



Crafty Companions

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your

Plot

treasure map



Something a little different for the summer months.

We've had character, we've had setting, we've had dialogue and scene.
This July as we sit and maybe visit somewhere new, spend time with family or simply pause
and look to the sky, it could be the perfect time to think about our story's structure.

Where it's going.
Why it matters.

Plot can take time to work out, but that doesn't mean we can't have a little fun along the
way.

Wander down an unexpected path.

Ask some unusual questions.

Find the moments that are meant to be followed.

Follow the map, pick a few ideas, maybe they'll give you a nudge or open a new door.
Don't be afraid to go sideways or turn around and go backwards.

Plot is big, but it can also be small.
The micro moments can affect the whole.
Spend time with them too.

Keep the wheel in motion. Keep the story moving.

This crafty companion is here to help you explore the steps along the way.

You don't have to answer everything. You won't know everything.
There is no "getting it right". This is just a place to spend some time,
to find out.

Discover.

Sit with the questions. Have a cup of tea.
Let them evolve.
See what happens. Follow what unfolds.

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Plot Treasure Map



A MISTAKE



THE WRONG
PATH



AN OLD
PHOTO



A CHALLENGE



A SECRET

a path unknown

A HIDDEN
CLUE



A CROSSING
POINT



A SECRET
NOTE



A STRANGER



THE WRONG
TIME



SOMETHING
LOST



A JOURNEY



There is no
right or
wrong ~ every
story takes
its own path

Plot The Moments



THE SPARK

Here we go!

What happens first?
What sets everything in motion?



Zoom in ~ pause and
add detail along the
way.

Look sideways ~ take
a detour, wander off
the path...that's
where the ideas live



THE PROBLEM

Nothing stays simple

Why does this matter?
What challenge or conflict appears?

THE CHOICE

No going back

What must your character decide?
How will this affect others?



Trust yourself ~ if
your story wants to
head down a
different route, let
it

You are the guide ~
no map knows the
story better than
you



THE TWIST

Not what you expected

What is not as first appeared?
What surprising truth changes things?

THE TURNING POINT

Everything changes

What moment changes everything?
What can no longer be undone?

THE END

What remains?

What happens at The End?
What, or who, has changed because of this journey?

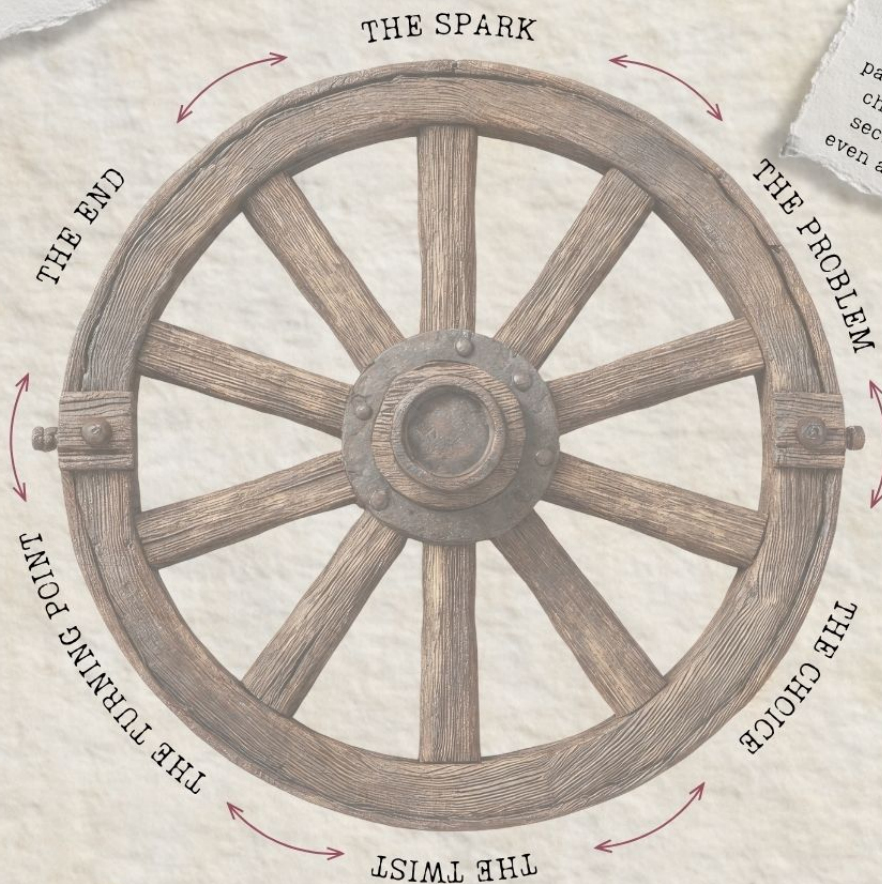
Don't be afraid of the unknown paths. Trust yourself. Trust your story.
Some call in pants'ing...I like to think of it as *letting the tea brew....*

Plot Micro Moments



Every story
has these
moments...use
the wheel to
shape your
whole story....

*& so does every
chapter*
Zoom in... Use
the same
pattern for a
chapter, a
section or
even a scene



Stories aren't built
along one straight road.
They're made up of
smaller journeys,
wanderings down
unknown paths.
Each part needs to
have its own shape and
purpose for our stories
to be clear, cohesive
and compelling.

A place for micro moments

think about your current chapter,
use this space to keep its wheel turning

A blank page for
Extra detail



because
there's
always room
for more



Cup of tea reflection

Sometimes the end is the beginning...and the beginning is the end. Maybe you know your ending, maybe you don't just yet. What if you took your beginning and placed it at the end, or brought your ending right to the fore? Does that help you see things from a different point of view? Does anything shift? Does anything change?

