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Manuscript Formatting via CSS: A Long-Form

Complicated Example

A Compliant "Classic-style" Manuscript with Books

(just one), Parts, Chapters, Scenes, and an

Epigraph

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*A dreamer is one who can only find his
way by moonlight, and his
punishment is that he sees the dawn
before the rest of the world.*

Oscar Wilde, 1888

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Probably don't do this :)

Book 1

Book 1 Author

12345 words

Part 1

Chapter 1

This document templates a long-form narrative that is divided into the more typical chapters and scenes (no parts). Most short stories are just a series of scenes. Most books-length (long-form) manuscripts are divided into chapters and scenes w/o parts. But some books are also divided into books or parts. Of the three components, only scenes are required. But here, we demo the long-form typical: chapters and scenes.

Side note: the dotted lines in the HTML view are simulated page breaks. They can be turned off by setting the `--m-page-break-simulated-long` to 0. If you look in the `<style>...</style>`

block above, I have that commented out. Uncomment it to see the change. HTML doesn't "page break" so we put in an indicator as an approximation of the behavior.

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Book 2

Book 2 Author

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Part 2

Chapter 3

A Snowy Dove

Scene with a title!

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Epilogue

You get the idea. I am ending this manuscript with this scene.

Also, did you notice the # dinkuses between the scenes? And the The End at the end? That's a typographical marker called a -30-. You can turned them off or change them by redefining CSS variabbles --m-dinkus and --m-30-. For example, set --m-dinkus to an empty string "" to turn it off and set --m-30- to "La Fin" just because you think your critique readers reviewers will be impressed with your French.

The End