

A Day in the Life

Hello. My name is ... hmm ... I don't really have a name. I mean, I did once upon a time, but it seems that I've forgotten it. Can you blame me? It's hard enough having to remember thousands of other people's names let alone my own. Although most people do still remember their own name. Let's move on from the name. What normally happens at this point? Umm. Oh yes, description! My eyes are ... are ... I don't know what colour. My hair ... again, I can't recall what it looks like. Ok this isn't going well. I'm experienced enough to know what happens if the reader gets bored. Hmm. Personality! Let's see, I have a very good memory... ok that was a bad choice. I am very good with words. Argh! I'm usually so good at this! I'll just start over.

Hi! I don't have a name, but you can call me Third. I'm really sorry about before, I'm usually much better at describing characters. Not that I'm a character. I've never described myself before and honestly, it's very weird. Fun fact, I can google myself! I've heard that people sometimes google themselves just to see what the search results are, so I tried it one time and there I was. Ok being perfectly honest it was a definition, but it still counts! Right, getting sidetracked. Sorry! Third is a nickname of sorts. I'm the narrator of third person stories. As the narrator, my job is to inform the reader of ... well, everything really. Every word you read in a book came from my mind. Sort of. I mean, the author comes up with the basic ideas but all of the description (AKA, the good part) is me. Sometimes they don't like what I'm doing so they write in '1st person', which I think is quite rude of them. I mean, I have been doing this a lot longer than they have. And then they have the audacity to call it First. Excuse me? Why do I get shoved to third? Then I have to deal with all of the characters who narrate their own stories and they think they are so much better than me. Yes, Katniss Everdeen, I'm talking about you. And don't even get me started on Second. Who decided that was a good idea? The narrator of second person always thinks that he is a better writer than me because the humans decided to call him Second and me Third. Which is just plain silly. Majority of books are written in third person thank you very much. Sorry, that was a long tangent. Usually the author stops me from going too far. Unless they like that sort of thing, like JRR Tolkien. I'm quite proud of the description I did in the Silmarillion. Sorry, sidetracked again. Where was I?

Why am I writing this, you might ask? As I said before, every book written in third person was written by yours truly, and to be perfectly honest, I am a little tired of not getting any credit. When I first started doing this, I was happy to help out. I enjoyed doing the work. It gave me something to do. I was happy. But recently, with social media and the internet, the authors stopped thanking me and started taking all the credit. When asked about writing tips I had hoped for a little mention, maybe a thank you, but no. And to be frank, I'm sick of it. Which is why I'm writing this. I'm not looking for fame or fortune, just some thanks. Maybe a little praise. But most importantly, I want people to get to know me. I don't think anyone understands how lonely it can get being the third person narrator. All the characters in first person have the people in their stories. Second has all of the readers. I'm an outsider. The characters don't acknowledge me. The readers don't acknowledge me. And I've already established that the author couldn't care less. So, this is my story. My ideas. My words.

My favourite thing to do in my spare time is to cook. I love mixing lots of different flavours together to see what the result is, which is not always good. It reminds me of writing and how different words sound together. My brownies are simply divine. Even Second admitted to liking them, which is unheard of. My secret is to add two kinds of chocolate chips; the kind that stay as chips and the kind that melt. The result is patches of melted chocolate and a chocolate chip every bite. I usually use milk chocolate as dark chocolate is too strong. I also make this amazing butter chicken that I have almost every day. Sadly, I rarely get to cook as I am so busy all the time writing. My kitchen is huge and takes up the whole second floor of my house. Floors 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are obviously the library with my room and projecting room on floor 6 and lounge room on floor 1.

Most people would assume that I am not a proper person, simply a figment of their imagination. Others think that I am not a physical being. Well, I am. I just don't remember what I look like as I don't own a mirror (I have no need of one) and I spend so much time projecting myself into author's minds that I sometimes forget I do have a body. That's what I meant by projecting room before, it's kind of like a study. Do you know how authors sometimes refer to writer's block and not being able to think of any ideas? That would be due to me. There are so many authors in the world and more just keep coming. It is so hard trying to be in so many places at once. Unfortunately, I can't help everyone at the same time, so they experience writer's block. I do try really hard but there is only one of me. that is why I don't get much spare time as authors always seem to be writing. I have gotten pretty good at projecting. When I first started this centuries ago, I could only project to one author at a time. My record is 836 authors at a time! It was super hard, and I hope the authors are appreciative of my effort. I am currently in the minds of 239 authors as I'm writing this. It is a bit distracting, hence the ... ah ... mishap at the start. Sorry! But I am more focused now and used to the idea of writing about myself. I don't know how much more I can tell you about what I do. I write, write, bake and write some more. I'm pretty boring now that I think about it. Maybe writing this was a bad idea.