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| **ACT 1**  **1 – Ordinary World/Inciting Incident**  ***Story Set-up***  Introduce characters  At least one goal established  External conflict  Internal conflict  Inciting incident  (hint of attraction) | **2 – Disruption**  ***Reaction and Lives Disrupted***  More on characters  More on goal(s)  External conflict’s affect  Internal conflict deepens  Complication  Ticking clock  (more on attraction/resistance) | **3 - Decisions**  ***Actions and Consequences***  Actions complicate situation  Goals are more complicated  External conflicts grow  Internal conflicts intensify  Ticking clock louder  (attraction frustrated) **– 1st Turning Point** | **4 – Life Changes**  ***Pressure and 1st Turning Point***  External conflicts stronger  Frustration/internal conflicts  Bigger complication  Opposing goals resurface  Pressures force big changes  (relationship at odds) |
| **ACT 2**  **5 – Push**  ***Temporary Resolution***  External pressures push changes  Internal pressures push changes  Possible secret hinted at  Goals complicated  (romance heating) | **6 – Explore Changes**  ***Resolution and Adjustment***  Feelings about changes  External conflict compromised  Internal conflict troubling  Rethinking goals  New conflict arises  (attraction growing again) | **7 - New Trials**  ***2nd Turning Point***  New complications  Problems feel overwhelming  Fear develops  Internal doubts intensify  Goals forced to change  (frustrated relationship)  **3rd Turning Point7** | **8 – More Reflection**  ***Finding a solution***  Reflection on long-term impacts  Re-evaluate motives and goals  Ticking clock louder again  Compromises considered  (doubts develop in relationship) |
| **ACT 39 – Leading to Doom**  **9 – Black Moment**  ***All feels lost*10 – Black Moment**  Revelations cause damage  Hidden backstory revealed  External demands intensify  Internal doubts intensify  Conflicts drive romance apart  One character possibly leaves | **10 – Determination**  ***Characters find power***  Look at goals/compromises  External conflicts looked at  Internal conflicts change  Goals change  (relationship stronger) | **11 – Re-evaluation**  ***Climax***  Re-evaluation of goals & compromises  External conflicts resolved  Internal conflicts change  Characters forced to change  Romance grows again | **12 – Life Changes**  ***Resolution***  Goals faced & compromises made  Internal conflicts faced  Acceptance of what is important  Life changes  Romance secured (romance) |
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