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| **ACT 1**  **1 - Ordinary World/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) | **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) | **5 – Push**  ***Temporary Resolution***  External pressures push changes  Internal pressures push changes  Possible secret hinted at  Goals complicated  (romance heating) |
| **ACT 2**  **6 – Explore Changes**  ***Resolution and Adjustment***  Feelings about changes  External conflict compromised  Internal conflict troubling  Rethinking goals  New conflict arises  (attraction growing again) | **7 – Reflection**  ***Contrast to old world***  Reflect on new situation  Complication causes problem  (relationship doubts) | **8 – Crisis**  ***Crisis in New World***  Goals more complicated  External pressures intensify  Internal conflicts more troubling  More complications  A secret is revealed  (relationship sizzling) | **9 – 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) | **10 – New Trials**  ***2nd Turning Point***  New complications  Problems feel overwhelming  Fear develops  Internal doubts intensify  Goals forced to change  (frustrated relationship) |
| **ACT 3**  **11 – Black Moment**  ***All feels lost***  Revelations cause damage  Hidden backstory revealed  External demands intensify  One character may leave  (relationship driven apart) | **12 – Determination**  ***Characters find power***  Look at goals/compromises  External conflicts looked at  Internal conflicts change  Goals change  (relationship stronger) | **13 – Battle**  ***Fight to Win***  One last battle (physical, mental)  Reflect on all changes  Internal conflicts faced  (relationship doubts faced) | **14 – Re-evaluations**  ***Climax***  Re-evaluate goals/compromises  External conflicts resolved  Internal conflicts change  Characters forced to change  (relationship grows again) | **15 – Life Changes**  ***Resolution***  Reactions to decisions  Life compromises made  (relationship secured) |
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