

# **The Wishbone Conspiracy: Flying words, and ONE word that summoned a new world**

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This morning was an awesome experience. First, I got 2117 words on *The Wishbone Conspiracy*. Fun words.

I woke up a little late, got started a little later, but nevertheless popped open my Scrivener document, headed into the last words I'd written, scanned my plan for the chapter, and jumped in.

The words started slowly— they usually do. But Cady was in a smartass mood, and made me laugh a couple times with things she said and did, and then stepped into a situation she wasn't expecting, and dealt with that a little less gracefully than one might have hoped.

As she sometimes does.

And in the middle of her dealing with the well-earned fear of the bad shit that's now racing straight at her, she used a funny word that stopped me in my tracks.

Not gonna share the word.

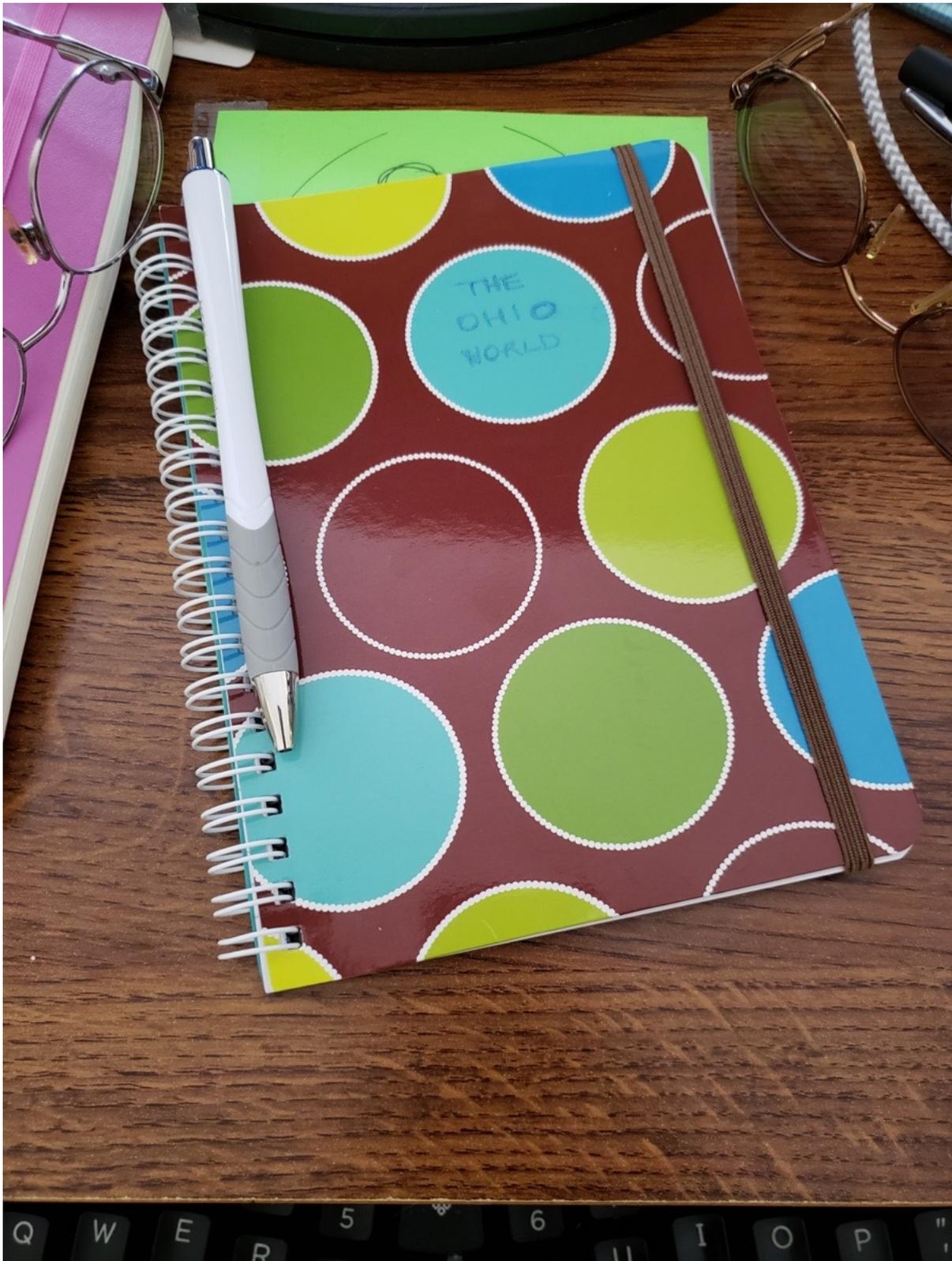
She made it up, it was the right word, had the right feel, and it summarized a situation she'd been in perfectly.

## **But that word also clicked for me**

## on a completely different level.

That one word said, "*This* is what you were looking for. ***This*** word. Think *this*, think Ohio, think the series you were trying to get to come to life on you in the shower this morning...

I did. And all of a sudden my blue-ink Ohio World pen was racing across the notebook page, asking question after question after question, setting limitations, presenting conflicts.



This is the notebook, POST notes. Still steaming slightly.

**So...**

Not only did I get the words on *The Wishbone Conspiracy*.

I also got a hard lead on the new series I want to build. I got my main character, the problem she faces at the beginning of the first story, a GREAT series name, and a real sense of what the books are going to be about.

Urban fantasy in a place I love with a world I now cannot wait to write.

**I will wait, of course.** I have other projects that take precedence.

But now I can start into the preliminary work. Worldbuilding, Octopus map, overall planning... Stuff I can do for fun in my off-time, just because I love it.

Have I mentioned lately how much I love this job?

I love this job.

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