Creating suspense…

Can you add some of these short, snappy sentences to your writing to create even more tension and suspense?

Why now?	**It's my turn.**	**Not now.**
Conqueror.	**Coward.**	**So close.**
Dodging and weaving.	**Despair.**	**All is lost.**
Terrifying.	**A near miss.**	**Bone chilling.**
Surely not?	**Fear takes hold.**	**Fight or flight?**
Is this the end?	**Speed is of the essence.**	**Back and forth.**
Finally.	**Stupid!**	**My mind blanks.**

Try writing and adding some of your own!

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Ruin

Without a moment's hesitation, I flee. Running as quickly as my legs can carry me, I try to get away. Coward. Above me, the monster appears–a demon from hell. Enormous wings block out the sun and an ear-piercing siren sounds to tell the others. Fear creeps into my bones and my legs feel suddenly weak and shaky. As the sound of rotors above my head grows closer, I turn my head to glance up at the darkening sky. A misplaced foot finds a hidden rock in my pathway and my weight carries me forward onto the hard, dusty floor. Thud. Pain surges through my ankle like a snakebite and I have only seconds to clutch it and catch a breath. I have to get up, have to move, have to reach my bike. Chop, chop, chop! This time I don't look. Before I know it, I am up and running again…running for my life.

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Man hears robot and begins to run

Man reaches his bike and rides incredibly quickly

Robot releases bombs – first/second attempt to destroy them fails

Man enters the dark tunnel and third attempt is successful

Man rides head on into the firing line

Man reaches for his sword, jumps and takes down the robot

Write the main events of your character's story in the boxes. Think about how your character feels during these events and map it on the emotions graph above.

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