Holy Crap! A DEADLINE!

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So. I agreed to write a story for Trisha Telep for the **Mammoth Book of Time Travel Romance**, because I had such fun writing the story for the **Mammoth Book of Paranormal Romance**.

And then we moved, and we lived through Pack-Unpack Purgatory, and Getting The Internet At Our New Location Hell, and, well…

And in the back of my mind, I knew the story was due at some point, but I hadn't received a contract yet, so I didn't worry about the deadline. (Professional Writer Rule #1: ALWAYS worry about the deadline.)

Trisha asked me a few days ago if I'd got the contract. I said no. She said she'd send me another one.

So this morning I checked my e-mail, and there was the contract, which I printed out and signed and got ready to send out. And, being a sensible writer, I checked the due date at the same time I checked all the regular clauses. In other words, just a few minutes ago.

And [oxygen in room diminishes by 50%] the due date is June 1, 2009.

Right.

So my first order of business is to invent time travel, so I can write this story in a leisurely fashion.

Barring that, this is where you prove you can do what you say you can do, or you shut up.

I have no idea. I have no words done. And I need to have written a finished 6500-word time-travel romance to email her

on Monday.

This should be fun.

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