

Good sex, bad sex

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I got the scene that had me stonewalled for the last couple of days. It was not an easy go, and I'm sure I'll have some big rewriting to do before I'm willing to send it off to the publisher. However, it works now – does the several jobs I was requiring of this one scene. It had to – establish the sexual relationship between the female protagonist and her new lover and shift it into high gear immediately but plausibly; be sexy and exciting and sensual; foreshadow something going wrong without being obvious about it; give the narrator her own words for the experience; and allow me a graceful diving board into the next section. This is a lot to ask of any scene, and getting it right in this one drove me nuts.

I'm going to post a partial in Sneak Peeks (you have to be a Forward Motion Writers' Community member to read the Sneak Peek stuff, but this section is R-rated, and besides, membership is free and without strings, and I don't want to post R-rated snippets on the main weblog). It is raw first draft – not spellchecked, not even reread. This is straight from brain to fingertips before I have a chance to clean it up. Please, therefore, ignore errors. I'll get them in the next-day once-over.

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