

Section 1:

#1 (Opening paragraph) Strengths:

- Strong emotional hook with "Rick's heart dropped"
- Effective use of sensory details with "gurgling of rocket engines"

Weaknesses: Rushed Pacing → Your opening moves too quickly from the initial tension to stating he was "doomed" without building adequate suspense. The phrases "He was doomed. There was no turning back" feel abrupt and could benefit from more emotional development.

Exemplar: "Rick's heart dropped as he heard the gurgling of the rocket engines. His fingers trembled against the control panel as the reality of his situation sank in - there was no going back now."

#2 (Background exposition) Strengths:

- Clear presentation of mission objectives
- Good context setting for character motivation

Weaknesses: Information Dumping → Your background information about astrology studies and NASA mission feels rushed and disconnected. The transition "Up to this moment" reads awkwardly and the exposition interrupts the story's momentum.

Exemplar: "Throughout his years of astronomical research, Rick had dreamed of this moment. What began as lunar mission training had evolved into something far more ambitious when NASA selected him for their groundbreaking Mars expedition."

#3 (Crisis scene) Strengths:

- Building tension through countdown format
- Effective use of dialogue in crisis situation

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped Emergency → Your crisis scene would benefit from more sensory details and emotional depth. The phrase "something tremendous happened" is vague, and the transition to "Code Black" feels sudden.

Exemplar: "A violent shudder rocked the spacecraft, followed by the blaring alarm that made Rick's blood run cold. 'Code Black, Code Black, Code Black' - the words he had dreaded hearing during all his years of training."

Actionable Task: Rewrite the crisis scene (from "He stayed excited" to "crashed abruptly"), focusing on incorporating specific sensory details and physical sensations to make the emergency feel more immediate and visceral.

Score: 42/50

Section 2:

#1 Rick's heart dropped as he heard the gurgling of the rocket engines. He was doomed. There was no turning back. The rocket had taken off.

#2 ~~Up to this moment, Rick had been studying astrology for many years until he could leave Earth~~ [For years, Rick had dedicated himself to studying astronomy, preparing for the day he could leave Earth]. He was on a mission to discover more about the ice poles on Mars. This rocket he was on would take him up to the International Space Station.

Initially, Rick had been studying for a trip to the moon, but later on ~~NASA had asked~~ [NASA requested] some trained astronauts to embark on a mission to study Mars.

#3 Inside, ~~Rick felt a mixture of nervousness and excitement~~ [A mixture of nervousness and excitement churned inside Rick]. Since he had trained for this expedition for years, he felt he should try his hardest and put all of his effort into this.

'Welcome to the ISS fellow astronauts, I am the CEO of our current Mars mission. Our mission is to find out more about the ice poles on Mars. If we can find some water there, we may be able to transport some of our citizens there to test the life on Mars. Climate change is annihilating our planet, and in 100 years, we may need to migrate over to Mars. Thank you'

Rick's excitement really started to kick in. He wanted to start today, not tomorrow.

He stayed excited for about five minutes, until something tremendous happened.

~~'Code Black, Code Black, Code Black,' emanated blaringly~~ ['Code Black, Code Black, Code Black,' blared] from the speakers. Rick swiftly checked his tag, and sure enough, Code Black was a crash landing.

The instruction informed him that he must enter safety mode which would allow them to crash safely. After that, a crew member would call for help and someone would come to take them back to Earth.

'Everyone, please enter safety mode,' the speaker bellowed. Immediately, Rick and his crewmates anxiously buckled themselves into their robust seats surrounded with pads. As the instructor entered his safety mode, they crashed abruptly.

Rick palpitated tremendously as the shockwave hit. Rick felt as though he had fallen out of a plane. Luckily, he and his crewmates exited the rocket unharmed.

Instantly, the authoritative commander instructed Rick to phone the NASA control room on Earth. Immediately, he started to dial the number. As he started to call, something unexpected happened. He was told that NASA would respond instantly. But...

1 second – No Response 2 seconds – No Response 3 seconds – No Response 4 seconds – Response!

"The person you are calling is unavailable, please try again later."

'Well that was worthless,' Rick exclaimed, 'I think this is how we die.'

There were a lot of hugs and goodbyes going around. But mainly, Rick was disappointed that his very first space expedition had been a failure. He was looking forward to starting his job, and researching about the ice poles, but all of that had been lost.

Until, someone started ringing...