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Writing Feedback
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TERM 2 - 2025: HOLIDAY | Day 7 - Writing Homework | 10-Day Intensive Writing

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your opening paragraph effectively establishes urgency and market potential for your film concept. The direct address to Sara creates an immediate connection.

Inconsistent tone \rightarrow Your writing shifts between professional and overly casual tones. For instance, "I'm sure your familiar with the idea" feels too informal for a professional pitch, and contains a grammatical error with "your" instead of "you're". A more consistent professional tone would strengthen your credibility.

I'm writing with an exciting new blockbuster concept that demonstrates strong commercial potential in today's market. As you're aware, audiences are seeking fresh, high-concept adventures, and this underwater civilisation story offers a unique approach to this established genre.

#2 Strengths: Your concept of the Hydro-Sapiens is visually interesting with the bio-luminescent technology. The communication through sonic pulses creates an intriguing obstacle for the human characters.

Underdeveloped antagonists → The Hydro-Sapiens lack sufficient motivation beyond revenge. While you mention "deep-seated hatred" and a leader seeking vengeance, the reasoning feels simplistic. The audience needs to understand their perspective more deeply to create compelling conflict.

The Hydro-Sapiens have evolved in isolation for millennia, developing a complex society with its own values, history and belief systems. Their hostility stems not just from past human sacrifices, but from witnessing the destruction humans have caused to ocean ecosystems—their home—through pollution, overfishing and climate change. This environmental dimension adds contemporary relevance while making their grievances more nuanced.

#3 Strengths: The emotional core of shared loss between the marine biologist and clan leader creates potential for meaningful resolution. This personal connection elevates the story beyond a simple action plot.

Rushed resolution \rightarrow The conflict resolution happens too quickly and easily. After establishing the Hydro-Sapiens as formidable enemies with centuries of hatred, the resolution through a single conversation between the biologist and clan leader feels unrealistic and undermines the established stakes.

Throughout their hostile encounters, the marine biologist and clan leader discover parallels in their experiences—both having lost family and both fighting to protect what remains. This creates small moments of recognition amidst the conflict. When the final confrontation comes, their resolution isn't immediate but hard-won through multiple tense negotiations, mutual concessions, and the

biologist's willingness to advocate for ocean protection measures among surface dwellers. This gradual trust-building provides a more satisfying and believable arc.

■ Your concept has strong commercial appeal with its underwater setting and conflict between humans and an ancient civilisation. To elevate your pitch, focus on developing more detailed and believable character motivations. The marine biologist needs a clearer journey beyond their family loss, perhaps with specific expertise or a unique perspective that makes them essential to this mission. Additionally, consider developing a more layered world for the Hydro-Sapiens with their own cultural practices, values and divisions among their society. This would create more interesting conflict than presenting them as a unified enemy force. Also, strengthen your resolution by making it more complex—perhaps with sacrifices on both sides or lingering tensions that acknowledge the depth of the established conflict. Your premise has potential for visual spectacle, but grounding it in believable character development and world-building will make it more compelling.

Score: 39/50

Section 2:

Subtitle: A New Movie guaranteeing crowds.Genre: Underwater Adventure / Eco-FantasyHello Sara, I'm writing with an electrifying new blockbuster concept that I believe has the potential to be hit [a hit] this summer. In a market hungry for fresh, high-concept thrills, I've developed an idea that promises high results this summer.

#1 My idea is simple, I'm sure your familiar with the idea of the lost underwater civilisation as been used in many high end films.... As global sea levels rise and human civilisation struggles, a mysterious, ancient city long believed to be myth suddenly rises from the deepest trench of the ocean. [My concept builds upon the familiar trope of lost underwater civilisations, but with a crucial twist. As global sea levels rise and human civilisation struggles, a mysterious, ancient city—long believed to be myth—suddenly emerges from the deepest ocean trench.] It's a technological and biological marvel, but its inhabitants are not friendly. A brilliant marine biologist, whose family was lost to the rising waters, must lead an expedition into this new, alien world, only to discover it's not a sanctuary, but a harsh weapon about to unleash its fury on the surface world.

Its inhabitants, the Hydro-Sapiens, possess a beauty masking their ferocity, with advanced bio-luminescent technology attached into their very being. [The inhabitants, known as Hydro-Sapiens, possess an ethereal beauty that masks their ferocity, with advanced bio-luminescent technology integrated into their very being.] They communicate through sonic pulses that disrupt modern electronics, intensifying the feeling of helplessness on the surface. The marine biologist's team, initially awe-struck, soon encounters their chilling defense mechanisms, living architecture that shifts and ensnares, and creatures engineered for warfare. This initial contact establishes the Hydro-Sapiens not

just as an enemy, but as a deeply alien, formidable force, making their eventual war even more terrifyingly inevitable.

#2 For centuries, these creatures have harboured deep-seated hatred, and their leader, the son of one sacrificed to the human world, is back for vengeance. Throughout the movie, ominous messages and warnings will be sent from the underwater eivilization [civilisation], threatening humanity. However, the full-scale war must wait until the end to have the utmost impact. I'm thinking the [The] marine biologist and the clan leader ultimately bond over their common losses of family. The biologist explains that these destructive acts weren't [weren't] representative of all humanity, and that the ancient sacrifices occurred centuries ago, urging him to re-evaluate his views on the surface world. This powerful human connection amidst the escalating conflict offers a compelling emotional core.

#3 I'd be more than happy to direct this and hope that this finds its way into being produced and thank you for taking the time to review this. [I would welcome the opportunity to direct this project and appreciate your consideration. Thank you for your time in reviewing this concept.

Best Regards, Ayaan.