

Plot

Time and Sequence

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- Plot is **a series of related events.**
- Plot is the story itself

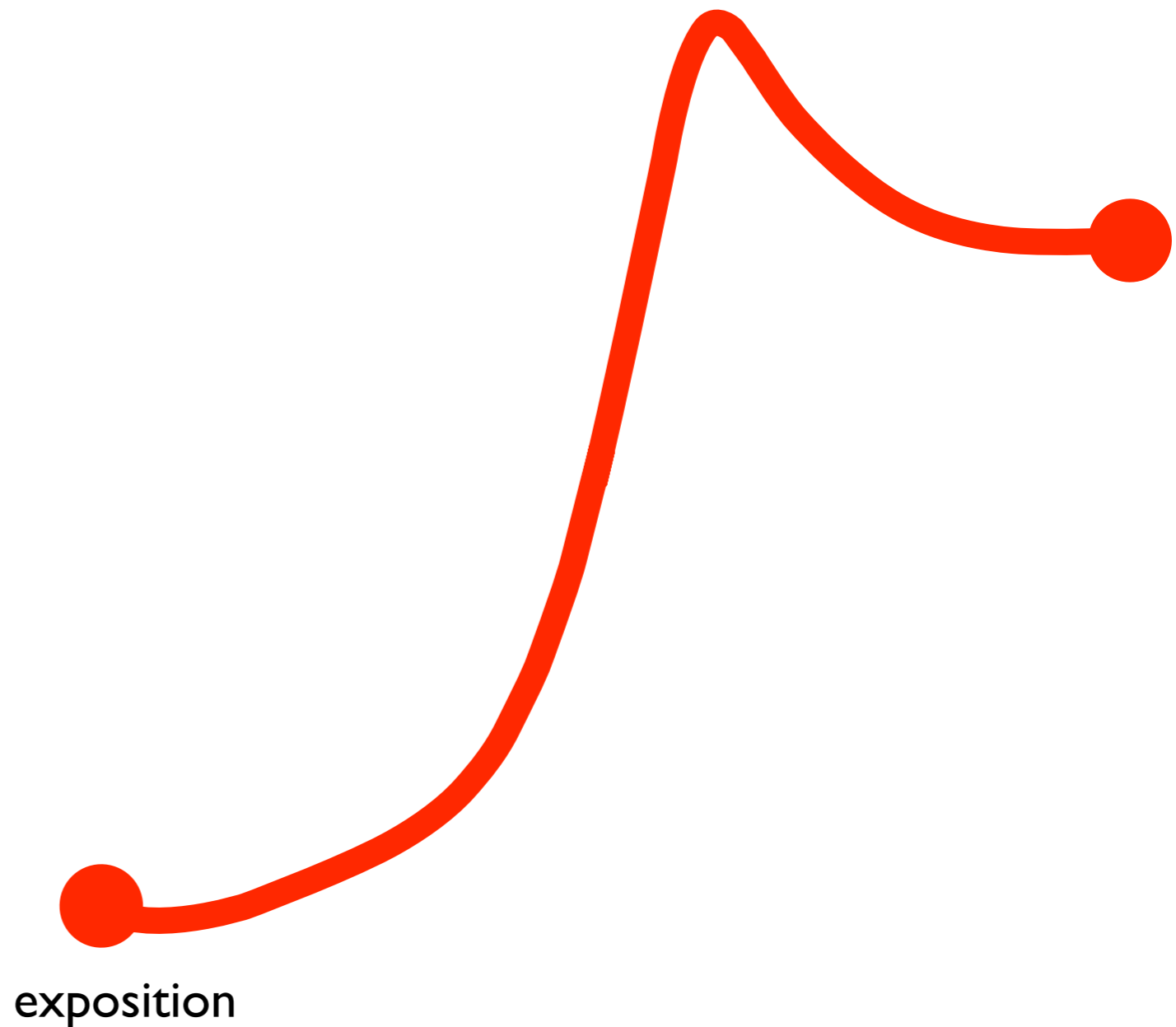
Conflict

- Conflict is a **struggle**
- In an external conflict **the struggle takes place between two characters, between a character and a group, or between a character and something nonhuman**
- Internal conflict **takes place within a character's mind or heart**

Parts of Plot

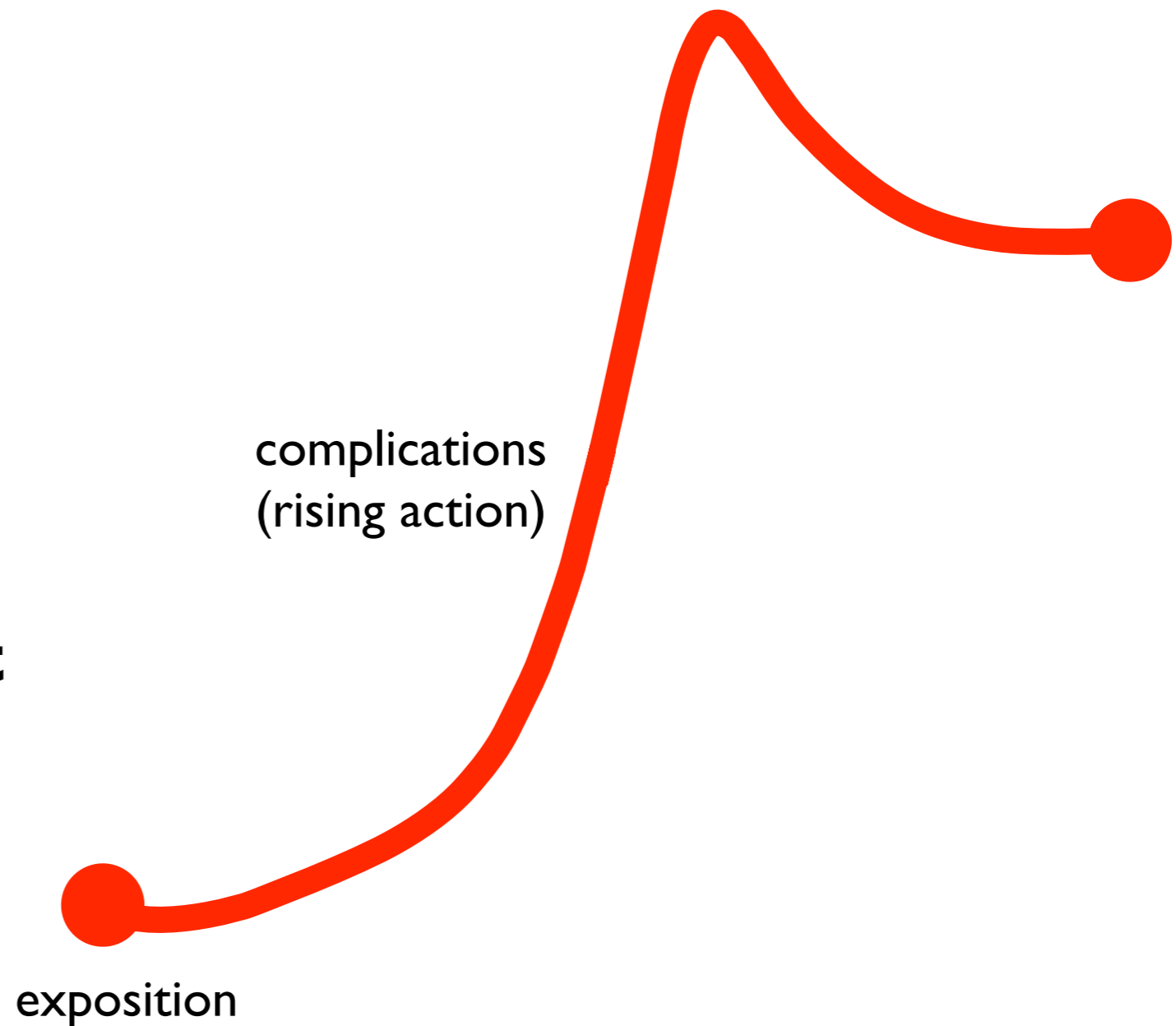
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- Basic situation or exposition is the first part of a plot
- **This is the opening of the story, when the characters and their conflict are introduced**



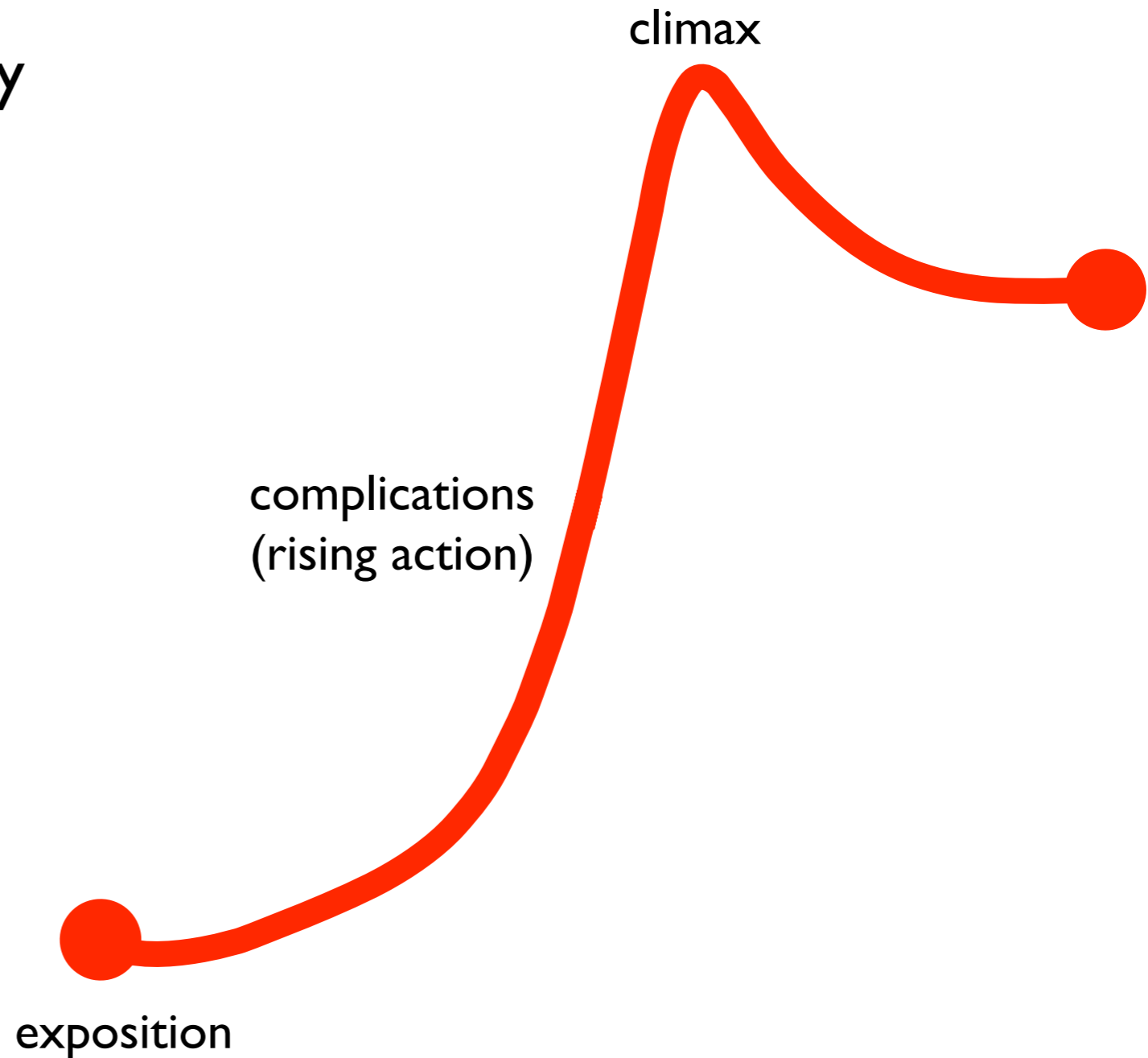
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- Complication is the second part of plot
- **When the main character takes some action to resolve the conflict but meets with more problems or complications**



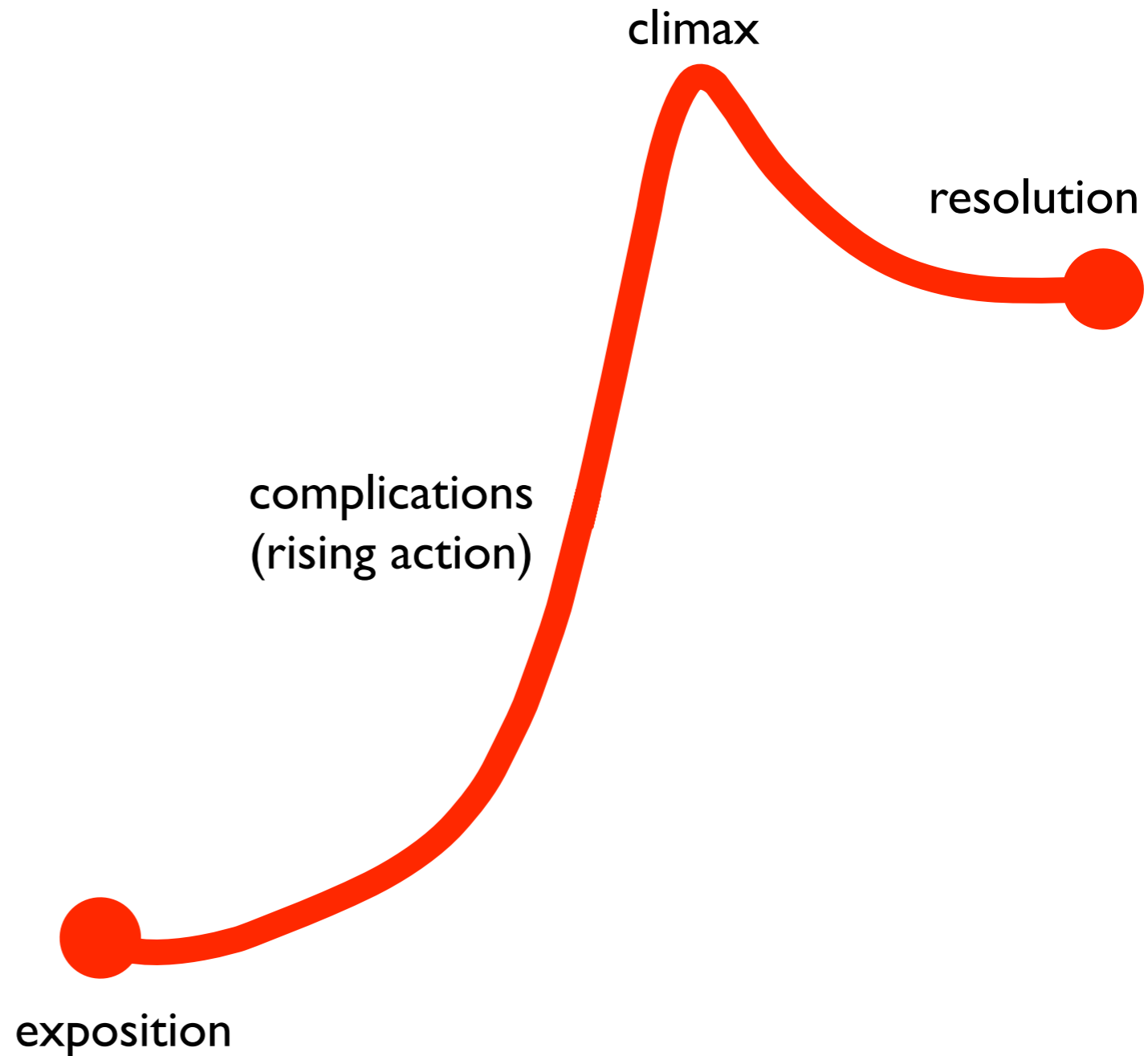
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- The third part of a story is the climax
- **The key scene in the story — tense, exciting, or terrifying moment when our emotional involvement is greatest and when we learn what the outcome of the conflict will be**

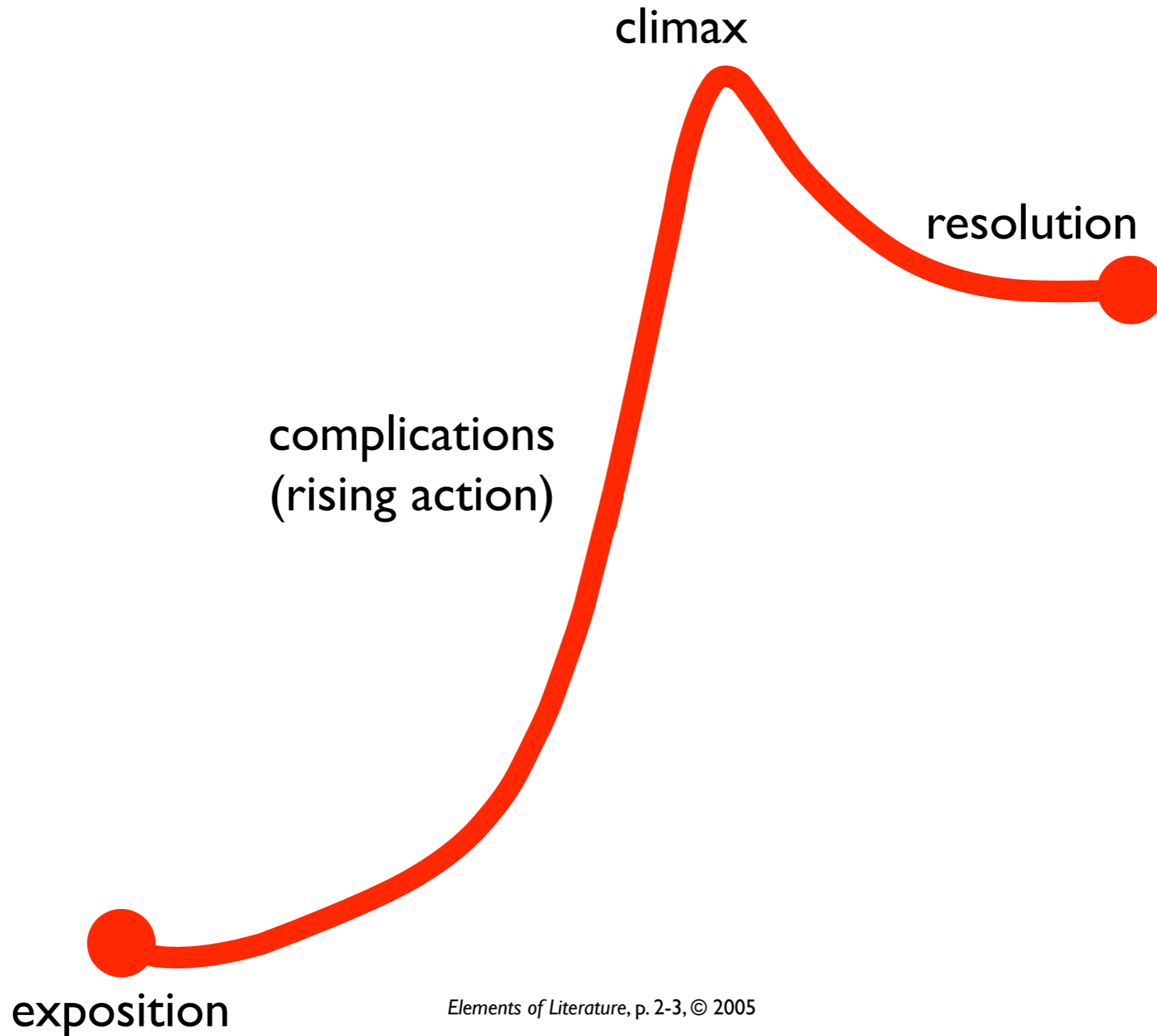


Parts of Plot

- The final part of the story is the resolution
- **Occurs at the end of the story**
- **Now all the struggles are over, and we know what is going to happen to the characters**



Parts of Plot



Timing

- Most stories are told in chronological order, **the order in which events unfold in real time**
- Some stories play with this order and timing

Timing

- **When writers interrupt the flow of events to present an episode from the past, that's called a flashback**
- **Instead of going backwards, writers can jump ahead days or years into the future; this is called a flash-forward**
- **Foreshadowing is when writers suggest what is to come later in the story through hints or clues**

Plot Diagram for "The Most Dangerous Game"

