

REVISION EXAMPLE

Game On! (Star Striker) by Mary Amato

Even secondary characters need to feel fully developed. Read Mary Amato's rough draft and notice how her editor asked her to revise. Then read the revision to see what Mary Amato added to this section.



DRAFT

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FINAL DRAFT

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Ennjoy nodded. She leaned forward and looked closely at Albert and the bottom edges of the cape-like appendage on her back lifted slightly and drew forward. She had a different way of looking at Albert than the others, a different way than anyone he had ever met. She seemed to be not looking at him, but rather listening to him, even though he wasn't talking, and she was listening to him with her entire body.

No one spoke for a moment, and none of the zeenods showed any signs of impatience. And then Ennjoy spoke.

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FROM MA: Does this do it for you?