

Obliterati's Thunderdome Crit Sheet Template

To use, just read the story and answer the questions as you see fit!

N.B. I claim no ownership of this template. It's just a Googledoc, for Christ's sake. Share, modify, change the title and make out like you made it, whatever.

Story Title : **Ex Nihilo**
Written by : **Idle Amalgam**
Word count (approx.) : **1100**
Critiqued by : **Obliterati**

1: What is this story about - what is its premise? Does this story have any themes you can see?

A bunch of fucked up end the world science shit happens to some people and presumably also the world.

2: What do you think about the language?

Well damn that's a hellrule alright, you're lucky I remembered to check so any of this means anything. Unironic credit to you for pulling that off to the point where I couldn't place what was off about the language here.

This being said.

I'm sort of annoyed about your opener. Cracker of a first line; then two fairly meandering paragraphs.

3: Is the plot clear to you? Where is it unclear and how could it be clearer?

Your hellrule does not excuse you here - this is a 'stuff just happens' story. Somebody offpage does a weird science and then the world is weirdly destroyed.

4: Name one thing you liked about this story.

‘ Like grazed on grass or worn-out asphalt, present, but only for use by someone else. ‘ - a strong analogy wasted on this meta joke

5: Name one thing you disliked about this story.

The joke about them being characters in a story wasn't funny the first time. You're trying too hard to be meta here.

6: Do you have any other thoughts that weren't covered above?

I feel bad ripping this given the serious hellrule. Good effort under very challenging conditions, but you still have to have a plot or something!

END