

# Because nothing is ever easy

[By Holly Lisle](#)

Today we're back to not knowing what's wrong with my brother-in-law. It can't be the infectious thing they were hoping it was, there are other alternatives, some of them are not too bad and some are.

But now we don't know again.

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## Short update

[By Holly Lisle](#)

The doctors found what look like brain lesions on the CAT scan. Matt is on his way to the hospital to meet his family there; I'm holding down the fort – and the phone – here. We have no details. I'm hoping for the best.

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Update to the update – Symptoms caused by a blood infection, treatment possible with plain old antibiotics, odds are very good that he'll be fine. Thanks for the prayers.

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# The days you don't expect

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I'm awake, have been awake all but two hours of the last twenty-four, and won't have an opportunity to sleep until 7 pm tonight. These things happen. Close family on Matt's side ended up in the hospital tonight, an unexpected health problem in someone in his twenties, and sleep isn't an issue right now. I'll be around on the site a bit later today – I don't want to miss the Cato-Burning – but I'm not going to be around long, I don't imagine.

Writing? I'll do what I can. Right now, I'm too tense and too tired. I tried, but there aren't any great words in me. Not for fiction.

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## 2153 words, and quiet celebration

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I can't say I'm through whatever has been the problem with the writing these past days – yesterday I got just under 500 words total – but today the writing went well. 2153 words, and a nice scene with Pete and Lauren that is running smoothly and that I'll pick up again tomorrow. They're discussing the truth behind Roswell, and Pete's deep, dark secret, which he's just confessed, and other goodies.

For the moment, I am content.

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# **This is the new server's weblog**

[By Holly Lisle](#)

Comments and karma work here – nothing got left behind. DNS is switching over erratically at the moment, so I'm hoping this posts in the right place. But ... here I am, much faster than I thought I'd be here. I got the community opened and it seems to be working. I'm going to just let things settle tonight and go get some sleep now, but I'm cautiously optimistic. I'll see about scheduling the chat installation tomorrow and the other goodies if the DNS addresses have stabilized a bit.

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# **May be my last entry for a few days**

[By Holly Lisle](#)

The site moves to its new server tonight. DNS stuff all has to be changed over, and that can take up to three days (72 hours)

when things go right. When things go wrong, well – the FeaturePrice debacle and the one month of DNS errors demonstrated how wrong things can go when they go wrong. Jatol will be moving us, so I expect things to go well; nevertheless, due to the complexity of the site, it may take until next Saturday for everything to be up and running again.

[Follow this link to the functional, if not elegant, temporary community.](#) And please remember that the reason we left Network 54 to begin with was because of excessive and unplanned downtime – if the temporary community is down, check back later.

As far as writing goes, I did some math this morning. Not good. I've lost 14 full workdays of buffer from my schedule already do to partial or zero wordcounts. My daily minimum is now up to around 1670 words per day to finish and still have time for a really thorough revision before submission, though 2000 words per day remains my goal. I need to get my focus, and I'm having a hard time with it, though I am about a third of the way through the book. Things always get tricky for me around the middle of a novel.

Finally, my schedule changed unexpectedly, too, which means I need to quickly post notices on the site, then close things down early. If this is the first you're hearing of it, I apologize. I'd planned to leave the doors open to the last possible minute, but then my last possible minute got moved. So ... I'll see you on the new server, as soon as all of this is up and running again. Fingers crossed for a smooth trip.

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# The Bitter Triumph of Hamtaro

[By Holly Lisle](#)

I got a bit over 1500 words today, but did not quite make it to the epic battle – though Thor, Loki, and most of the Sentinels are in the back of Thor's pick-up truck (Thor's chariot and goats, Tanngríð<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>snir and Tanngnjii<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>str, in disguise) and on the way to head off the keth. Unfortunately, they're traveling to that damned [Hamtaro theme song](#)\* running in the back of my head, stuck in an awful loop, which proved capable of driving out even the wonderful **Lord of the Rings** score. Vile, evil music – I hope the composer of it is tied down and force to listen to the foul monster he has wrought until his eyeballs bleed.

\*(links to .mp3 file – WARNING: This song has NOT been approved by the U.S. Surgeon General. May cause brain damage if listened to.)

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## And about Karma

[By Holly Lisle](#)

>And pardon my ignorance, but what

>in heck is that Karma -/+ thing? (from the comments)

It's something I just discovered how to use in the Greymatter template section, so I'm playing with it. Basically, if you find an entry and you think, "Yah, this weblog would be a lot

more fun to read if it had more entries like this, you click **+**. Conversely, if you think “A few more like this one and I’m going to go read cereal boxes,” click **-**.

Will it have any effect on the actual content of the weblog? I don’t know. But it does give you an opportunity to vote anonymously on individual entries.

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# Looking for disaster

[By Holly Lisle](#)

Today I need an epic battle. With Loki and other old gods on hand, and dark gods come looking to slaughter Lauren and end the worldchain’s hope of revival, and with a bunch of poor mortals thrown into the mix, an epic battle should be within my grasp. But there’s a problem.

The invidious, hideous theme song from **Hamtaro** is running through my head, complete with the words “... do your best, get a hundred on your test ...” I’ll note, in curmudgeonly passing, that the friggin’ theme song – the closing number from a dreadful cartoon program about heroic hamsters that my youngest child loves – does not lend itself well to anything but thwacking one’s head on hard objects to get it to stooooooooopppppppp. It is not epic. It is not even tolerable. So I’m rummaging for the **Lord of the Rings** soundtrack, which had epic grandeur, and great tension, and no mention whatsoever of getting good grades.

Onward.

# Official Day Off [TM]

[By Holly Lisle](#)

Today is my official day off. I have nothing of substance to report today except that I am actually taking a day off. The guy came this morning and fixed the air conditioner, so it is not right at 100 degrees in here, and I am well into the first re-read I've done of **Lord of the Rings** in about twelve or thirteen years. Maybe ... maybe even more. And I'm having a wonderful time.

If you have a day off coming up any time soon, I hope you enjoy it. And I'll see you with work progress again tomorrow.