

## THREE-ACT STORY STRUCTURE

### I. Setup

Pre-existing conditions:

**Characters**

(If they are new characters you need to establish their personality somehow)

**Setting**

(time and place)

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New conditions:

**An Action, Event or Situation**

(a new character, a sudden change, etc.)

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### II. Conflict

**CONFLICT**

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**Reactions of characters which are motivated by their characteristics**

(of person or relationships between characters)

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- Reversals
- Complications
- Secondary conflicts

AND, eventually...

### III. Resolution

**RESOLUTION**

of conflict, either temporarily or permanently

**Stasis**

(Things return to normal.)

**Change**

(Things have changed, fundamentally or superficially.)

Of course, this is not all that happens in a good story, whether it's comics or something else. Soon we will also be talking about: digressions, observations, flashbacks, mood pieces, slices of life, themes & leitmotifs, and other things that happen in and around the story itself.