

Plotting a Story

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How does the hero feel?*

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The Problem!

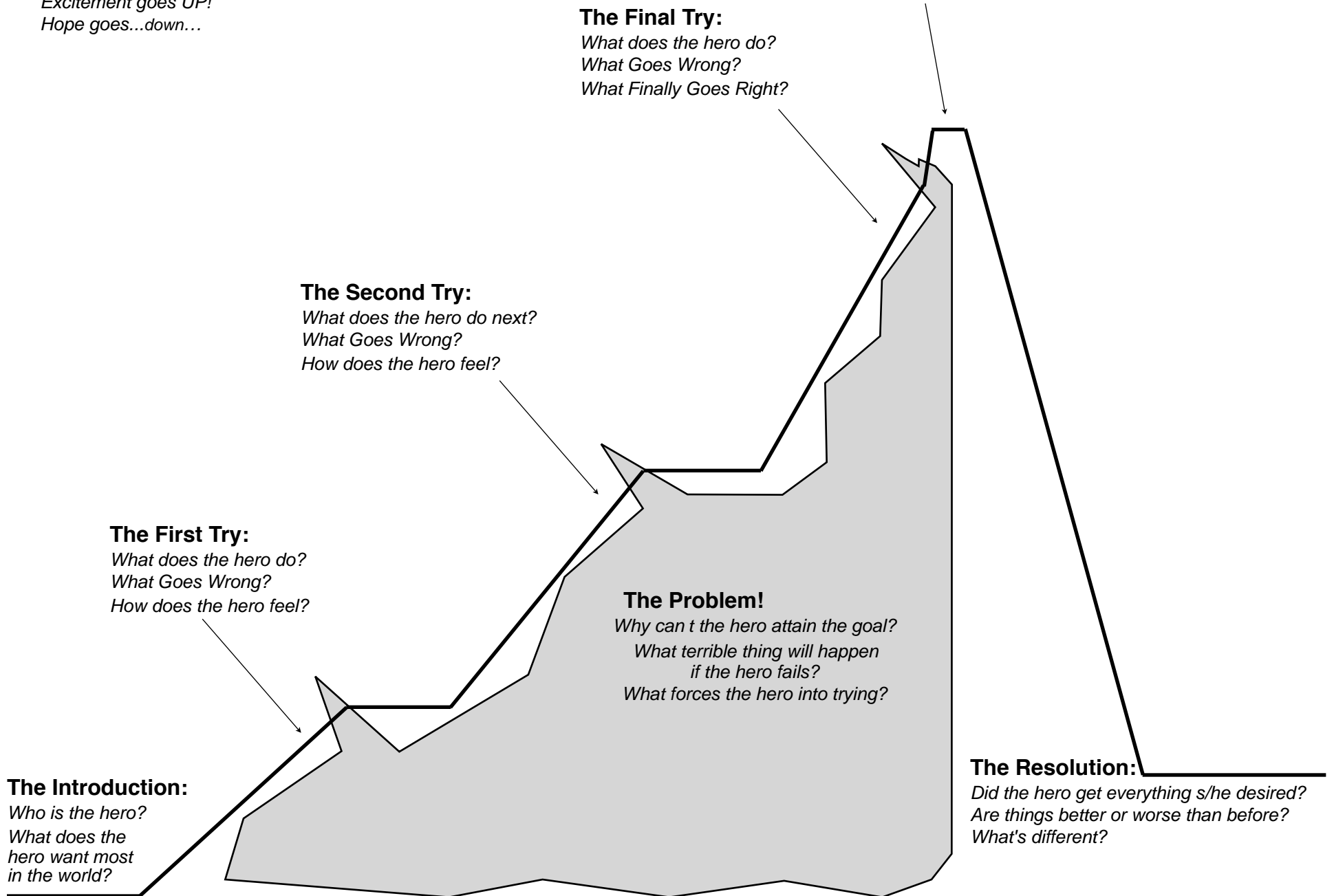
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The Introduction:

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What does the
hero want most
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The Resolution:

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How does the hero succeed?
He keeps trying until he finally tricks Brer Fox into throwing him into the briar patch.
How does the hero feel?
He feels triumphant and happy.

The Final Try:

What does the hero do?
He begs Brer Fox over and over not to throw him in the briar patch—any death but that!
What Goes Wrong?
Brer Fox keeps thinking up new deaths for him.
What Finally Goes Right?
Brer Fox at last decides to throw him into the briar patch.

The Second Try:

What does the hero do next?
He tries to trick Brer Fox. He knows Brer Fox wants him to suffer, so he pretends he would prefer any death more than being thrown into the briar patch, a place he actually loves.
What Goes Wrong?
Brer Fox keeps thinking of other deaths for him instead of the briar patch.
How does the hero feel?
He's scared and desperate.

The First Try:

What does the hero do?
He tries to fight the Tar Baby that Brer Fox has set in the road.
What Goes Wrong?
He gets stuck, and Brer Fox comes to get him.
How does the hero feel?
He's scared.

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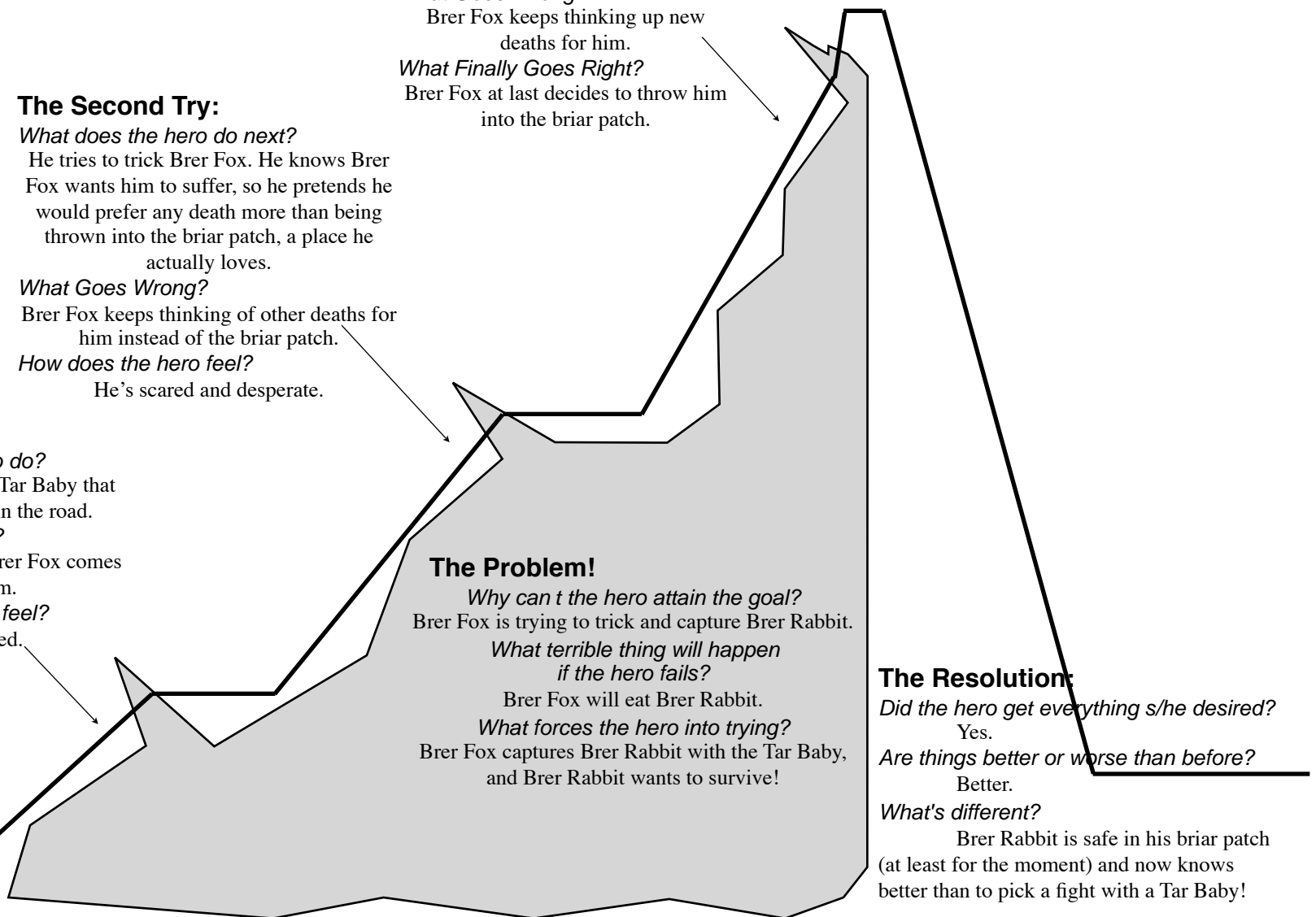
Who is the hero?
Brer Rabbit.
What does the hero want most in the world?
To stay safe from Brer Fox.

The Problem!

Why can't the hero attain the goal?
Brer Fox is trying to trick and capture Brer Rabbit.
What terrible thing will happen if the hero fails?
Brer Fox will eat Brer Rabbit.
What forces the hero into trying?
Brer Fox captures Brer Rabbit with the Tar Baby, and Brer Rabbit wants to survive!

The Resolution:

Did the hero get everything s/he desired?
Yes.
Are things better or worse than before?
Better.
What's different?
Brer Rabbit is safe in his briar patch (at least for the moment) and now knows better than to pick a fight with a Tar Baby!

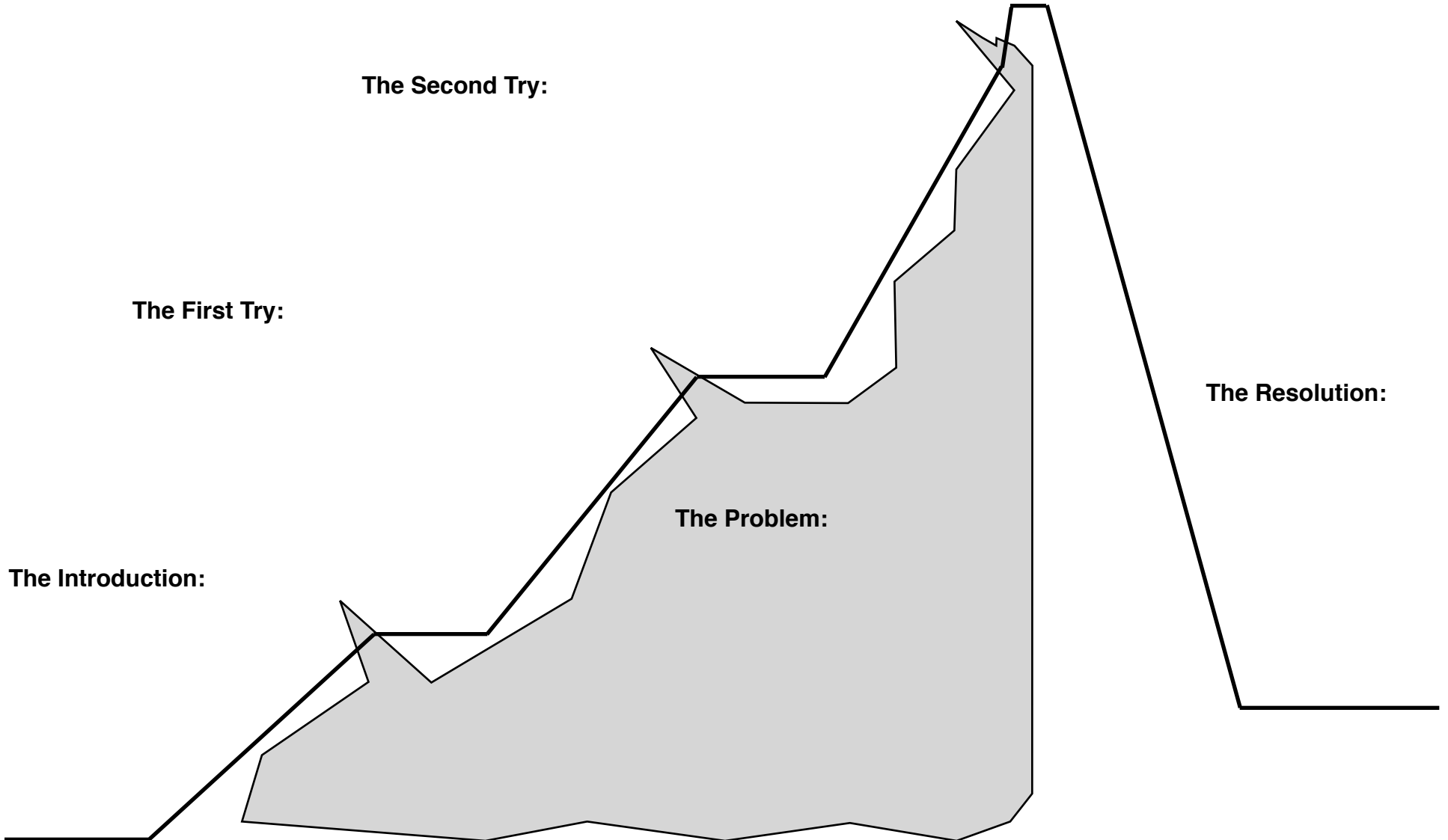


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