

## **Create Your Own Graphic Novel**

Use the blank template to create your own graphic novel version for *Of Light and Shadow*. The goal of this activity is to transform key elements of the book into a visually engaging and artistic representation. This creative project encourages you to explore your artistic skills while diving deep into the book's narrative.

### **Instructions:**

#### **1. Select Key Plot Points:**

- Begin by identifying the key plot points and scenes from *Of Light and Shadow* that you want to include in your comic strip. These should be pivotal moments that capture the essence of the story.

#### **2. Plan Your Layout:**

- Decide on the number of comic strip panels you want to use and their arrangement. You can find blank comic strip templates with various panel configurations online or design your own layout.

#### **3. Create Thumbnails:**

- Sketch thumbnail versions of your comic strip on a separate piece of paper or in the blank comic strip panels. These rough sketches will help you plan the composition, pacing, and dialogue for each panel.

#### **4. Design Your Characters:**

- Create character designs that capture the appearance and personalities of the book's characters. Make sure they are consistent throughout the comic.

#### **5. Draw and Color:**

- Begin drawing and coloring your comic strip based on your thumbnails. Pay attention to details and use expressive visuals to convey the emotions and actions of the characters.

#### **6. Add Dialogue and Captions:**

- Include dialogue and captions in each panel to narrate the story. Make sure the text is legible and enhances the understanding of the plot. Place the text within or near each panel as needed.

#### **7. Review and Revise:**

- After completing your comic strip, review it to ensure that it effectively captures the key plot points and scenes from *Of Light and Shadow*. Revise and make improvements as needed.

**8. Share Your Comic:**

- Share your comic strip with others who have read the book or with your book club, friends, or classmates. Discuss the choices you made in portraying the scenes and how they align with the book's themes.

**9. Optional: Create a Digital Comic:**

- If you prefer digital tools, you can use software or apps to create your comic strip. This allows for easier editing and the addition of digital effects.

**10. Reflect and Discuss:**

- Finally, reflect on your creative process and discuss the effectiveness of your comic strip in representing the key plot points and scenes from *Of Light and Shadow*. Share your insights and interpretations with others.

**Get started and have fun crafting your graphic novel!**







