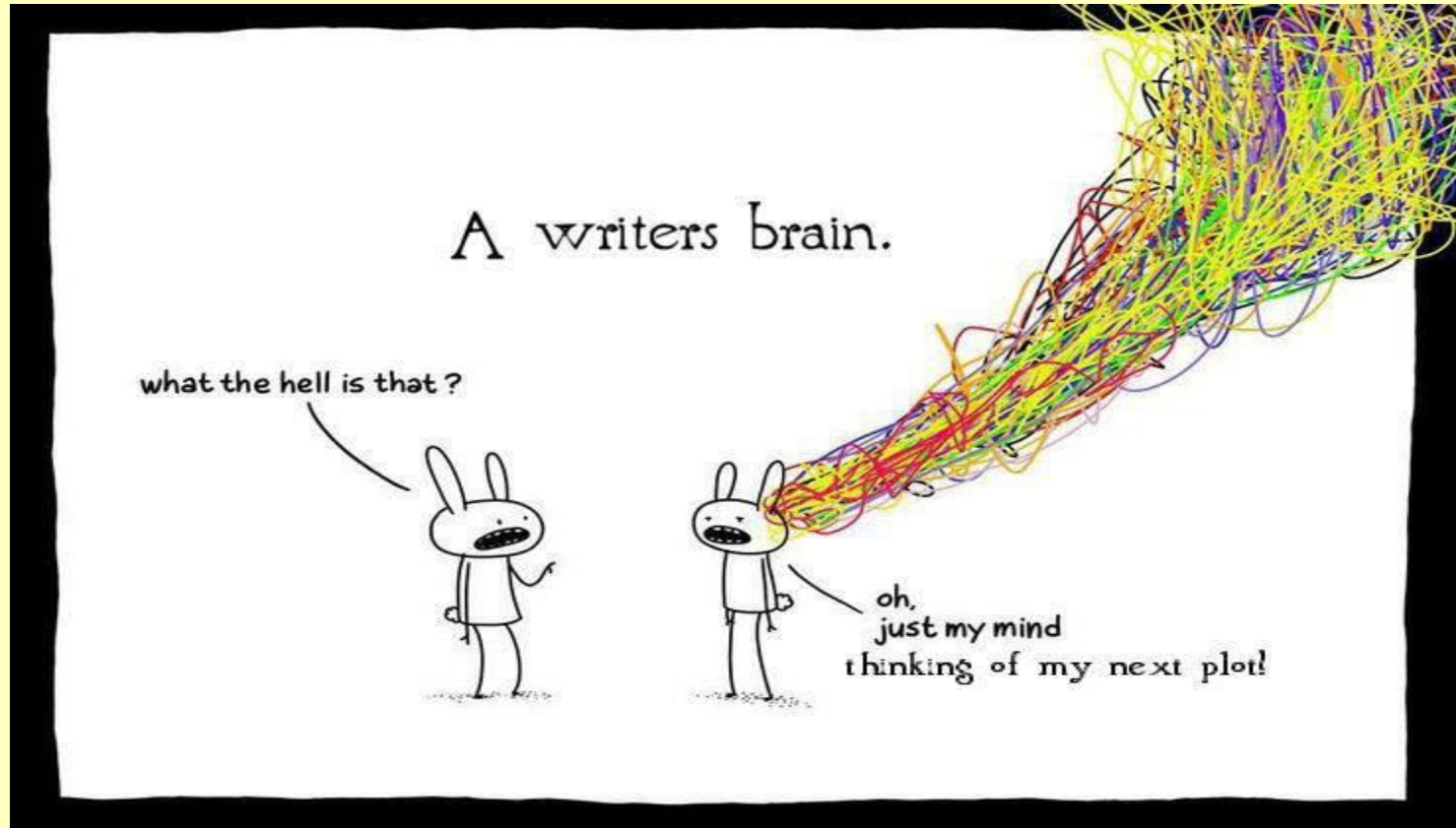


More about Playwriting



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Let's Brainstorm some ideas

1. Characters/People
2. Situations that center on conflicts
3. Locations
4. List what is important to you.
5. List what makes you happy.
6. List what makes you angry.
7. List what makes you sad.
8. List the best thing that ever happened to you.
9. List the worst thing that ever happened to you.
10. List a funny thing that happened either to you or someone else.

Writing Exercise: Taking brainstorming to the next stage:

1. Choose two of the characters or people from your list.
2. Choose one of the situations that has conflict.
3. Choose one of the locations and set your action there.
4. Write a narrative that includes all the above.

Or:

1. Write the story of the best thing that ever happened to you.
2. Write the story of the worst thing that ever happened to you.
3. Write the story of the funny thing that happened either to you or someone else.

Directions:

Write it as if it is happening now.

Write in the present tense.

Use third person voice. He, she, it, them, etc.

You don't need to describe inner feelings; focus on the outward actions that show the emotions that the characters are feeling.

What is happening moment by moment?

Create a beginning, middle and end of your story.

Be sure that the location is necessary to the story.