

Section 1:

#1: "Aboard the Stargazer, where the liveliness of a party blooms, and the excitement of children entering a vast theme park prances around, a family reunion is held."

a. Strengths:

- Vivid imagery creating an engaging opening scene
- Effective use of metaphors to convey atmosphere

b. Weaknesses: Coherence Issue The sentence structure is convoluted, making it difficult to follow. You've combined multiple ideas without clear connections, which can confuse the reader. For instance, "the excitement of children entering a vast theme park prances around" doesn't logically fit with the setting of a spaceship.

c. Exemplar: "Aboard the Stargazer, the atmosphere buzzed with excitement. The family reunion felt like a lively party, with the joy of children at a theme park."

#2: "Suddenly, when the ship changed its trajectory, a dull hush of silence and dread covering the ship as the adults fell into a deep slumber, the cousins must overcome their differences and ways of thinking to save their family and uncover a devious scheme that threatens the galaxy."

a. Strengths:

- Creates tension and intrigue
- Establishes the main conflict and challenge for the protagonists

b. Weaknesses: Run-on Sentence This sentence is overly long and combines multiple ideas without proper punctuation or connectors. It shifts abruptly from describing the situation to stating the characters' objectives. The phrase "a dull hush of silence and dread covering the ship" is awkwardly placed and disrupts the flow.

c. Exemplar: "Suddenly, the ship changed its trajectory. As a dull hush of silence and dread covered the vessel, the adults fell into a deep slumber. Now, the cousins must overcome their differences to save their family and uncover a devious scheme threatening the galaxy."

#3: "To this day, I wonder if we had made the right decision, if they really would risk their own galaxy, or whether they were bluffing, we all ponder if we had done the right thing."

a. Strengths:

- Provides a thought-provoking conclusion
- Shows character development through reflection

b. Weaknesses: Redundancy The sentence repeats the same idea multiple times without adding new information. The phrases "if we had made the right decision" and "if we had done the right thing" express the same doubt. Additionally, the shift from "I wonder" to "we all ponder" is unnecessary and creates inconsistency in the narrative voice.

c. Exemplar: "To this day, I wonder if we made the right decision. Did they truly risk their own galaxy, or were they bluffing? The weight of our choice lingers in our minds."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the opening paragraph, focusing on creating a clear and concise introduction to the setting and characters. Ensure that each sentence flows logically into the next, avoiding abrupt shifts in topic or perspective.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

Aboard the Stargazer, where the liveliness of a party blooms, and the excitement of children entering a vast theme park prances around, a family reunion is held. #1 4 distant cousins – tech genius Liam, biology professional Mia, physics expert Aiden, and prodigious strategist Zoe – discover themselves in the eentre [centre] of an intergalactic enigma. #2 ~~Suddenly, when the ship changed its trajectory, a dull hush of silence and dread covering the ship as the adults fell into a deep slumber, the cousins must overcome their differences and ways of thinking to save their family and uncover a devious scheme that threatens the galaxy.~~ [Suddenly, the ship changed its trajectory. A dull hush of silence and dread covered the ship as the adults fell into a deep slumber. Now, the cousins must overcome their differences and ways of thinking to save their family and uncover a devious scheme that threatens the galaxy.] Each of their skills is a unique piece of the puzzle that they must piece together before it's too late.

Everybody's frantically running aboard – Liam is trying to reroute the ship but the course seems to be embedded into the ship hardware, Mia is checking the status chambers where the adult slumber, and Zoe is lost in thought. I'm checking the stasis chambers as well. The adults were oblivious to the events that occurred. As I checked the chronometers~~.~~ [,] I discovered that, to my horror, time was behaving differently. It was as if a second on our ship was an hour on Earth. Could it be? I thought. I checked our destination – we were heading towards the supermassive black hole Gargantua. Its gravitational pull was so strong that it changed relative time itself – just like Einstein's theory of relativity stated.

Liam's eyes widened at the thought of our destination [,] "That's impossible! Once past the event horizon, we'll never make it out!" "So what now?" Zoe barked at Liam, and a frustrated sneer hung from her face. "But what have you done?" He remarked. As they kept on snapping insults at each other, I could see that their hands contorted into fists, and their fists slowly raised. "Stop!" I yelled, but it was already too late. Zoe was sprawled across the floor as Liam flailed his fists, making feeble attempts to attack her. Suddenly, the door to the stasis chambers unlocked, releasing a gust of frigid, sinister air. Smoke seeped from it, covering the base of the ship ~~marble-marble-plated~~ [marble-plated] floor. Suddenly, the doors to the storage room opened, and the control room, and the resting quarters too. Out of them trudged 4 grotesque aliens, their skins were a shade of green and purple, dotted with thousands of tiny pores and large yellow pimples, spread across their leathery wrinkled skin as their tiny beady eyes pierced through my heart like cold, yet burning icicles.

They muttered something in a jumbled cacophony of noise that could only be described as their language. As they trudged towards us, their webbed feet disgustingly splatting on the ground. Zoe scampered away in fear as Mia and Liam were left dumbfounded. Suddenly, in fluent English, they uttered an offer that could save the galaxy. But at a cost. If we gave them our family's generations upon generations of passed-down knowledge, they would let go of their grasp on their galaxy and leave us alone. Zoe shook her head, she could never let go of her family pride. But me, Liam and Mia knew that it was our only chance. We reluctantly agreed, as we led the alien towards the safe in which ancient knowledge – hidden in scrolls older than our oldest relatives were kept. We opened the safe, and the aliens eyes grew wider and wider in anticipation. They snatched the knowledge out of our hands, inspecting it prudently, before smiling at us uncannily then suddenly, the world started to spin, and darken until our eyes couldn't bear any longer. When we woke up, they were gone, the ship was back to normal, but the scrolls were gone. #3 To this day, I wonder if we had made the right decision, if they really would risk their own galaxy, or whether they were bluffing, we all ponder if we had done the right thing.