

## Section 1:

### #1 (First paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Effective use of emotive language to convey the character's feelings.
- Clear introduction of the main themes: family, sacrifice, and personal growth.

b. Weaknesses: Lack of Context Your opening paragraph jumps directly into the aftermath of significant events without providing necessary context. For instance, you mention "The lack of Aiden's presence" and "sacrifice was worth dying for" without explaining who Aiden is or what sacrifice occurred. This can be confusing for readers who aren't familiar with the backstory.

c. Exemplar: "In the aftermath of Aiden's sacrifice, I found myself grappling with a painful truth: my whole life had been built on lies. His absence left a void that filled me with grief, yet it taught me the profound value of sacrifice, especially for family."

### #2 (Third paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Vivid description of emotional reactions.
- Effective use of sensory details to create imagery.

b. Weaknesses: Overuse of Emotional Language Your writing in this section relies heavily on emotional language without providing enough concrete details. Phrases like "Painful memories start to flood back" and "Tears start welling up" tell the reader about emotions rather than showing them through specific actions or thoughts.

c. Exemplar: "As I glance at the empty seat at our holographic dinner table, my mind replays the image of Aiden stepping into the airlock, his face a mask of determination. My vision blurs, and before I know it, Mia and Liam are at my side, their presence a silent comfort."

### #3 (Fifth paragraph): a. Strengths:

- Introduces an intriguing element with the Luminas.
- Reinforces the theme of sacrifice and safety.

b. Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Concepts You introduce the Luminas without providing enough context or explanation. While the mysterious nature of these beings is intriguing, the lack of detail makes it difficult for readers to fully grasp their significance or the nature of the threat they posed.

c. Exemplar: "The vast, cold minds of the Luminas still unsettle me, their echoes seeming to linger in empty corridors. Yet, I understand now that Aiden's sacrifice was necessary to ensure our safety from these otherworldly beings."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the opening paragraph, focusing on providing more context about Aiden, the nature of his sacrifice, and the family situation. Ensure to identify key events or revelations that led to your realisation about your life being "a lie".

Overall Score: 40/50

## Section 2: Revision Guidelines

- \*Universal Galaxy Atomic Time Zone 12.45.5724- Zoe's Log

#1 It was only a few days, but in those days, I realised that my whole life had been a lie. The lack of Aiden's presence is a painful sign that can only fill me with grief and sorrow. But I learnt that sacrifice was worth dying for, especially for family.\*\*

Before the "family reunion" I would have never imagined getting along with my cousins. Liam was too obsessed with screens with ominous beeps (at least, that was what I thought the beeps sounded like). Mia was disgusting because she handled and studied dead things. Of course Aiden had to babble about his "amazing" calculations all day. We were quite a mixed bunch and were constantly bickering. Now, when I look back to those times, I can't help but laugh at our silly attitudes towards each other.

#2 But after the meeting of the Luminas and Aiden's sacrifice, I have learnt to love and support one another. Sometimes I look at that empty seat on the holographic dinner table and start crying. Painful memories start to flood back and I remember Aiden stepping into the airlock, not a single sign of trepidation on his face. Tears start welling up and I wake to see my cousins crowding around me with a sympathetic expression.

I used to feel a bit like the most immature and foolish cousin, because I was the youngest and they often dismissed me. But now I can be part of them, and am finally respected. The past few days have given me self-confidence and courage to stand up. I can sense that they feel that way too, from the look on Aiden's face when he sacrificed himself, how Mia ~~know~~ [now] shares with confidence about her findings and when Liam confronted Uncle... It's amazing how much we have changed.

#3 The eerie, cold and vast minds of the Luminas communicating with us still freaks me out. I still hear ~~echos~~ [echoes] of the Luminas lurking around empty corridors. But I know Aiden's sacrifice was worth it and now we are truly safe.

My grudge against our parents for lying to us has still not completely evaporated. Tingling sparks of anger can sometimes get ahead of me, but the sight of my cousins ~~help~~ [helps] me calm down. Still... being used as test subjects is infuriating. No wonder Mia campaigns for "No Animals For Test Subjects". Uncle must know as every time I see him he seems to back away a few interstellar pixels. I will tell him when I get over it.

My mind is still really cloudy. But I know what I really need is to spend some time with my cousins, in a real family reunion. END OF LOG