

Tensions

Relational tensions:

- Misunderstanding
- Gaffs that offend (saying the wrong thing)
- Mistakes that hurt (taking an action or initiative without thinking through how it might affect someone else)
- Disappointment
- Disapproval
- Disagreements
- Regret

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Time tensions:

- Late for the bus/train/plane
- Exacerbated by road works/heavy traffic/flat tyre/pulled over by a cop
- The important guests are due to arrive and you've forgotten the key ingredient/dash to supermarket.
- The dinner is burned
- Rain on a special day – wedding or opening performance

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Time tensions:

- You're assignment is due at midnight, and at 11.30pm your computer freezes
- Your leading lady has lost her voice on opening night
- You can't find something you need now
- You have to buy the last Honey Hickory Ham (Christmas with the Kranks)

Tensions

**What about your story, prior to
God's intervention, has
elements of tension –
desperation, need, relief,
victory, joy.**

Info Dump vs Treasure Hunt

My hourly check of the weather app had predicted this. Switching between Willy Weather and Find My Friends, I watched the progress of the bridal entourage while keeping an eye on the looming heavy clouds.

“Are they here yet?” My husband came out of the stone church and looked down the road in the direction we expected they would arrive.

“Should be another five minutes. We’d better wait inside.” The drops had started to fall and I didn’t want to ruin my special-occasion-only carefully coiffed hair.

I huddled just inside the door and watched in dismay as the rain fell more heavily. The majority of guests had arrived and were already crammed inside the small building. No one was willing to stand about in the rain waiting for the bride to arrive.

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And then it happened.

The white ribboned cars pulled up outside and the rain stopped.

Thank you Lord.

Gavin helped Jess out of the car, and they were ready to make their dramatic entrance. I returned to my reserved position at the front and set to watch, switching my attention between my son, waiting at the front, and his bride, making her way down the aisle.

How ironic. She'd chosen to walk in accompanied by the music 'Here Comes the Sun', and no sooner had they closed the doors than the heavens opened. Bride and groom standing hand in hand, the wind rattled the small window panes, and the building shook with the intensity of the thunder.

"You must have good connections with the man upstairs." Gavin said.

Info Dump vs Treasure Hunt

- Gems to find
- Who is telling the story and what do you find out about them?
- Where is the event/what is the event?
- How does the weather behave
- Who is Gavin? What is his response to the weather situation?
 - Describe the church