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Writing is **HARD** work!



A Book So Good You Can't Help But to Turn the Page

A good story will pull you down a rabbit's hole.

Will keep you all night to finish reading it.

Creates anxiety and anticipation.

And make you want to know what happens next!



WHAT YOU NEED TO WRITE A NOVEL

- You need a story.
- You need to do research.
- You need characters.
- You need a setting.
- And you'll need a plot.



Difference in Story and Plot

Story is a series of events told in chronological order.

Plot is the sum of a series of events, not necessarily told in order. It is what makes the story dramatic, thematic and have an emotional significance.

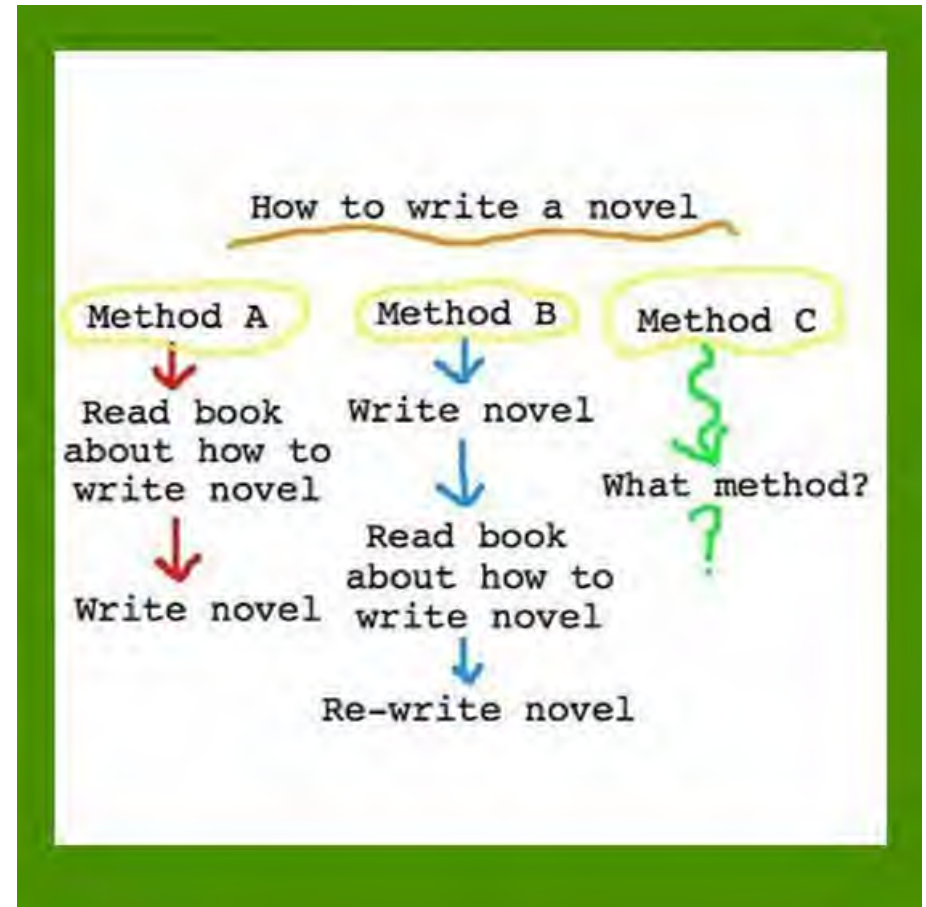
EXAMPLE:

Story: The king died, then the queen died.

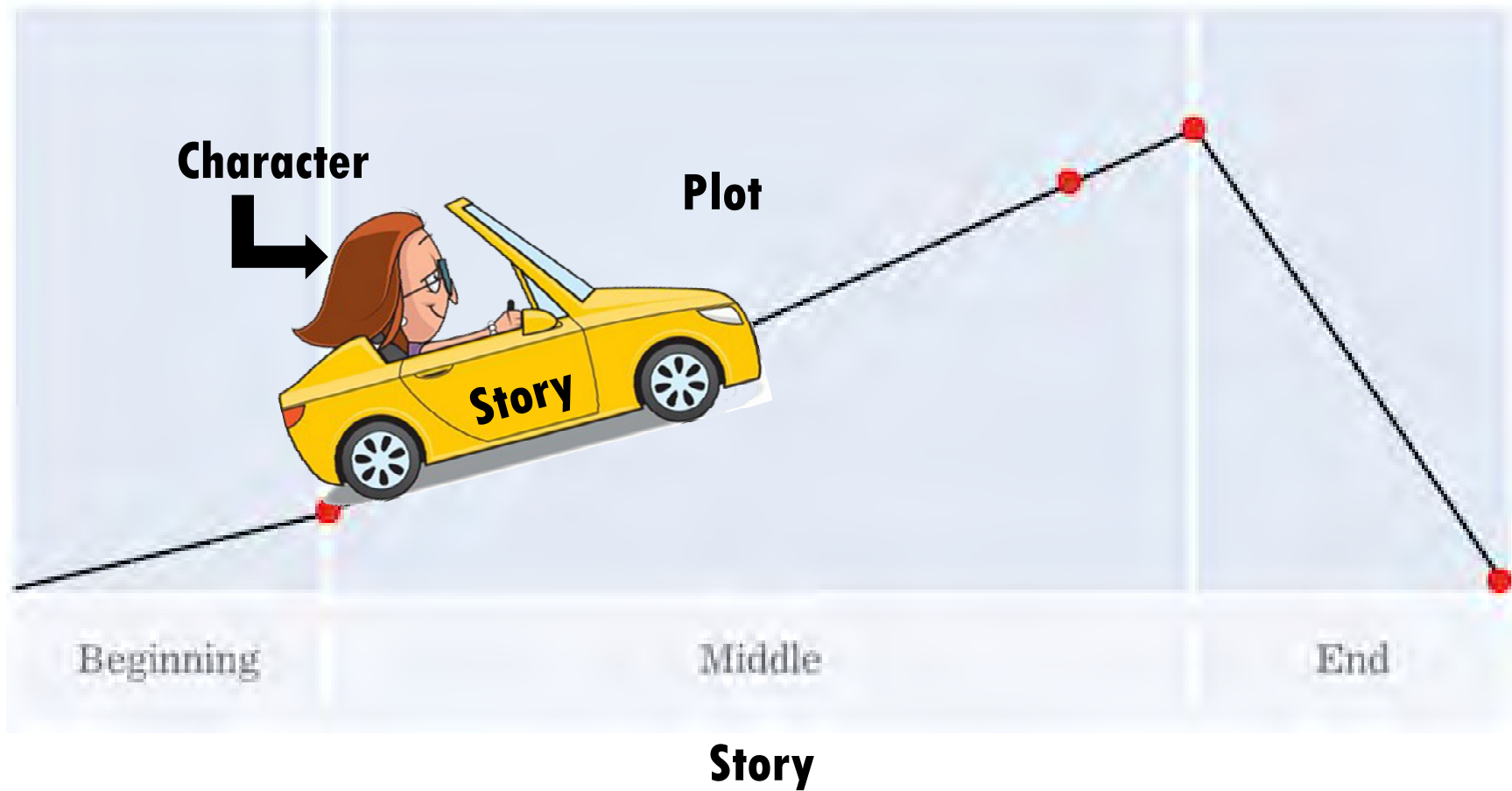
Plot: The king died after suffering a long illness, and then the queen died from grief.



- Every protagonist has a problem to overcome.
- Every book must follow a narrative arc.
- You must read books.



Story Drives the Characters - The Characters Drives the Plot

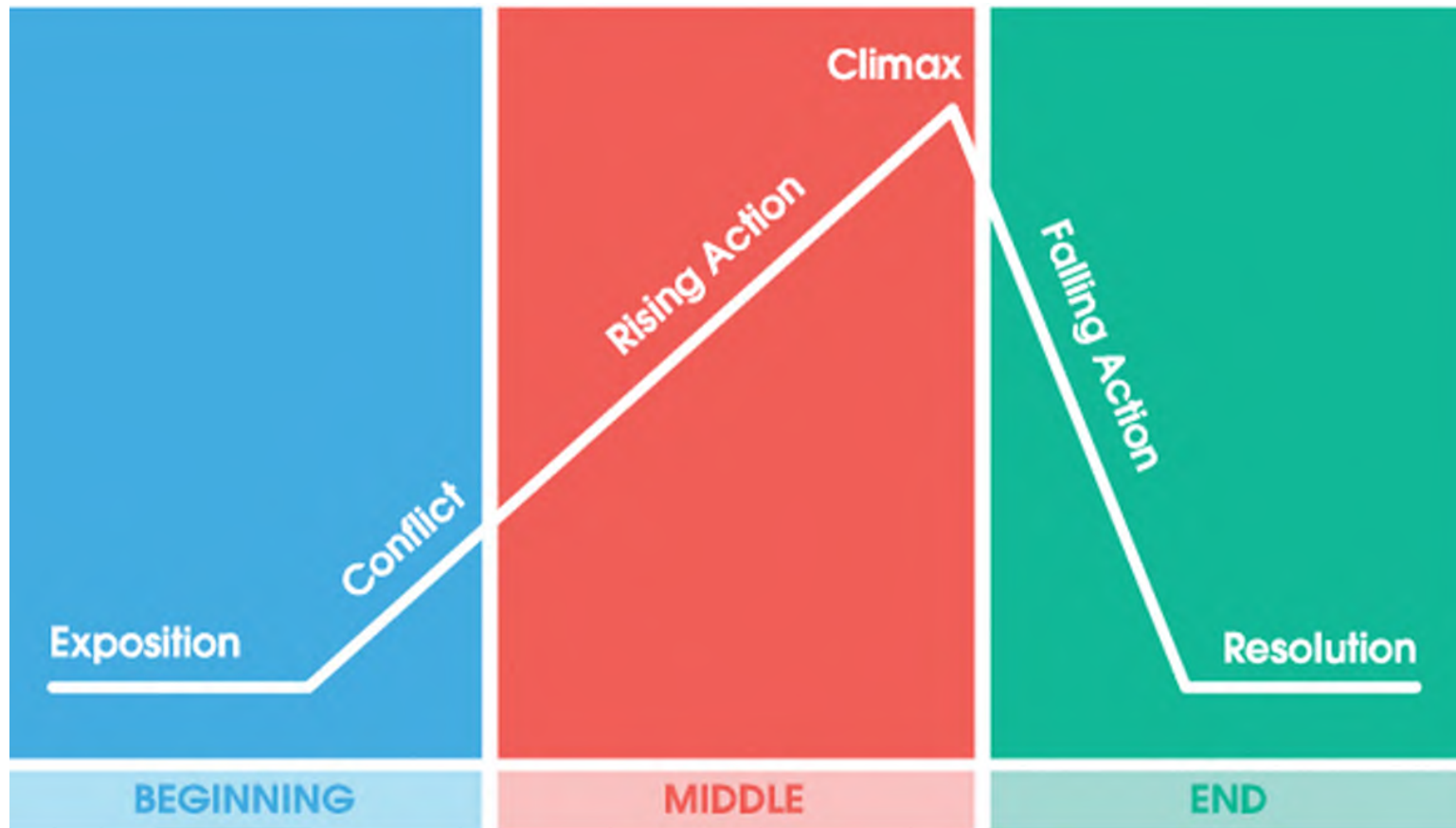


What is plot?



The plot is a series of scenes deliberately arranged by cause and effect creating dramatic action through conflict and where we learn about the characters and answer the overall question of the story.

This is how the story goes . . .

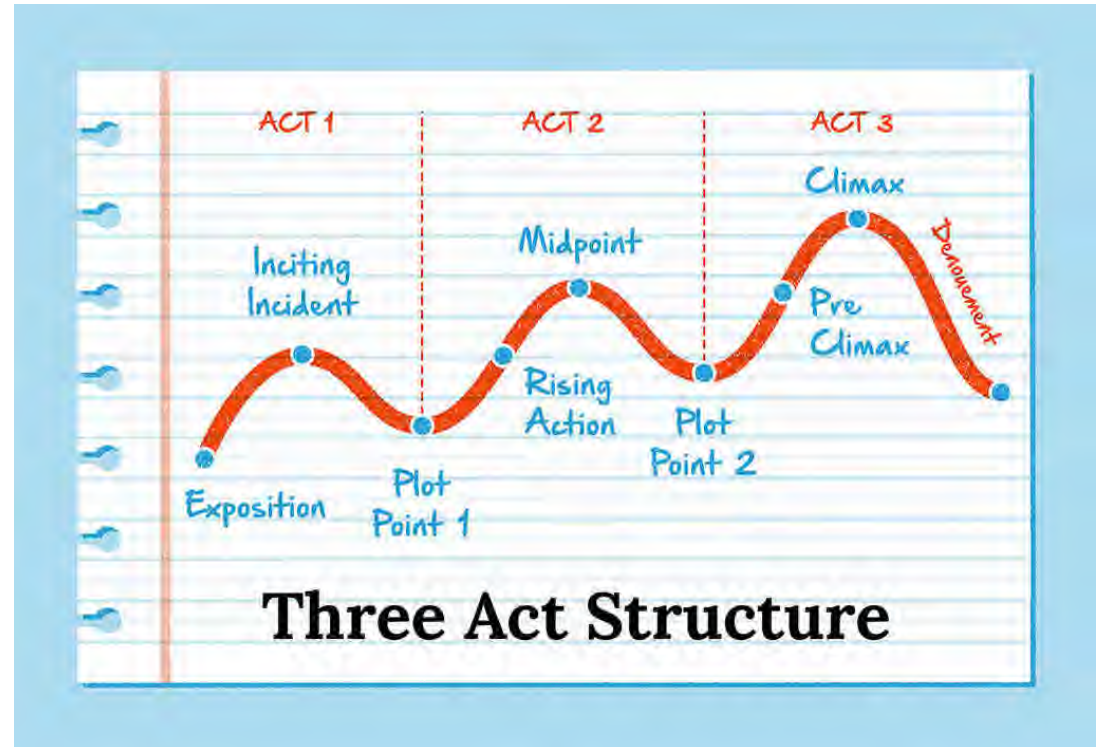


Rollercoaster

A STORY IN THREE ACTS

The three-act structure divides a story into three acts. The Setup, the Confrontation, and the Resolution.

- ✓ Inciting incident
- ✓ Plot Point 1
- ✓ Rising Action
- ✓ Character Arc
- ✓ Climax
- ✓ Resolution





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