Double Negatives

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Don’t make simple points sound a lot more complicated than they are.

Example 2.24-1

He was not certain that he would not make a mess of it.

Revision: 1

He thought he might make a mess of it.

Revision: 2

He worried he might make a mess of it.

Example 2.24-2

It wasn’t that John didn’t care about Jenny; he just didn’t love her.

Revision: 1

John cared about Jenny, but he didn’t love her. (simpler; but less evocative)

Revision: 2