

From the Editor's Desk

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Jeanne Contemplates Resolutions

It's a new year, Inkers! Time to take stock. Sort through the past 365 days; keep the good and throw away the bad. Bigger and better things lie ahead. Let's move on!

As a child, I always thought New Year's was a rather useless holiday. I mean, really -- no candy, no presents and no costumes?? As an adult, though, I can see the appeal. The New Year is an opportunity to start fresh. On January 1st we get to begin again.

One of my favorite heroines said, "tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet." This is an especially useful concept for writers. The idea that the new year is going to be even more fantabulous than last can help us to refocus and move forward.

One popular New Year's tradition is the making of resolutions. This year you'll: a) write more, b) learn to say "no", c) finish the book, d) keep the house clean, e) lose weight. Sound familiar?

I've never had much luck with resolutions. I find that, if I'm resolving to do something, it usually means I'm not doing it. This year I'm cutting out the middle-man. My new motto is: Don't *resolve* to do anything -- *just do it*. Don't wait.

Start strong! Attack the New Year. Jump its bones like the fresh young thing it is! Bring it to its knees. (But let's not be greedy -- I want a piece of it too. There's more than enough success to go around.) You have the power to do whatever you set your mind to. Make 2006 your own.

I want to witness some miracles this year, Inkers! Don't wait for a sign; have faith. Don't wait for the writing career you want; go after it. As Sheryl Crow says, "Making miracles is hard work. Most people give up before they happen." We have to make our own miracles in this life. Finish that book. Submit that manuscript. Go after that agent. Make your miracles happen. You can do it. Happy 2006!

Jeanne is feeling pretty good about 2006. She just signed a contract with Loose-Id for ANIMAL DREAMS, the first book in her paranormal erotic romance trilogy, and is diligently working on the second. You can visit her website at www.jannelaws.com



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