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Act One: Dealing with an Imperfect Situation A character in an Imperfect Situation faces Oppressive Opposition as he pursues an Initial Goal. But when there is a Disturbance to his routine, he faces a Dilemma regarding his situation, and must assume a New Role.		
	The Inciting Incident	
Something happens, often before the story begins, which if it does not occur would prevent the story as it exists from coming to be.		
The Imperfect Situation		
The character begins the story in a less than ideal situation he would like to change but seemingly cannot.		
	Initial Desire	
Deep within himself, the character wants one particular thing more than anything else in the world.		
	Initial Desire Type	
The character's Initial Desire is either for or against changing his situation.		
	Pre-Existing Conflict	
When the story begins, the character is already dealing with personal conflicts as well as the conflicts of the world at large.		
Likability/Empathy Factors		
The character is shown to be someone the audience would like to see succeed, or would be willing to follow on the journey of the story.	Initial Goal	
When the story opens, the character already has a goal he is actively pursuing.	IIIIIai Goai	

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	Initial Goal Type
The character's Initial	
Goal is either a Normal Routine Goal where he is	
in his regular	
environment, or a Fish	
out of Water Goal where	
he is already in a	
situation with which he is	
unfamiliar.	
	Action Toward Goal
The character takes	
action toward achieving	
his Initial Goal.	
	Oppressive Opposition
The character's Initial	
Desire and/or his Initial	
Goal are being	
oppressed by the world around him.	
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	Turning Point Catalyst: The Disturbance
An unexpected event	
with ominous	
implications occurs,	
interrupting the character's normal	
routine. This event	
pushes the character	
toward the Dilemma.	
	Turning Point One: The Dilemma
The character is placed	
in a position where he	
nust choose between life as he has known it or	
taking a new course of	
action.	
	The New Role
f the character takes this	
new course of action, he	
will assume a New Role in which he is untested.	
in which he is unlested.	
Refusal/Interference to the New Role (Optional)	
The character may be	
reluctant, unready or	
unwilling to leave his	
Imperfect Situation and	
accept the New Role. Also, the character may	
want to accept the New	
Role, but someone else	
attemnts to prevent him	

from accepting it.

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	Nudge From Fate (Optional)
In instances where the	
character has every reason to decline the	
New Role, he may receive	
influence from an outside	
force that drives him to	
accept it.	
	Accepting The New Role
The character makes the	
decision to take action by	
accepting the New Role.	
	Act Two: Learning the Rules of an Unfamiliar Situation
The character Leaves th	Dulas of an Unfamilian City stian and food Incidental Connection in account of a Transitional Coal But when he was in
ine character Learns th	ne Rules of an Unfamiliar Situation and faces Incidental Opposition in pursuit of a Transitional Goal. But when he receives a
	Reality Check, he makes a Commitment to his New Role.
	The Unfamiliar Situation
The character now finds	
himself in a situation	
unlike anything he's ever experienced.	
	The Transitional Goal
The character receives a	
new goal that transitions	
him out of his initial state	
of inertia and into the	
main events of the story.	
	Action Toward Goal
The character takes	
action toward achieving	
the Transitional Goal.	Incidental Opposition
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The character learns	
there are greater forces of opposition in this new	
world that may not be out	
to thwart him specifically,	
but still stand between	
him and his new goal.	
	Turning Point Catalyst: The Reality Check
The plan the character	
had coming into this act	
hits a major roadblock	
and either fails completely or has	
unintended negative	
consequences.	

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	Turning Point Two: The Commitment
The character commits,	
or finds himself	
committed, to becoming	
the epitome of the New Role he accepted at the	
Dilemma. In doing so, he	
becomes an active	
participant in the Central	
Conflict.	
	Act Three: Stumbling Into the Central Conflict
The character Stumb	les into the Central Conflict and faces Intentional Opposition in pursuit of a False Goal. But when there is a grave Turn of
	events, he has a Moment of Truth.
	The Central Conflict
The character learns	
more about the	
storyworld and develops	
a new goal that is	
diametrically opposed to	
the goal of the	
antagonist.	
	The Conflict of Ideals
The two sides of the	
Central Conflict are	
pursuing opposing ideals	
of perfection. The Ideal	
ultimately proven true is	
the Superior Ideal, while	
the one proven false is	
the Inferior Ideal.	
	The False Goal
The character receives a	THE False Soal
new goal he feels will set	
everything right in his	
world. Sadly, this isn't	
the case and there is still	
something bigger he	
must accomplish.	
	Action Toward Goal
The character takes	
action toward achieving	
the False Goal.	
	Intentional Opposition
As a result of his	
decision at the	
Commitment, the	
character comes to the	
attention of the forces of	
antagonism. They now	
begin opposing him with	
the specific intention of	
thwarting his plans.	

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	Turning Point Catalyst: The Turn
There is a major turn of	
events that raises the	
stakes for the character	
and his allies and makes his situation far more	
complicated than it had	
been up to this point.	
This event is often	
surprising, coming as a	
shock to both the character and the	
audience.	
	Turning Point Three: The Moment of Truth
	ranning rome through the moment of fracti
As a result of the Turn, the character must	
reevaluate his strategy,	
analyze who he is, and	
decide to be truthful with	
himself about the type of	
person he must become.	
In figuring out his true nature, he makes the	
decision to fight for the	
things he believes in.	
	To Change or Not to Change
At the Moment of Truth,	
the character faces the	
decision to either change	
his perspective and who he has been, or retain the	
same outlook in the face	
of all which has	
transpired.	
	Act Four: Implementing a Doomed Plan
The character Implements a Doomed Plan and faces Self-Inflicted Opposition in pursuit of a Penultimate Goal. But when an unthinkable Lowpoint occurs, he pulls himself together and discovers a Newfound Resolve.	
	The Doomed Plan
Having made the	
commitment to fight at	
the Moment of Truth, the	
character now devises and implements a plan of	
and implements a plan of action that is destined to	
fail. It may fail outright or	
it may seem to succeed	
only to have grave	
consequences the	
character didn't	l l

anticipated.

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	The Penultimate Goal
The character's goal in	
this act is one step	
removed from the	
Ultimate Goal, but his	
pursuit of it leads him to	
realize what he needs to	
do to end the conflict once and for all.	
Office and for an.	Action Toward Goal
The character takes	Action Fortal & Court
action toward achieving	
the Penultimate Goal.	
	Self-Inflicted Opposition
The character makes the	
conscious decision to go	
up against the forces of	
antagonism. Because of	
this, he is the primary cause of the opposition	
he faces in this act.	
	Turning Point Catalyst: The Lowpoint
Something unimaginable	a g
happens with grave	
emotional consequences	
for the character. He	
looks back on all his	
actions over the course	
of the story and feels he has failed.	
nas ranca.	Turning Point Four: The Newfound Resolve
After the Lowpoint,	Turning Come Court the House House
something happens to	
make the character dig	
deep within himself and	
rediscover his resolve.	
He makes the decision to	
stop the forces of antagonism at any cost.	
antagonism at any cost.	
	Act Five: Trying a Long Shot
The character Tries a L	ongshot and faces Ultimate Opposition while trying to accomplish the Ultimate Goal. But just when it seems All is Lost, he
	makes a Final Push against the forces of antagonism and either succeeds or fails.
	The Long Shot
The character is	
reinvigorated by the	
revelation he received at	
the Newfound Resolve,	
but his only chance of	
success lies in a plan	
with a high risk of failure.	
The Ultimate Goal	
The character finally	
understands what the	
true goal of the story is.	
The goal the character has in this act is what the	
nas in this act is what the story is all about.	
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	Action Toward Goal
The character takes action toward achieving the Ultimate Goal.	
and Chimato Coun	Ultimate Opposition
	Chimate Opposition
The forces of antagonism are now out to destroy the character completely. At this point in the story the antagonist will throw everything he has into eliminating the character.	
	Turning Point Catalyst: All is Lost
The character may experience some initial success, but the forces of antagonism rally, and it seems the character's Longshot is doomed to fail.	
	Turning Point Five: The Final Push
Faced with his imminent destruction, the character decides to put everything he has into one final endeavor. He uses what little he has left in his stores, or the one trump card he's been holding, knowing if he fails he will be destroyed.	
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Act Six: Living in an New Situation Having accomplished (or failed to have accomplished) the Ultimate Goal, the character is shown living in a New Situation.	
The New Situation	
We see the character adapting to the New Situation his actions have created. Whether he is exalted or exiled, this is the new world he helped create.	