

#1 (First paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Vivid imagery and descriptive language
- Effective use of sensory details

b. Weaknesses: Main issue: Overuse of adjectives Your writing in this section tends to rely heavily on adjectives, which can lead to purple prose. For instance, phrases like "crimson red carpet" and "charcoal black" are redundant. The excessive use of descriptors like "golden, imperial and majestic tome" can overwhelm the reader and detract from the overall impact of the scene.

c. Exemplar: "Wulfric's quill clattered on the carpet, leaving sharp bursts of ink. As he reached for it, his eyes were drawn to a glowing tome before him."

#2 (Dialogue between Wulfric and Lady Aelfgifu): a. Strengths:

- Intriguing character introduction
- Mysterious atmosphere created through dialogue

b. Weaknesses: Main issue: Unnatural dialogue Your dialogue in this section feels stilted and overly formal. Lady Aelfgifu's speech, "So, young scribe, I see you've found old Smithe's grimoire. Tell me, do you think you are ready to wield the future of the Great Kingdom of Camelot?" sounds more like exposition than natural conversation.

c. Exemplar: "Well, well," Lady Aelfgifu's voice dripped with amusement. "What have we here? A young scribe meddling with forces beyond his ken?"

#3 (Marketplace scene): a. Strengths:

- Dynamic action and pacing
- Creative use of economic concepts in a fantasy setting

b. Weaknesses: Main issue: Rushed pacing Your writing in this section moves too quickly, not allowing readers to fully absorb the impact of events. The transformation of coins and the subsequent earthquake happen in rapid succession, leaving little room for character reactions or scene-setting. For example, "Suddenly shrieks spread around the marketplace!" is followed immediately by individual reactions, without giving the reader a sense of the overall chaos.

c. Exemplar: "A hush fell over the market square as Wulfric began to chant. Then, as if a dam had burst, chaos erupted. Coins transformed, fortunes reversed, and the very ground beneath their feet began to tremble."

Actionable task: Rewrite the marketplace scene, focusing on slowing down the pacing. Take time to describe the initial reactions of the crowd, the gradual build-up of chaos, and the mounting tension as the consequences of Wulfric's actions unfold.

Overall score: 42/50