Things Change—How to buy your life back one piece at a time

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For a few years now, friends and colleague have been suggesting that I might want to hire someone to manage my websites for me.

I've always been hands on, I've always done my own sites, and the idea of giving up any control was—is—probably always will be terrifying.

But I'm working on a course right now that keeps getting bigger, and dealing with site problems over on HowToThinkSideways.com that were getting in the way of this class as they got in the way of a previous workshop and an ongoing bunch of writers learning to market their own work that I've been scrambling to keep up with.

And I have stories to write.

And the clock keeps ticking. Something had to give. Every time I pushed too hard, migraines reminded me that I was a breakable part of the equation.

So I've hired a site manager for HowToThinkSideways.com.

For now, at least, I'm keeping this site for myself—it's big, but it's simple. Not really any moving parts anymore. A lot of articles, a bunch of blog posts.

I want to be here more often—want to have the time to talk to folks again, and play with my stories and my writing.

I don't know if or when that will become a daily thing again.

I’ve just now bought back one piece of my life, but there’s a lot still standing between me and being able to just teach and write fiction.

I’m happy to say, though, that I’ve finally started making the choices I have to make to get back to being just a writer. Not a writer/web designer/site technician/graphics artist/software installer and maintainer/…whatever.

Writer.

That’s where I’m heading again.

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