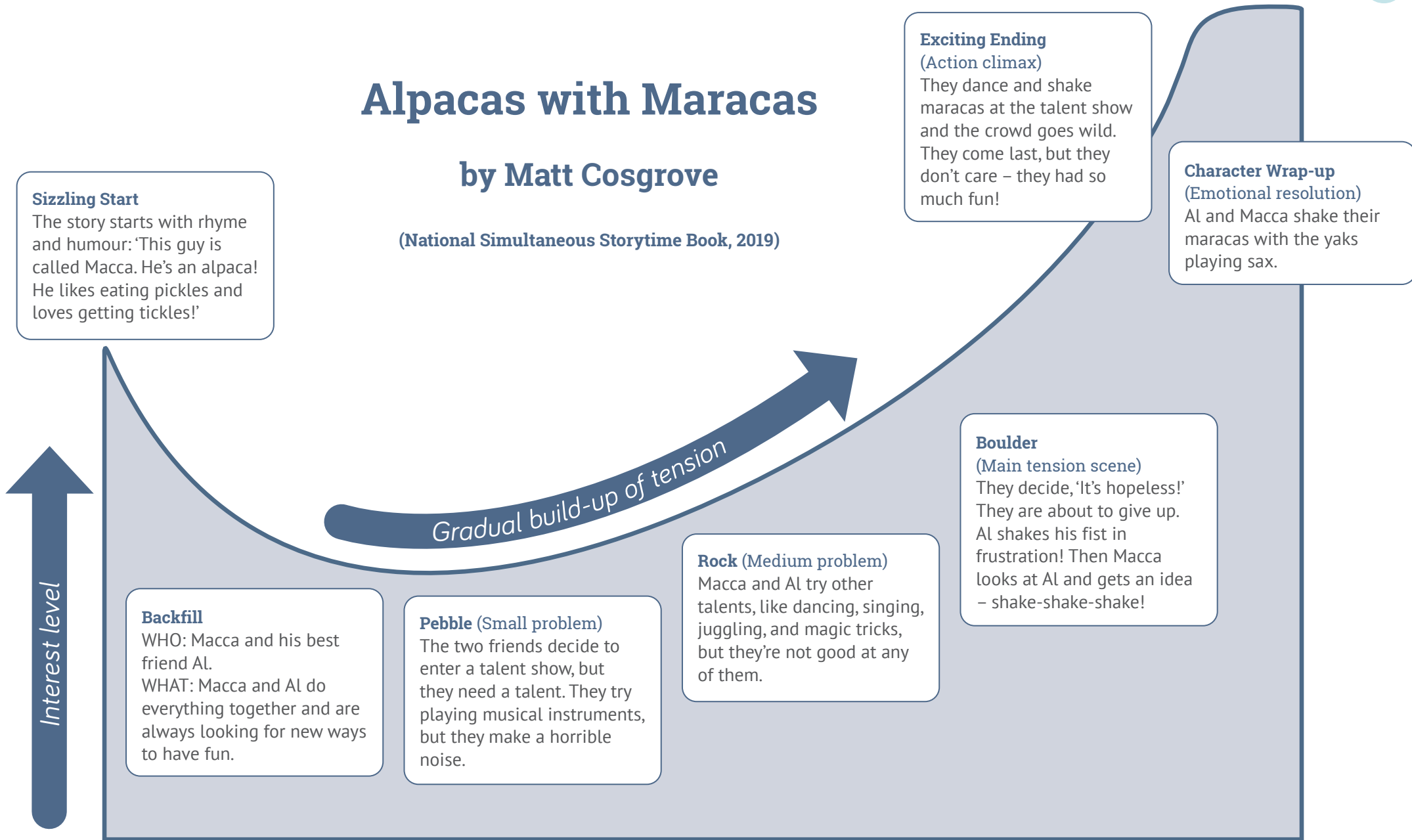


Alpacas with Maracas

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Sizzling Start

The story starts with rhyme and humour: 'This guy is called Macca. He's an alpaca! He likes eating pickles and loves getting tickles!'

Backfill

WHO: Macca and his best friend Al.
WHAT: Macca and Al do everything together and are always looking for new ways to have fun.

Pebble (Small problem)

The two friends decide to enter a talent show, but they need a talent. They try playing musical instruments, but they make a horrible noise.

Rock (Medium problem)

Macca and Al try other talents, like dancing, singing, juggling, and magic tricks, but they're not good at any of them.

Boulder

(Main tension scene)
They decide, 'It's hopeless!' They are about to give up. Al shakes his fist in frustration! Then Macca looks at Al and gets an idea – shake-shake-shake!

Exciting Ending

(Action climax)
They dance and shake maracas at the talent show and the crowd goes wild. They come last, but they don't care – they had so much fun!

Character Wrap-up

(Emotional resolution)
Al and Macca shake their maracas with the yaks playing sax.