

ANNIE CHAN: Three Short Stories Written with Chat GPT

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents three short stories about Annie Chan, a fictional character. The three stories were written using Chat GPT, a chatbot (artificial intelligence).

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BACKGROUND

Chat GPT (Chat Generative Pre-trained Transformer)¹ is a chatbot, a form of artificial intelligence. It became available in November, 2022. It is capable of writing high school and college term papers, short stories and novels. As of this writing, the product quality might be less than excellent, but that could change as it continues to learn. Some people in academe are in a state of panic over it. Some short story writers and novelists fear it could put them out of business.² A recent test found that its ability to write Irish Limericks was limited.

I was curious so I decided to get the app and write a short story using Chat GPT to see what it could do. I commanded the app to: Write a 1000-word short story with Annie Chan as the protagonist. Words began to appear immediately. It was finished in no time. However, the final product was nowhere near 1000 words. It turned out to be 562 words. I gave it the identical command two more times to see whether the second and third version of the story would be much different. They were, as you can see when you read them (see below).

One thing I found interesting was that Annie Chan was an Irish lass in the first two stories. What is the probability that would happen by chance? Answer: about one-half of one percent, if one assumes there are about 200 countries in the world. However, the fact that the bot chose Ireland could be explained because earlier that evening I used the bot to write about 80 Irish Limericks.³ Apparently, the bot remembered that.

¹ See Simplilearn, 2023; Twarog, 2023; Wikipedia, 2023.

² Kim, 2022.

³ Robert W. McGee (2023). Is Chat GPT Biased against Conservatives? An Empirical Study. Working Paper, February 14.

Well, enough of the intro. Let's get on to the main event – the stories. I hope you like them. I spent almost no time writing them. In fact, the only thing I wrote was the command – 12 words. It was a fun exercise.

VERSION 1 [562 words]

Annie Chan was a young woman with a fierce determination to succeed. She grew up in a small town in the countryside of Ireland, where her parents ran a small farm. Despite the hard work and long hours that came with life on the farm, Annie was always eager to learn and try new things.

As a child, Annie was fascinated by the world of science and technology. She devoured books on astronomy, physics, and engineering, dreaming of one day exploring the mysteries of the universe for herself. Her parents were supportive of her interests, but with limited resources and few opportunities in their rural community, they couldn't provide much help in pursuing her dreams.

But Annie was undeterred. She applied for scholarships and worked part-time jobs to pay for her education, eventually earning a degree in astrophysics from Trinity College Dublin. With her degree in hand, she set her sights on a PhD program at one of the top universities in the world.

After a grueling application process, Annie was accepted into the program at the California Institute of Technology. The experience was both exhilarating and overwhelming. She was surrounded by brilliant minds from all over the world, each with their own unique perspective and area of expertise. The work was challenging, but Annie was determined to make the most of her time at Caltech.

One day, while working on a research project in the lab, Annie received a call from her advisor. "Annie, I have some exciting news for you," he said. "NASA is launching a new mission to study exoplanets, and they're looking for a team of scientists to help design and build the instruments. I've recommended you for the project, and they're interested in having you on the team."

Annie was over the moon. This was the opportunity of a lifetime, and she threw herself into the work with her characteristic determination. The team spent months designing and building the instruments, working long hours and putting in all their effort to make sure the mission was a success.

Finally, the day of the launch arrived. Annie watched with tears in her eyes as the rocket took off into the sky, carrying the instruments she and her team had worked so hard to create. The mission was a huge success, and Annie's contributions were recognized by her colleagues and the scientific community.

With her reputation firmly established, Annie was soon offered a postdoctoral position at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where she worked on designing and building instruments for future

missions to explore our solar system and beyond. The work was demanding, but Annie was in her element, surrounded by like-minded people who shared her passion for discovery.

Years passed, and Annie's work continued to gain recognition. She was offered a faculty position at Caltech, where she taught and mentored the next generation of scientists and engineers. And she never lost her love for exploring the mysteries of the universe, continuing her own research even as she built her career and made a name for herself in the scientific community.

Annie's story is a testament to the power of determination and hard work. Despite the challenges she faced, she never lost sight of her dreams and worked tirelessly to make them a reality. She proved that anything is possible with a little bit of grit and a lot of heart.

VERSION 2 [533 words]

Annie Chan was a young woman with a passion for adventure. She lived in a small town in the countryside of Ireland, surrounded by rolling green hills and misty mountains. Despite the beauty of her surroundings, Annie felt restless and longed for something more exciting in her life.

One day, while browsing through a travel magazine, she came across an advertisement for a treasure hunt in the Amazon rainforest. The prize was a golden statue worth a fortune, and Annie was immediately intrigued. She had always been a fan of puzzles and challenges, and the prospect of searching for treasure in a mysterious and exotic location was too tempting to resist.

Annie packed her bags and set off on her journey, eager to begin her adventure. The journey was long and tiring, but Annie was filled with excitement and anticipation. She arrived in the Amazon rainforest, a lush and sprawling world of towering trees, babbling streams, and exotic wildlife.

The treasure hunt was a complex and challenging task, requiring Annie to navigate the dense jungle, decipher cryptic clues, and solve puzzles along the way. But Annie was up for the challenge, and she soon found herself caught up in the thrill of the hunt.

Days turned into weeks, and Annie's journey took her deep into the heart of the rainforest. She encountered danger at every turn, facing fierce predators, treacherous terrain, and unexpected obstacles. But Annie was determined to find the treasure, and she pressed on, driven by her adventurous spirit.

Finally, after weeks of searching, Annie came upon a hidden cave. The entrance was guarded by a fierce jaguar, but Annie was undaunted. She approached the beast with caution, but it did not attack, and instead, it seemed to be leading her deeper into the cave.

Annie followed the jaguar into the darkness, and soon she came to a small chamber, illuminated by a beam of light shining down from above. In the center of the room, there stood the golden statue, gleaming in the light.

Annie reached out to touch the statue, and suddenly, she was transported to a different place. She found herself standing in a vast and beautiful garden, surrounded by flowers and trees. In the distance, she could see a temple, and she knew that she had found what she was looking for.

The temple was filled with ancient artifacts and treasures, and Annie spent hours exploring its halls, marveling at the beauty and wonder of it all. She knew that she had uncovered something truly special, and she was filled with a sense of awe and gratitude.

Annie returned to the present, still clutching the golden statue. She knew that she had discovered something truly valuable, both in terms of material wealth and personal growth. She had faced her fears, tested her limits, and found a sense of purpose and meaning in her life.

Annie returned to her hometown, a changed person. She was no longer restless or discontent, but instead, she was filled with a sense of peace and happiness. She had found what she was looking for, and she knew that she would never stop searching for new adventures and treasures, wherever they may be.

VERSION 3 [643 words. Stopped in mid sentence.]

Annie Chan was a young woman with a passion for adventure and a love for the unknown. She grew up in a small town in the heart of the countryside, surrounded by rolling hills and vast fields of green. Despite her sheltered upbringing, Annie was always drawn to the thrill of discovery, and from a young age, she dreamed of exploring the world and experiencing all its wonders.

One day, after saving for years, Annie finally set out on her journey, traveling to far-off lands and immersing herself in new cultures. She was determined to see everything the world had to offer, from the bustling streets of the big cities to the quiet, peaceful countryside.

Annie's first stop was the bustling metropolis of Paris, France. The city was like nothing she had ever seen before, with its grand boulevards, stunning architecture, and vibrant energy. Annie was swept away by the beauty of it all, and she spent her days exploring the city and taking in all its sights.

One day, as she was wandering through the city, she stumbled upon a small café on a quiet street. The aroma of freshly brewed coffee and croissants wafting out the door was too tempting to resist, and she stepped inside. The café was cozy and warm, filled with the sounds of laughter and the smell of fresh baked goods. Annie was struck by how different it was from the fast-paced energy of the city outside, and she felt as though she had discovered a hidden gem.

She struck up a conversation with the owner of the café, a kind-hearted woman named Marie. The two of them talked for hours, exchanging stories and learning about each other's lives. Annie was enchanted by Marie's wisdom and her love for life, and she felt a strong connection to the woman.

Before she left Paris, Annie made a promise to herself to return to the café and see Marie again. She continued her travels, but she never forgot the warmth and comfort she had felt in the little café on the quiet street.

Years passed, and Annie found herself back in Paris, older but no less full of wonder and adventure. She made her way to the café, eager to see Marie and catch up on all the years that had passed. When she arrived, she was heartbroken to find that the café was gone, replaced by a sleek modern storefront.

Annie was crushed, but she refused to let her disappointment keep her from exploring the city. She continued to wander, taking in the sights and sounds of Paris, but she couldn't shake the feeling of sadness that had settled over her.

Then, as she was walking down a quiet street, she saw it. The same cozy café she had visited so many years before, unchanged and just as inviting as she remembered it. She stepped inside, and there was Marie, still behind the counter, greeting her with a warm smile.

The two women hugged and reminisced about old times, and Annie felt as though no time had passed at all. She spent the rest of her time in Paris at the café, chatting with Marie and soaking up the warmth and comfort of the little slice of home she had found.

As she left Paris and continued her travels, Annie carried with her the memories of the café and the warmth of Marie's friendship. She knew that no matter where her travels took her, she would always have a piece of Paris with her, and a dear friend to share it with.

Annie lived the rest of her days filled with the thrill of adventure, but she never forgot the comfort and love she had found in that little café in Paris. She knew that no matter how far she roamed, she would always have a place to

POSTSCRIPT

I actually did write a story about Annie Chan a few years ago – Annie and the Senator.⁴ She was half Thai and half Chinese. Her mother was a pole dancer. She was a high priced escort, met a rich banker mentor, earned an MBA from Harvard, became a bank president, and after a nasty encounter with a crooked senator, became an assassin. I think it's better than what a bot could do, but I'm biased. It is available on Amazon.com for practically nothing. Check out the links below.

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