

## **Story Spine Example 1: Romeo and Juliet?**

**Once upon a time...**

Once upon a time in an Italian city, there were two prominent families who despised each other.

**Every day...**

Everyday the families feuded, fought and killed each other's members.

**But one day...**

But one day, the son of one of the families crashed the birthday party of the other's daughter.

**Because of that...**

Because of that, the son and daughter fell in love.

Because of that, they secretly married.

Because of that, the son wanted the killing to stop.

Because of that he stepped into the middle of a fight and inadvertently caused the death of his best friend.

Because of that, in agony and rage, he killed the killer, his wife's cousin.

Because of that, he was banished.

Because of that, the lovers needed to employ a complicated plan to be reunited.

Because of that, communication broken down and an important message did not reach the son.

Because of that, the son didn't realize his wife was only faking her death, and he thought she was really dead when he found her in the family tomb.

Because of that, he killed himself.

**Until finally...**

Until finally, the daughter awoke to find her husband dead beside her, and she plunged his knife into her body, just as the members of both families entered the tomb to find their beloved children dead.

**And ever since then...**

And ever since then, both families have stopped the nonsensical war between them and have learned to cooperate and live happily together.