

Retrieving the Lost

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Writing fiction went pretty well tonight. I got 601 words, and wrapped up the scene **Interlude: Spinning Back the Reel**.

Got it posted, so if you're that far along in the story, it could show up in your mailbox as early as tonight.

I'm not sure I'm entirely happy with it. I think there's more I could do... but I kept to the rules of the world as I have them right now, which includes denizens of Story not being able to cross the Gray, or from one Story world into another, unless led by a Spinner. And Spinners not being able to rewrite their worlds from within Story.

Like the separation of Church and State, those two requirements are necessary for limiting the magic in **Talysmana**, and also like them, they do limit a lot of really over-the-top power plays (which are cool in fiction and suck like a Hoover in real life).

I don't see myself changing the rules in the revision. I do hope I'll figure out a way to show a bit more of the magic and wonder of what just happened.

Now, though, on to Lesson 12 in **How to Revise Your Novel**, and Keeper Characters.

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