

# Sevensteps



## Step 1: Plan for Success Fantasy Fiction on the Story Graph

One of the best ways to learn is to see examples, like these story graphs.

### How to use them:

- Explore favourite stories and how they work
- Look for moments of tension (the pebble, rock and boulder)
- Compare the many ways stories start and end
- Inspire students to create their own story graphs!



There are many more sets of story graphs available, covering books with themes from friendship and belonging to sustainability and First Nations histories and cultures, as well as secondary texts. Members can find them on *Teacher Hub*.

# Deltora Quest: The Forests of Silence

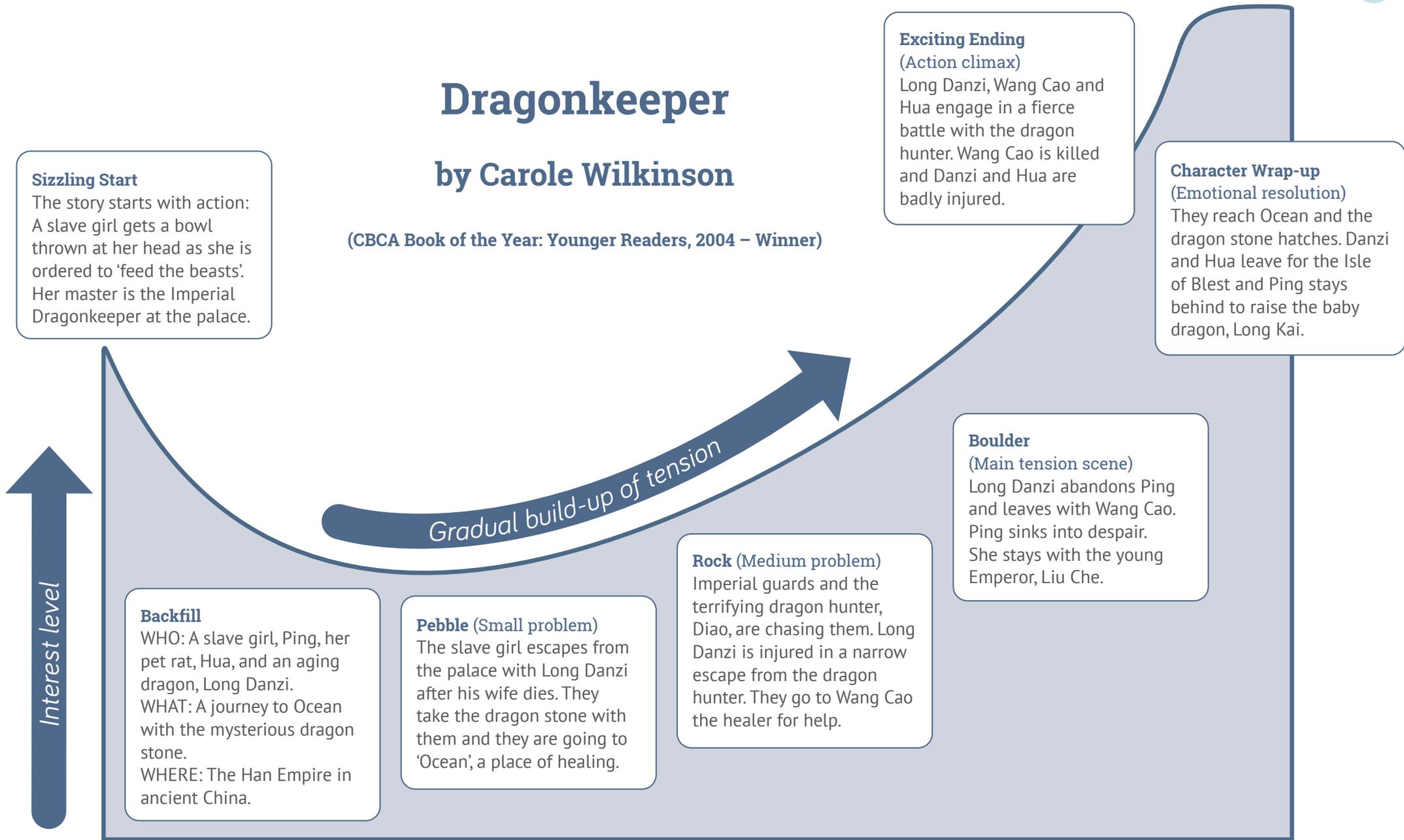
by Emily Rodda



# Dragonkeeper

by Carole Wilkinson

(CBCA Book of the Year: Younger Readers, 2004 – Winner)



**Sizzling Start**

The story starts with action: A slave girl gets a bowl thrown at her head as she is ordered to 'feed the beasts'. Her master is the Imperial Dragonkeeper at the palace.

**Backfill**

WHO: A slave girl, Ping, her pet rat, Hua, and an aging dragon, Long Danzi.  
WHAT: A journey to Ocean with the mysterious dragon stone.  
WHERE: The Han Empire in ancient China.

**Pebble (Small problem)**

The slave girl escapes from the palace with Long Danzi after his wife dies. They take the dragon stone with them and they are going to 'Ocean', a place of healing.

**Rock (Medium problem)**

Imperial guards and the terrifying dragon hunter, Diao, are chasing them. Long Danzi is injured in a narrow escape from the dragon hunter. They go to Wang Cao the healer for help.

**Boulder**

(Main tension scene)  
Long Danzi abandons Ping and leaves with Wang Cao. Ping sinks into despair. She stays with the young Emperor, Liu Che.

**Exciting Ending**

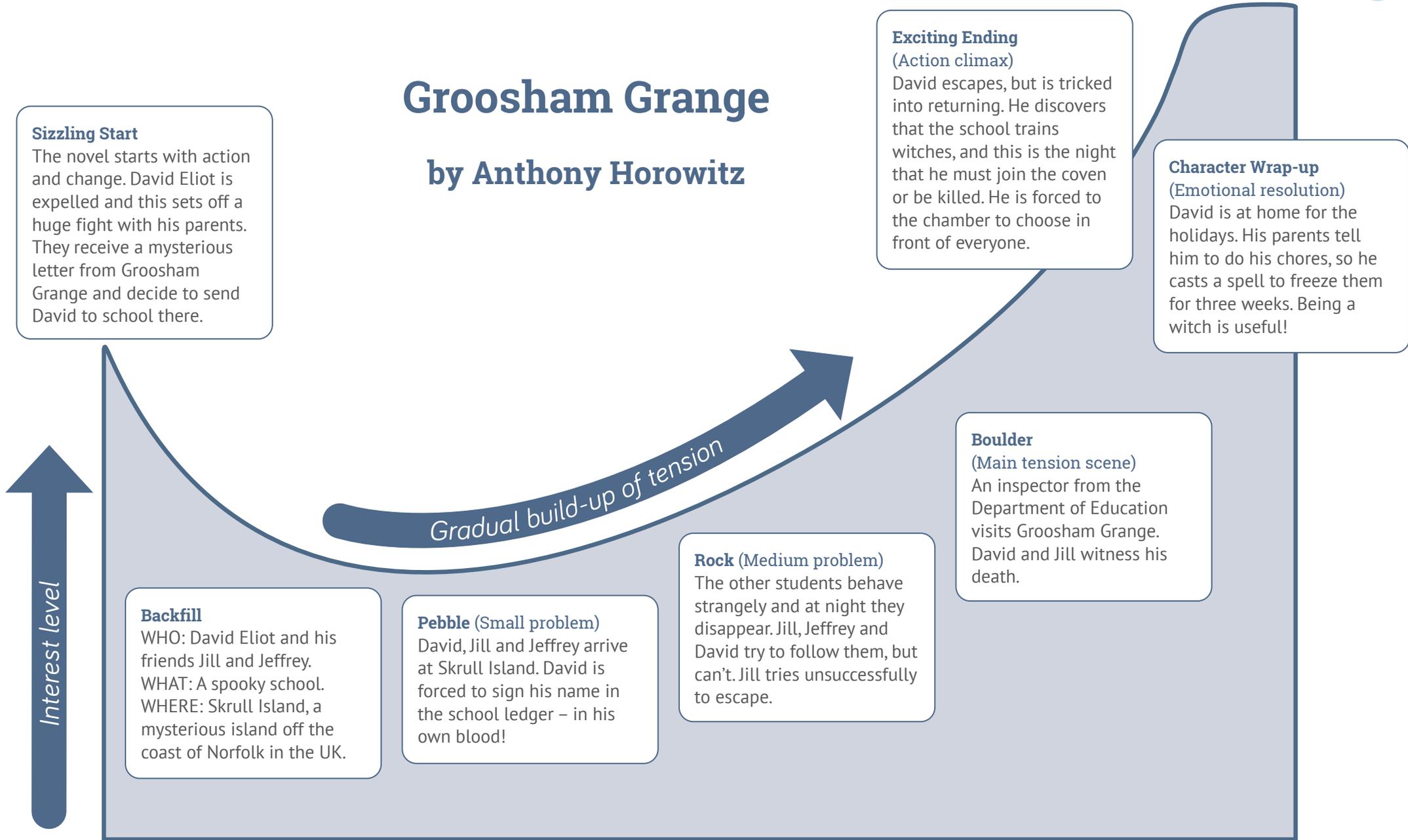
(Action climax)  
Long Danzi, Wang Cao and Hua engage in a fierce battle with the dragon hunter. Wang Cao is killed and Danzi and Hua are badly injured.

**Character Wrap-up**

(Emotional resolution)  
They reach Ocean and the dragon stone hatches. Danzi and Hua leave for the Isle of Blest and Ping stays behind to raise the baby dragon, Long Kai.

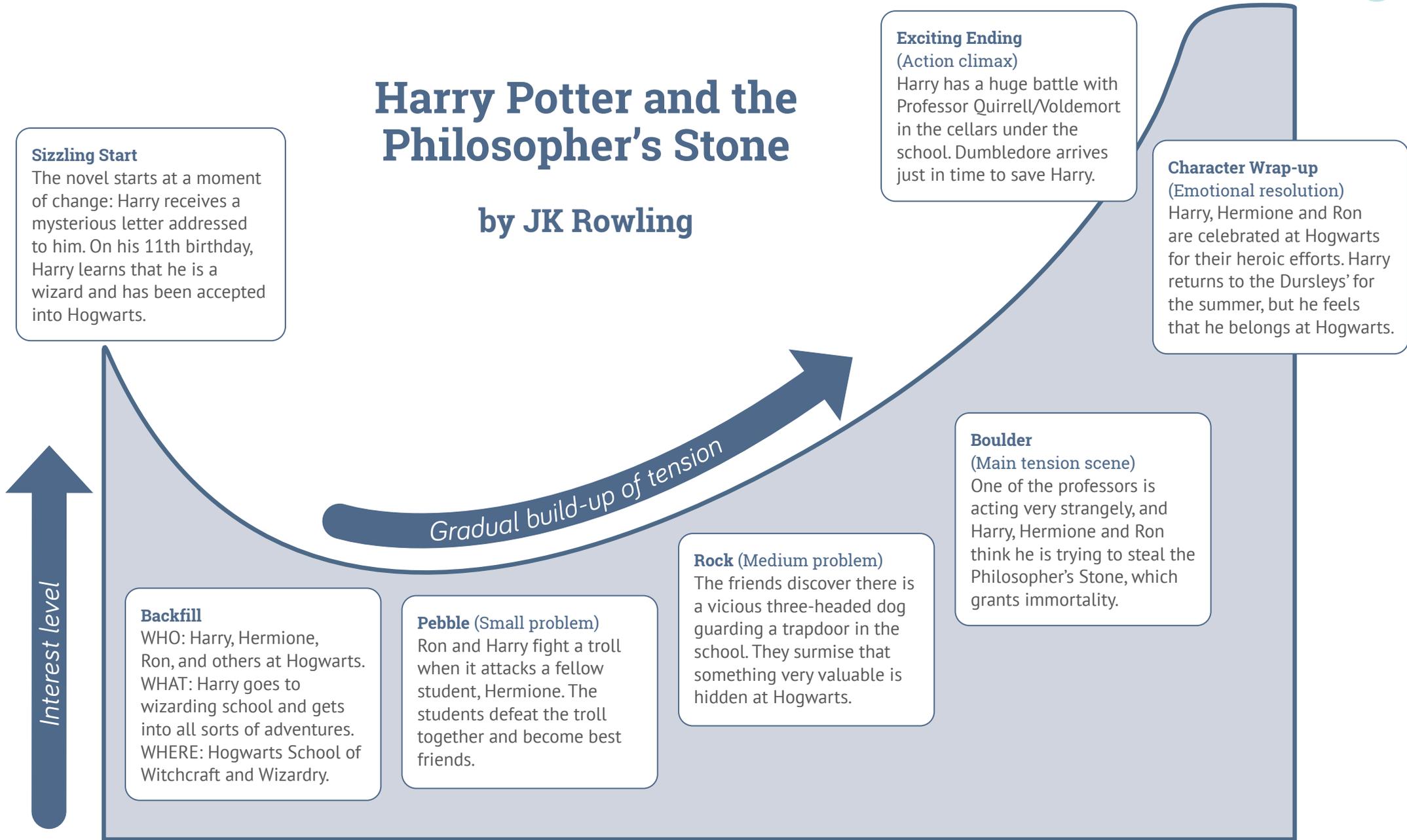
# Groosham Grange

## by Anthony Horowitz



# Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

by JK Rowling



**Sizzling Start**

The novel starts at a moment of change: Harry receives a mysterious letter addressed to him. On his 11th birthday, Harry learns that he is a wizard and has been accepted into Hogwarts.

**Exciting Ending**

(Action climax)

Harry has a huge battle with Professor Quirrell/Voldemort in the cellars under the school. Dumbledore arrives just in time to save Harry.

**Character Wrap-up**

(Emotional resolution)

Harry, Hermione and Ron are celebrated at Hogwarts for their heroic efforts. Harry returns to the Dursleys' for the summer, but he feels that he belongs at Hogwarts.

**Boulder**

(Main tension scene)

One of the professors is acting very strangely, and Harry, Hermione and Ron think he is trying to steal the Philosopher's Stone, which grants immortality.

**Rock (Medium problem)**

The friends discover there is a vicious three-headed dog guarding a trapdoor in the school. They surmise that something very valuable is hidden at Hogwarts.

**Pebble (Small problem)**

Ron and Harry fight a troll when it attacks a fellow student, Hermione. The students defeat the troll together and become best friends.

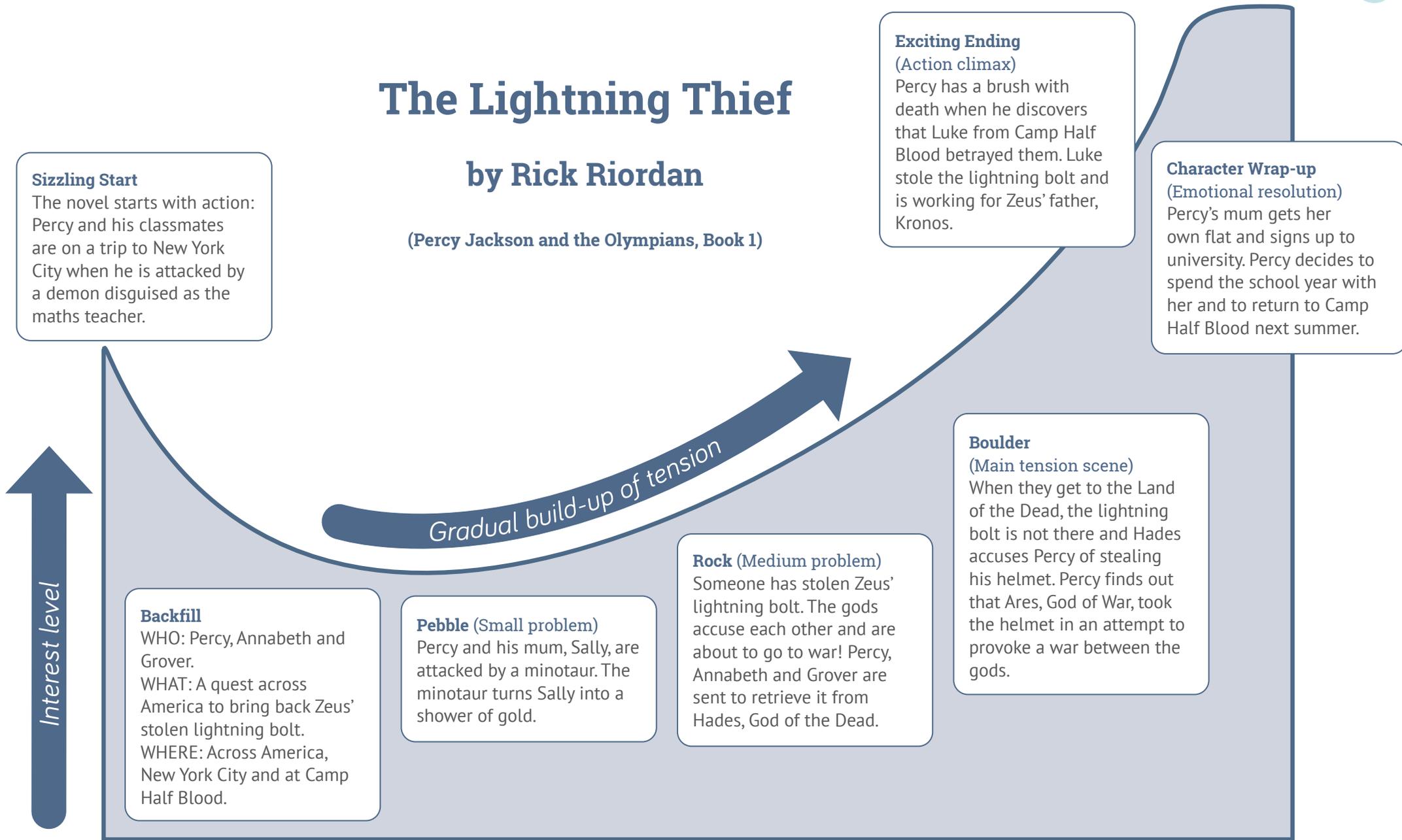
**Backfill**

WHO: Harry, Hermione, Ron, and others at Hogwarts.  
WHAT: Harry goes to wizarding school and gets into all sorts of adventures.  
WHERE: Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

# The Lightning Thief

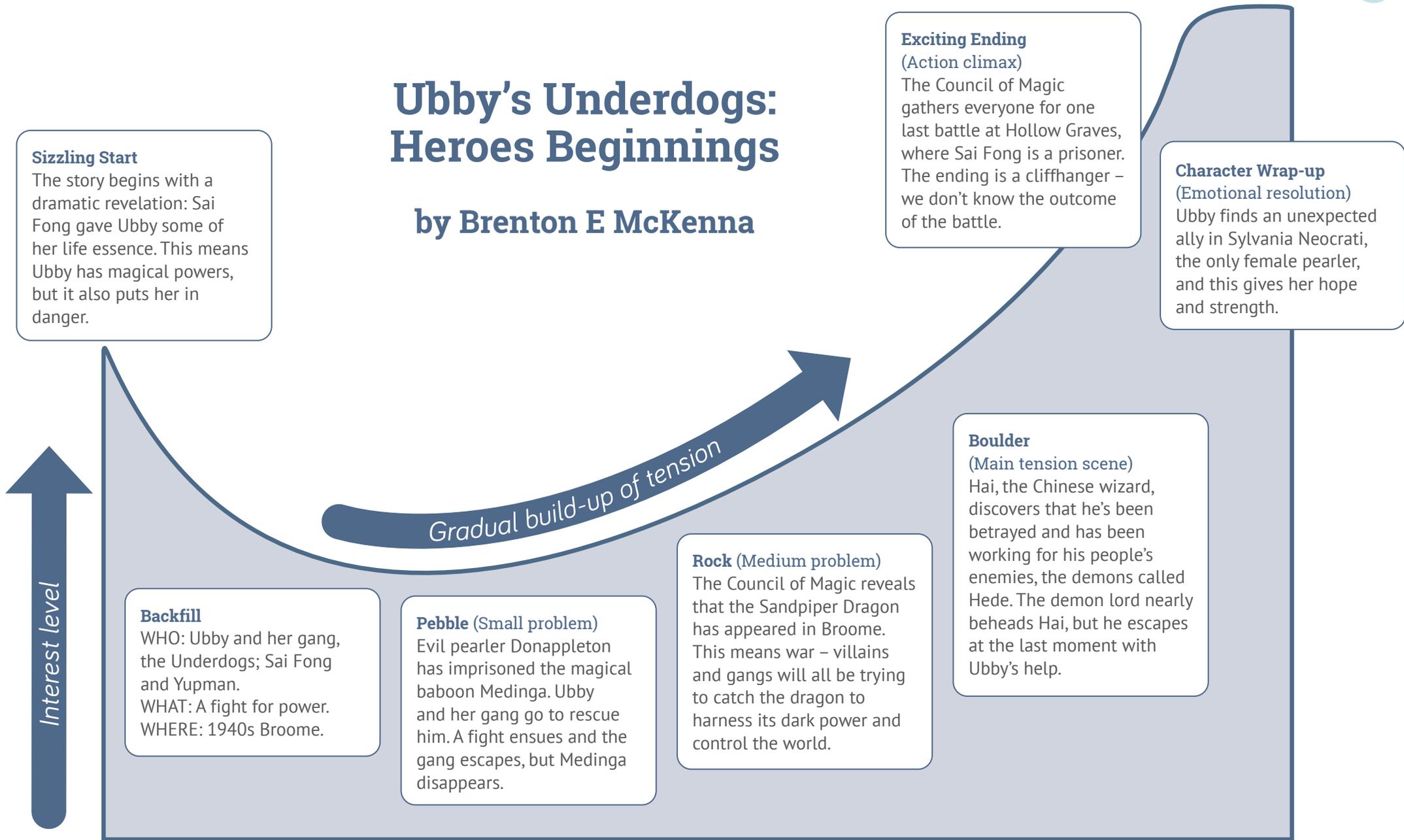
by Rick Riordan

(Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1)



# Ubby's Underdogs: Heroes Beginnings

by Brenton E McKenna



# Wormwood Mire

by Judith Russell

(Stella Montgomery series, Book 2)

