

CF	SAMPLE CONTINUITY AUDIT REPORT	
	Demonstration report for a fictional manuscript - not a client project	
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SAMPLE MANUSCRIPT		GENRE
The Glass Meridian		Science-Fiction Mystery
SAMPLE AUTHOR		MANUSCRIPT LENGTH
A. N. Example		92,400 words
REVIEW SCOPE		DRAFT REVIEWED
Full Manuscript Continuity Audit		Demonstration Draft - 07/2026

OVERALL CONTINUITY ASSESSMENT

Executive Summary

The Glass Meridian presents a strong closed-station mystery with a clear emotional center, distinct primary characters, and a well-defined rule set for beacon-assisted transit. The manuscript is generally coherent at the scene level. The most important continuity risks arise where travel timing, information flow, and the beacon rule intersect with the final reveal.

This demonstration review identified 11 reportable findings: 2 critical, 6 significant, and 3 minor. The critical findings should be resolved before sentence-level editing because each affects multiple later scenes. Most remaining findings can be repaired through localized changes once the controlling timeline and technology rule are confirmed.

Strengths Observed

- The station layout is introduced clearly and supports most movement and sight-line logic.
- Primary character voices and professional roles remain distinct across the manuscript.
- The mystery clues are distributed effectively and most remain compatible with the final explanation.
- Resource constraints - oxygen, transit windows, and reactor heat - generally produce credible story pressure.

Findings by Severity

CRITICAL	SIGNIFICANT	MINOR	TOTAL
2	6	3	11

Recommended Revision Sequence

- Confirm the canonical transit rule and repair CF-001 and CF-005 together.
- Repair the information-flow break in CF-002 before adjusting the reveal and interrogation chapters.
- Lock the master calendar, then correct CF-003, CF-006, and related travel references.

- Resolve object and injury tracking, then complete the terminology and naming cleanup.

DETAILED EXAMPLES OF CLIENT-FACING REPORTING

Priority Findings

CF-001 CRITICAL	TIME / WORLD Ch. 14, pp. 201-207; Ch. 17, p. 249 Established fact: The shuttle departs Meridian Station at 18:40. Chapter 7 establishes that the Nacre transfer requires a minimum 11-hour burn plus a 40-minute beacon lock. Conflict / risk: Mara arrives at Nacre before 01:00, less than seven hours later, and immediately participates in the security briefing. This timing also places her at Nacre while Chapter 15 shows her responding in person to the station alarm. Recommended remediation: Choose a controlling location and timeline. The least disruptive repair is to move the Nacre briefing to secure transmission and keep Mara on Meridian until after the alarm. If physical arrival is essential, the shuttle must depart earlier and the overlapping station scene must be reassigned.
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CF-002
CRITICAL

KNOW / PLOT | Ch. 9, p. 132; Ch. 12, p. 176
Established fact: The phrase "glass tide" is introduced as a private authentication phrase known only to Ilyan and Dr. Sato. Ilyan does not disclose it until the interrogation in Chapter 12.
Conflict / risk: Elias uses "glass tide" in Chapter 9 to open the sealed archive, three chapters before he has any shown opportunity to learn it. The final reveal depends on the phrase proving access to Sato's private channel.
Recommended remediation: Either plant an earlier source for Elias to acquire the phrase, or replace the Chapter 9 phrase with a different credential. Preserve the Chapter 12 disclosure if the phrase remains evidence in the reveal.

CF-003
SIGNIFICANT

CHAR / TIME | Ch. 2, p. 28; Ch. 19, p. 278
Established fact: Mara is described as thirty-seven in the opening week. The manuscript spans approximately eight months.
Conflict / risk: In Chapter 19 she states that she is thirty-five and has "two years before forty." No birthday or altered identity is part of her arc.
Recommended remediation: Select the canonical age and update all age-linked references. Thirty-seven appears most compatible with her academy graduation date and prior command history.

CF-004
SIGNIFICANT

CHAR / PHYSICAL | Ch. 10, pp. 148-153; Ch. 11, p. 161

Established fact: Mara fractures her left wrist during the maintenance-shaft fall. The medic applies a rigid brace and prohibits load bearing.

Conflict / risk: The next morning she climbs a vertical ladder, catches Elias with her left hand, and later fires a two-handed pulse tool without pain or adaptation.

Recommended remediation: Keep the injury consequential. Reassign the catch to another character, provide a powered ascender, or reduce the original injury to a sprain. Track brace use and pain through the recovery period.

CF-005
SIGNIFICANT

WORLD / TECH | Ch. 3, p. 44; Ch. 14, p. 203

Established fact: All long-range transits require a paired beacon to calculate a safe exit corridor. The missing Farpoint beacon is the reason rescue cannot arrive.

Conflict / risk: The antagonist performs an unpaired transit from Meridian to Nacre with no prior indication that this is possible.

Recommended remediation: Establish an exception before use - for example, a stolen beacon seed, a dangerous blind-jump mode with severe range limits, or a hidden paired unit. The exception should also affect the rescue problem so it does not solve one plot obstacle while leaving another untouched.

CF-006
SIGNIFICANT

TIME | Chapter headers 16-18
Established fact: Chapter 16 is dated 18 Rainfall, Chapter 17 is dated 20 Rainfall, and Chapter 18 returns to 19 Rainfall without a flashback marker.
Conflict / risk: The scenes read as consecutive and reference events from the prior chapter as having occurred "last night."
Recommended remediation: Change Chapter 18 to 21 Rainfall, or label it explicitly as a parallel scene beginning before Chapter 17. The current content most strongly supports 21 Rainfall.

CF-007
SIGNIFICANT

OBJ / PLOT | Ch. 8, p. 119; Ch. 15, p. 221
Established fact: The copper data key is crushed in the reactor door and its memory core is described as split.
Conflict / risk: The same physical key appears intact in Elias's locker and supplies the final access log.
Recommended remediation: Either make the locker item a previously established duplicate or change the reactor-door destruction to damage the casing while preserving the core. Add an explicit chain of custody.

CF-008 SIGNIFICANT	PLOT Ch. 4, p. 63; Ch. 20 onward Established fact: The missing envoy and her sealed diplomatic case are established as a primary reason the station is locked down. Conflict / risk: After the envoy's body is found, the case and the diplomatic consequences disappear from the narrative. The epilogue refers to normalized relations without explaining what was discovered. Recommended remediation: Add a short resolution: locate the case, establish who opened it, and show how its contents affect the inquiry or epilogue. If reserved for a sequel, signal that deferral intentionally.
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ALL DEMONSTRATION FINDINGS AT A GLANCE

Issue Index

ID	SEVERITY	CATEGORY	SUMMARY	STATUS
CF-001	Critical	TIME / WORLD	Impossible travel time and double-location overlap	Open
CF-002	Critical	KNOW / PLOT	Authentication phrase used before it is learned	Open
CF-003	Significant	CHAR / TIME	Mara age conflicts with opening and career history	Open
CF-004	Significant	PHYSICAL	Fractured wrist has no next-day consequence	Open
CF-005	Significant	WORLD / TECH	Unpaired transit violates central beacon rule	Open
CF-006	Significant	TIME	Chapter date moves backward without marker	Open
CF-007	Significant	OBJ / PLOT	Destroyed data key reappears intact	Open

ID	SEVERITY	CATEGORY	SUMMARY	STATUS
CF-008	Significant	PLOT	Diplomatic case thread receives no resolution	Open
CF-009	Minor	TERM	"Meridian Authority" alternates with "Meridian Administration"	Open
CF-010	Minor	NAME	Rian and Ryen create avoidable dialogue attribution risk	Open
CF-011	Minor	LOC	Observation deck window changes from port to starboard	Open

Timeline Reconstruction Excerpt

DATE / TIME	CHAPTER	LOCATION	EVENT	ISSUE
18 Rainfall 18:40	14	Meridian	Mara shuttle departs for Nacre	CF-001
19 Rainfall 00:15	15	Meridian	Mara responds in person to alarm	CF-001
19 Rainfall 00:50	17	Nacre	Mara attends security briefing	CF-001
20 Rainfall	17	Nacre	Interrogation continues	
19 Rainfall	18	Meridian	"Last night" references Chapter 17	CF-006

Character and Canon Reference Excerpt

ENTRY	CANONICAL FACT	CONFLICT / NOTE	ISSUE
Mara Venn	Age 37; left wrist fracture Ch. 10	Age 35 in Ch. 19; full left-hand use next morning	CF-003 / 004
Transit system	Paired beacon required for long-range exit	Antagonist performs unpaired Meridian-Nacre transit	CF-005
Copper data key	Memory core split in reactor door	Intact key later found in locker	CF-007
Diplomatic case	Sealed case carried by missing envoy	No recovery or sequel signal after body is found	CF-008

NEXT STEPS FOR THE FICTIONAL AUTHOR

Closing Recommendations

- Create a controlling five-day timeline for Chapters 14-18 before revising individual sentences.
- Write one paragraph defining normal beacon transit and any permitted exception, then apply the rule consistently.
- Use the issue log to record every chapter affected by the selected CF-001 / CF-005 repair.
- Resolve the critical findings before revising the reveal, because those choices determine where Mara can be and what Elias can know.
- Complete the object, injury, and terminology pass after structural revisions are stable.
- Commission a separate copyedit and final proofread once continuity revisions are complete.

Scope reminder

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