
Subject: Nightmares, Various

Posted by [jmeadows](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 23:04:02 GMT

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Posted by [jmeadows](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 23:21:20 GMT

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Quote:I have driven Computer Man to the verge of a nervous breakdown.*

Hah! Any entry that starts out like this will be entertaining...(Though probably less entertaining for those who experienced it. And now have white hair because of it.)

The Computer Men want to have a chat with you? This is serious! I really hope they're able to simplify your computer life!

I have another friend in England who's had some AOL problems lately. The other night, she could get on the internet, but only to chat! No webpages at all! I'm veeery unimpressed with AOL. Two people I like are suffering under their cruelty! *sniff*

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various

Posted by [Susan from Athens](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2008 23:23:45 GMT

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Like the time the system crashed entirely and I had to reload windows and everything else and thought, Oh, what a good opportunity to add another hard drive and lots of RAM! Only I had locked up all my e-books nice and safe so that my young nephew didn't "accidentally" access them while reading his e-mail on a recent visit. And the locking system didn't recognise me as administrator any longer and wouldn't let me access my several hundreds of dollars of e-books at all. (which e-books, being "fun" rather than "work" were not systematically backed up). It took a week to find someone who could fix the problem but by this time I had had kittens, they had grown up to be monsters, slashed me to bits and choked me with furballs.

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Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [Piangkatank](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 00:48:52 GMT
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I assume that if we use the forum that we are seriously addicted to our email and internet. I know that I am. Can do without a lot of things, but go into total meltdown when I don't have the computer working.

I am so lucky that I raised a computer nerd that can be bribed to keep my computer up and running. Of course in the early days he wanted to "upgrade" a lot and this left me scratching my head and wondering how to work my computer. My son now realizes that he has to keep it simple to keep me happy so all is well. Home grown tech support is the best I've found so far.

Speaking of tech support have a weird, funny story to share. We have cable TV and internet. My husband called the company to complain about the bad TV picture coming across the cable. My husband was home today and he heard banging under the house. He saw the cable van in the driveway and went out the back door to go to the access door to the crawl space and when he got there no one was under the house. My husband then went to the van to find the guy to determine what he was doing under the house. No one was in the van. My husband came into the house to find the guy under my computer table working on the cable. My husband had a fit! The cable guy found the front door unlocked so he came right on in. Glad I was safely at work so I didn't have to hear what my husband had to say to the guy. The joys of country living, if the door is unlocked just make yourself at home. By the way, the TV picture is fixed and my internet is still working but I hope nothing breaks because they will never come back to fix anything after today.

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 03:43:48 GMT
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Yes, we are having great fun - no flouncing, no unpleasantness - but then, at least most of the people who have the good taste to like your books ought to be nice! :)

(I'm trying something new - see if this works...)

(It did - yay!)

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [Guest](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 03:51:01 GMT
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Hopefully this will help

Its a review of Chalice from a new Author Sarah (someone whos last name I dont know)

<http://mistful.livejournal.com/119369.html#cutid2>

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 03:54:22 GMT
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All this talk of white hair and I was thinking about Shah Jehan anyway...

Legend hath it that when his wife (for whom he then built the Taj Mahal) died, he locked himself into his room and refused to speak to anyone; when he eventually came out his hair had turned all white...

(He was actually planning to build himself a maosoleum just like the Taj Mahal, but in black marble, facing it. It's a pity it didn't happen - I think it would have been beautiful!)

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various

Posted by [Susan from Athens](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 08:27:50 GMT

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L.R.K. wrote on Fri, 17 October 2008 06:43Why not? They won't mind :)

That's my problem! The machines don't mind and I wind myself up swearing and tearing. And the still, calmly, collectedly don't function. If I am going to turn myself into a screaming, red-faced harpy (and be upset just from having gotten that angry for at least a day) I want the recipient to at least be conscious of my wrath. Inanimate machines are worth a mutter and an imprecation, not true wrath!

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various

Posted by [AJLR](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 09:52:41 GMT

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Utmost sympathy, Robin, for being in a situation as a non-techie that even techies are obviously having problems with. However, this WILL get sorted out and the important things are (I hope) safely backed up somewhere - your files for writing in progress, anything to do with the homeopathy that's particularly vital, contacts from family and close friends. Everything else is, I would guess, transient to some degree or other and can be recovered in time. Hopefully your case conference with HCM and Head Techie will come up with an overall strategy that starts supporting you instead of frustrating you. No point in going into more detail but I really do hope that you can achieve some sort of root-and-branch sort-out, because it sounds like that's what is needed given all the things you're trying to do.

Every finger and toe crossed for you, awkward as that is while travelling...:)

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various

Posted by [L.R.K.](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 10:38:16 GMT

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Yes, well I suppose we all react differently... :)

I get at least a modicum of satisfaction from calling any malfunctioning thing "you stupid idiot" and suchlike - or any object that hits me or trips me up (yes, I still think it's all their fault!) People on the other hand tend to sulk and make scenes if you call them names...sigh...terribly unreasonable of them...and I don't seem to have the patience for that kind of thing...particularly when I'm in a bad mood anyway! :)

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [holmes44](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 11:20:19 GMT
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all sympathies extended robin.[sending virtual chocolate]as i was posting this,my computer was updating something and right in the middle of writing this ,it shut down and restarted,and there i was telling my youngest but i didn't touch anything.they don't start on bearing wall till march[ouch] sorry. my husband and i had to change the living room floor last summer from the cross beams finishing wit putting in a floating wood floor.we did it our selves and it was hard work but it turned out well and plus we changed windows and doors.it was a long summer but it was worth it.[finished babbling now]

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [Mrs Redboots](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 11:21:02 GMT
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Quote:I've told you, haven't I, that the rumour is that menopause goes away again eventually and you may get your life back? As well as your menstruation-free body. So maybe I will eat doughnuts again in the future. The idea of never making honey doughnuts again is very sad. And I'm not going to make them if I can't eat them. I am not that wonderful a human being.

It's true, Robin; it's absolutely true. I think I'm a few years ahead of you on this one, and I promise you, it does disappear, and then one can lose weight again!, and eat the occasional honey doughnut.

And I totally sympathise about your computer woez - I panic if mine goes down for any reason (but I am having no problems at all with your forum).

And I got my copy of Chalice off of my daughter yesterday, and I love her very much for giving it to me (well, I love her very much anyway), and I love you very much for writing it! Thank you.

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [Black Bear](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 12:44:35 GMT
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All you klutzim out there don't have to worry (except about me, but that's kind of another issue):

Well, yes... At least you've not tripped over an internet cable and impaled yourself on the corner of your monitor, or something. :)

The idea with getting a new browser is that you ditch your old one and never look back... Computer Men are right that adding more stuff might be bad, but replacing? That might yet be a wise move.

I'm traveling, so it looks like doughnuts for breakfast here... will eat one with you in mind. :)

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [shalea](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 15:53:27 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Thu, 16 October 2008 19:23...I try not to swear at inanimate machines, but the effort rarely pays off. I sweat and plead and cry and swear and beg my computer people for assistance and have a fit...

Since I am paid to be a sort of Computer Person I often have to pretend I know what I'm talking about, but when faced with a particularly troublesome problem I'm very apt to threaten the misbehaving computer rather than swearing at it. (Generally the threat involves said machine being tossed out of an upper-floor window.) Although I know that the computer ITSELF is naught but a pile of random electronics, I figure if nothing else the threat might sway the Computer Demons who control the works into behaving themselves.

You all did know that the problem is the Computer Demons, didn't you? I can't comprehend how all the ones and zeros play into it, but computers make a lot of sense if you assume that there's sentience somewhere behind them (giggling nastily at times, unfortunately).

:)

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [Reading Angel](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 17:19:54 GMT
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I thought they were Gremlins, but yeah, Demons make sense too...

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [Mori-neko](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 19:11:10 GMT
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Well, everyone knows that computers really run on magic smoke. When the smoke gets out, they stop working

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [jmeadows](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 19:24:34 GMT
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Reading Angel wrote on Fri, 17 October 2008 13:19: I thought they were Gremlins, but yeah, Demons make sense too...

And don't forget the file gnomes that insert typos and weird formatting errors when you're not looking at a document.

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various
Posted by [judith](#) on Fri, 17 Oct 2008 20:48:55 GMT
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Quote: Meanwhile, the purpose of HCM's phonecall this morning is that he and his Chief Tech Wrangler would like to sit down with me and have a cup of tea and a doughnut†† and discuss how to simplify my computer life.

Hmmm. Sounds like they're planning an intervention. Do you need a twelve-step program for your software addiction? :)

Quote: They say I've got more stuff running on my computer(s) than most of their corporate clients.

Now THAT is scary. I've got all kinds of stuff on my company computer and I don't know what it does, and I have more stuff that I never use but it comes with the bundle they put on it before I get it, and still more stuff I have on it just for me because I DO use it, and it all takes up a ginormous amount of space. If they can simplify it all for you, they're doing you a huge favor.

Quote:Meanwhile . . . my lovely, lovely forum, which I was so delighted to have up and running, is almost unusable. Clicking from one page to another crashes me, and replying . . . forget it. At the moment I'm chiefly just tired of the struggle, and so I'm not going to predict what I'll do once we get all of this sorted out.

(*wince) I hate it when stuff like that happens. Head-banging frustration.

Subject: Re: Nightmares, Various

Posted by [Lucy Coats](#) on Sat, 18 Oct 2008 15:21:26 GMT

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OMG--I go offline for two minutes (well, 2 days) because of family crises (various), and come back to see that you have been manifesting techno-nightmares without even the comfort of being able to eat a doughnut. Hugely vast sympathy--and panic ye not! I am sure Computer Man's white hairs will be venerable enough to sort it all out for you. Meanwhile, am sending 'work, damn you,' thoughts at your software and assorted glitches over the ethernet.
