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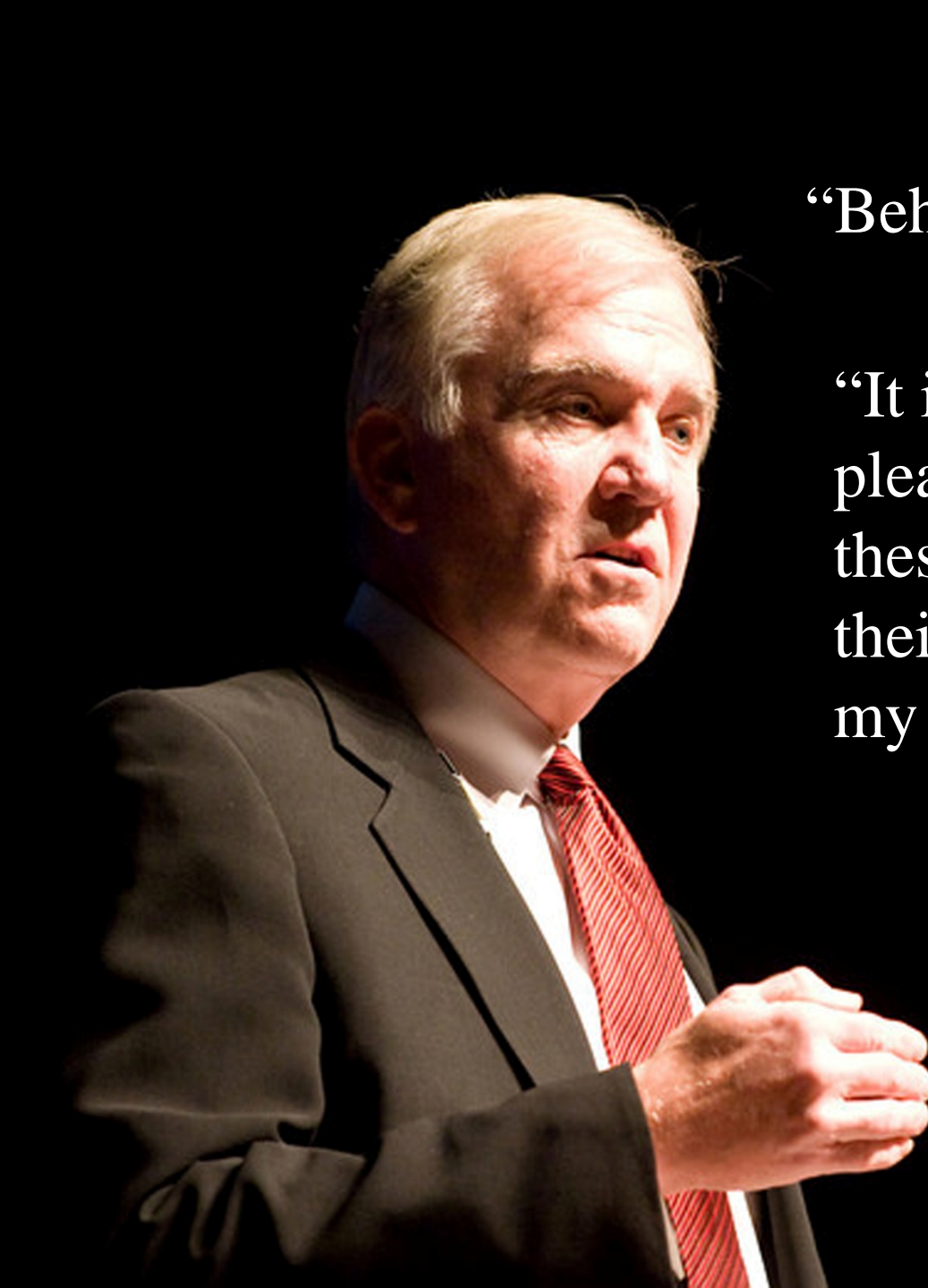
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CHARACTER ANALYSIS UNIT

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“Behavior reflects personality.”

“It isn’t easy, and it’s never pleasant, putting yourself in these guys’ shoes—or inside their minds. But that’s what my people and I have to do.”

John Douglas

FBI Special Agent

Behavioral Analysis Unit

Developer of Criminal Profiling

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“A character is what he does, yes—but even more, a character is what he *means* to do.”

Orson Scott Card

Number of the page where the action is described.

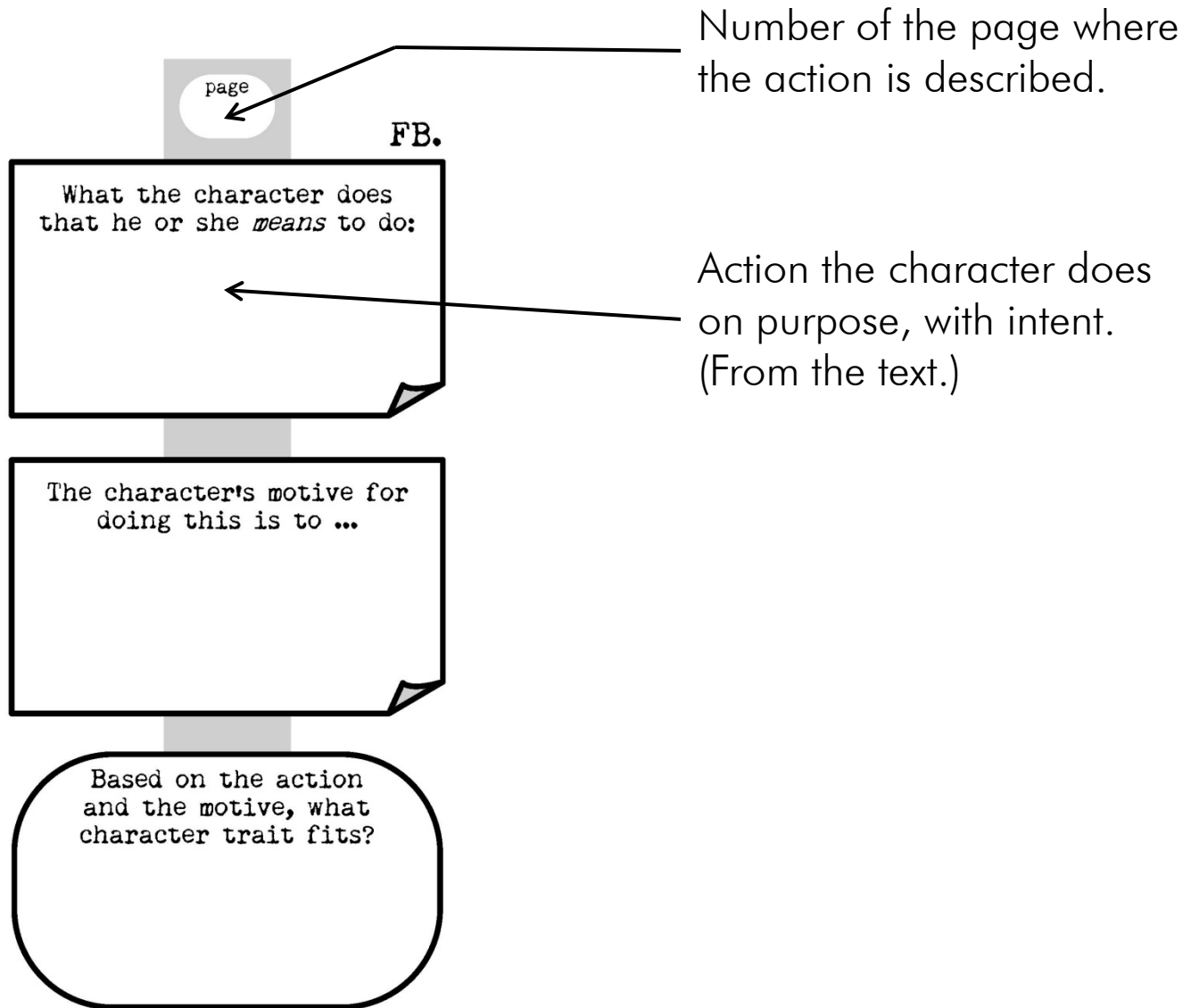
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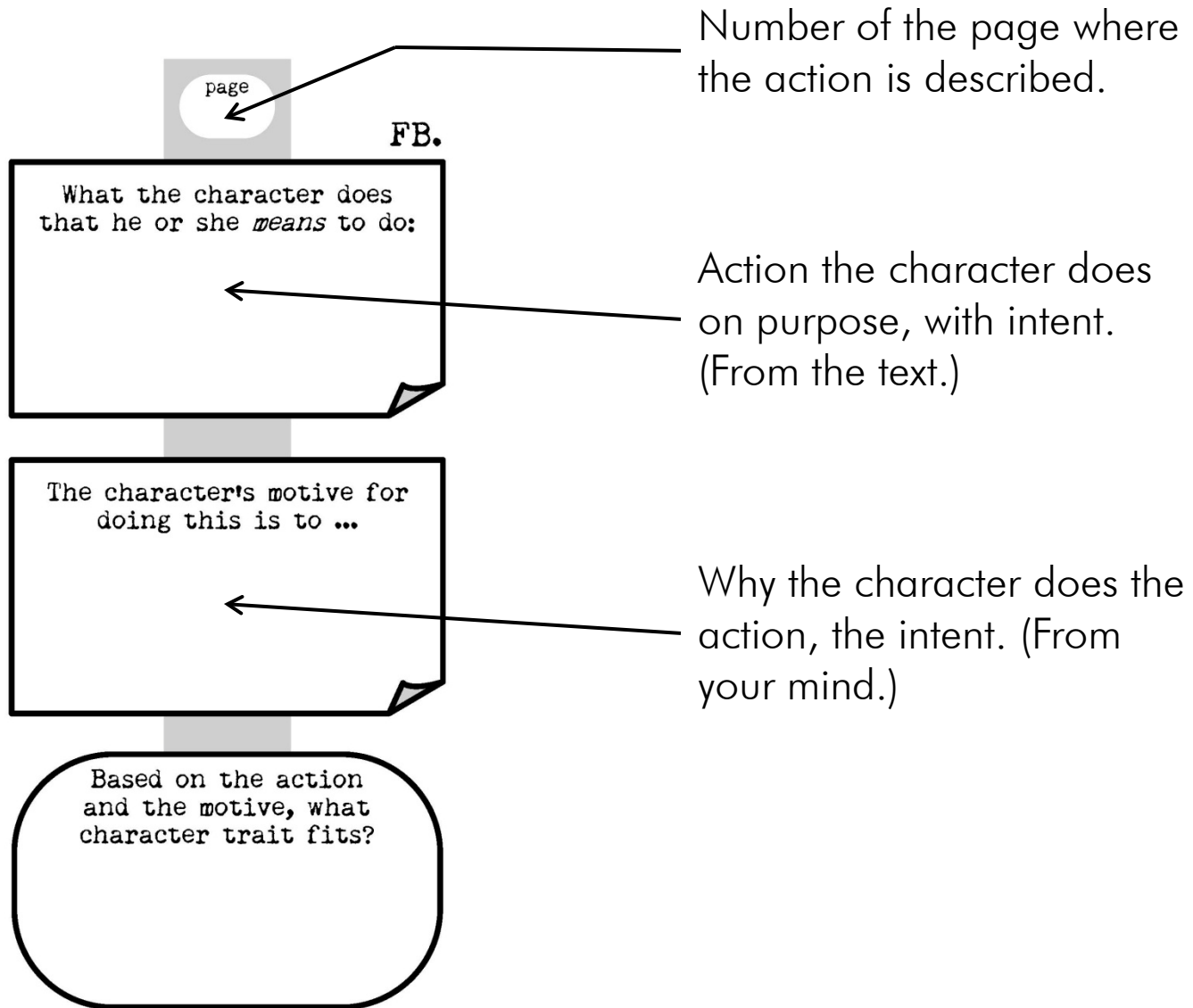
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What the character does that he or she *means* to do:

The character's motive for doing this is to ...

Based on the action and the motive, what character trait fits?





FB.

What the character does
that he or she *means* to do:

replays the recording of
the interview with Carl

The character's motive for
doing this is to ...

Based on the action
and the motive, what
character trait fits?

FB.

What the character does
that he or she *means* to do:

recounts the description
of the murders

The character's motive for
doing this is to ...

Based on the action
and the motive, what
character trait fits?

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What the character does
that he or she *means* to do:

simulates sympathy
and compassion

The character's motive for
doing this is to ...

Based on the action
and the motive, what
character trait fits?

FB.

What the character does
that he or she *means* to do:

resists taking the painkillers
when his jaw hurts

The character's motive for
doing this is to ...

Based on the action
and the motive, what
character trait fits?

Partner 1:

I think the motive is _____ because
_____ .

Partner 2:

And I think the motive is _____ because
_____ .

-C-
calculating
calm
carefree
careless
caring
cautious
charming
cheerful
clever
clumsy
conceited
conscientious
considerate
contented
cooperative
cowardly
creative
cruel
cunning
curious

-D-
dainty
daring
deceitful
demanding
dependable
desperate
determined
disagreeable

fussy

-G-
generous
gentle
gloomy
greedy
gullible
guilt-ridden

-H-
happy
hard-working
helpful
honest
humble
humorous

-I-
imaginative
independent
intelligent
inventive

-J-
joyful
judgmental

-K-
kind

-L-

obedient
organized
outspoken

-P-
patient
patriotic
playful
pleasant
polite
proactive
professional
proud

-Q-
quarrelsome
quick-tempered
quiet

-R-
reasonable
reckless
relaxed
remorseful
resourceful
respectful
respectful
responsible
restless
rude

-S-

studious
successful
superstitious
suspicious

-T-
tactful
talkative
thoughtful
timid
tough
traumatized
trusting

-U-
understanding
unfriendly
unkind
unselfish

-W-
wild
wise
witty

-Z-
zany

Character trait.
(From the list.)

TRAIT
(claim)

DEFINITION
(warrant)

deceitful

practicing or tending to practice
trickery

cunning

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Definition.
(From a
dictionary.)

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I think the character trait that best fits this action and motive is _____ because _____ .

Partner 2:

And I think the character trait that best fits this action and motive is _____ because _____ .

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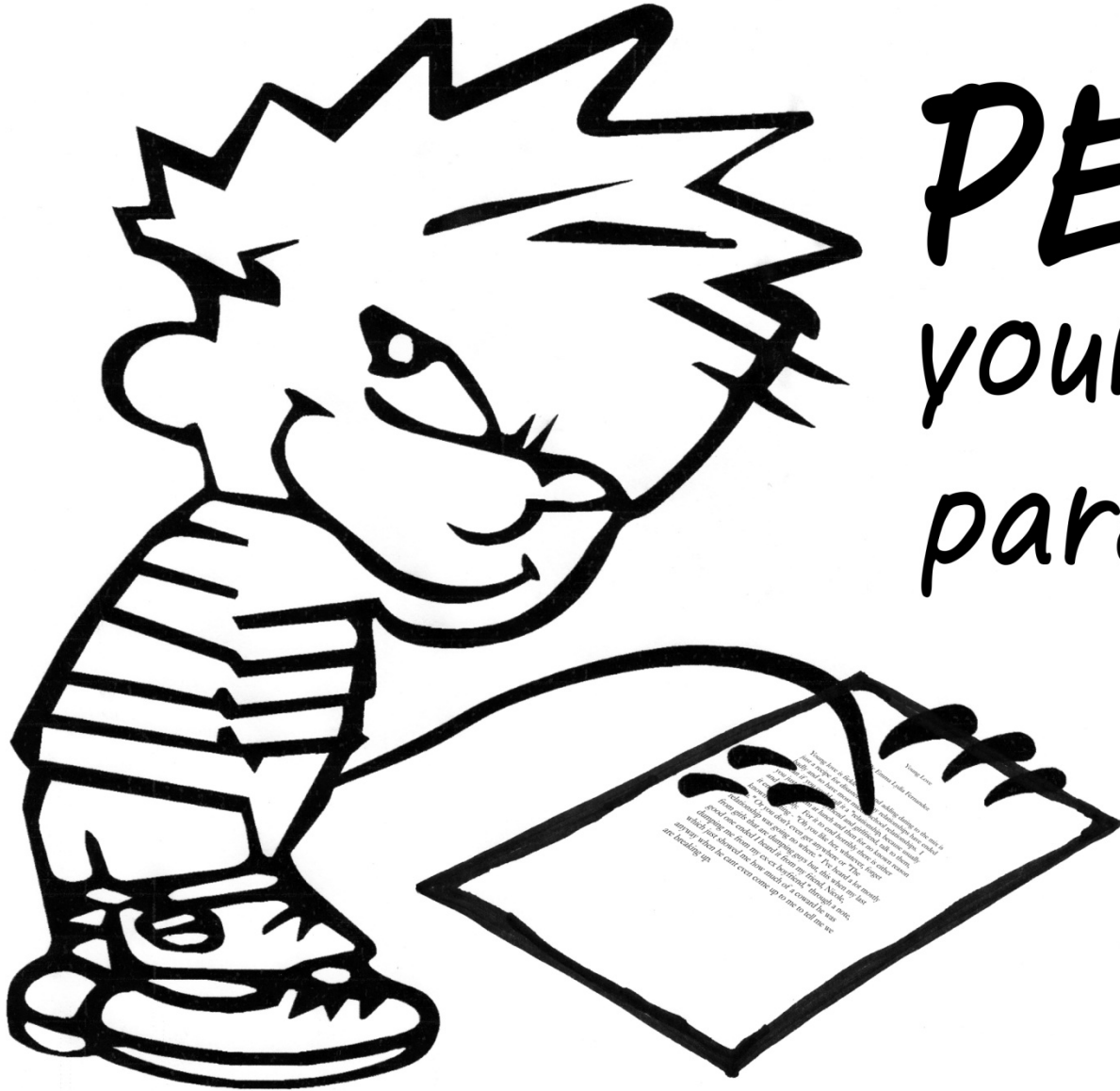
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What the character does
that he or she *means* to do:

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Based on the action
and the motive, what
character trait fits?

Character trait that
describes someone who
does the action with this
motive. (From the list.)



PEE
your
paragraph

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The third part of a PEE paragraph provides an EXPLANATION showing why the evidence supports the claim. In other words, give the warrant. (For our character timelines this is a combination of the motive and the definition of the character trait.)

PEE paragraph template

Trent is _____.
character trait

I know this because on page ____ “_____”
evidence from text

_____ means _____, and when
character trait definition
Trent _____, he means to _____.
evidence from text motive

PEE paragraph examples

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Deceitful means practicing or tending to practice trickery, and when Trent simulates sympathy and compassion, he means to trick Carl into confessing.

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Cunning means to be very good at using special skills to get something done, and when Trent simulates sympathy and compassion during the interrogation, he means to use the standard detective interview skills to make Carl feel comfortable enough to confess.