

# Three hours of writing, and the third first draft of *Vipers' Nest* is now done!

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The story came in at 30,073 words. Close enough to the 30,000 I'd planned to make me happy.

It's really different this time. I ended up not using anything from the previous (two – sigh) first drafts.

The story focuses on Shay, Melie, Wils Bailey (THE Bailey from Bailey's Irish Space Station), the station, Herog (and peripherally Cady), and on the PWAs execution of its plan to destroy both the *Longview* and Bailey's.

Fair warning. **This story has one tiny cliffhanger in it that will not be resolved until the opening scene of *Wishbone Conspiracy*, which will be the next Cadence Drake novel.** If you keep the highlighted sentence in mind as you read *Vipers' Nest*, it won't **be** a cliffhanger.

So next week I'll start on the revision. Will as promised revise the first chapter (or two) on video for the Patreon Hero level, and talk through what I'm changing and why.

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