

Paolo Mangahas

Lesson 4

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Option 1

Exercise 1: Make a character sketch. Describe the following:

- **Character**

Father Jigo is a young priest who has a dark secret. He murders parishioners who confess unforgivable sins to him. He believes he's making the world a better place by doing this. He is mild and gentle and is well loved by the parish, which is why he can literally get away with murder.

- **Character's journey**

Father Jigo has a dark past. He was an orphan who was sexually molested by his caregivers. He took it upon himself to right what is wrong and create a perfect world in his eyes. To him everything is simply black and white—good and evil. That is, until one day, he meets an unassuming parishioner who changes his perspective and makes him question his own motives.

- **Character's response to his / her journey**

Father Jigo is now torn between continuing to live out his moral code or changing the way he views life and people. One day, he is faced with the dilemma of needing to murder his new friend for his sins or set him free and accept that the world will never be rid of sinners.

- **Character's objective (will he / she get it or not?)**

Father Jigo wants to cleanse the world of sinners but now realizes that he is the biggest sinner of all. He will face his own retribution by hanging himself above the altar.

Exercise 2: Make a monologue. Put the character in a situation based on the story flow. Make the situation crucial to the character's decision-making to get what he / she wants.

Who am I in the eyes of our Lord? I am but a servant, a servant who carries out what the Lord could not finish himself because of man's evil ways. Look at where all His sacrifices have gotten us so far? A world full of evil—people taking advantage of people, hurting people, spreading darkness all around us. This world is full of demons in flesh and bone. I am the fulfilment of His promise. I am the embodiment of light and love for all that is good and just and right; His living vision of what the world should be.

Do not look at me that way. I am not the monster here. I am the slayer of monsters. I am but a servant to the new world we all deserve; the world we were promised a long time ago.

Sacrifices must be had. Consider this your ultimate sacrifice.

Hush, hush. Be at peace for the Lord is with you. Soon, you will be cleansed of sin and the world will be rid of evil.

Now close your eyes. For the will of the Lord will be done.

Option 2

Exercise 1: Make a character sketch. Describe the following:

- **Character**

Teta is a bank teller longing to find a husband. She is a lively and funny woman in her 30s who is bored of her 9-to-5 life. She believes she deserves a more colourful, adventurous life with a loving family to call her own.

- **Character's journey**

Teta feels that life is passing her by. She feels that she deserves so much more than this—a loving and rich husband who will whisk her away to far-off lands in a life of luxury and adventure.

- **Character's response to his / her journey**

One particularly slow day, she meets a mysteriously handsome man who opens a big account in her bank. She is intrigued by him, most especially his wealth. He comes by regularly to deposit in his account until she slowly gets to know him. What she does not know is that this man is a criminal with dirty money. She naively gets further involved with him not realizing that he is only using her, until she gets embroiled in criminal activities and finds herself in a terrible bind.

- **Character's objective (will he / she get it or not?)**

Teta finally gets the adventure she has been longing for but for all the wrong reasons and with the wrong man.

Exercise 2: Make a monologue. Put the character in a situation based on the story flow. Make the situation crucial to the character's decision-making to get what he / she wants.

Shet, date daw? OMG, can this be true? Trulili na kaya ito? Shet, mayaman na, guapo pa! San ka pa? Naka jackpot ako! Pero, I just met him. Di ko pa siya masyadong kilala, tapos go na ako agad with him? Eh pero all expense paid naman. And this is a good way for me to get to know him better. Baka this is my chance to finally find true love and live the life of my dreams! Punyeta, ako nalang sa barkada ang walang asawa! Imagine kung magkatuluyan nga kami, eh di ako ang winner sa lahat! Winner pa ang checking account! OMG, I can see it now...a beautiful house...three children...ay two lang siguro...hmmm...ay dog nalang siguro muna, at saka na yan. Pero shet, dream come true. OMG, what should I wear? What should I pack? Nyeta, go na to!