Scene Structure Checklist

Goal:

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- □ Do my characters' goals align with their reactions and the progression of the plot?
- □ Are these goals believable, relatable, and sufficient motivation for my characters?

Disruption:

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 $\hfill\square$ Are the Disruptions significant enough to challenge the characters and shift the story's direction?

 \Box Do the disruptions come at the right time, providing an effective jolt to the narrative while being believable?

Choice:

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 $\hfill\square$ Do the choices made by my characters in response to the disruption reflect their personalities?

 $\hfill\square$ Do the choices made by my characters introduce new complications or enrich the ongoing conflict?

Turning Point:

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□ Does the turning point pivot the scene effectively, leading to new challenges and paths?
□ Is the turning point believable within the established story world and consistent with the characters' established behaviors?

Reactions:

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 \Box Are the characters' reactions to the turning point authentic and meaningful? Do they contribute to character development and reader engagement?

 \Box Are the reactions sufficiently varied and nuanced, reflecting the diversity of human emotions and responses?

New Goal:

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 $\hfill\square$ Does the new goal at the end of the scene lead smoothly into the next scene or chapter?

□ Does the new goal introduce a fresh aspect of the story or characters, giving readers a reason to continue reading?