

Roll Romance

Writing Exercise



Craft a romantic story with this exercise by the dice. Use all the categories or none!

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SEASONAL SETTING

1. NEW YEAR'S
2. VALENTINE'S DAY
3. START OF SPRING
4. ST. PATRICK'S
5. STORM SEASON
6. BEACH SEASON
7. INDEPENDENCE DAY
8. START OF AUTUMN (BACK TO SCHOOL)
9. HARVEST SEASON
10. HALLOWEEN
11. THANKSGIVING
12. CHRISTMAS/ YULE

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MEET-CUTE

1. LITERAL COLLISION
2. FORCED PROXIMITY
3. PROFESSIONAL
4. EAVESDROPPING GONE WRONG
5. SHARED SECRET
6. SHARED GOAL
7. MISTAKEN IDENTITY
8. RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS
9. SHARE A MUTUAL ENEMY
10. SECOND CHANCE REUNION
11. EMERGENCY HELP
12. RIGHT PLACE WRONG TIME

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TROPE DYNAMIC

1. SUNSHINE X GRUMPY
2. HEARTBROKEN CYNIC X ROMANTIC
3. RULE FOLLOWER X REBEL
4. SOFT-SPOKEN X SHARP-TONGUED
5. OBSERVER X PERFORMER
6. WOUNDED X HEALER
7. OUTDOORSY X TECH DEPENDENT
8. HAUNTED X CURIOUS
9. GOLDEN RETRIEVER X BLACK CAT
10. COMPETENT X INEXPERIENCED
11. PRACTICAL X DREAMER
12. TWO PEAS IN A POD

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TIPPING POINT

1. ALMOST KISS
2. TENDING AN INJURY OR ILLNESS
3. SHARE A DANCE
4. SURPRISE ASSISTANCE
5. SUDDEN JEALOUSY
6. FORCED PROXIMITY
7. CONFESSION OF FEELINGS
8. KISS AFTER ANGER OR STRESS
9. A MENTOR INTERFERES
10. DISCOVER A SHARED HABIT
11. PUBLIC DECLARATION
12. SMALL ACTS FINALLY NOTICED

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ROMANTIC OBSTACLE

1. EMOTIONAL UNAVAILABILITY
2. BAD TIMING
3. CAREER CONFLICT
4. FAMILY EXPECTATIONS
5. PAST RELATIONSHIP TRAUMA
6. LITERAL DISTANCE
7. POWER IMBALANCE
8. FEAR OF NEEDING SOMEONE
9. ONE PLANS TO LEAVE
10. MUST-BE-KEPT SECRET
11. THIRD PARTY INTERFERENCE
12. COMPETING FOR THE SAME AWARD

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THIRD ACT WOBBLE

1. OLD FEARS RESURFACE
2. OUTSIDE PRESSURE FORCES A CHOICE
3. ONE ASSUMES
4. MUTUAL PROTECTION GONE WRONG
5. AN UNFORTUNATE TRUTH REVEALED
6. EMOTIONAL RETREAT
7. ACCIDENT/INJURY/ILLNESS
8. UNWANTED SELF-SACRIFICE
9. EX/PRIOR RELATIONSHIP
10. FAMILY REJECTION
11. LEGAL REASONS
12. NATURAL DISASTER

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THE HAPPY ENDING

1. THEY FINALLY SAY IT
2. REUNION AFTER SEPARATION
3. REJECTING THE "SAFER" CHOICE
4. JUMPING INTO THE FIRE
5. QUIET DOMESTIC MOMENT
6. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT/PROPOSAL
7. FAMILY/FOUND FAMILY ACCEPTANCE
8. GRAND GESTURE
9. RETURNING TO THE MEET-CUTE
10. TRIP TOGETHER
11. REVEALING A DOUBLE-CROSS
12. RIDE OFF INTO THE HORIZON