

Section 1:

#1: Introduction a. Strengths:

- Engaging opening with a mysterious scenario
- Introduces main characters and sets up the conflict

b. Weaknesses: Lack of Context Your introduction dives straight into the action, which can be intriguing, but it leaves the reader without essential context. You mention "parents were all asleep in their mysterious coma" without explaining why this is unusual or concerning. Additionally, the setting is unclear - are they on a spaceship? A station? This lack of context makes it challenging for the reader to fully grasp the situation's gravity.

c. Exemplar: "The peaceful snores drifted through the solid metal door behind Liam, a stark contrast to the panic rising in my chest. I exchanged worried glances with my cousins, Zoe and Mia. Our parents had inexplicably fallen into a coma-like sleep hours ago, leaving us alone on the spacecraft with no idea what to do next."

#2: Dialogue and Character Interaction a. Strengths:

- Uses dialogue to reveal character personalities
- Shows the group's problem-solving attempts

b. Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Characterisation While you introduce multiple characters, their distinct personalities and roles within the group are not well-defined. The dialogue often feels interchangeable, with little unique voice for each character. For instance, when Liam shouts at the group, it's a sudden shift that doesn't align with any previously established character traits.

c. Exemplar: "Liam, usually the calm one, spun around in his chair, face flushed with frustration. 'Why didn't we think of this before?' he groaned, running a hand through his hair. 'Of course the enemy would try to hack our systems!'"

#3: Climax and Resolution a. Strengths:

- Introduces a clear antagonist
- Provides a twist ending

b. Weaknesses: Rushed Pacing The climax and resolution of your story feel rushed and underdeveloped. The appearance of the antagonist is abrupt, and the conflict resolution

happens too quickly without enough tension or explanation. The revelation about the fake orb at the end, while clever, lacks the necessary build-up to make it truly impactful.

c. Exemplar: "The man's eyes narrowed as he held up the aqua orb triumphantly. 'Thank you for your cooperation,' he sneered, turning to leave. I watched in disbelief as Mia made no move to stop him. Only when the door slammed shut did she turn to me, a mischievous glint in her eye. 'Did you really think we'd bring the real Harmony Pearl on a trip?'"

Actionable Task: Rewrite the climax of your story, focusing on building tension and developing the confrontation with the antagonist. Ensure to provide more details about the Harmony Pearl earlier in the story to make the final twist more impactful.

Overall Score:40 /50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

The Stargazer

The peaceful snores drifted through the solid metal door behind Liam. I gave a long look at each of my cousins [;] they all seemed as panicked as me. What were we to do now that the parents were all asleep in their mysterious coma? "Well, what do we think,[?] [W]hat made our parents fall asleep?" Zoe started carefully~~,~~ [.] "~~anybody~~ ["]Anybody have a single clue as to what may have occurred?"~~Neither~~ [None of us -] Zoe, Liam, Mia or I ~~really wanted~~ [were eager] to share our ideas with each other, but for the sake of our parents, we tried to have a discussion.

#1: So I reluctantly shared my idea that a deadly wave of vibrations had occurred and knocked our parents out, but unfortunately and annoyingly, they did not think that was very likely. So of course they all put in their ridiculous theories that did not make sense at all. At that moment, the emergency siren started to go off~~,~~ [;] all of us ran to the control room. Liam instantly sat down on the portable ~~eustomised~~ [customised] black chair [;] there was a message on the screen saying 'system breached'! Liam pressed a lot of different ~~sized~~ [sized] buttons and pulled a few levers. In frustration he slammed down another lever and twisted his chair around to face us. "Why didn't we think of this before? Of course the enemy would try to get into our technology!" Liam shouted, releasing all his anger on us. I knew he wouldn't get this angry if the problem wasn't extremely serious, [;] what were we to do?

Liam kept yelling at us for quite a while [.] ~~after~~ [After] that,we decided that we would have to try and land as soon as we saw a piece of land. The technology being hacked into wasn't the only problem [;] we were also running low on our powerful ~~energised~~

[energised] expensive fuel. While Zoe kept watch outside, we ate our delicious nutritious hot pasta filled with artificial cheese ~~flavoring~~ [flavouring]. As we finished our lunch, Zoe called, "~~quick~~ [Quick], steer the ship to the left, I can see some land!" In a flash Liam disappeared into the control room, steered the wheel to the left and pulled a lever. The ship started to turn and sped up in the direction of the land. As I kept check of how much fuel we had left, I saw it rapidly decrease. Would we make it?

#2: Suddenly, just as we were about to land on the shore, the door leading from the telescope tower opened. Behind it stood a looming cruel looking man. "I am the one who has hacked into your technology~~,~~ [.] ~~hand~~ [Hand] over the harmony pearl immediately" [,]" he said softly. So that was what this was all about, [.] ÷ [I] remembered Mia boasting about how her parents had created a special orb made from the juices of over a hundred different species of plants. She said that they had been working towards making it for over a decade. The reason why it was so special was because you could put the orb into the ground anywhere in the world and it would grow into whatever plant that would thrive in the conditions the most. In response to the man, Mia yelled, "~~never~~ [Never]!" "Well then, your parents will never wake up from their coma and I will have to take it by force!"

#3: The man certainly looked like he would knock all of us out and steal the orb. I tried to punch him but he dodged and threw me into the wall. I felt dizzy and all I could do was watch while he locked all of the others except Mia in the cupboard. The man asked where the harmony pearl was, and she said something that I couldn't hear. Then he ~~asked~~ [went] into the room where the parents were sleeping in their pods and a few seconds later, he emerged into the room again. In his hand was an aqua orb the size of a marble [;] to my surprise, Mia made no attempt to take it from him. Then the man said, "~~because~~ [Because] of your cooperation, I have released your parents from their coma, [;] they should wake up very soon". With that, the man chuckled to himself and walked out the door. Just then, I heard some movements as the parents started to wake up. Before I went to find them, I asked~~,~~ "Mia, why didn't you try to take the orb back from him?" In response, she laughed and said, "~~because~~ [Because] it was fake [!] ~~there~~ [There] was no way my parents would take something that precious and valuable on a trip. It's actually still in my house!"