

Section 1:

#1: Opening paragraph

Strengths: Your introduction effectively establishes the setting of Manford and creates suspense with the approaching storm. The contrast between the experienced and inexperienced townspeople shows good character development.

Weakness: Incomplete world-building → Your opening paragraph introduces the town and storm but lacks sufficient details about the protagonist Raymond, who appears suddenly in a later paragraph. The statement "No one could possibly predict was upcoming for Manford" has grammatical issues and misses an opportunity to foreshadow the cyclical storms that become central to the plot.

Exemplar: *The citizens of Manford continued their daily routines as storm clouds gathered overhead, unaware that this was merely the beginning of a curse that would soon devastate their town—a curse that only Raymond, a homeless man huddled in an alleyway, would eventually understand.*

#2: The dream sequence

Strengths: Your use of dreams as a plot device effectively provides direction to the protagonist. It creates an intriguing supernatural element to the story.

Weakness: Underdeveloped motivation → The dream sequence feels rushed and lacks emotional impact. You mention Raymond's mind was "fuzzy" from hunger, but don't explore how this affects his decision to trust the dream. The voice in the dream gives instructions without explaining why Raymond was chosen or what the "eye of the temple of time" is.

Exemplar: *After five weeks of increasingly violent storms, Raymond collapsed from exhaustion behind the remnants of the old church. In his dreams, a shimmering figure appeared before him and spoke with ancient wisdom: "You alone can sense our warning. Find the Eye of the Temple of Time hidden within the Whispering Woods, for only there can the storm cycle be broken."*

#3: Resolution

Strengths: You've included a satisfying conclusion where Raymond succeeds in his mission and gains respect from the townspeople who initially doubted him.

Weakness: Rushed ending → The ending is abrupt and lacks details about how Raymond actually completed his mission. You mention finding "the centre of the temple of winds" (which differs from the earlier "eye of the temple of time"), but don't describe what happened there, how he stopped the storms, or what challenges he faced in the final stage of his quest.

Exemplar: *After seven days of treacherous travel with his wolf companion, Raymond finally reached the ancient Temple of Winds. Standing before the massive stone Eye at its centre, he remembered the instructions from his dream and placed his hands upon the carved surface. The Eye began to glow with an unearthly blue light, absorbing the darkness that had cursed Manford's skies. As the final storm clouds dissipated above him, Raymond knew his mission was complete.*

Your piece has a promising foundation with an interesting premise about recurring storms and a quest to save a town. The relationship between Raymond and the wolf shows your ability to develop meaningful connections between characters. However, the narrative would benefit from more consistent pacing and detailed descriptions of important scenes.

Also, the quest itself needs more obstacles and challenges to create tension. Currently, finding and helping the wolf is the main hurdle, but additional complications would make Raymond's journey more compelling. The resolution feels particularly rushed, leaving readers without the satisfaction of experiencing how Raymond actually completes his quest.

When revising, focus on expanding the final scenes where Raymond reaches the temple and overcomes whatever challenges await him there. Additionally, consider adding more details about the temple itself and why it controls the storms.

Overall score: 42/50

Section 2:

The Cursed Quest

As the raging thunderstorm rolled ~~in to~~ [into] the town of Manford, no one even stopped to think about seeking shelter, they all just continued their activities. As the storm clouds grew bigger, only a few more experienced people ran inside a restaurant or bar and waited for the storm to pass while the others carelessly waited outside with their arms crossed. No one could possibly predict ~~was~~ [what was] upcoming for Manford.

#1 Rain poured down heavily as if it had a leaking sky of ocean water. The storm winds began to pick up leaving behind a trail of sea salt smell on the streets of Manford. The Cyclone Kevin stuck an hour after the storm began and lasted for an unimaginable 15 hours. When the thunderstorm passed, the citizens of Manford all walked out of the ~~eaves~~ [caves,] restaurants and sheds looking devastated like they just got robbed of all their money. The smaller houses and shelters were destroyed. A homeless man named Raymond finally ~~realised~~ [realised] after 5 weeks that every week there was a storm more ~~dangerous than~~ [dangerous than] the last. Finally, after days of suffering ~~a dream came into his head~~ [he had a dream]. Since he had gone days without food his mind was fuzzy but at last, he remembered what a voice in his dream had said ~~he had to~~ [he had to:] find the eye of the temple of time and shut down the storms for good.

Without a moment of hesitation, he asked the town to grant him some supplies to aid his journey. Unfortunately for him, they didn't believe his dream and only one poor family that barely had enough to keep living gave him some essentials for a trip.

Their last words before he left were "Please save our town." Raymond nodded confidently whilst his insides were uncertain and mostly scared.

On the first day, Raymond was hiking in the woods when he heard a muffled high pitched howling noise. It sounded like a hurt baby wolf so he sprinted towards the sound. His prediction was accurate as a lone wolf was on the ground calling for help. Raymond quickly grabbed a towel, wrapped the wolf up and set up camp on a hill nearby. He couldn't get any sleep that night as the poor wolf kept howling without stopping.

The next day, he carried the baby wolf up and down steep slopes and into woods while hunting rabbits for him to share with the wolf. After 5 days of teaching the wolf how to hunt and kill rabbits, one day at night when Raymond was setting up camp, something extraordinary happened. The little wolf ran off and came back with two rabbits and one

mouse in its mouth. Raymond gave an enthusiastic round of applause and cooked the rabbits joyfully.

#2 Once again in his dream, he heard someone telling him he must find the centre of the temple of winds. This time it was much clearer and he could remember it clearly in the morning. ~~Soon he completed the mission and he was respected in the town~~ [After many more days of difficult travel with his wolf companion, Raymond finally reached the ancient temple hidden deep within the misty mountains. Following the instructions from his dream, he placed his hands on the central stone and felt the curse of storms lifting from Manford forever].

#3 ~~He never gave up on believing in himself.~~ [When Raymond returned to Manford, the skies remained clear for the first time in months. The townspeople, who had once dismissed him, now celebrated him as a hero. Most importantly, Raymond had learned to believe in himself, finding strength he never knew he possessed.]