

CONFLICT

What's the problem?



WHAT IS CONFLICT?

- ▶ Conflict is a **problem** in the story that helps drive the plot.

THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF CONFLICT

- ▶ Character vs. Character
 - ▶ Character vs. Nature
 - ▶ Character vs. Society
 - ▶ Character vs. Self
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CHARACTER VS. CHARACTER

- ▶ This is probably the most common type of conflict.
- ▶ It's your classic Protagonist vs. Antagonist problem
- ▶ This doesn't need to be a knock-down, drag-out fight. It can be as little as a disagreement about what to eat for dinner or a differing opinion about politics.
- ▶ Who can give an example?

CHARACTER VS. NATURE

- ▶ In this type of conflict, nature is causing a problem for a character.
- ▶ Nature means *anything in nature*: animals, weather, landforms, oceans, etc.
- ▶ Has anyone read Hatchet?
- ▶ Explain for us some problems the main character had with things in nature.

CHARACTER VS. SOCIETY

- ▶ In this type of conflict, a character feels like *it's him against the world*.
- ▶ He is struggling to fit in and usually refuses to go along with the crowd, or something may have turned the whole against him.
- ▶ Can anyone think of an example from something you've read that fits this type of conflict?

CHARACTER VS. SELF

- ▶ This type of conflict is going on inside the character.
- ▶ He or she may be struggling to make a decision, do the right thing, or may have difficulty believing in himself.
- ▶ Illness and a guilty conscience may also be examples of character vs. self conflict.
- ▶ We may see this struggle through a character's words or actions.
- ▶ Can anyone think of a character vs. self conflict they can share with the class?

(You may use a personal conflict if you wish)

CONFLICT CAN ALSO BE REFERRED TO AS:

▶ External conflict

- ▶ Any conflict that happens OUTSIDE of the character.
- ▶ Which types of conflict fit into this category?

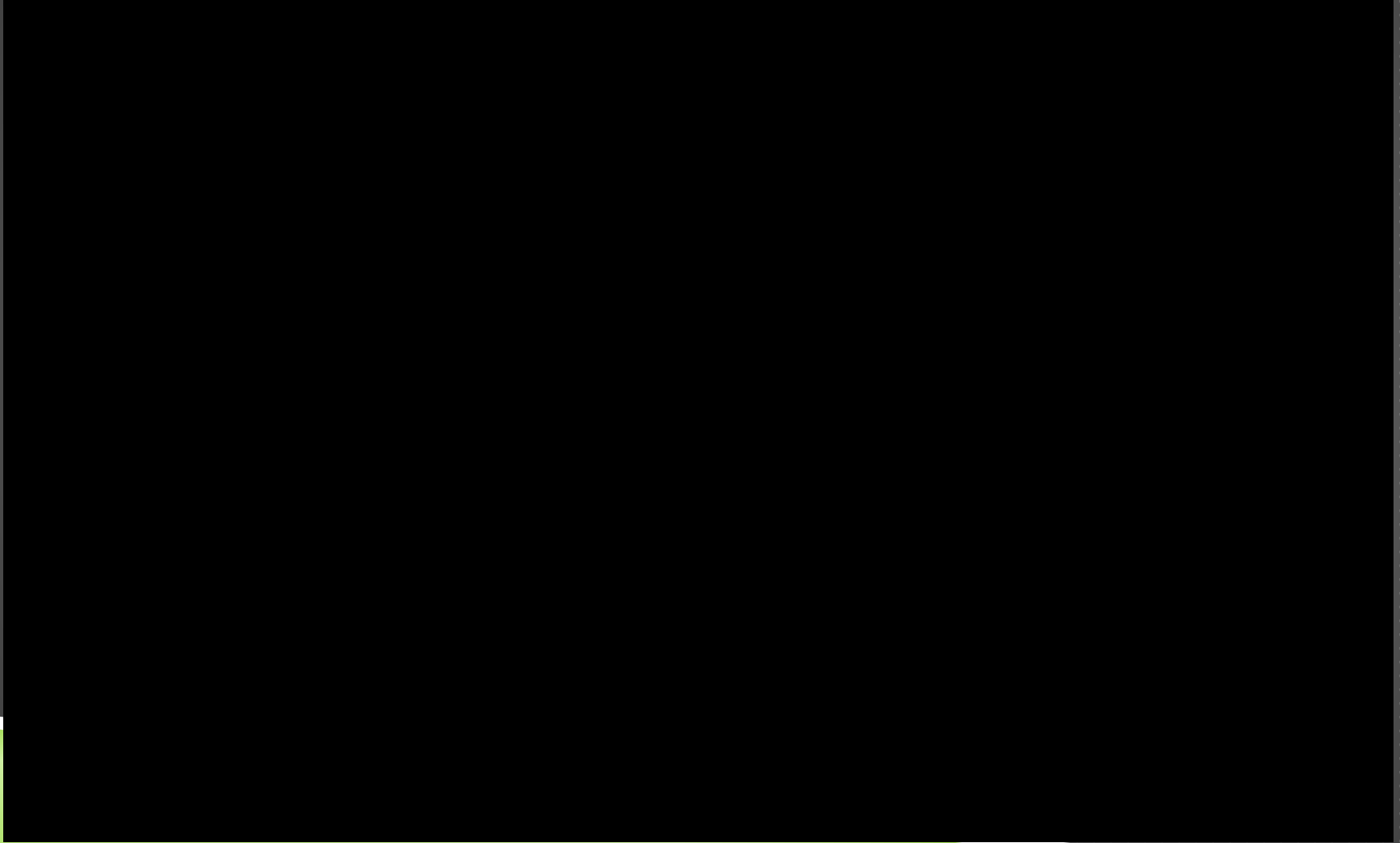
▶ Internal conflict

- ▶ Any conflict that happens INSIDE a character
- ▶ Which type of conflict fits into this category?

LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO!

- ▶ Try to identify the type of conflict being portrayed in these video segments.

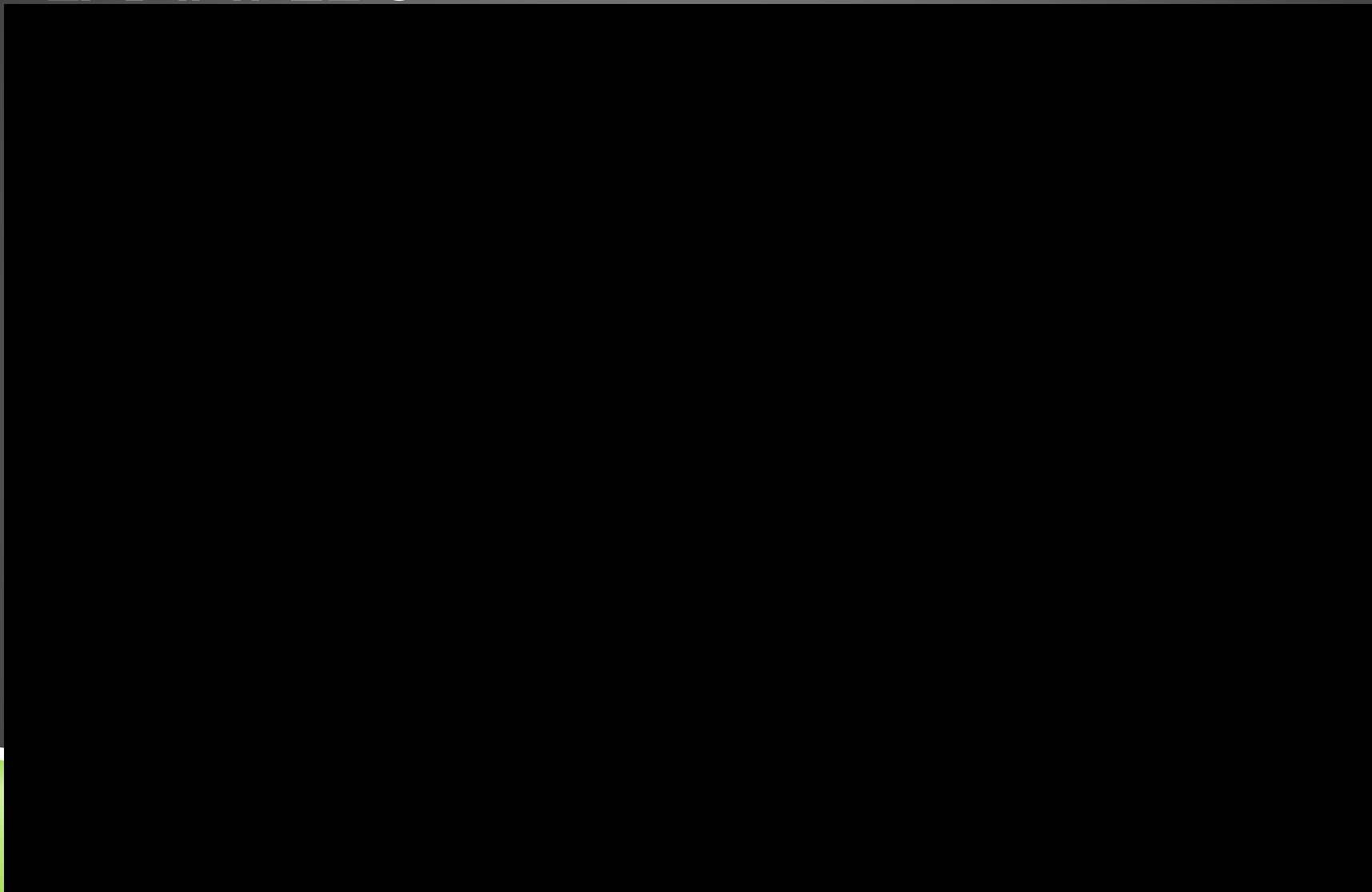
EXAMPLE I



EXAMPLE 2



EXAMPLE 3



EXAMPLE 4



EXAMPLE 5



BONUS CLIP!

