SETTING

The time and location in which a story takes place is called the setting. For some stories the setting is very important, while for others it is not. There are several aspects of a story's setting to consider when examining how setting contributes to a story (some, or all, may be present in a story):

a) Place - geographical location. Where is the action of the story taking place?
b) Time - When is the story taking place? (historical period, time of day, year, etc.)
c) Weather Conditions - Is it rainy, sunny, stormy, etc.?
d) Social Conditions - What is the daily life of the character(s) like? Does the story contain local color (writing that focuses on the speech, dress, mannerisms, customs, etc., of a particular place)?
e) Mood or Atmosphere - What feeling is created at the beginning of the story? Is it bright and cheerful or dark and frightening?

After reading the selected short story, list as many elements of setting as you can below.

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