

WRITING EXAMPLES: “STORY GLYPHS”

Example 01: The Diary Entry

The Diary/Tome entry for this task will be based in the “**Hometown Massachusetts**” universe; a Cosmic Horror/Lovecraftian setting, where rookie cop Howard Lovecraft gets drawn into a frightening web of conspiracies and horrifying monsters from the unknown. This note/letter is found tucked in the main character’s mother’s diary, which he finds when he moves back home after their disappearance.

My dearest Howard,

If you’re reading this, it means your father & I are no longer with you. We both wish we could be by your side.

There are so many things we should have told you sooner, that should not have been left unsaid, but we just couldn’t bear to place our burdens on the shoulders of one so young... to ruin your dreams with the failure of ours.

This diary will help guide you down the right path. Keep it safe.

Know that we love you, and you’ll always be our little man.

- Your loving mother, Abigail

Word Count: 100

Example 02: Item Flavour Text (Mordhau Sword)

I don’t recall ever seeing this weapon in PoE after over 1.2k hours played, and after a Google Search the only reference that I can see is the [Poedb.tw](https://poedb.tw) entry for it, in French, so I assume it is either an old Event Drop, or just some nod to the actual game Mordhau... either way, I dig it!



“AS CUMBERSOME AND UNWIELDY AS THEY MAY BE, EVEN THE MOST GAUDY AND RESPLENDENT OF MORDHAU BLADES CAN DELIVER THE MOST GRUESOME KILLING BLOWS; INSTILLING FEAR IN THY FOES AND INSPIRING COURAGE IN THINE ALLIES... WINNING THE BATTLE IN ONE DECISIVE STRIKE, BEFORE IT EVEN BEGINS.”
- VAAN’KAH, VAAL SWORDSMITH

Note: When I was writing this, I really wanted to put a little meme in there, because as with games like World of Warcraft, Final Fantasy IV, and even Path of Exile, the developers do love sneaking things in to make people chuckle.

I had thought to put **“INSTILLING FEAR IN THY FOES, LETTING THEM KNOW TRUE DESPAIR. AND KNOWING IS HALF THE BATTLE!”**, but I figured I wanted something a little more serious overall!

Example 03: Item Flavour Text (Periapt of the Deepmother)

Just as in Example 01, the item will also feature in **“Hometown Massachusetts”** and is a mystical item of unknown origin (*at least to regular people*). The effect of the item would be to *“obfuscate”* and *“slow”* the Deep One transformation in the person wearing it. Currently in the possession of Katie and Julian’s father, the current Mayor of Innsmouth.

As part of the story, having the mayor go through a Deep One transformation would make governing a town tricky, especially as the change gets more pronounced with age... this is the secret, at least in regard to the current Mayor of Innsmouth!



Example 04: Visual Feature Description (Fallout Vault Sign)



An old, neglected Billboard depicting the latest innovation in Nuclear Survival Shelters from the Vault-Tec Corporation. Their cheerful mascot, Vault Boy, looks upon a long line of hopeful American citizens as they queue up to embark on their new lives in one of the high-tech Vaults. The words *“Vault Secure!”* feature prominently above oncoming nuclear mushroom clouds, assuring the masses of their total safety inside their new unbreachable underground home, where the shining rays of light emanating from within usher them to a better and brighter future.