

A Story In 3 Scenes

Title: 1 new unread text message.

Before starting this prompt choose a writing genre.

Suggestions: Clandestine? Family? Murder mystery? Romance? Comedy? Prisoners? Urban? Real life?

This is about writing a story told between two characters via text message. You can use as many different text messages as you like to illustrate your story inspired by this prompt.

Quote

“Texting isn't writing. It's not like letter writing. Texting is short scriptwriting. It's a collaborative soap opera where nothing happens.” - *A. A. Gill*

Scene 1:

Hello...

A greeting and a response. They must be no more than 75 words each.

Step one. Define the characters.

Character suggestions: Estranged family members? Long lost friends? People who have just met? People who have never met? People who have a job to do?

Scene 2:

Messages.

At some point one of the messages must say: “The real reason I am texting you...”

There is something between these characters that must be said. Build the tension. Create a twist?

Discussion suggestions: Have you been thinking about me? There is family news? I found something of yours? I need to see you? A revelation? A piece of news?

Scene 3:

So...
what next.

What will happen next? Has this been a happy conversation? Will it lead to action?

Suggestions: Would you like to meet? Can I give it back? I miss you? This will never work? That's too much money? Why didn't you tell me sooner?

Ending the story

Write the final text. This might be something as small as “I will ring you.” or “Never call me again.”. Think about your characters story.

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