

MIDNIGHT RAIN Chap.2 Posted

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In acknowledgement of the fact that in much of the world, it's already October 1, here's the link to Chapter Two.

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Hating Everyone

By Holly Lisle

I'm online for a moment just to keep myself away from matches and lighter fluid. I hit this point in every book. Discovered yesterday that I've now hit it in LAST GIRL DANCING.

I hate all the characters, I hate the writing, I hate the story, and I want to immolate the whole damned project. Knowing that this is a stage DOES NOT HELP. Unfortunately. Having been here twenty-four times before does not help either.

At this point, I just want to be done with this book and get it out the door.

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About Cartania

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Cartania –This is an odd, lyrically beautiful, hard-to-pin-down site, and it's in the writing sites section because sometimes writers can learn a lot from seeing something done spectacularly well.

The writer who put it together has done something amazing here. You won't find rules for writing on the site, or links to pages that will help you fix your grammar or plot your next novel, but you'll find something that you can keep a lot longer, I suspect.

Heart? Passion for excellence? A literate view of a universe that is by turns dark and magical? All of the above, I suggest, and more.

Please take the time to visit the site, wander through its links, read its essays, soak up its atmosphere and its energy. Cartania is a gift from John Cartan to the rest of us.

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Offline for a few days

By Holly Lisle

I have to do a hard-copy edit of LAST GIRL DANCING. It'll take a couple of days before I get to type-in. So I'll be away from the computer for a few days.

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Power's Back

By Holly Lisle

Lost power at about ten thirty last night, after we were already well into the storm. We took Jeanne head on – horizontal rain, the eye passing overhead, the house shaking, neighbor's massive old tree down on a power line.

There's a lot of flooding in the area. However, we didn't get tornadoes; as far as I know, nobody in our area died; and the damage to our place was minimal – we'll just add it on to the previous damage, and get everything fixed at the end of hurricane season.

Only two more months of this. Anybody want to bet on how many more of these things we'll have this year?

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Military Blogging

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In the WRITING READS box (right column), I've added a handful of weblogs (generally called milblogs) written by active-duty soldiers, most of whom are currently stationed either in Iraq or Afghanistan. Each of these weblogs offers writing done

under circumstances that make my local recent run of crappy weather look like nothing; each of them offers a perspective on current events that you cannot find anywhere else.

These are first-hand accounts of the war, not from military journalists, not from stand-up hairdos reporting from the roof of some relatively safe and comfy hotel, but from the people who are actually holding the line.

These are voices worth hearing – a lot more worth hearing, for my money, than the pretty faces who report what passes for news on the television station of your choice. I hope you find them as valuable as I have.

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Fun with Hurricanes, Ver. 3.0

By Holly Lisle

Frances. Ivan. And now Jeanne.

Initially, Jeanne didn't have me too worried. I mean even after it pulled the Atlantic Loop-the-Loop so it could tour Disney. It tracked well east of us, and though we were going to get it, we were going to get the "clean" side.

Hah. Now it's managed to tromp along so that its projected path puts us right in the thick of the dirty side. All we need now is for it to reach the Gulf before trotting up this way, and maybe we'll get it as a tropical storm or a full-fledged hurricane, instead of a depression.

Consider: We haven't even gotten the damage Frances did

repaired yet. When I can afford a place that's rated to withstand more than sixty-five mph winds, I'm going to these folks.

And, yeah, I'm getting writing done. Having LGD in hardcopy helps. Hell, this way I can still work even if we lose power again.

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Revise, Good News, Good Review

By Holly Lisle

Had to print out another copy of LGD to revise on; revising on the screen was driving me nuts. Have the themes nailed down now, have the (big) changes in the story worked out, but if I try to do continuity onscreen instead of in hardcopy, I'll just end up with a mess.

Good news – based on preorders, my publisher for Midnight Rain plans to increase the first print run by 10,000 copies, pushing us very close to 200,000.

And the first outside review for MIDNIGHT RAIN is in (first I've seen, anyway.) It's a good one. [Review Link](#)

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New Snippet – The First Strip Club

By Holly Lisle

Like the way today's snippet turned out. Fine-tuning that worked, I think. Log in to read it here.

R Rating: General setting, profanity, and overt sexuality.

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Final Count for the Day

By Holly Lisle

Edited roughly fifty pages, but it was reworking previous revisions. Managed to end up in the hole by about 1200 words today, too, in spite of adding a lot of new material.

On the upside, the story is tighter and better.

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