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Editorial Report

Project title: *The faceless criminal*

Editor: Maria Georgiou

OPENING PARAGRAPHS

Dear Author,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work on *The faceless criminal*. Before moving on with the editorial report, I would like to remind you that you are the sole author of *The faceless criminal* and you have the right to agree or disagree with my suggestions. That said, I did find a few areas that need a bit of attention. These include **Characters** and **Pacing**.

Characters

Alex, the pov character of the scene is not adequately described to the readers. You can include more information about him to orient the readers. I suggest you mention his occupation or his physical appearance to the readers.

Also, you can include more information about the character who kills Alex. Since he is the killer, you will probably want to reveal his identity later in the story, but you can add some clues to keep the readers at the edge of their seats and continue guessing about his identity throughout the story. I suggest you mention his nickname, occupation or some aspects of his physical appearance in this scene.

Pacing

Also, pacing seems to be an issue in the first scene of the story. The first scene contains passages with unnecessary information that slow down the pacing of the scene and can make the readers lose interest in the story. As I suggested in the manuscript, you can summarise the passages to include this information more concisely.

By addressing these issues, your manuscript will be much stronger and more emotionally engaging to readers.

I did catch a few typos and have called out one or two awkwardly stated areas but be

sure to have a copy editor look over the final manuscript before publication.

SUMMARY

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to edit your romantic suspense story. By implementing the suggestions I provided on **Characters** and **Pacing** you will have a much stronger and improved manuscript. I really enjoyed reading the first scene of the story and I am looking forward to seeing what happens next. Don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions about the suggestions I provided in your manuscript.

Sincerely,

Maria