Clichés are laziness
   (fanfic can be good but promotes lazy habits)

Places to start building a world -
   Physical planet -
   Differences (Hyperion)
     - how a volcano in Iceland led to the French Revolution
       -8 month eruption in 1783 Lakagigar (Laki)

   Necessity (Delany - Babel-17)
     -Navigators/War

   Culture (base on/extrapolate)

   Super realism with ONE twist (Harry Potter, preternatural)

   Historical Research (finding details of student life in early 20th century UK)

When Hollywood gets Boston/MIT wrong -

Sex & Stuff Books
   (Best sellers w/Brand names)
   Mainstream but ALSO worldbuidling

Delany - Babel 17 –
   Reveals! - structure

World
   tropes? originality?

Which tropes does Delany use?

World →
normal – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – – weird
Details!
   list/name some details that he uses to build the reality of this world
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