

## LAURA WALSH - GAME WRITING SAMPLE

These description sets are three examples of the shops I added to the world of Starmourn and their wares.

Shop Name	The Grand Emporium	Area	Biloxan (city on planet Krell)
Room Description	Occupying one of the larger stalls in the city, this shop is filled with a chaotic arrangement of mismatched tables, display cases, and shelves. Every surface is crammed with goods, from overengineered gadgets and pricey clothing to rare alien eggs and life samples. The air is thick with the smell of motor oil and dust; navigation is precarious due to the loose parts and tools littering the greasy floor.		
Item	a collection of framed succulents		
Glance description	Artfully displayed in a frame are a variety of small succulents.		
Full description	This synthwood frame is covered by wire mesh and filled with a soilless growing medium. A variety of air-purifying succulents fill the frame in a pleasing pattern, creating a living artwork that is both functional and aesthetic.		
Item	a caged trillika		
Glance description	A tiny violet bird sings within a cage.		
Full description	A tiny bird with a long beak and fluffy violet plumage sits upon a swinging perch and warbles a melodious song inside this cage. The enclosure itself features an elaborately worked pyramid of gold and silver that resembles the canopy of a tree, while thin vertical bars of paristeel confine the creature on the sides. The base is lined with rubber, and a divided container holds water, pieces of fruit, and small seeds.		
Item	a glowing egg		
Glance description	Leaking a glowing fluid onto the ground is an unusual egg.		
Full description	Golden-brown in color and speckled with red spots, the shell of this egg is thick and leathery. Fine lines spread over the surface like cracks, oozing a shimmering, viscid substance that emits a soft amber glow.		
Item	a sumptuous silk robe		
Glance description	Puddled underfoot is an abandoned silk robe.		
Full description	Layers of patterned Merovian silk in shades of blue and green are intricately stitched together to produce this flowing robe, which appears extravagant and complex in design, but is still very comfortable and warm when needed. The garment drapes elegantly to sweep the tops of the feet, and is belted at the waist by a simple sash.		

Shop Name	A small souvenir shop	Area	Usum Usutti (exotic game preserve)
Room Description	Tanned hides and stuffed trophy heads adorn the walls of this crowded shop, where displays of jewelry, clothing, trinkets, and other souvenirs greet visitors. At one end stands a long formglass counter, where the more expensive items are kept securely out of the way but still visible for customers.		
Item	a necklace of coroxodon teeth		
Glance description	A necklace of coroxodon teeth has been left here.		
Full description	Seven coroxodon teeth, their root ends capped in paristeel, are strung on a sturdy leather cord along with an assortment of hand-carved wooden beads. The middle tooth is almost double the size of the others, easily ten centimeters in length.		
Item	a soft leather handbag		
Glance description	A soft leather handbag has fallen over.		
Full description	The leather of this handbag is thin and supple, oiled slightly to bring out the color. It is a relatively small size, fitting comfortably in one's grip. The interior is lined with polysilk, and a small tag reads, "Genuine springer scrotum."		
Item	an Usum Usutti T-shirt		
Glance description	A comfortable T-shirt has been cast aside.		
Full description	Made for comfort, this white syncloth shirt has short sleeves and a round neckline. Printed on the front, the blocky logo of Usum Usutti Game Reserve is superimposed on the side of a giant springer in silhouette.		
Item	a wide-brimmed felt hat		
Glance description	Sharp teeth gleam upon a wide-brimmed felt hat.		
Full description	This bespoke hat is handcrafted from soft felt in a dark charcoal gray, formed to fit close to the head, and features a wide brim to shade the wearer's eyes. A narrow hatband encircles the crown, studded with small teeth from a ferocious skulf.		

Shop Name	Haxley's Gifts & Collectibles	Area	Haxley's Casino
Room Description	Gaudy and bright, this small shop is filled with glass shelving and flashing LEDs that, in the many attempts to draw attention to individual products, become a homogenous blur. Trinkets, curios, and gadgets fill many of the shelves, along with ostentatious hats and t-shirts loaded with glitter and catchy phrases.		

Item	a "Bury the Ghost Dancer" t-shirt
Glance description	Someone has tossed a black t-shirt aside.
Full description	This t-shirt is mass-produced from black syncloth, with short sleeves, a V-neck, and a lower hem that falls well below the waist. Splashed across the front in smoke-like swirls of gray and white are the words "Bury the Ghost Dancer," with the circular logo for Haxley's Casino fitting within the O of "Ghost."
Item	a Haxley's Casino t-shirt
Glance description	A gaudy black t-shirt lies here.
Full description	Cropped at the waist, with short sleeves and a crew neck, this t-shirt is made from mass-produced black syncloth. Printed on the front of the shirt and heavily accented with glitter is the phrase, "Come to Haxley's and get KRELLSTONED!"
Item	a Krellstone dice necklace
Glance description	Six dice strung on a chain have been left behind.
Full description	Six dice of varying shape, the base components of the game Krellstones, are carved from calludite and strung on a paristeel chain. The result is a wearable statement of one's love for gambling.