6:47 AM – Finishing Ohio 4, starting Ohio 5, while building the new HollysWritingClasses.com site

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SO…

My website over on HollysWritingClasses.com is undergoing a **massive** overhaul (complete site rebuild).

And I anticipated the process taking FOUR months.

Turns out… it's probably not anything like that.

My amazing community moderators over there have *already finished building all the classrooms* in the new software, and getting all the class materials into them — a process I'd expected to take about **two months**. That means that all the lessons, all the downloads, all the videos, all the EVERYTHING… are done.

Except for the lesson timers (the things that make a new lesson show up each week for the writer taking the class), which I have to go in and do manually.

Turns out, that takes about ten seconds a lesson, and all the lessons are (for the person building the class), on the same page, so you can just go through and check a box and put in a number and it takes a couple seconds if you're being careful.

So, timers are a non-issue. I have to do them, but they won't slow anything down. That's what I'm going to do today on all

the classes… and I anticipate having all the classes done today… even if I have to duplicate the BIG classes to offer the slower-pace/smaller monthly price one-lesson-every-OTHER-week option.

I'd figured another two months for my two database guys to figure out how to move all the existing members and all their existing classes into the NEW database, while I built the front end — the sales pages for the classes, for us to test the new classroom with the new, beautiful, professional, already integrated shopping cart.

And it very well might take us that long.

But since the software we're using has built-in professional integration with the shopping cart we're using… probably not.

Moving ever single writer who ever bought a class (and who therefore still owns it) into the new database might in fact take two months.

But I'm going to say odds are pretty slim that anything else will.

So I'm saying BEST CASE, we could be on the new software and live on December 8th (one month from now).

I'm saying that the **Reasonable Assumption** is that we'll be moving everyone and everything to the new site (and the new site to HollysWritingClasses.com) around the New Year.

I'm excited. There are a lot of things I'll be able to do on the new software that I cannot do on the old software… but that's a post for another time.

Right now… I'm heading in to write the ending of Ohio 4 novel. Yep. LAST SCENE. And I know what I want to have in it.

Tomorrow, I'll start outlining Ohio 5.

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