Zoo Response Paragraph

In the short story “Zoo” by Edward D. Hoch, there are many kinds of literary devices that are used. The literary used are “flashback”, “overstatement” and “metaphor”.

First, the author uses overstatement in the short story “Zoo”.

For example, the professor says: “people of earth, this year you will see a real, threat for your singular dollar … brought to you across a million kilometers of space at great expense”. (Hoch, 2)

The distance between two planets may not is “million kilometers” and that’s not the truth. The price is also being imagined. So, overstatement is being used in the story.

Second, the other literary devices being used is flashback.

“In the past they had sometimes been treated to three-legged creatures from Venus, or tall, thin man from Mars, or even snake -like horrors from somewhere more distant.” (Hoch, 2)

This short story start to telling about the plot by the “past”, so it’s not the real-time events. That’s why this short story are using the “flashback”.

Finally, the author use metaphor in this story.

“Inside of the cages were some wild, small, horse like animals that moved with quick, uneven motions and kept chatting in a high-pitched tone.” (Hoch, 2)

In this sentence, the author use one kind of thing to act like another thing and shows the other deeper meaning. So, metaphor is being used in this short story.

In conclusion, the author Edward D. Hoch used “overstatement”, “flashback” and “metaphor” in the short story “Zoo”.

