

STYLE SHEET – SEEING SCARLETT

Season 1 (Episodes 1)

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KEY LOCATIONS:

TYPE OF ENGLISH: American

TIME OF YEAR: not disclosed

CHARACTER NAMES, PROPER NOUNS, SERIES-SPECIFIC WORDS

Coffee Spot, the – the is not capitalized

Scarlett – as it was written with two T's throughout the text and also seems to be the more common spelling of the name, I changed the series title to *Seeing Scarlett* instead of *Seeing Scarlet*. Please advise if *Scarlet* is the preferred spelling.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Tense:

The tense is mainly simple past but the first paragraph is an exception. First, the narrator uses past progressive:

- My thirst was getting strong again.

This works because the narrator is describing his thirst, at that moment, was in the process of developing and ongoing throughout the whole scene.

Then he uses conditional:

- Soon, it would turn to madness. I'd drink anything I could find.

This works also because the narrator describes what would and could happen because of his growing thirst.

Specified spelling:

Lowlives – MW states "lowlives" and "lowlives" as both the correct spelling of the plural form of "lowlife", but I chose what seems to be the more commonly used spelling of "lowlives".

Em Dash/ Ellipses:

The author uses em dashes to communicate a shift or jolt in the story, e.g. right before the narrator is shot:

- Unfortunately for him, his heart gave him away—
A force knocked into my legs, sending me to the ground.

The author also uses em dashes instead of a colon to connect similar sentences and sometimes instead of commas, especially in dialogue when the orator is speaking hastily:

- “The red one!” I screamed. “I don’t know her name, but she has red hair— it’s like nothing you’ve ever seen—you can’t miss her!”

The author chose to use ellipses to indicate stuttering and hesitation in dialogue:

- “I... don’t...I don’t...wait! Wait, let me think!” I pleaded.

As well as for counting and trailing off:

- “Three...”
- “You know, mate...a vampire.”

Apostrophes in Contractions:

Perhaps this was a format glitch when I downloaded the Word Doc., but for contracted words (e.g. don’t, I’ve), the formatting was strange: clearly an apostrophe was present but was oddly positioned too close to the letter preceding it. I changed them, but perhaps we can clarify if this is a document formatting error on my end or the author’s.

CONTENT WARNINGS

N/A