

PLOT PROBLEM

PROMPT CARDS



Use these cards to create or explore problems in a story.



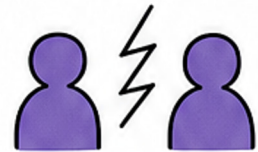
OBSTACLE

What is standing in the way of the main character?



SUDDEN PROBLEM

What unexpected event changes everything?



CONFLICT

Who or what is the main character in conflict with?



GOAL AT RISK

What does the character want that is now in danger?



TIME PRESSURE

What happens if the problem isn't solved in time?



EMOTIONAL PROBLEM

What feeling or fear is making things difficult?



TOUGH CHOICE

What difficult choice does the character have to make?



MISSING SOMETHING

What does the character need but can't get?



OUTSIDER

Is the character excluded, judged, or misunderstood?



RAISE THE STAKES

How can the problem become bigger or more serious?



CAN'T GO BACK

What moment means things will never be the same again?



COMPLICATION

What new problem makes solving the first problem harder?