

Exploding the Moment

Using Snaps and Thoughts to Explode
the Moment

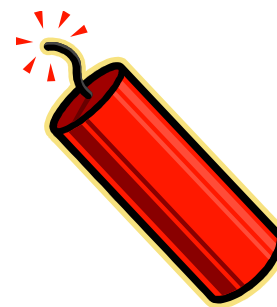


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- What is it?
 - When a moment is slowed waaaay down for the purpose of painting a frame-by-frame picture for your reader...
 - Snapshots
 - “Thoughtshots”
 - Flashbacks
 - Flashforwards
 - Present thoughts



He grasped the cold doorknob and turned it slowly to the right. He pushed the door inward. The hinges squeaked and cold air rushed past the opening door. The room was dark. He darted his eyes to the right. Nothing. He pushed the door open a little further, and slowly moved his right foot into the room. His shoe creaked a bit as it hit the polished hardwood floor.



Exploding the moment, TOMaTS style

- Select an episode from your own life.
- Explode that episode.
- Provide your reader with a “frame-by-frame” picture of the action (details).
- Provide your reader with insights into the character’s thoughts.



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