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## Workshop 1 - Narrative Development

### Screenplay Structure

1.) Inciting Incident: Marley is a nineteen-year old teenager from Saint Petersburg, Florida. She is a very talented track athlete who dreams of becoming an Olympic Athlete. Along with the support of her parents, coach and teammates she becomes better and better. Thus, her dream seems more and more realistic.

When Marley does not spend time at the track, she spends time with her friends and her loved boyfriend, with whom she has been together since her freshman year of High School. Being an athlete himself, he supports Marley at track meets, which is why they are very close.

2.) Plot Point 1: Even though Marley is not in college, she has a busy life; she has practice every day including physiotherapy, she travels a lot, she has to take care of the family's dog and soon her mom will give birth to another baby.

3.) Plot Point 2: One day Marley is at home with her family, as her boyfriend and best friend are at the same club, which is where she sees him kiss another girl.

Plot Point 3: The next day, Marley and her boyfriend are supposed to celebrate their three- year anniversary, but Marley finds out that her boyfriend cheated on her, so she tells him that she doesn't want to see him again.

3.) Point of Attack: Marley's boyfriend is more upset than she thinks and tries to commit suicide. However, he survives and Marley realizes she wants to give him another chance.

4.) Midpoint Point: Marley and her boyfriend have strengthened their relationship and everything is going well. Marley even hit the norm for the Olympics with heptathlon and she has fun times with her family and friends.

5.) As well as things were going, the tragedy happens now: During a pole vault jump, Marley lands next to the mat and breaks her neck. Consequently, she spends three months in the hospital. She is partially paralyzed and has to spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair.

- 6.) Marley goes through several months of depression. She doesn't know if she wants to live a life like that where she will never be completely independent and she has to give up her sport.
- 7.) Climax: Marley starts getting hope again when her brother Benjamin is born. He brings a new light into the world and makes the darkness that Marley feels tremble. It is almost as if he gives her motivation to look forward again.
- 8.) Denouement: Marley travels around the world and gets more and more job offers as a motivational speaker. People look up to her, admiring her for her courage and caring personality. She finds happiness in helping other people sharing the same or a similar fate.
- 9.) Resolution: After a couple of years Marley has a college degree and is officially able to work as a mental coach, which fulfills her more than anything. Her boyfriend and her get married at Laguna Beach, California.