

# Today was a dead loss #wabwm

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I had to pay people, but it wasn't just that. I have a hellish migraine.

I'm hoping for better tomorrow.

Hope your words went better.

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## Discussing the MOON & SUN series: The Ruby Key, The Silver Door, and The Emerald Sun

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My most frequently asked question on THE MOON & SUN series is "When are you going to do the next book?"

So I'll answer that one now. **I'm doing it next.**

When I come back to work after my break in December, I'm putting together the rest of the **Create a World Clinic**, and

will use *The Emerald Sun* as part of my worldbuilding demo for that course.

THEN I'm doing the extension on my **How To Write A Series** course, and *The Emerald Sun* is going to be my demo for picking up a series after a break.

THEN, I'm going to finish the HTTS Walkthrough—and, you guessed it—doing the actual completion of the first draft of the novel is going to be the demo for THAT.

So by the end of 2013, the first draft of *The Emerald Sun* will be done. And I'll get it into print as quickly as possible after that.

But if you have OTHER questions about the first two books, the series, or the upcoming *The Emerald Sun*, ask them here.

Cheerfully,  
Holly Lisle

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**A-a-a-a-a-llmost there...a-a-a-llmost there... WARPAINT  
edit #wabwm**

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Okay. So.

Two days ago, I blasted through over 200 pages of my editor's revision. I had forty pages left.

So *yesterday*, I held off posting until I could com in and give my little "done" happy dance.

By the time I fell into bed last night, I'd made it through twenty pages. Plus ALL THE HANDWRITTEN PAGES IN THE WORLD.

Not making that same mistake today. I have twenty pages of write-in left on the manuscript, after which I have to do the second type-in.

Which after yesterday, is once again going to be a big deal.

I'll come back and post when the write-in is done.

I'm not going to suggest that it might be done today. Live and learn, you know.

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# **Back in the saddle again...WARPAINT revision resumes. #wabwm**

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Before I forget... (mentioned it in an e-mail last week, but forgot to mention it here)...

My Minecraft Spaceship Collection is now available.

<http://howtothinksideways.com/cadence-drake-minecraft-spaceship-collection/>

Free download, no signup. I spent the last couple of days while I was resting building a bit of Bailey's Irish Spacestation, which will figure prominently in at least a few of the next books. DEFINITELY Book Three. When it's finished, I'll put that up at exactly the same link, as Version 2. The spaceships, with a few updates, will remain in the download.

And now, rested, relaxed, and ready (the OTHER three Rs) I'm starting back on my editor's revision of WARPAIN'T.

Wish me luck. I wish the same to you.

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# **Embracing the New Rules of Self-Publishing Reality**

## **#selfpub #wabwm**

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Nothing.

That is what I accomplished on WARPAIN'T yesterday. Between the migraine, stomach pain, and generally just feeling like hell, I managed NOTHING.

Except for one small revelation.

I can either emulate the worst of commercial publishing, and drive myself to finish a book that will be less good for being rushed in order to hit a deadline (I wanted the month of December off, because I'm exhausted from the last year, and I planned on catching up on my sleep).

Or I can embrace the reality of self-publishing, which is that if I feel like shit, I can take two days off to recuperate, and bring out the book I want to write on a changed schedule.

Finishing books on deadline was one of my skills I embraced in commercial publishing for many good reasons.

But I live in a world with new and different rules, and at this point I need to embrace a new reality: That my publisher will still publish my book even if I take more time to write a better book, and avoid killing myself at the same time.

I'm off today and tomorrow (except for Student Support—for that, I'm just off today). I plan to be back on Tuesday. I will, however, modify that schedule if necessary.

Write with joy.

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# **The Editor Revision, now with Extra Migraines! :D #wabwm**

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11:16 AM

I lost almost all of yesterday to a migraine. And discovered that I'm going to have to lay off the aspirin and the Tylenol to deal with migraines—I've started to have the stomach irritation that is a side effect of too much aspirin. As for Tylenol...most dangerous over-the-counter medication on the market if you take too much.

So yesterday sucked, writing-wise. While I figured out how to do the big problem revealed by the edits, I didn't get a single word done.

Today, headache already in place, I'm going into this with no more goal than to do what I can, and make it as good as I can.

Hope your writing weekend is wonderful.

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## **Post-Thanksgiving: Back with a vengeance. #wabwm**

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To those who survived Thanksgiving unscathed, I salute you.

I was scathed. I have made my annual post-Thanksgiving vow never to look at food again. ☐

But. Getting back to the edits. Today I get into the parts where Matt found a major problem (in two parts) and the time off did give my mind the rest it needed to figure out fixes for the two parts.

So. I have less than half the manuscript to go, but a LOT of work.

I'll be here over the weekend again, too.

So, write well. Kick ass. And if you're in for weekend warrioring, I'll see you tomorrow.

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# Happy Thanksgiving #wabwm

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Taking the day off, so wanted to wish you Happy Thanksgiving, if it's a holiday for you, and cheers on the writing if you're working on your story today.

I'll be back tomorrow.

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# **The body's revenge: Timing IS everything #wabwm**

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12:12 PM

At least I'm up.

Matt finished the edit about 7 AM. I, however, woke up at 4 AM, couldn't get back to sleep (pinging about an edit does that to me) and when I got up at 7, had both a migraine and a sore throat. BAD sore throat—it's been building for a few days, but today is awful.

So. After he went over the main problems with me, I went back to bed. Just got up, and I don't feel any better. ☹

I'm going to go start going through the manuscript in a few minutes, but I've been taking pictures of the revision process, and I figured I'd post a few of them here.

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# **The POST-novel writing list #selfpub #wabwm**

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8:27 AM

Finished the novel yesterday. Today I'm working on the promo setup.

My editor is already halfway through the manuscript, and the markup looks pretty ferocious. Am doing my best not to peek.

My editor, incidentally, is my husband, Matt, who has been my first reader and most comprehensive editor since ... either **Glenraven**, or **Hunting the *Corrigan's Blood***, or **The Devil and Dan Cooley**. I did all three of those books almost at the same time, anyway.

But while he's doing editing **Warpaint**, the partial list of what I have to do includes:

Cover Art

WARPAINT Blurb

Song Recording

Music Video

Minecraft spaceships video

Minecraft spaceships download

PDF of the first chapters of HTCB and WARPAINT to include in the spaceships download

Blog stuff for the Cady Blog

Product pages on my site for both HTCB and WARPAINT (I am SO behind on site updates

There's stuff I'm forgetting. I need to dig out my generic book pub list and see what else I have to get done.

But as much of that as possible has to be finished today.



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