# Story Spine

## Act 1

Once upon a time...

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Every day...

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But, one day...

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## Act 2

Because of that...

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Because of that...

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## Act 3

Until, finally...

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And, ever since then...

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And the moral of the story is ....

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# Story Spine Description

## Act 1 – The first 3 parts of the story spine

This act sets the scene, introduces characters, shows how the world works. The act leads up to having have the rising action of "But, one day..."

Once upon a time...

Every day...

But, one day...

## Act 2 - The Journey or the "Because of that..." Sequences

Show the journey of the character and how they overcome obstacles that they encounter. Often includes a low point of the character's journey. Hardship comes to the character as they experience a low point. A series of challenges is presented that lead to the climax or a fork in the road where a decision must be made. After this diction is made that there is often no going back.

Because of that...

Because of that...

Because of that...

## Act 3 - Heading toward the climax and resolution

The characters must make a choice to overcome the obstacles of Act 2. This the “Until, finally…” climatic moment of the story arc. This moves the story toward conclusion and resolution. The character demonstrates learning and growth. This often demonstrates the moral of the story.

Until, finally...

And, ever since then...

And the moral of the story is ....