

## How a Story Problem is Created

**FAQ:** How are stories problems created?

**Answer:** Story Problems are created when a Character's Motive (what he wants or needs) is blocked by an obstacle.

1. Stories revolve around **Characters**, their Motives and how the Characters take action to achieve them.
2. A Character's **Motive** is what he wants or needs.
3. In the process of **Taking Action** to get what he wants/needs the Character will face a problem.
4. **Story problems occur when the Character's motive is blocked** so that he cannot get what he wants/needs.
5. **Obstacles which block motive and create Story Problem are:**  
tricks  
disasters  
acts of god (weather such as a storm, magic, miracle)  
use of force (physical or political)
6. **Resolution** occurs in when the reader learns if the Character(s) overcomes the trick/disaster/act of god/use of force to achieve their motives. In some cases they will fail to achieve them and become either transformed or broken. In others, their motives will be forever changed after facing the trick/disaster/act of god/use of force which may also create a transformation story.