

## Coincidences Transcript

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TOBI: Hi, i'm Tobi, and she's Sheila and we have a quick tip for you.

SHEILA: I will try to get this out lucidly it's an important one. You're writing along in your story right you know, you've got to add complications. You've got to add higher stakes you've got to make things happen. It can be tempting sometimes to use coincidences to move the story along. Not about a bad thing. Coincidence have happened in real life with one caveat.

Coincidences cannot ever work in favor of your protagonist.

Seems a strange thing, right, because your villain can have luck just fallen out of the sky on them. But your protagonist has to make their own luck, and if coincidences start breaking in their favor, it's gonna feel like a cheat. Like they've got sort of a Deus machina, like someone is pulling the strings for them. We read because we weren't want to worry about your protagonist, so don't let luck work for them.