

Story Birth Template

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Turn one spark into a story worth chasing.

1. First Spark

What appeared first: a character, scene, line, vibe, conflict, or dream?

2. Main Character

Who is at the center of this story? What makes them compelling?

3. Desire

What do they want right now more than anything?

4. Obstacle

What stands in their way externally or internally?

5. Stakes

What happens if they fail? Why should readers care?

6. Hidden Tension

What secret, fear, lie, danger, or pressure exists?

7. Opening Scene

Describe a strong first chapter moment.

8. What Makes It Different

What fresh angle, twist, voice, or setting makes this yours?

Momentum Boost Questions

- What emotion powers this story?
- Who complicates everything?
- What choice changes everything?
- What image belongs on the back cover?