

RESCUING YOUR PLOT

- 1 Kill a main character.
- 2 Send your characters on a journey.
- 3 Have your characters lose an important item.
- 4 Have a character go crazy.
- 5 A volcano erupts nearby.
- 6 Your characters stumble on a party.
- 7 Your characters throw a party.
- 8 Your character gets drunk.
- 9 Your character gets drunk and blabs a secret.
- 10 Switch to the villain's point of view.
- 11 Add a love interest.
- 12 Add a new character.
- 13 Your main character trips and breaks his/her arm.
- 14 Characters argue over grammar.
- 15 Have a character exclaim, "There is no spoon!"
- 16 Write a scene that takes place in a bowling alley.
- 17 Have a character who wears glasses break them.
- 18 Reference yourself participating in NaNoWriMo.
- 19 Kill a mime.
- 20 Use a trilobite in your novel.
- 21 Send in the ninjas!
- 22 Add a one-night stand.
- 23 Get your characters lost in the forest.
- 24 Your main character's mother dies.
- 25 Two characters kiss.
- 26 One character walks in on two others having sex.
- 27 A supporting character has a heart attack and dies.
- 28 Your main character loses money at poker.
- 29 Everyone gets food poisoning.
- 30 Everyone gets the plague.
- 31 Include a character who obsessively collects random objects.
- 32 A character's long-lost sibling turns up.
- 33 A male character finds out he is the father of a teenager who shows up.
- 34 A CIA agent tries to kill a character.
- 35 The characters find a suitcase full of money.
- 36 Have a character find a dead body in the trunk of his/her car.
- 37 Include the phrase: "I saw this in a porn movie once."
- 38 Go grab a random album and use song titles as chapter titles.
- 39 Include any of the games you may see on an episode of "Whose Line is it Anyway?"
- 40 Have a character willfully remove his/her own limb.
- 41 Include a brawl in a non-contact sport, e.g. tennis, croquet, cricket, ice-skating, etc.
- 42 Include a llama in some way.
- 43 Include a terrible accident involving a rubber chicken.
- 44 Have the villain and hero be ex's — boy/girlfriend, fiance(e)s, spouses, anything.
- 45 Write an entire chapter in which two characters do nothing but pare potatoes.
- 46 Have a character literally die of too much homework.
- 47 Include a soapbox moment about a subject you feel strongly about that has absolutely nothing to do with the plot.
- 48 Have a scene where a character suffers from a mishap with a bendy straw.
- 49 A herd of 100 bison stampede through your novel.
- 50 Your characters are surrounded by a cloud of butterflies.

RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR

Instructions: Close your eyes, look away, or take your glasses off. Jab something pointy at this grid. Take note of the number you pointed at. Repeat. You now have a two-digit number. If it's 00, count it as 100.

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