

Write 250 words for each story starter using the plots framework outlined in the slides:

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Ashlyn felt the ridges of the map she was carving and wondered if the storms below still whispered secrets to those who dared listen. Her dark hair often reminded people of dark silks, along with her dark working suit.

Ashlyn was an orphan adopted by the Purkistza Secret Intelligence Department. She was one of the most well-trained and top agents of the organization. Last week, she was assigned on a top secret mission to retrieve and protect an emerald diamond inside the newly discovered tomb inside Mount Everest. She was dropped off by a small helicopter at the mountain's base, which meant she had to climb her way to the tomb.

When Ashlyn almost reached the tomb, the wind started a string quitnet. The screeching sound of the violin swooshed in white ribbons around the mountain, the strong winds almost abducted her! Her lessons of climbing in severe weather conditions certainly paid off, although every single climb was torture. Finally, she reached the secret entrance and opened the door with the key given.

Inside the tomb, she carved along her planned route and quickly memorized it. Taking out her handgun, she crept among the walls like a black panther. As a vigilant espionage, she immediately noticed someone else was present too. As a result, she had a sneak peek of her opponent and thought of a plan straight away. When the man was exiting the tomb mysteriously, she poked him with an anesthesia needle, numbing his body.

The plan worked out and she quickly scooped up the grey linen bag, reminding her of the natural, earthy qualities of linen. After the helicopter transported her back to the headquarters, the supervisor announced her mission was successful. "Good job, Ash!", he commended her.

2. In the soft glow of the alien sunset, the crowd gasped at the intricate sculpture, unaware it was created by the one thing they feared most.

In the soft glow of the gorgeous sunset, the crowd gasped at the intricate sculpture, unaware it was created by the one thing they feared most. People were left in awe and frozen by the time they saw the sculpture. It was about ten metres tall, carved in amethyst. The eerie violet glow sang like sirens, capturing people's hearts. However, the secret within is darker than ever.

These gigantic amethyst sculptures have appeared world wide, attracting everyone to stop everything in their daily life just to stand and observe it, even the leaders of countries. These phenomena are being forced by a secret dark force from outer space, the Androwest Association, the culprit behind the recent UFO encounters. People have been cautious and remained afraid of this association for decades, however, unaware when the situation finally came.

A day after these weird sculptures, troops of the Androwest Association arrived on planet Earth. While they appear and communicate identically to humans, they have the ability to craft dark magic. After boarding Earth, they quickly abducted almost all of the humans to their planet where the environment is extremely rough. Then, the entire Androwest Association's population migrated to Earth, tempted by its unlimited resources.

While it might all seem successful, there was a small human boy left alone in his apartment, listening to his favourite album while everyone else got attracted to the sculpture. He was the only human left on the whole wide Earth. He was the only torch in the dark tunnel for humans to ever return to Earth. What would he do? Would he succeed or would he fall into the hands of the evil organization?

Interview Questions (100 words each)

1. How has your family shaped the way you approach challenges in life? Can you give a specific example?

My family encourages me to be open-minded, accepting ideas from all of others. This is a very important core teamwork value when coping with different people. Once, our Chinese teacher assigned a tourist brochure teamwork project in which we had to introduce a place in China. In our team of 7, my friend suggested drawing a bus to contain all the information. The other teammates argued it was not a really good idea. Then, I combined her thought with mine, which is to draw a tourist bus in the middle which contains the tourist attractions while the remaining blank space was for other information like food. At last, our project was rated top of the grade and was shown in the parent day students' work gallery.

2. What is one tradition or habit in your family that you cherish the most, and why?

In my family, we went to my mom's aunt's place for dinner monthly. On every month's second Saturday, we get ourselves ready to jump in the car and stomach for a ShangHai feast. Despite the feast itself being extremely enjoyable, gathering with my cousins is always one of the things I look forward to. These events nourished my ability to cope with friends around my age of how to communicate, be nice and play with them. After the feast, me and my cousins always play board games and spend the night together joyously. However, big changes happened when a lot of the family members left and migrated from Hong Kong to other countries including me being back to Australia. Therefore, my mom's aunt stopped putting on these feasts because despite how good the feast is, it is never that enjoyable without the family together, united.

3. Who in your family inspires you the most, and what lessons have you learned from them?

The one in my family that inspires me the most is definitely my mom. She is a wonderful adviser, teacher and guardian. One of the things that I think inspired me most is her motto: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." by Albert Einstein. When I feel frustrated with my academic studies or my music practices, she will encourage me to continue. She always says that life is like kayaking in an up stream. If you stop studying hard, you will fall behind when others are racing against you. That's why I can keep on with my excellent academic results all these years with my mom's encouragement.