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Writing Examples - E008

Every writing example will begin with a description written in *italics* explaining the context of the text.

London is a note needed for solving a fuse box puzzle. The puzzle is made of coloured levers and you solve it by putting them in the right position, up or down. Following note therefore includes different colours and “up” and “down” throughout the text.

LONDON

Level 3 Fuse box

"Up or down, we always ask. The weather, the life, the person. Is it here to stay or to leave? Should it head up or down?"

Pondering, I usually do when walking along the riverbank of Themsen, watching boats go upstream in the glittering water as I sit down in the grass. The changing leaves fall down all around me and the earliest rays warm my face from an uprising sun. White noise from traffic calms me down, and a little girl passing with her face full of strawberry ice cream cheers me up.

But then a black cat disrupts it all, making me stand up to spit over my shoulder just to notice heavy clouds in the horizon. What's London in autumn like anyway, the days always end with a lightning strike and power outage."

Mom and Lily is a note written by the player character's brother. The brother is reminiscing and questioning previous childhood events which gains the player some character background and backstory needed for understanding the whole picture.

MOM AND LILY

"I've been trying not to think about it, I have, but being down here doesn't really get you any choice but to think. I know dad was working the nightshift. I know he's mom's husband and Lily's dad but, I can't shake the feeling that dad started the fire.

Me and my youngest sibling ran out of the burning house. Flames were licking against our skin and smoke filled our lungs. We crashed against the pavement hand in hand as we were out of reach from the fire. A neighbour ran out, calling 999 for us and eventually the entire street in front of the house was filled by spectators. Just the two of us alone, sat there watching until the firemen came and shortly after that, dad.

He came up to us, wiped our tears and told us everything would be fine. Dad was so strong and selfless in the way he took care of us that night. For a long time I praised that, knowing how it made us feel safe. But lately, this very memory makes me uncomfortable. Dad lost his daughter and wife and didn't break even once."

Laras servant is a diary page from a test subject and side character.

LARAS SERVANT

"3/4 2021

So now I've spent my first, whole day here. I kinda don't believe in happy pills or whatever but I'm happy to be able to support Lara with her project, although I might not have much sadness to cure. Yet at least lol.

I've got a small room which kinda feels like a prison cell. At least I got room 7. I've not lost once with number 7. I can't believe Lara first thought of doing this all by herself. Sure it would help her grades or whatever but if I would stay here without her I'd go mad. It's so boring, both the place and the people. Heck if she was forced to get down here in this depressing place, alone, without me, no I would never allow that."