

Ohio 4 Begins! 1446 words, and 1674 total.

By Holly Lisle

I start each new novel with a template I built for myself.

It has my type styles (Courier 12, double space, first line indent, and thirty chapters all set up.

My pre-built Chapter 1 (I built it when I bought Scrivener, and it has survived ever since) looks like this.



CHAPTER 1

Something Clever Goes Here.

The little "Something Clever Goes Here" sentence beneath the CHAPTER 1 header never fails to amuse me when I open the new template... but I'm easily amused.

So today, before I started on the words, I transferred my entire line-for-scene outline to the Scrivener document, sentence by sentence, in to the thirty blank chapters.

And discovered that somehow I had managed to write thirty-one Scene Sentences, and all of them were important.

So I added a new Chapter 31.

I'm not sure where the extra chapter came from in the outline, but I'll figure it out.

Meanwhile, the new blank document started with a word count of 228 – these are mystery words that I can't find anywhere in the document.

Sooner or later, I'll run across them and delete them. But for now, I wrote 1466 words (out of my planned 1250), and show 1674 total words in the novel.

I love the scene I got... and with it, I'm off to the races.



Get Holly's Free Fiction Sampler, plus Weekly Fiction Updates



Today's words funded by my Ko-Fi supporters.

All supporters are thanked by name (withheld by request) in each book's acknowledgements.



FICTION WRITERS! Sign up for Holly's Thursday Writing Tips



Contents © Holly Lisle. <https://hollylisle.com> All Rights Reserved