

Four Days of Headaches

By Holly Lisle

We've changed the way we eat, and for the past four days, I've had an intractable, inescapable headache from the time I wake up until the time I finally fall asleep.

It's a good thing. Really it is. My blood sugar is way lower, my weight is dropping. But I feel like absolute hell, and I've been impossible to be around. I deleted one post here that, in a moment of clarity, I realized was bitchy and unnecessary.

I got about half my words today. It's okay. I'm way ahead of schedule again. I'll pick up tomorrow.

But I paid affiliates and authors—one of their best paydays ever. And I accepted a few more authors to write in the new series I'll be bringing to the HollyShop: 33 Stupidest Mistakes Writers Make About

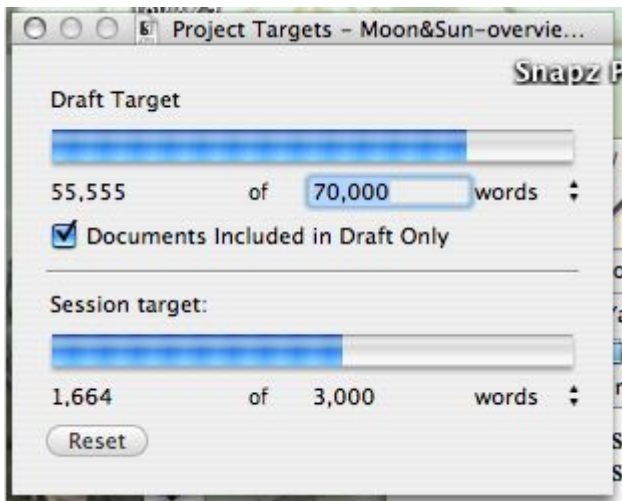
If you have any topics you would like to see someone cover, just reply to the topic over there. A lot of writers are reading that post, and their expertise is mind-bogglingly broad.

Meanwhile, I'm going to go hide in a corner now until my body adjusts to this new way of eating.

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55,555 Words

By Holly Lisle



One of those stupid, weirdly thrilling little writing moments. I just hit word 55,555 in the manuscript, and happened to see it as I was typing. So I stopped and took a picture.

What was word number 55,555?

“Like.”

{Sigh} It figures.

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Oh, Yeah

By Holly Lisle

Got my 3000+ words on **The Silver Door**, and estimate that at this point I'm about five working days out from finishing the first draft. Which is right on schedule.

Writing flew today, the ship is cool, the Spire is getting scarier the more I learn about it, and I'm being deluged with ideas for the next installment of the story.

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Sailing

By Holly Lisle

The kids have taken matters into their own hands. And now they're sailing into big trouble.

Got the words. It was great.

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3420 Words

By Holly Lisle

3420 words between 7:30 AM and 9 AM. Got going and couldn't stop.

Oh, man. I cannot believe what happened. I finally got to witness the betrayal of humankind first hand. I sort of knew what had happened. Sort of. I hadn't even begun to imagine the details.

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Reserved

The Trees! The Trees!

By Holly Lisle

I'm in the midst of the vast battle being fought in a forest—doing a scene that is pouring out of my fingertips in what I can only describe as a waking nightmare. I've written more than 2000 words in the last hour, and am tearing through this thing barely able to slow down to reset the timer, and scaring the bejeezus out of myself.

I know where this scene is coming from...it's coming from my personal adventures mowing the lawn. But... holy crapnoids.

Those of you who remember the keyu from **Bones of the Past** and **Mind of the Magic**... You ain't seen nothing yet.

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Oh, Today!

By Holly Lisle

Okay. Official title of Moon & Sun II is going to be **THE SILVER DOOR**.

And oh, wow, oh wow! Today's story just ripped me out of my seat. I found out three separate things I had not expected,

one about my favorite monster, one about the Spire, and one about the ships of the Sun Wizards, and all of them just floored me. I'm trying to remember ever having had another writing day like this one. I can't.

I'm so excited I can't see straight.

Oh, yes. Got 3000+ words, too. I'm so happy.

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Took A Wrong Turn Yesterday

By Holly Lisle

I discovered that I'd headed in the wrong direction yesterday, to the tune of about 1000 words. Didn't cut the words. Just looked at the situation, decided that I could save the dialogue and simply relocate the scene to a different location.

Wrote a note to myself to do that [**in brackets, like this**], put in a # sign to indicate a new scene, and picked up where I should have left off yesterday.

And the writing has flown today, with Catri and Genna doing something they are SO not supposed to be doing, and the outcome of it going to have immense repercussions.

Today, the writing is great fun. That it wasn't yesterday should have told me something **then**.

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Have Lost A Little Ground

By Holly Lisle

Last week I was ahead of deadline. Today I'm just AT deadline. So I need to keep pace from here on out. (Lost two writing days last week to unavoidable issues).

But it went well today. And I know what I'll be getting into tomorrow.

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BAD News...Newsletter, Plotting Course, & Upgrades

By Holly Lisle

POSTING THIS TO THE WRITING DIARY BECAUSE...

the people who need to see the message the MOST are the ones who have stopped receiving their emails.

Aaaargh!

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I've discovered that over the past few weeks, fewer and fewer of the e-mails you've requested haven't been delivered. I started getting e-mails from people who were only getting some of their Plot Mini-Course lessons. I checked my constantly

dropping mailout stats. People are signing up every day, and only a few people had unsubscribed, but hundreds of people who requested either Holly Lisle's Writing Updates or the Plotting Mini-Course are no longer receiving them.

If you're reading this, you're one of an increasingly shrinking group of readers who are actually still getting the newsletter or the plot course you asked for.

So, (and yes, I'm tearing my hair out over this) I'm moving my lists from my own server to Aweber, a service which does nothing but deliver e-mail, and which therefore can afford the time to track down all the reasons why e-mails aren't getting through.

Pity the folks who AREN'T getting this notice, and who are going to receive a message from me out of the blue, from a new e-mail address, asking them to confirm their subscription—when they know they're already subscribed, and they didn't sign up for anything else.

I'm going to lose hundreds of my folks. I'm pretty unhappy. And I know you're not thrilled knowing that you're going to have to confirm your subscription yet again in order to get the Writing Updates.

If you're getting getting the Plot Mini-Course and all the lessons are still making it through to you, you don't have to confirm the new course. You might want to, simply because I've redone all the lessons in PDF format, which will make them very nice to save and refer back to.

But so long as they're still showing up in your mailbox, you can hang in and hope for the best. You should get a total of nine lessons, one Rate This Course survey request, and a couple of other things. If you don't, figure your server has blocked mail from my site.

If you're getting this from your subscription to the Writing

Updates, however, THIS WILL BE THE LAST E-MAIL I send from my own site.

Pass the word if you can. I'm posting this on my weblog, too, in the hopes that some of the folks who have stopped getting their e-mails will go ahead and confirm when the Aweber message arrives.

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