

Marcella Purnama PUBL90001 Assignment 2

Well done, Marcella. Tom's sci-fi chapter is quirky, and it's at times not as clear as it could be, but it's promising material. Your assessment showed you realised all these things. You correctly assessed that the main improvements needed were to shorten longer sentences and paragraphs, and introduce key concepts earlier. You've done this well. In places, such as the description of the old man's smiling response to Jack, you and Tom have managed to much improve the original.

The main downside here is that after your copyedit there are still areas of the text that lack clarity. The sentence explaining that Jack owned illicit Idents is rather mangled. Similarly there are misused words such as 'incongruence' and 'egress'. I've annotated your final text in several places to show you where the text needed more clarity or to be corrected.

Your correspondence with Tom is well conducted, and your style sheet thorough, although you don't always follow the style you've opted for (e.g. it's 'practised' not 'practiced', when you're using the verb form as an adjective).

Also, just for your information, the ending of a chapter of a popular novel would normally be expected to offer a few more clues at the end to what might happen next. This chapter as written doesn't have a strong enough transition to ensure the reader is interested enough to keep reading.

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