**Save The Cat!**

**THE TEN STORY TYPES**

1. **Monster in the House:** someone or something is after the characters, and there is a sin they are paying for.
2. **Golden Fleece:** quest stories with a team, a journey, and a prize at the end. Sports stories are usually under this category.
3. **Out of the Bottle:** stories that involve a wish, a magical blessing or curse, and a lesson learned.
4. **Dude with a Problem:** an innocent hero is suddenly thrust into an event and must overcome obstacles, ultimately engaging in a life or death battle.
5. **Rites of Passage:** the hero deals with a life problem, trying several wrong methods to fix it, and ultimately accepts the true way to go.
6. **Buddy Love:** friendship stories where the hero is incomplete without the counterpart, even despite complications. Animal stories and romance also fit into this.
7. **Whydunit:** mystery stories; these involve a character acting as detective to learn a deep secret, only to discover a dark turn of events. The **why** is often more interesting than the **who** of the story.
8. **Fool Triumphant:** an out-of-the-ordinary character, a "fool" by society's standards, must try to blend in. During the process, they change, but they also transform the ones around them.
9. **Institutionalized:** these stories focus on a large group and choices they make and the sacrifices they endure. Usually, they involve an individual going against the grain of the established norms.
10. **Superhero:** these are not only about comic book heroes, but individuals that are set apart by something that makes them different and truly extraordinary, especially when compared with a nemesis. Of course, these differences usually come with a curse as well.