Creating Multiple Plot Lines

A story with multiple plot lines typically has one main plot, and at least one subplot. A subplot is a supporting side story that deepens or enhances the reader's experience of the main story in some way. Both the main story and the subplot need to have their own complete narrative arcs. Use the organizer's below to outline the primary events of your plot and your subplot.

Climax

Rising Action

Falling Action

MAIN PLOT

Identify something in the main plot that depends on the subplot.

Exposition

Resolution

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SUBPLOT

How is this subplot inextricably tied to the plot?

Exposition

Resolution