

Comic Script Template

Industry-standard full-script format · 3 blank pages + quick reference

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How to use this template

1. Give each panel one line of description — what the reader sees, not how to draw it. Start with the framing (close-up, wide shot, etc.).
2. Put dialogue, captions, and sound effects under the panel. Use **CHARACTER:** for speech, **CAPTION:** for narration, **SFX:** for sound effects.
3. Plan your page breaks before you fill in panels. Big reveals land on the right-hand page so readers hit them after the page turn.
4. Keep dialogue short. If a line doesn't fit comfortably in a speech bubble, split it or cut it.

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CHARACTER:

SFX:

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Quick Reference

A one-page cheat sheet for your next script.

PACING — PANELS PER PAGE

- 1-2 · slow, dramatic, emotional beats
- 3-6 · standard storytelling pace
- 7-9 · fast, dense, action or rapid dialogue
- Sp1ash · maximum impact — use 1-2x per issue

PANEL TRANSITIONS (SCOTT MCCLOUD)

- Moment-to-moment** — split-second between panels; tension
- Subject-to-subject** — same scene, different focus
- Aspect-to-aspect** — linger on sensory details; common in manga

TAG CONVENTIONS

- CHARACTER:** · standard speech bubble
- CHARACTER (thinking):** · thought bubble
- CHARACTER (whispered):** · smaller/dashed bubble

DIALOGUE RULES

- Keep lines short — one thought per bubble
- Show, don't tell — if the art shows it, cut it
- Give each character a distinct voice
- Read every line out loud before finalizing

Action-to-action — same subject, clear next step; default

Scene-to-scene — jump across space or time

Non-sequitur — unrelated; deliberate surreal effect

CAPTION: · narration box

SFX: · sound effect (not in a bubble)

VOICE FROM OFF-PANEL: · tail outside the frame

Turn your finished script into a comic in minutes.

ComicInk reads your script and generates every page — consistent characters, 12 art styles, no drawing skills needed. Start free with 100 credits.

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