

HEAVY LINE EDIT SAMPLE

Chapter One

~~Mom always insisted she'd gone natural for both of us, but I was pretty sure Mandy had been one of those genetically engineered designer babies.~~

COMPANY NAME used to have a lot of models. Now, my sister Mandy was the only one. Her ad for the PRODUCT NAME webcam was still trending. COMPANY NAME had flown her to New York and shut down the Met to shoot her in one of the period bedrooms. They could've just Photoshopped the ad, but ~~it was for a webcam, so~~ they wanted it to look raw and authentic. Of course, they still retouchedPhotoshopped her boobs ~~bigger.~~

In the ad, Mandy was facing away from the camerawebeam. She was looking at herself in a floor-length mirror. Half of her face was visible in the reflection. The rest was hidden by her thick, copper-colored~~coppery~~ hair. It was mysterious and romantic. I wasn't sure what it had to do with webcams, but when I asked, Mom told me ~~to go to your~~my room, young lady, and blog about what you'vePd done.

~~Mom insisted she'd gone natural for both of us, but I was sure~~ Mandy had been one of those genetically engineered babies. ~~My sister~~ Mandy could take a selfie with the cheapest webcam COMPANY NAME sold ~~—wearing—~~no makeup, under fluorescent lighting ~~—;~~ and it would still look Photoshopped.

_____ Today, she was breathtaking.

_____ Her wedding dress was white, except for the collar, which was embellished~~encrusted~~ with recycled circuit boards. Walking down the aisle of the COMPANY NAME store, surrounded by all those computers, her wedding photos could have been another ad.

Mom left Mandy in front of the robotic Justice of the Peace, Wise Man Altar and took her place next to me. Mandy had asked me to be her maid of honor. I decided to take that as a

Keep an eye out for words used multiple times in a short space, like a paragraph, or a couple of close sentences. Whenever possible, use different words.

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You're describing the color, and not that her hair is actually made from copper.

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Because you included "young lady", you're quoting the mom. Either take it out, or, as I show here, make it into a quote by changing the pronouns from personal to

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Watch out for redundant descriptions, or those that don't add much meaning.

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I suggest moving this down to where it would have more impact. This way, you can establish the scene before having this comment, which is a personal aside directed

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"Encrusted" is generally used for jewelry; "embellished" is fabric with other items sewn to it.

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Because you have so many invented product names, which the reader won't know, it's better to space them out and not have so many right at once. Really, you don't

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compliment instead of a comment on my **love life**. After all, she'd asked Gumma to be a bridesmaid.

My dress was designed to match Mandy's, but gold to go with my short, blond hair. At least Mandy and I looked like we belonged in the same wedding party, even if we didn't look like we belonged in the same family.

Bill took Mandy's hand. His eyes were glossy displays, but she was smiling. It was the same smile I'd seen over and over again in her modeling portfolio.

The **botWise Man** performing the ceremony cleared his throat.

Gumma said weddings were different back when she married Gubbe. They were long and boring, and the room was always too hot. People weren't very efficient in the 20th century. Also, she said, they threw rice at each other.

"By the processing power vested in me, I now pronounce you **husbandman** and wife. You may interface with the bride."

Is the narrator old enough to have a love life, and do you want her sister to be commenting on it in such a passive-aggressive way?

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I liked that the narrator's personal description doesn't appear immediately, since most women don't start every story with a review of what they look like.

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I don't know when this story is set, but keep in mind this dating means that even if the grandparents got married at the very end of the 1999, and were married for 50+ years, Vi's wedding could only be in about 2050 or so.

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