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Generic Quest (Exciting)

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So, look. Arrange for a sign.

It should say "Over the Top."

You can earn a bonus XP towards this quest at any time (but only once per scene/15 minutes) when your quest, or its consequences, or what you do about it, gets a little over the top.

Or, for that matter, when you *decide* to make them a little over the top.

When that happens, hold up the sign or otherwise declare/observe that things have gotten over the top and you can claim the XP.

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Generic Quest (Lurid)

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Ideally, you'll make a sign for this—a reversible card, which you could in theory have on the table in front of you in play to show which state you're in. You can earn a bonus XP at any time (though only once per scene/15 minutes) by flipping the card, showing that you're moving between the two states.

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Generic Quest (Struggle)

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Some deeply- or shallowly-buried part of you is actually thinking *this*:

Create or pick out a two-sided sign: one side is your public face, the other shows your hidden thoughts. You can earn a bonus XP at any time (though only once per 15 minutes/scene) by expressing that emotion—normally, by holding up the sign.

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The Background of Your Life A Generic Setting Quest



Generic Quest (Background)

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And there's something—some experience or memory—that helps mark out those days. There is something that draws your attention when this quest casts its shadow or its light upon your life.

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-A Generic, Symbolic Quest



Generic Quest (Symbolic)

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—you can phrase it another way; just give some indication that you're triggering this quest condition—

and then free-associating for a few moments about what your character is experiencing, feeling, thinking.

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