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Purpose Or Problem

Directions: Read the passage below. It mixes **fragments** with complete sentences. Some of the fragments are **errors** that weaken the writing. Others are **intentional choices** to create dramatic effect. For each fragment: decide if it is a **mistake** or **style** and **explain** your reasoning in one sentence.

It was the night of the big storm. The sky glowed with lightning. *So loud the thunder.* Rain pounded against the windows. We huddled together in the living room. *Afraid of what might happen next.* Our dog barked at every flash of light. The house shuddered with the wind. *Until finally, silence.* The storm had passed.

So loud the thunder.

Afraid of what might happen next.

Until finally, silence.

