



## Helper Stories: Story Creation Flow Chart

The 'helper' story has the following structure: A good-natured hero selflessly helps an unfortunate character (old person, animal etc.) This character turns out to be magical or possess a magical object. The hero then sets off on a quest or a problem develops (they have to rescue someone from an ogre, retrieve a spell from a witch to save someone etc.) In order to achieve their goal the helper repays the hero's kindness with magical assistance. I find this a very useful framework to use with young writers as it gives an easy to follow and satisfying structure to story writing. The flowchart can be used to structure an oral telling of the story before writing

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# Create A Helper Story

Here is a flowchart template for creating a 'helper' story. The basic idea is that the hero selflessly helps someone or something at the start of the story due to their kindness of heart. The helper character turns out to be magical or in possession of something magical. They then repay the kindness of the hero later in the story by helping them to overcome the problem they face or achieve the goal they are trying to reach.

