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| **ACT 1****1 – Ordinary World/Inciting Incident*****Story Set-up***Introduce charactersAt least one goal establishedExternal conflictInternal conflictInciting incident(hint of attraction) | **2 – Disruption*****Reaction and Lives Disrupted***More on charactersMore on goal(s)External conflict’s affectInternal conflict deepensComplicationTicking clock(more on attraction/resistance) | **3 - Decisions*****Actions and Consequences***Actions complicate situationGoals are more complicatedExternal conflicts growInternal conflicts intensifyTicking clock louder(attraction frustrated) **– 1st Turning Point** | **4 – Life Changes*****Pressure and 1st Turning Point***External conflicts strongerFrustration/internal conflictsBigger complicationOpposing goals resurfacePressures force big changes(relationship at odds) |
| **ACT 2****5 – Push*****Temporary Resolution***External pressures push changesInternal pressures push changesPossible secret hinted atGoals complicated(romance heating) | **6 – Explore Changes*****Resolution and Adjustment***Feelings about changesExternal conflict compromisedInternal conflict troublingRethinking goalsNew conflict arises(attraction growing again) | **7 - New Trials** ***2nd Turning Point***New complicationsProblems feel overwhelmingFear developsInternal doubts intensifyGoals forced to change(frustrated relationship)**3rd Turning Point7** | **8 – More Reflection*****Finding a solution***Reflection on long-term impactsRe-evaluate motives and goalsTicking clock louder againCompromises considered(doubts develop in relationship) |
| **ACT 39 – Leading to Doom****9 – Black Moment*****All feels lost*10 – Black Moment**Revelations cause damageHidden backstory revealedExternal demands intensifyInternal doubts intensifyConflicts drive romance apart One character possibly leaves | **10 – Determination*****Characters find power***Look at goals/compromisesExternal conflicts looked atInternal conflicts changeGoals change(relationship stronger) | **11 – Re-evaluation*****Climax***Re-evaluation of goals & compromisesExternal conflicts resolvedInternal conflicts changeCharacters forced to changeRomance grows again | **12 – Life Changes*****Resolution***Goals faced & compromises madeInternal conflicts facedAcceptance of what is importantLife changesRomance secured (romance) |
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