

Unremembered Loss

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The Rise and Fall of the Human Race – Round Three –

I got the round two edited of *The Rise and Fall of the Human Race* back this month. I was a little fearful as I opened up the manuscript. I looked at the number of changes at the top – 6,638. The manuscript has 65,503 words so that about 10%. Oh my.

Well, most of them are deletions and additions: i.e. delete a comma and add a semicolon. Also a lot of remove the “ed” and add an “s”. That takes it down to 5% :)

Besides the 6638 changes, there are 23 comments. I stepped through the comments, again with some trepidation. As I read each one, seeing the need to check a date or a question about a character’s name, I kept waiting for the comment that would say, rewrite this section.

It never came. I got through all 23 comments and the proverbial shoe never fell.

It’s going to take six or seven hours to verify the 6400 changes. I’ve gone through the first thousand and only found two that were incorrect and four that I decided to reject.

The 23 comments are going to take another couple hours. Wait, that means I could be done in eight hours. So then what’s the third round?

The second round seems to have gotten pretty detailed. I thought the third round was going to be the copy edit, where every comma was checked and every tense fixed. Well, I’ll have to finish this round and then I’ll ask the editor what else I’m suppose to do before I send it back to him. Maybe I’m almost done.

With the new found hope that I could be close to being finished, I’ve started thinking about my original idea – to make it a textbook with diagrams and sidebars and maybe questions at the end of each chapter.

What do you think?

- A collection of short stories
- Short stories with 2 or 3 drawings added for each
- Something that feels like a text book with sidebars and questions

I’ve been working on this book for so long and I have so many other projects that I’m currently working on that I’m unsure what I should do now.

Part of me just wants to be done. The other part wants to see the original vision I had for the project come to fruition.

What else can I or should I do before I call this project done?

- Art
 - Cover art
 - Chapter art
 - Story art
- Book layout
 - Simple book
 - Textbook
- Printing
 - Hardback
 - Paperback
- Marketing & Promotion
- Video Trailer
- Audio-book
- Find a publisher or self publish

If you have any thoughts, any words of wisdom, or any strong desires about what you’d like to see, be sure to let me know – I really would like to hear from you and make this a book that you will all want to read.

Until next month, thanks again for reading my newsletter and for being the ones I write for,

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