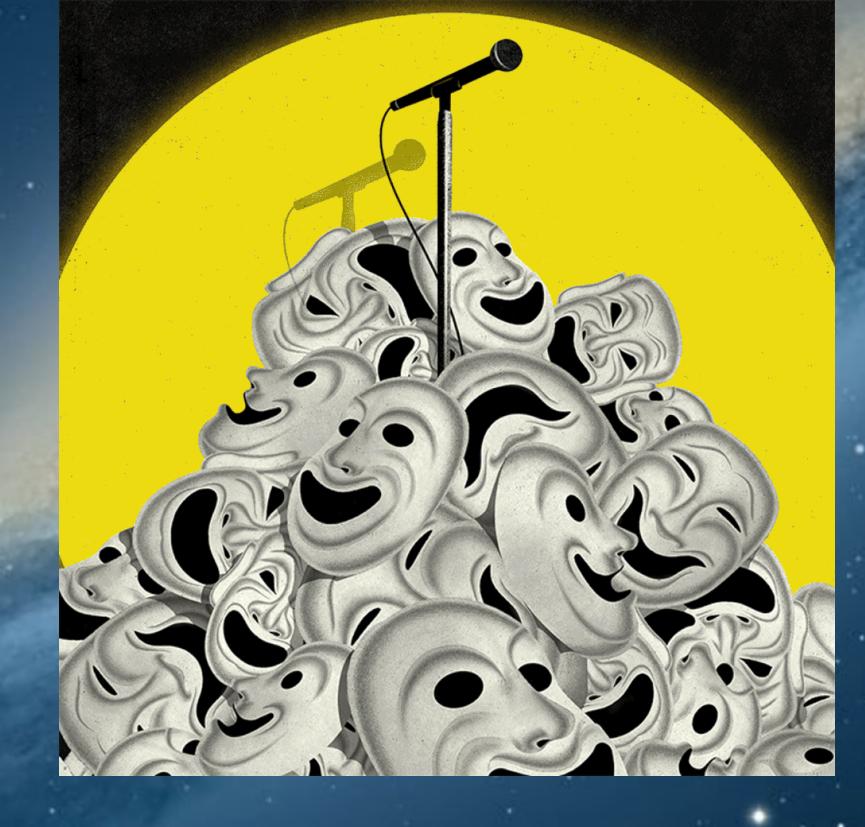


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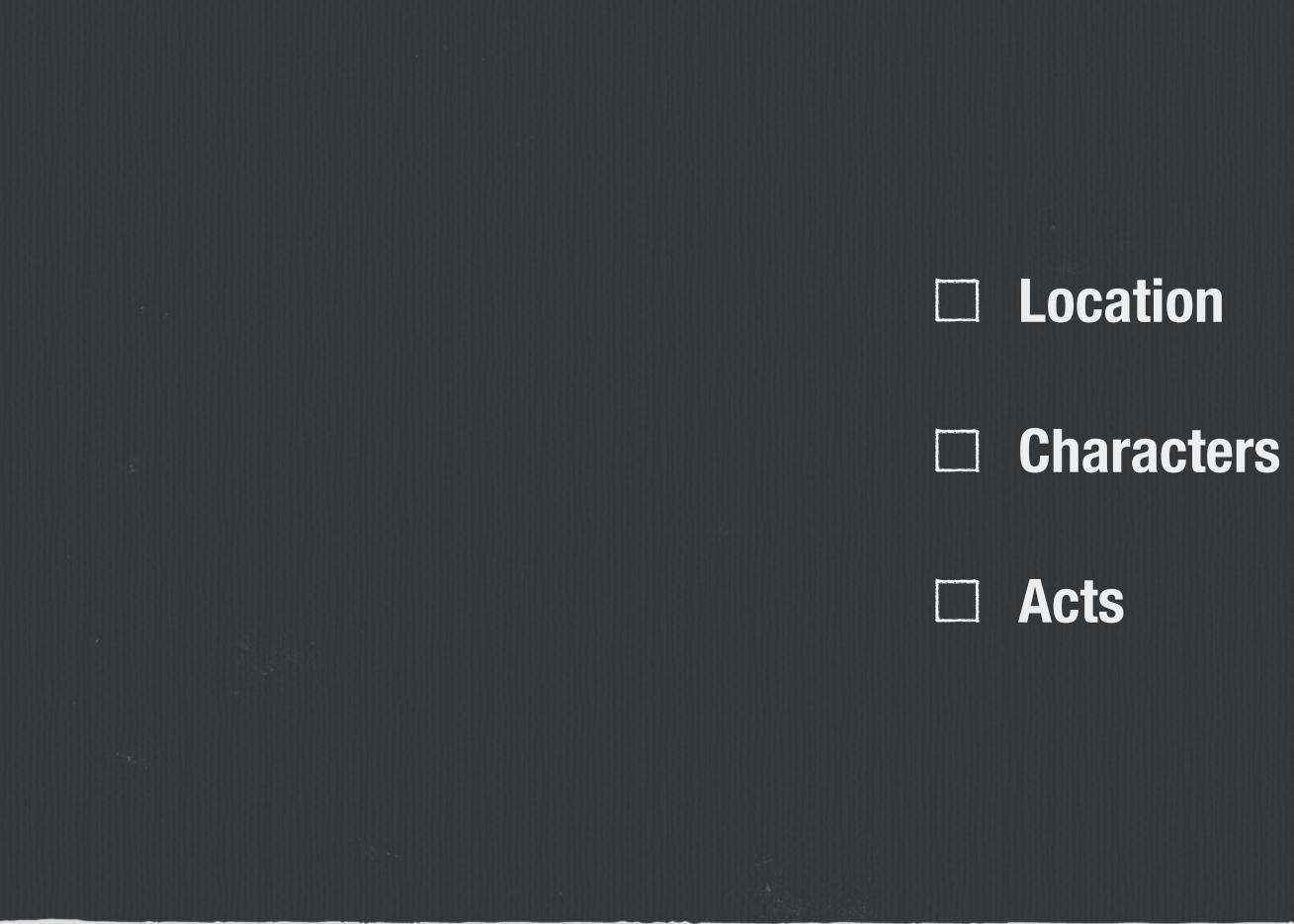


What is a sitcom?

A sitcom is a television show. Sitcom stands for situational comedy or situation comedy. It's a genre of comedy centred on a fixed cast of characters who carry over from episode to episode within an ongoing series.



How to Write a Sitcom





Location



Think about shows like the office, Seinfield, friends and Ted lasso. They are sitcoms whose locations help inform the idea of an ongoing series.



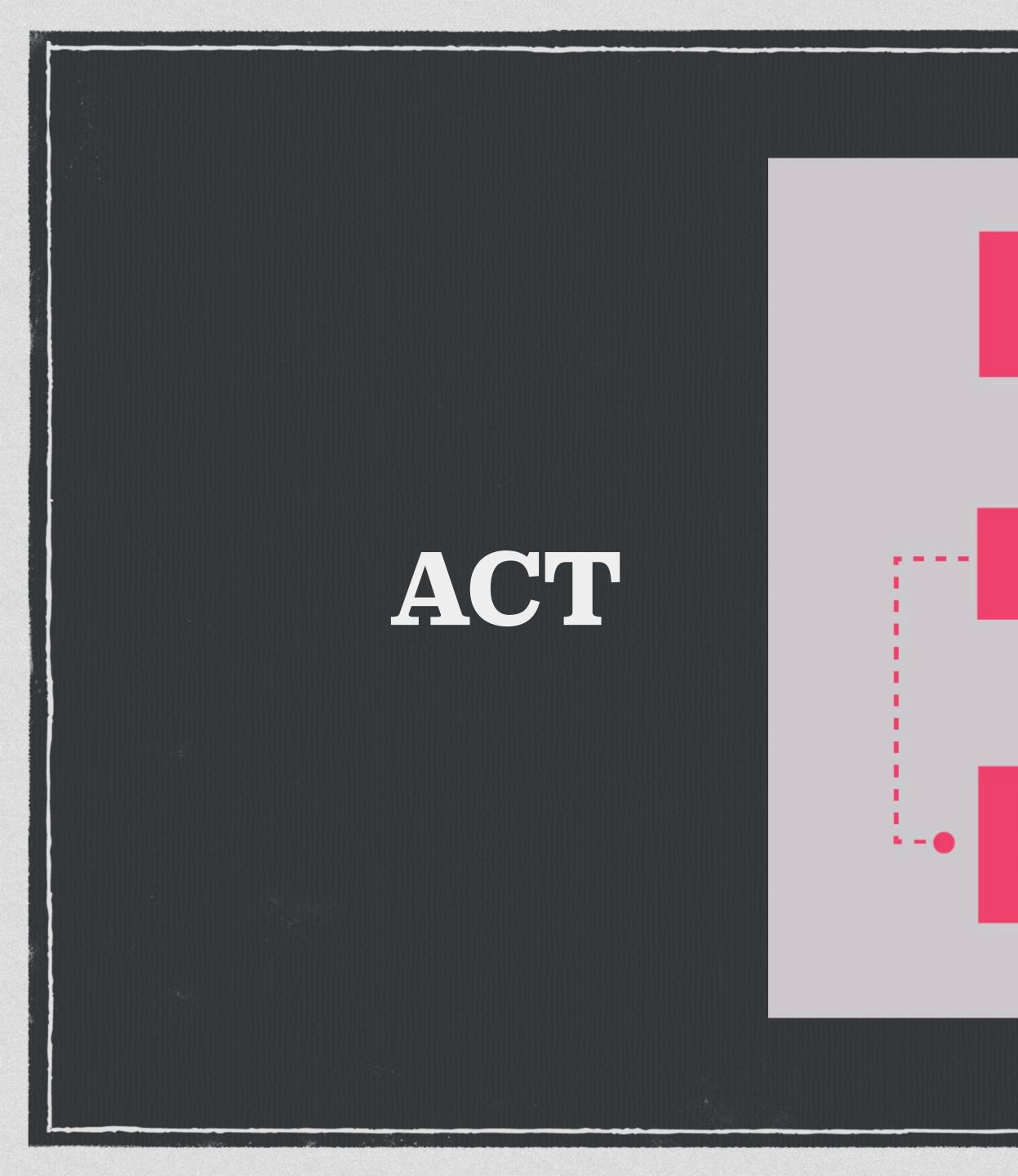


Characters

You need to come up with characters whose interactions will cause drama and laughs. The word "Sitcom" is short for situation comedy. What kinds of situations will your characters face? And are these situations a result of who they are and how they are developed?







ACT ONE:

Introduce the characters, the world, the main problem of the episode

ACT TWO:

Show the characters' struggle

ACT THREE:

Solve the main problem, but not cleanlyLeave a few complications open-ended



Joey's and Chandler apartment

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Joey: Or you know, you could do... [Pushes Ross into his fridge] <u>Ross</u>: What the hell are you doing? [Puts hand in fridge] <u>Chandler</u>: Joey I saw you push him. [Silence] <u>Joey</u>: You pushed him! <u>Ross</u>: Joey, I did not break this, okay? [Sniffs inside it] Chandler: Uh-huh. <u>Ross</u>: Do not give him any money! [Joey turns to Ross]

Act 1

Joey's pushes Ross into his fridge

<u>Joey</u>: What the hell am I doing? You just broke my fridge!

<u>Ross</u>: What? How do you even know it's broken?

Joey: You think I don't know what breaks my fridge? Excuse me.

Joey: What do you know? It's broken! That'll be \$400.

<u>Ross</u>: That has been broken for a while. Joey: [Seriously] Hey Chandler, remember when I told you about our fridge?

Joey: I still haven't gotten a check for your half yet. <u>Joey</u>: I'm not talking to you, you broke my fridge!



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