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- a. Successful written series
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3.What is the meaning of the word *indignantly* as it is used in the text?

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