

Probably the last day of WARPAINT post-edit type-in #wabwm

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I have 48 pages to go.

Did well over 200 yesterday. So I'm getting a late start, but I'm here.

Here's the list of what remains to be done before the book goes out (this to explain why finishing type-in today does NOT mean the book will be for sale tomorrow.)

Once I've completed type-in, I have to sit down and read through the whole thing. Why? Because along with fixing all the previous errors Matt and I could find, I scrapped three chapters and several solid chunks of other material, and replaced it with brand-new, never-edited material.

When I've smoothed out the last infelicities, I have to format the books for PDF/Print.

Then I have to send ARCs (advance reader copies) to my list of reviewers.

I have to do corrections on the print version from mistakes captured by my ARC readers, and publish the print book. It takes a while to work through the system, so to have the print version available at more or less the same time the Kindle, ePub, and PDF versions go live, I have to publish it first.

I'll wait a couple more days for ARC readers to get in their corrections (by the way, not all ARC readers send me

corrections. Just a few do.), then do final corrections and formatting on the Kindle, ePub, and PDF versions.

I'll then make the book available on all platforms. Finally, I'll put up the songs and the Minecraft Space Station.

And then I'll take the rest of December, and possibly the first week of January, OFF. ☐

Good luck with your words. Kick ass!

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Feeling better, back to the WARPAINT editor's type-in #wabwm

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8:00 AM

Made it through half the WARPAINT manuscript over the weekend, but NOT through half the type-in, which is heavily weighted toward fixes at the end.

Still. Progress.

Feel pretty good at the moment, hoping to get a lot of this done today.

Onward.

Write with joy.

Cheerfully,
Holly

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So NOW I'm starting on the type-in #wabwm

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It's 12:37 PM here, but I don't have a headache.

Had one earlier. Small dose of children's Tylenol, and patience, and I'm okay to work, at least for a while.

Almost exactly half the pages in the manuscript have corrections. About one third of those are SIGNIFICANT corrections, which are going to require the typing in of complete new chapters.

So I won't finish this today.

Probably won't finish it this weekend.

But it's now underway.

Read with hunger. Write with joy.

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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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A-a-a-a-a-llmost there...a-a-a-llmost there... WARPAINTEdit #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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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.

Write with joy.

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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 warring, 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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