

CHAPTER 13 – Super Prompts

Most writers eventually develop a set of repeatable tools and patterns they rely on—narrative structure templates, character sheets, revision workflows. AI is no different: once you understand how to collaborate with the model, you can build **super-prompts** that function like reusable creative operating systems.

A super-prompt is not a single instruction. It is a structured framework that:

- defines scope
- sets boundaries
- clarifies tone
- establishes voice rules
- explains your expectations
- anticipates common failures
- controls the model's role
- prevents drift or flattening
- produces consistent, high-quality output

This chapter teaches you how to build your own repeatable systems that accelerate your writing while preserving your creative identity.

13.1 What a Super-Prompt Is (and Isn't)

A super-prompt is:

- a reusable template
- a role-defining framework
- a boundary-setting tool
- a tone and style controller
- a collaboration protocol

A super-prompt is *not*:

- a magic spell
- a fixed formula
- a one-size-fits-all solution
- a way to replace creative thinking

Super-prompts amplify your strengths by giving AI a stable environment in which to support you.

13.2 The Four Pillars of a Super-Prompt

A strong super-prompt includes:

1. Identity & Role Definition

Tell the model what role it must play.

Examples:

- developmental editor

- character psychologist
- scene architect
- thematic analyst
- voice-preserving line editor

2. Creative Intent

State your objective clearly.

- “Help me explore emotional possibilities.”
- “Assist in building scene beats.”
- “Analyze character motivation only.”

3. Constraints & Boundaries

This prevents drift and over-polishing.

Examples:

- preserve my voice
- avoid clichés
- do not rewrite unless asked
- never impose plot direction
- no smoothing of stylistic roughness

4. Output Format

Tell the model how to deliver information.

- bullet points
- paragraphs

- numbered lists
- tables
- scene beats
- emotional mapping

13.3 The Reusable Super-Prompt Template

Below is a universal foundation you can adapt for almost any fiction task:

SUPER-PROMPT BASE TEMPLATE

Role: You are a [specific role].

Purpose: Your job is to help me [goal] while preserving my creative intent.

Voice & Style Boundaries:

- Preserve my voice
- Avoid generic phrasing
- Maintain emotional ambiguity
- Do not over-polish
- Never impose plot direction
- Use my tone and rhythm as primary guide

Creative Constraints:

- Avoid clichés
- Avoid high-level summaries unless asked

- Prioritize emotional logic
- Ask clarifying questions when needed
- Focus on underlying meaning

Output Format: Provide responses in [format], including:

- [Element 1]
- [Element 2]
- [Element 3]

Session Canon: Here is the story/world/character canon to respect:
[insert canon]

This is your core operating system. With customization, it becomes the backbone of your entire collaborative workflow.

13.4 Task-Specific Super-Prompts

Character Development Super-Prompt. Focuses on contradiction, desire, fear, wound, and trajectory.

Scene Architect Super-Prompt. Focuses on beats, tension, change, conflict, and pacing.

Dialogue Coaching Super-Prompt. Focuses on subtext, rhythm, emotional temperature, character voice.

Revision Super-Prompt. Focuses on clarity, emotional truth, consistency, and theme.

Worldbuilding Super-Prompt. Focuses on cultural logic, contradiction, place, pressure, and sensory identity.

Each one creates consistency and accelerates insight.

13.5 Building a Personalized Creative Operating System

You can create multiple super-prompts for different phases:

- brainstorming
- outlining
- drafting
- revision
- worldbuilding
- character work
- dialogue
- scene construction
- emotional mapping

When used together, these super-prompts form your personal creative operating system—a repeatable ecosystem that reinforces your creative identity while expanding your creative range.

13.6 Evolving Super-Prompts Over Time

As you grow, your super-prompts must grow too.

Update them when:

- your voice shifts

- your themes deepen
- your pace of writing changes
- you discover new blind spots
- you adopt new techniques
- your stories become more ambitious

AI collaboration should be dynamic, not frozen.