

# Checklist for Structural Story Editing

## THE STORY ELEMENTS

### Basic Character Elements

- ✓ 1. Characters per scene
- ✓ 2. Character Point of View
- ✓ 3. POV character's goal

### Advanced Character Elements

- ✓ 4. POV internal goal
- ✓ 5. Goal relationship to plot
- ✓ 6. Impact if goal fails
- ✓ 7. Impact on POV character
- ✓ 8. Impact on protagonist
- ✓ 9. POV knowledge gained
- ✓ 10. Character in motion

### Basic Plot Elements

- ✓ 11. Scene name
- ✓ 12. Story arc
- ✓ 13. Purpose of a scene (end)
- ✓ 14. Opening type
- ✓ 15. Closing type
- ✓ 16. Anchoring
- ✓ 17. Entry hook
- ✓ 18. Exit hook

### Advanced Plot Elements

- ✓ 19. Tension
- ✓ 20. Conflict
- ✓ 21. Revelation
- ✓ 22. Backstory
- ✓ 23. Flashback
- ✓ 24. Scene middle
- ✓ 25. Scene climax
- ✓ 26. Action/sequel
- ✓ 27. Reader knowledge gained

### Basic Setting Elements

- ✓ 28. Location
- ✓ 29. Date and time
- ✓ 30. Objects
- ✓ 31. Sights
- ✓ 32. Smells
- ✓ 33. Sounds
- ✓ 34. Tastes
- ✓ 35. Touch
- ✓ 36. Emotional impact

### Advanced Setting Elements

- ✓ 37. Location split
- ✓ 38. Weather

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