

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph):

a. Strengths:

- Engaging opening with vivid imagery of the unusual plant
- Effective use of sensory details to create atmosphere

b. Weakness: Inconsistent tense Your writing shifts between past and present tense, which can be confusing for readers. For example, you write "Ada Lovelace, the grand-daughter of a praised and renowned mathematician was studying" (past tense), but then switch to "It had a lean stem and the glimmering leaves that sparkled" (present tense).

c. Exemplar: "Twelve-year-old Ada Lovelace, the grand-daughter of a praised and renowned mathematician, studied a peculiar plant altering its form rapidly. It had a lean stem and glimmering leaves that sparkled."

#2 (Third paragraph):

a. Strengths:

- Good pacing and tension build-up
- Creative use of dialogue to advance the plot

b. Weakness: Underdeveloped characterisation Your writing introduces new characters without providing sufficient context or depth. For instance, Jack is introduced abruptly: "A luminous light struck Ada and Zahi's eyes. It was another portal with a mafia looking man meandering out." This leaves readers with questions about his role and motivations.

c. Exemplar: "A luminous light struck Ada and Zahi's eyes. Another portal appeared, and from it emerged a man who looked like he belonged in a mafia film. His tuxedo gleamed, and his polished shoes reflected the Greek sun. A name tag on his chest identified him as 'Jack'. His eyes, behind fragile glasses, locked onto the plant in Ada's hands."

#3 (Fourth paragraph):

a. Strengths:

- Exciting action sequence
- Vivid description of the plant collision

b. Weakness: Overuse of similes and metaphors Your writing relies heavily on figurative language, which can sometimes obscure the action. For example, "They became tomatoes" is an unusual metaphor that might confuse readers rather than clarify the characters' emotions.

c. Exemplar: "Ada and Jack were furious, their faces flushed with anger. Steam seemed to hover out of their ears as they faced off, each clutching a plant."

Overall actionable task: Rewrite the third paragraph, focusing on developing Jack's character. Ensure you provide more context for his appearance and motivations, and consider how his presence affects Ada and Zahi's emotions and actions.

Overall score: 40/50

Section 2: Revision Guidelines

The Malfunction in Time

Twelve-year-old Ada Lovelace, the grand-daughter of a praised and renowned mathematician ~~was studying~~ [studied] a peculiar plant altering its ~~form~~ [form] rapidly. It had a lean stem and ~~the~~ glimmering leaves that sparkled. It was demolishing the laws of physics. The data on her remarkable tablet was anomalous. It skyrocketed up and up and up. Ada discarded the pen ~~in~~ [from] her sweaty palms. The ink crept out of the pen and crawled over the luxurious carpet. The air felt eerie. A freezing serpentine~~~like chill slid down her spine. CRACK! CRACK! SHATTER! Her tablet ~~was fractured~~ [fractured] into millions of pieces. The unusual plant started floating and drifting towards poor Ada. She ambled away like a spider. Zahi, one of Ada's ~~friend's~~ [friends] came over to her lab. His eyes were glued ~~at~~ [to] the mysterious plant.

Suddenly, a vivid portal, a mix of lots of colours materialised] behind the plant. ~~da~~ [Ada] and Zahi stared at it in awe. The plant hypnotised the two and made them stroll into the portal. Ada, Zahi and the despicable plant were now roaming around the vortex of time. The portal vanished in ~~an instant second~~ [an instant] and now they were stuck in ancient Greece. There were monks in burnished robes praying to the mighty Zeus and the other Olympian gods. There were towering statues of gods made out of sturdy rock. The sun was scorching hot. Sweat trickled down their flamingo pink cheeks. Something had a grip on the two's arms. They slowly turned their heads and saw two menacing guards. They had armour] made ~~out of~~ [of] steel and swords as sharp as a petrifying shark's tooth. "Feed them to the ferocious dogs" someone commanded in the background of

the havoc. The guards were about to snatch the plant out of Ada's palms but before that, the two swiftly ran away from the commotion.

#1 Ada and Zahi were weary. Their clothes were ragged and torn apart ~~They~~ [. They] had to find a way out or else they would wither in Greece and become remnants of the past. A luminous light struck Ada and Zahi's eyes. It was another portal with a mafia looking] man meandering out. He had an identical plant to Ada and Zahi's one. His glasses were fragile and ~~his~~ [he] wore a lustrous tuxedo. His shoes were polished thoroughly and he had a name tag on his chest, stating "Jack". They were panicking and did not know what to do. Their hearts raced each other to see who would breach Ada and Zahi's chests first. In the distance, Ada and Zahi saw the guards from earlier. This time they also had shields with a devious dragon printed upon ~~it~~ [them]. The man grasped Ada's shoulders and told ~~him~~ [her] to give him their plant. They were in trepidation.

#2 The ~~guard's~~ [guards] ordered ~~us~~ [them] to come with them and the man told Ada to give him the plant. "I need ~~the~~ [them] because when these ~~to~~ [two] plants are used together, they can alter time and setting with my control!" The guards caught Zahi by his collar. Jack seized Ada's plant. Zahi walloped one of the ~~guards~~ [guards'] ~~face~~ [faces] and stole his spear. He threw it at the plants in Jack's hands and they went flying in the air. Ada and Jack shoved each other so they could retrieve the plants. Each of them had one plant each. Both of them were furious. Steam hovered out of their ears. They became tomatoes. Ada used her plant as a weapon and was about to smack Jack. Jack was desperate and tremulous to defend himself so he used his plant as if it was Captain America's astonishing shield. SPLATTER! As the plants collided with each other, another portal appeared. Everyone was smeared in the remnants of the plants. They smelt like breath mints. This time the portal had an exemplary force that pulled anything towards it. The guards hurried away, leaving their weapons. Ada and Zahi got the two spears from the guards and stuck ~~it~~ [them] at the neck of wicked Jack. He pleaded for mercy but Ada and Zahi would not budge. The portal started closing so Ada and Zahi ~~leapt~~ [leaped] in. "No!" screamed wretched Jack.