# About Writing

What Every Writer Knows or Should Know – an overview
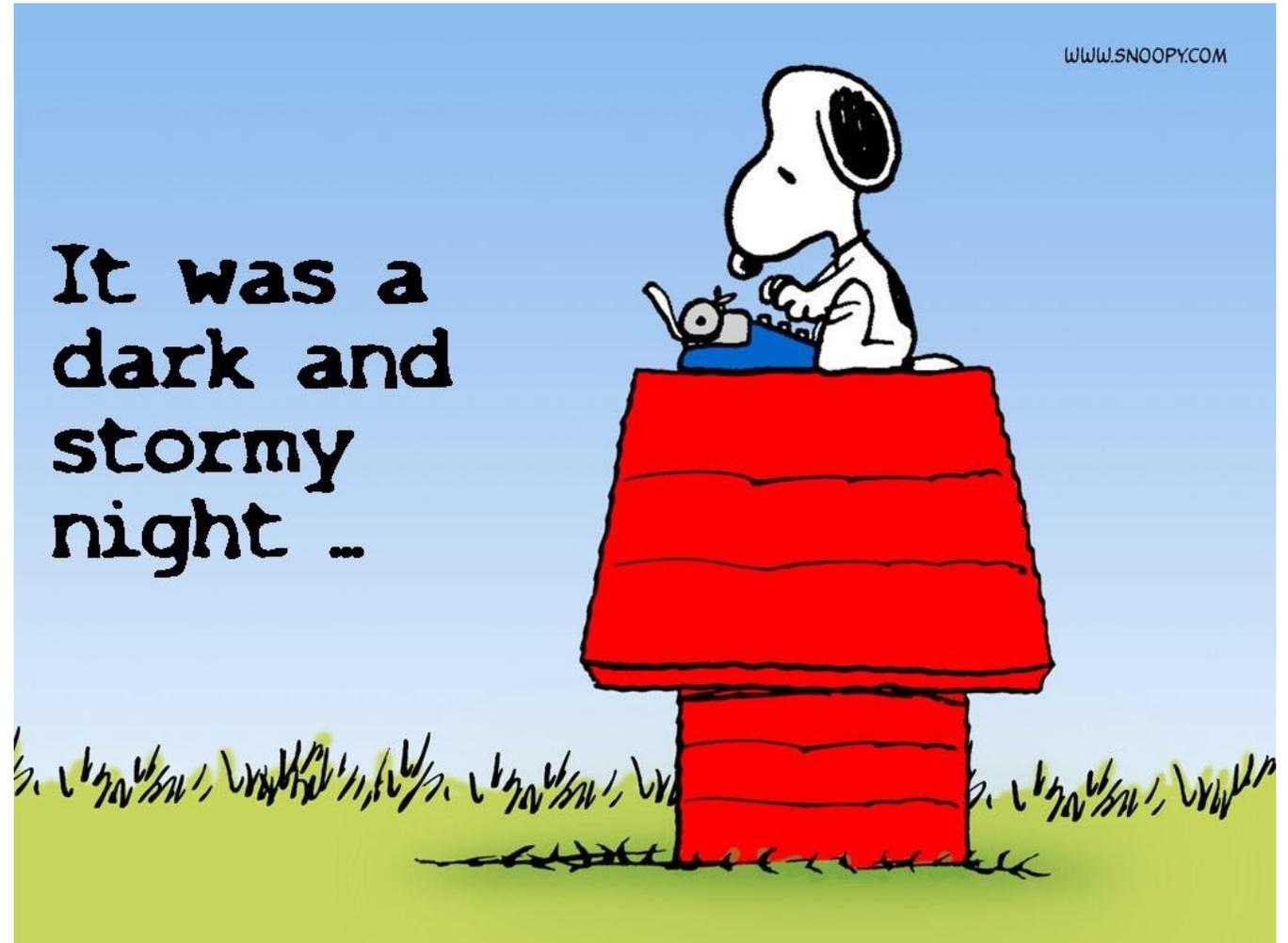
Foolscap Method

OUTLINE OF YOUR BOOK

8 1/2 X 14 PAPER

Plottr

- Develop Compelling Plots
- Design Memorable Characters
- Keep all your Locations visible
- Weave in devious Sub-plots
- Track Support Characters
- Every writer should have it!
- www.getplottr.com

Visually Plan & Organize Your Books with Plottr

Plot Your Way to Success
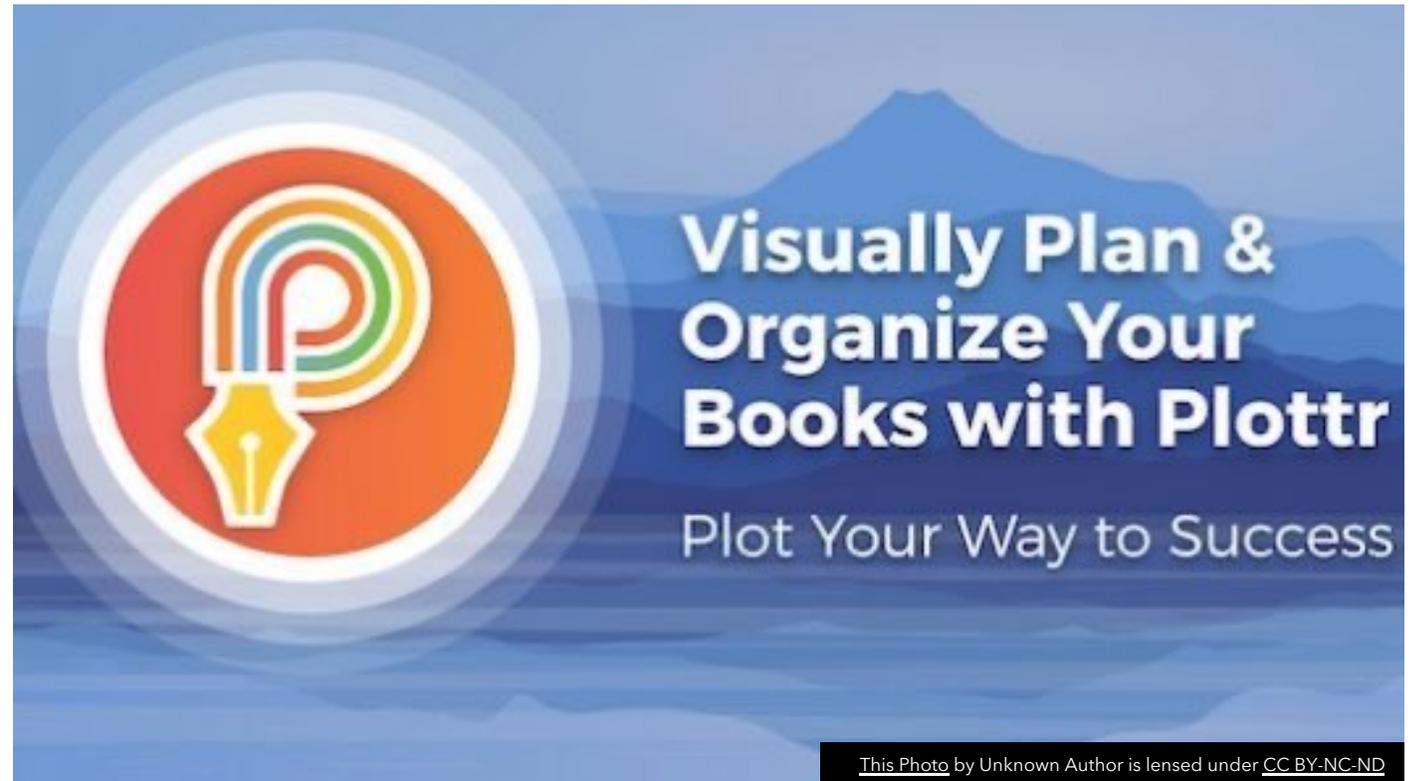
Your Plot

Bones of your Story

Legend or background

Original Idea

The Theme

Sub-Plot

Second or Third Plot

Pushes Story Along

Provides Obstacles
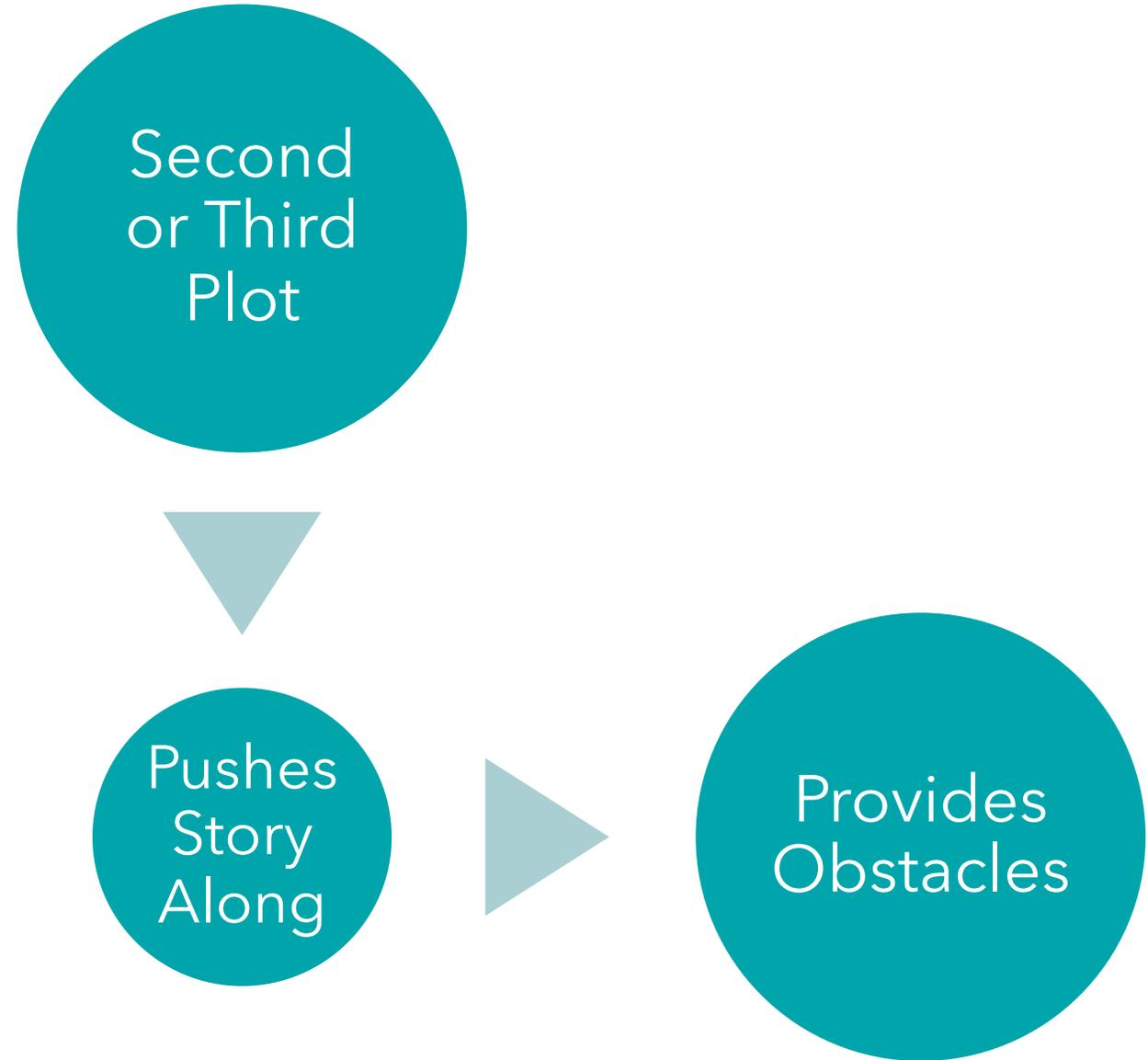
Location

PHYSICAL LOCATION

IN THE PRESENT OR PAST?
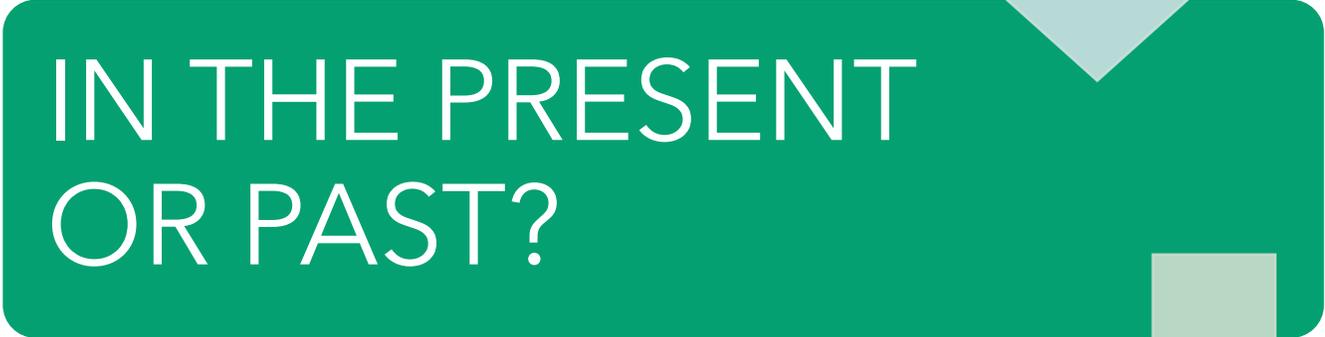
OR IN ANOTHER GALAXY

Love Interest

Pulls on Emotions of Reader

Includes Satisfactory Ending

Cliff Hanger?

Leaves Reader Wanting More

Protagonist

YOUR LEAD CHARACTER → MEETS CONFLICTS AND SITUATIONS

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INTERNALLY OR EXTERNALLY
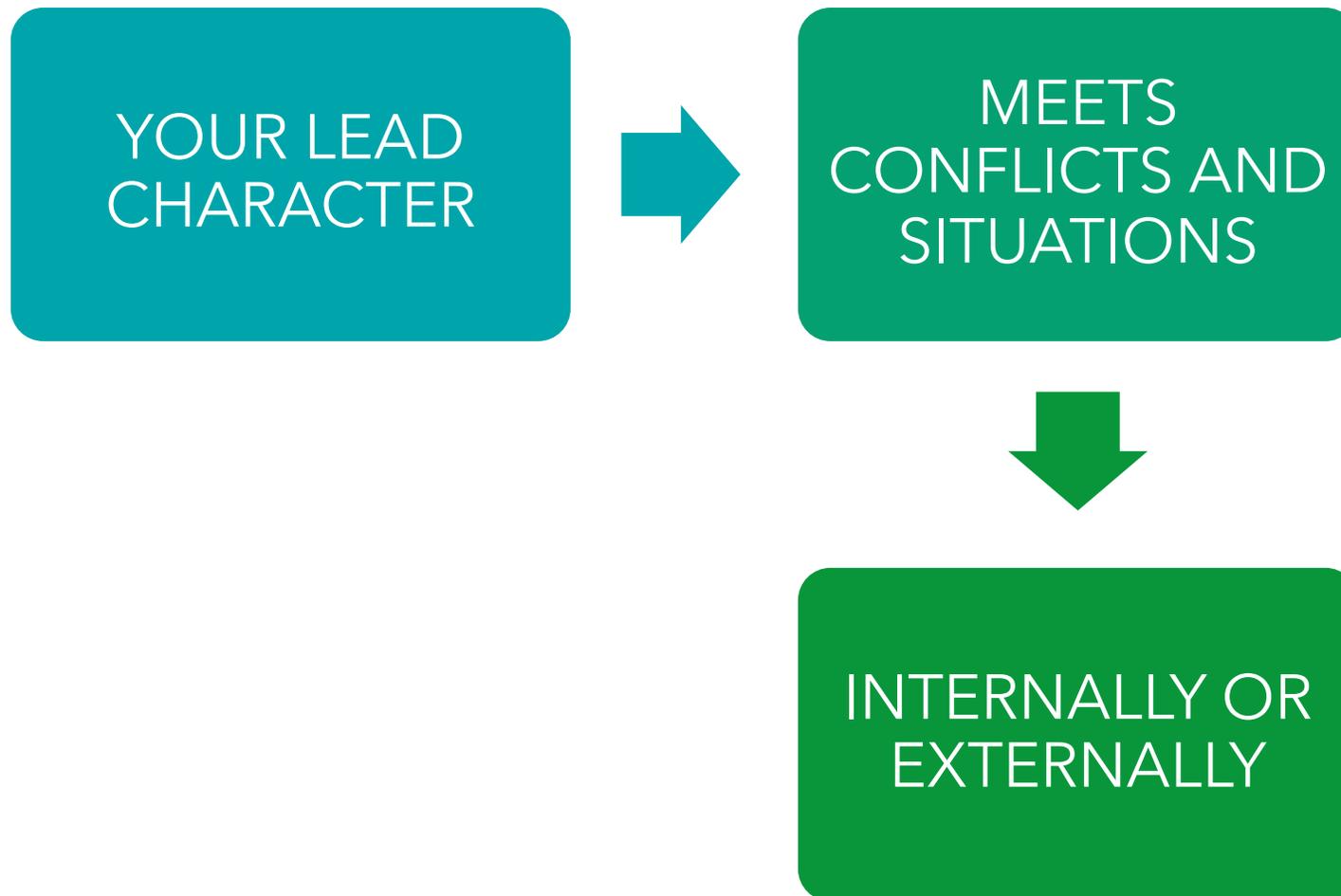
Antagonist

THE VILLAIN

CHALLENGES PROTAGONIST

CREATES *CHALLENGING* SITUATIONS

Support Characters

BEST FRIENDS, PALS

FAMILY MEMBERS

HELPS THE PROTAGONIST

Time Frame

WHEN DOES STORY HAPPEN?

ONE DAY?

ONE WEEK?
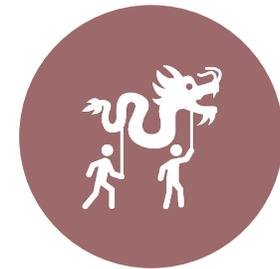
ONE YEAR?

Editing

A brief overview of self-editing.

Print Out Entire Story

Read for Flow

Edit any Plot Holes

Give to Professional Editor

Line Editing

PUNCTUATION

SPELLING (NOT SPELL CHECK)

WORD USAGE

Content Editing

Discrepancies in

Names

Places

Descriptions

Beta Readers

CHOOSE THEM CAREFULLY
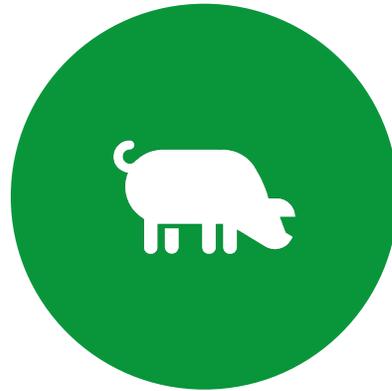
THREE IS IDEAL

ASK FOR A TRUE REVIEW

Final Edits

Make Changes Here
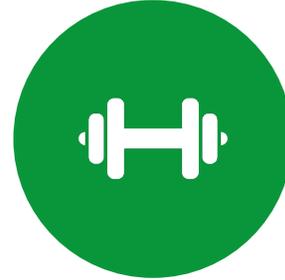
Let it Rest for a Week

Read it for Final Time

Save Your File

Saving Your Book

Two-File System

Open Final Copy Folder

Save as Docx.

Save as PDF

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