



## **Sentient Pilot – Structure – Act Two**

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### **Guide**

- **The Act One reveal, introduced a new reality. Have your protagonist take stock**
- **Escalate the conflict, turn the screws on your protagonist**
- **Your protagonist faces their first trial, skirmish**
- **The first casualty, (some damage received or inflicted)**
- **Realisation or loss of innocence (generally the protagonist stating to another character, this is the cost of achieving the goal, get used to it)**
- **Protagonist makes a key decision to save the day but this decision has consequences later, (normally by the last acts)**
- **Protagonist determines a new goal to achieve plan of action**
- **The goal has a timehack, (a clock is ticking and they must achieve the goal asap)**
- **The ticking clock propels them into the next act**
- **Add new complications for the storylines**
- **Intersect storylines, introduce characters**

### **Sentient - Australia**

- **Dowd barely has time to take in the meaning of the Hiroshima style, 'wall of humans' ash shadows, when Commodore Freisner turns up with two base security guards, (Babic and Eid) armed with automatic rifles**

- Freisner takes one look at Dowd, axe in hand, standing over the bloody faced and disoriented Admiral and instructs the base security guards,(Babic and Eid) to arrest Dowd and Teicher
- Dowd makes it crystal-clear to Friesner, 'We are at war and we must act now as the enemy will be landing shortly.' Friesner, gripped by paranoia, won't hear a word of it and is convinced Dowd poses a threat
- Dowd discovers the Admiral has, 'lost it' but there is no chance to help him in the situation
- Dowd makes a, 'reasonable case' to the security guards, 'Run for your lives.' When reason doesn't work, Dowd overpowers them and detains them in the armoury. During the fight, Dowd knocks-out Babic's front teeth
- Dowd and Teicher encounter Able Seaman Che Amiri in the armoury and bring her onside. They need to make contact with Command or the Executive. Step one, Dowd seeks out his fellow commandos at HMAS Penguin but how to get there?
- Friesner enters the outer Command bunker but is denied entry to the inner sanctum
- Heidi Fisk discovers an empty city and a lost young woman, the daughter of Dr. Stamm, 'Sammy'
- Hubert Heston saves Sabban's life with a Epinephrine shot
- Sabban sees the circling planes. Heston and Sabban speculate it's a rescue and resolve to get to the airport

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