WABWM: I’m Done! I’m Done! First draft of WARPAINT is DONE!

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7:10 AM

The goal today is simple. Finish WARPAINT. Words necessary to do this? I’m estimating 2000 to 3000.

I’m up early, I’m wound tight with excitement, and I have a good launch point built yesterday to take me where I want to go.

I know the last line.

So…

STARTING WORDS: 77,775
GOAL: Completion of the first draft
Starting scene: The Sound

I wish your words wings today.

12:20 PM

I logged my progress on Twitter while I wrote today.

So I’ll copy my comments from there:

> *DONE DONE DONE DONE DONE! The first draft of WARPAINT is done. 3149 words today. Time to put new tuners on the 12-string.*

> *80,924 words total, so I came in very close to my target of 80,000 words for the first draft. Maybe I can keep the revision under 100K.*

This is the first novel I've completed in first draft since THE SILVER DOOR. (I ended TALYSMANA, but still haven't written the ending—it's one of those books that's going to take a massive overhaul before I can figure out what the ending needs to be.)

So first draft is done, and I got replacement tuners for the 12-year-old Taylor 355 I got for my birthday, so I'm going to go have some fun pulling out the old tuners, putting in the new ones, and restringing the guitar. (Second time this week, but I can't play it with the stripped tuners, and burning a set of strings is cheap compared to having an unplayable guitar sitting around.)

Write with joy.

Posting the WEEKEND WABWM now, and will be back Monday.

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