

Section 1:

#1 "He had trained for this. However, nothing he had ever practised could have prepared him for one of the most difficult periods of his career."

Strengths: Your introduction of Dr Tanner establishes his dedication and experience well. You effectively build anticipation for the challenging situation to come.

Weakness: Telling rather than showing → You state that this is "one of the most difficult periods" without providing enough context for why this particular case stands out from others in his six-year career. The emotional weight isn't fully established.

Exemplar: *He had trained for this. Yet as he stared at the scan results, his hands trembled slightly—a reaction he hadn't felt since his first year of residency. This case would test everything he knew.*

#2 "Dr Tanner worked and fast. He assembled all his tools, and called in the other surgeons to assist. His heart was pounding fast, but it wasn't because of the task he had been set. His own father had died the same way."

Strengths: Your inclusion of Dr Tanner's personal connection to the case adds emotional depth. The parallel between the patient's condition and his father's death creates meaningful stakes.

Weakness: Undeveloped backstory → The revelation about Dr Tanner's father feels rushed and isn't fully integrated into the narrative. This important emotional connection deserves more development to help readers understand its impact on the doctor.

Exemplar: *Dr Tanner worked methodically and fast, his movements precise despite the memories flooding back. As he assembled his tools and called for assistance, he fought to push away the image of his father on a similar table fifteen years ago—same symptoms, same desperate situation, but a very different ending.*

#3 "The next day, Dr Tanner awoke to a healthy, radiant Bob. But best of all, alive. Bob was filled with gratitude and respect to the man who had saved him."

Strengths: Your resolution provides a satisfying emotional payoff. The contrast between the tension of surgery and the relief of success effectively concludes the narrative arc.

Weakness: Rushed resolution → The leap from critical condition to "healthy, radiant" happens too quickly without showing the recovery process or ongoing challenges. This makes the ending feel less realistic and diminishes the impact of Dr Tanner's achievement.

Exemplar: *Three days later, Dr Tanner entered Bob's room to find him sitting up in bed, pale but alert. The monitors showed stable vitals—a far cry from the critical beeping that had filled the room only 72 hours earlier. When Bob's eyes met his and the man managed a weak smile, Dr Tanner felt a weight lift from his shoulders.*

Your narrative shows strong potential with its compelling central character and meaningful emotional stakes. The premise of a surgeon facing a difficult case connected to personal trauma creates natural tension. However, the piece would benefit from more detailed scene-setting and sensory elements to pull readers into the hospital environment.

When writing about medical situations, try to balance technical details with human emotion. Rather than simply telling readers that Dr Tanner is compassionate, show this through his actions, thoughts, and interactions with colleagues or patients' families. Additionally, consider slowing down key moments—like the surgery itself—to build tension and immerse readers in the experience.

The connection between Bob's case and Dr Tanner's father's death is a powerful element that deserves more attention. You might develop this backstory earlier in the narrative and show how it influences his approach to medicine. The ending could also benefit from more development, perhaps showing Dr Tanner's growth or how this successful case helps him process his past trauma.

■ Your narrative has a strong foundation but needs more depth in characterisation and setting. Try revising the paragraphs where Dr Tanner makes his decision and performs the surgery to include more sensory details and internal thoughts. Also, consider expanding the conclusion to show how this experience changes Dr Tanner rather than simply stating it.

Overall Score: 43/50

Section 2:

The Unnoticed Guardians

Dr Edward Tanner knew that, as a neurosurgeon, it was his job to provide his patients with the best of care, regardless of the circumstances. He had sworn it in his oath, and now, he had to abide by the oath. However, luck wasn't always on his side. He sometimes performed surgeries that needed every single detail to be accurate, or complex operations that had to be done in a short period of time. Dr Tanner knew that his job wasn't easy, yet his heart glowed with pride every time a discharged patient smiled at him and bade him well. #1 He had trained for this. However,

nothing he had ever practised could have prepared him for one of the most difficult periods of his career.

It began as a typical day in the hospital. Cases of stroke and injuries were regular cases now. Dr Tanner was used to all of them, he had worked at the hospital for six years. ~~Every time he finished a operation~~ [Every time he finished an operation] he would stand back, wipe his face, and rejoice that he had been able to save another life. Dr Tanner often said that every human life was worth saving, despite the situations. It was this that made him such a compassionate person, and it was this that made every patient have him perform their surgery. This was why Dr Tanner did his work so meticulously and accurately, so that every person would have a chance at a second life.

On that day, the hospital received an urgent call. A builder named Bob had ~~fell~~ [fallen] down from a skyscraper, gone through a glass pane, and landed with shards raining down on him. His head, already injured due to the fall, received several deep gashes caused by the raining glass. Already, blood was clotting in his vessels, and a stroke could occur any time. It was clear that, in the wrong hands, he would die.

When presented with the patient, Dr Tanner faced a hard choice. He could make a hole in the skull and take the clot out, but there was a risk of stroke. Plus, he had to ask the patient if he agreed to proceed. However, with the person unconscious, Dr Tanner faced the hardest choice he would have to make in his entire life. ~~Would attempt~~ [Would he attempt] to save a patient's life, even though he knew the full risks of the decision? Or would he choose to play it safe and watch the patient die? There was only one answer ~~to~~ [for] Dr Tanner. He chose the first option.

#2 ~~Dr Tanner worked and fast.~~ [Dr Tanner worked quickly and efficiently.] He assembled all his tools, and called in the other surgeons to assist. His heart was pounding fast, but it wasn't because of the task he had been set. His own father had died the same way. Dr Tanner had tried to help, but sometimes, death is inevitable. Memories flashed back to him as he made his final preparations. The beep, beep, beep sound of the machine, his hands flying wildly across his father's head, and the still chest of a once fine young man. The trauma jolted him back to reality. He had a surgery to perform. From now, nothing mattered. Only the job did.

Dr Tanner bent low over Bob's head, his hands in position. He assessed where the clot was, and outlined the best route to get there. Slowly, precisely, he cut a minute hole in the person's skull. Dr Tanner peered in, and then saw it. A massive ball of crimson liquid, fighting to burst out of the vessel. Swiftly, Dr Tanner seized an instrument and pried the clot from the person's head. He then strengthened the blood vessel, and started sewing the person's skull back together. It was slow, but important work. Every detail mattered. If one move went wrong, the entire surgery could've been for nothing. Dr Tanner finished sewing the stitches, and sat back in his chair, monitoring the patient's situation with the other doctors, and hoping, hoping that the patient could survive.

Bob remained still for the next three hours. The other staff were all but ready to give up, but Dr Tanner was like a beacon of light. He convinced the doctors to stay, he said that he knew with all his heart that Bob was still in there, fighting for the chance of a second life. Dr Tanner was committed to the patient. He would not let another person die from this horrific disaster, especially after his father. He would stay in the chair all night if he needed, providing the necessary treatment for the patient to live.

#3 The next day, Dr Tanner awoke to a healthy, radiant Bob. But best of all, alive. Bob was filled with gratitude and respect to the man who had saved him. The man who had spent so long in a chair, helping him, and ensuring that he would live. The sight brought tears to Dr Tanner's eyes, reminding him why he had chosen this path. Although there would still be many emotional rollercoasters ahead, Dr Tanner had learned to navigate through the twists and turns freely. He would no longer be ~~prone~~ [vulnerable] to the accidents that ~~occured~~ [occurred] in his early life. He would no longer be ~~pray~~ [prey] to their evils. He had learned how to fight against them, just like Bob fought against injury. Smiling slightly, as he looked up to the early morning sun, Dr Tanner knew that he and his colleagues were the unseen heroes, the ones who silently guard people as they pass through the treacherous path of disease.