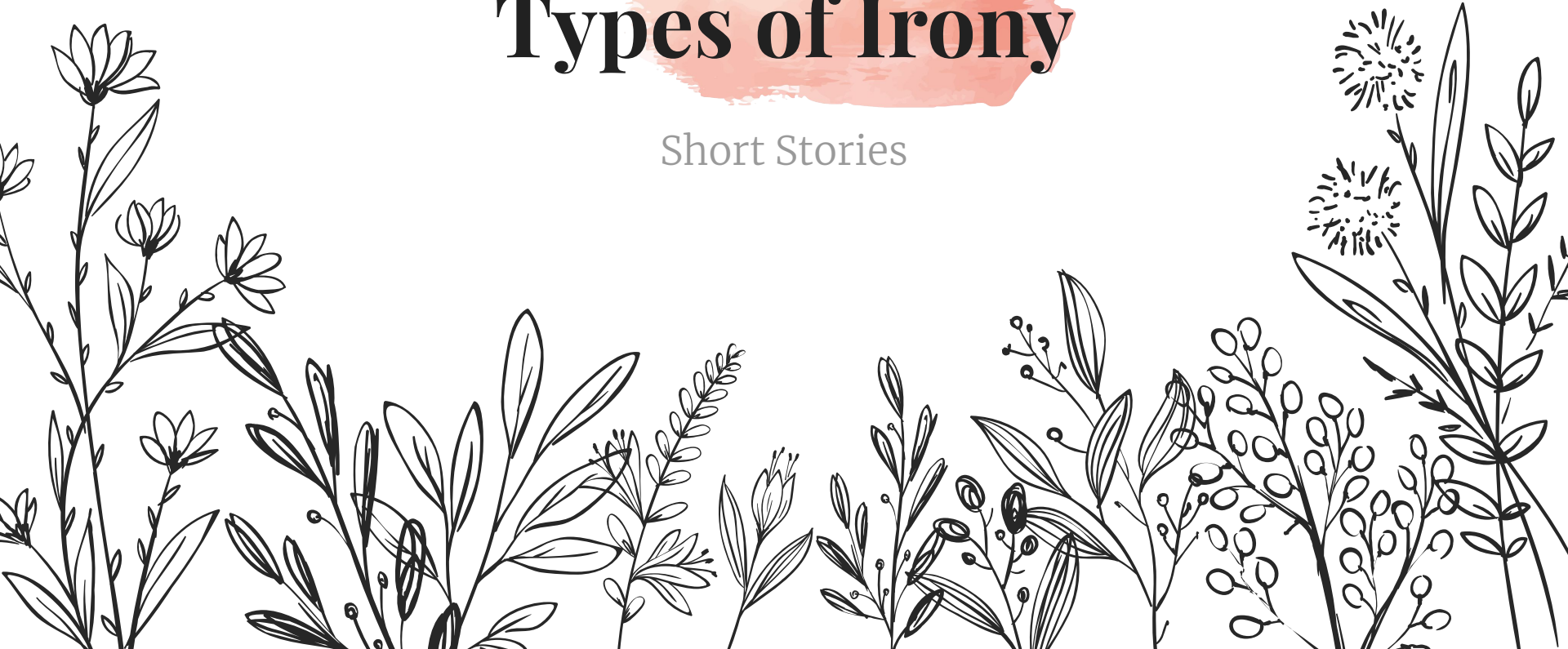


Types of Irony

Short Stories



What is Irony?

Irony is a literary device where the chosen words are *intentionally* used to indicate a meaning other than the *literal* one.

Irony is often mistaken for sarcasm. Sarcasm is actually a form of verbal irony, but sarcasm is intentionally insulting. Whereas irony is used to provide humor or amplify tragedy.



Verbal Irony

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Verbal irony occurs when a speaker's intention is the opposite of what he or she is saying.

For example, a character stepping out into a hurricane and saying, "What nice weather we're having!"

Can anyone remember an example from "The Cask of Amontillado"?







Situational Irony

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Situational irony occurs when the actual result of a situation is totally different from what you'd expect the result to be.

Sitcoms often use situational irony.

In what way would “The Necklace” provide an example of situational irony?







Dramatic Irony

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Dramatic irony occurs when the audience knows a key piece of information that a character in a play, movie or novel does not.

Dramatic irony is huge in Shakespeare's plays, most famously in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Taming of the SHrew*, both of which we'll examine later.

This is the type of irony that makes us yell, "DON'T GO IN THERE!!" during a scary movie.





