

## WRITING PIECE 1 - MAGICAL CARPET FEEDBACK

Section 1: #1: "Against the bleak, mismatched backdrop of the sullen oak floor – a flamboyant carpet lay elegantly as a peacock's tail spread in full display. It was blazing with an ebullient crimson, embellished with picturesque patterns dancing in synergy; a melody that swirls defiant and never ageing."

Strengths:

- Vivid sensory details create a striking visual contrast
- Creative use of metaphor comparing carpet to peacock's tail

Weaknesses: Disconnected imagery → Your metaphors shift abruptly from visual (peacock) to musical (melody) elements without a smooth transition. The phrase "melody that swirls" doesn't connect well with the previous visual descriptions.

Exemplar: *Against the bleak, mismatched backdrop of the sullen oak floor, a flamboyant carpet lay elegantly unfurled - its patterns flowing like a peacock's tail in full display, each design moving in perfect harmony.*

#2: "Puffs of ocean blue, enchanted with an essence of teal convoluted with patterns as specks of deep, rich mauve danced ecstatically upon the ebony borders."

Strengths:

- Rich colour palette effectively conveyed
- Dynamic word choice brings the description to life

Weaknesses: Cluttered structure → Your sentence packs too many colour descriptions at once. "Convoluted with patterns" makes the image harder to visualise clearly.

Exemplar: *Ocean blue swirled into teal across the carpet, while specks of rich mauve danced along its ebony borders, creating an enchanting display.*

#3: "The carpet, reminiscent of a riot of life amidst the stark expanse of emptiness, stands as an oasis in the greedy grasp of the forsaken residence."

Strengths:

- Strong central metaphor of carpet as oasis

- Effective contrast between life and emptiness

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped metaphor → Your oasis metaphor needs more specific details about how the carpet brings life to the space. The phrase "greedy grasp" doesn't clearly connect to the oasis theme.

Exemplar: *The carpet blooms like an oasis in the desert of the empty room, its vibrant patterns breathing warmth and life into the cold, forsaken space.*

■ Your piece creates a strong mood through its rich descriptions. To deepen your writing, try to focus on one main metaphor and develop it fully throughout the piece. You could expand on how the carpet affects the atmosphere of the room and what stories it might tell. Add more details about the carpet's history to develop your piece even further.

**Actionable task:** Rewrite your piece focusing on the carpet as an oasis, adding specific details about how it transforms the empty room and what tales its patterns might reveal.

**Score: 43/50**

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Section 2:

#1 Against the bleak, mismatched backdrop of the sullen oak floor – [,] a flamboyant carpet lay elegantly as a peacock's tail spread in full display. It was blazing with an ebullient crimson, embellished with picturesque patterns dancing in synergy [,] a [creating a] melody that swirls defiant and never ageing.

#2 Puffs of ocean blue, enchanted with an essence of teal ~~convoluted with~~ [intertwined in] patterns as specks of deep, rich mauve danced ecstatically upon the ebony borders. Velvet stripes reached like ribbons of ambiguous twilight, grasping at the heart of the embroidery like a raven clutching onto a worm.

Yet despite the simplicity and beauty, within the elusive core of the tapestry lies an unevoked tale lost to the annals of time, an enigmatic expanse of the story of bygone eras. Abandoned in the bleakness of the dwelling, it's shrouded in the heavy fog of mystery; its presence and coming scattered like sand in the wind. Despite this, its vibrant colours endlessly swirl, defiant in the ageing of time; like a revolutionist's indefatigable, unyielding determination.

#3 ~~The carpet, reminiscence of a riot of life amidst the stark expanse of emptiness, stands as an oasis in the greedy grasp of the forsaken residence.~~ [Like a riot of life amidst stark emptiness, the carpet stands as an oasis within the forsaken residence.] In this desolate space, where the silence

is almost palpable, the carpet's vibrancy stands in stark contrast—its presence is a quiet defiance of the surrounding decay.

## WRITING PIECE 2

### Section 1:

#1: "Deep beneath the city...his understanding." a. Strengths:

- Vivid imagery of the mysterious door and its ethereal glow
- Strong establishment of setting and atmosphere

b. Issue: Limited sensory engagement beyond visual descriptions → Your writing focuses heavily on sight, particularly the blue light. While you paint a striking visual picture, incorporating other senses like the temperature of the air or the echoing sounds in the underground setting would create a richer experience.

c. Exemplar: *The chill of the underground air prickled Aiden's skin as he discovered a concealed door, its unsettling azure glow piercing through the perpetual darkness. The steady hum of power emanated from behind the massive steel barrier, where cerulean light spilt through minuscule fissures.*

#2: "The light bathed...transformed." a. Strengths:

- Creative use of metaphors (abstract artist, phoenix)
- Effective portrayal of character transformation

b. Issue: Disconnected metaphors → Your metaphors, while creative, jump from art to a phoenix without a smooth transition. The sudden shift between these images makes it harder to follow Aiden's emotional journey.

c. Exemplar: *The light bathed the chamber in phosphorescent blue, transforming the weathered walls into a canvas of ethereal patterns. As the door inched open, the strange warmth ignited something within Aiden, his spirit rising like a phoenix from the ashes of his former self.*

#3: "Peering into the dreamlike...tongue." a. Strengths:

- Rich sensory details of the new world
- Beautiful blend of unexpected sensory combinations

b. Issue: Overcrowded imagery → Your description packs too many different elements into one space. The sudden jump from roses to chocolate to birds creates a slightly confusing picture of this magical realm.

c. Exemplar: *Peering into the dreamlike expanse, Aiden discovered a sanctuary of verdant meadows and mystical creatures. The sweet fragrance of blooming roses filled the air, while melodious birdsong wove through the ancient oak trees that beckoned him forward.*

■ Your piece shows great promise in creating a magical atmosphere. You could strengthen it by focusing on fewer details but developing them more deeply. Try exploring how Aiden feels about each new discovery rather than rushing to describe everything at once. Consider extending the piece to show what happens after Aiden enters this new world.

**Actionable task:** Rewrite the final paragraph focusing on just three main elements of the magical realm, developing each one fully by showing Aiden's emotional and physical reactions to them.

**Score: 42/50**

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## Section 2:

Deep beneath the city, in the perpetual darkness where the light had never ventured, Aiden stumbled upon a concealed door that emanated an unsettling, azure glow. Through the minuscule fissures of the massive steel door, a cerulean light spilt forth, hinting at an otherworldly realm that defied his understanding. #1

~~The light bathed the ominous chamber in which it resided, casting flickers of phosphorescent blue across the weathered walls, as if an abstract artist had splattered an enigmatic amalgamation of azure and indigo on a canvas of sombre grey. As the door inched open, a strange warmth enveloped Aiden, awakening a renewed curiosity within him. His eyes glistened with the vitality of someone reborn, like a phoenix plunging into the searing flames only to rise from the ashes, transformed.~~ [The light bathed the ominous chamber, casting flickers of phosphorescent blue across the weathered walls like an abstract artist's canvas of azure and indigo on sombre grey. As the door inched open, a strange warmth enveloped Aiden, awakening a renewed curiosity within him. His eyes glistened with the vitality of someone reborn, his spirit rising like a phoenix from the ashes.] #2

Peering into the dreamlike expanse, where colours swirled in harmonious motion and mystical creatures roamed freely through meadows and oceans, Aiden saw a sanctuary amidst an otherwise barren wasteland—Verdant, emerald grasses sprung from the caramel-hued earth, vibrant and alive. ~~The intoxicating fragrance of blooming roses lingered in the air, its sweetness evocative of rich chocolate. At the same time, the sight of the surreal, cerulean sun sent waves of reassurance down Aiden's spine. Towering oak trees, draped in ancient vines and weathered bark, arched toward him as if beckoning him forward, their presence comforting. While the resplendent songs of birds wove through the air, their fragrant notes danced on his tongue.~~ The intoxicating fragrance of blooming roses lingered in the air, its sweetness evocative of rich chocolate, while the sight of the surreal, cerulean sun sent waves of reassurance down Aiden's spine. Towering oak trees, draped in ancient vines and weathered bark, arched toward him as if beckoning him forward, their presence comforting as the resplendent songs of birds wove through the air, their

notes dancing on his tongue.] #3 The land, radiant and expectant, seemed to regard him with eager anticipation, and Aiden, captivated, stood in awe before the breathtaking vision that unfolded before him.