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December
Newsletter

A Divine December

Merry Christmas and happy new year! It's that time of the year again, where the air constantly smells like peppermint, flickering christmas lights almost give me migraines, and presents! This month was busy with celebration, but that didn't stop me from getting some progress on Threads of Fate.

Book Snippet

"The Veil, a protective dome, served as the barrier that repelled the bloodthirsty humans, separating Veilstead from the outside world, where humans held knives and killed each other. Some say, the soil outside was stained red and the rivers flowed with blood. The thought shook Ophira's bones; she never wanted to leave the cozy confines of the Veil."

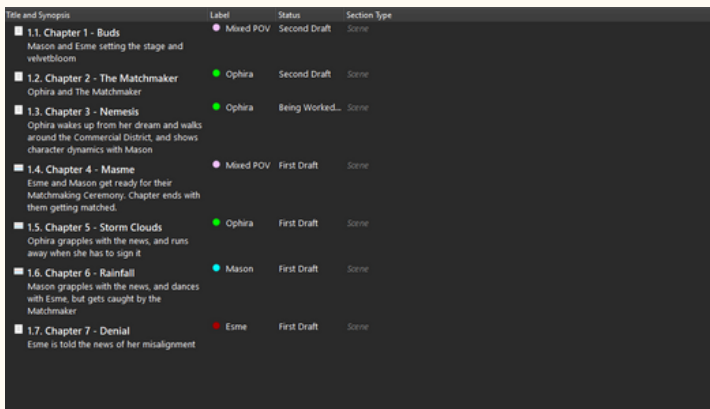
-Chapter 3, Nemesis



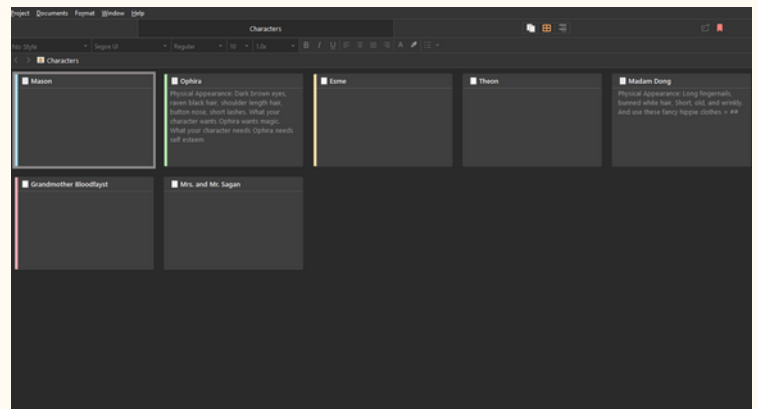
Scrivener

If you are a writer, I'm sure you have heard this word countless times. *Scrivener*. This Christmas, my very kind and beloved aunt and uncle pooled their money together to get me this awesome program, which will fuel my writing for the years to come. What even is Scrivener anyway? I myself don't fully know. There are so many features and tools and I am still in the process of figuring out. However, I've been told that only a few of the main features are enough to transform it into a powerful software to get my words down.

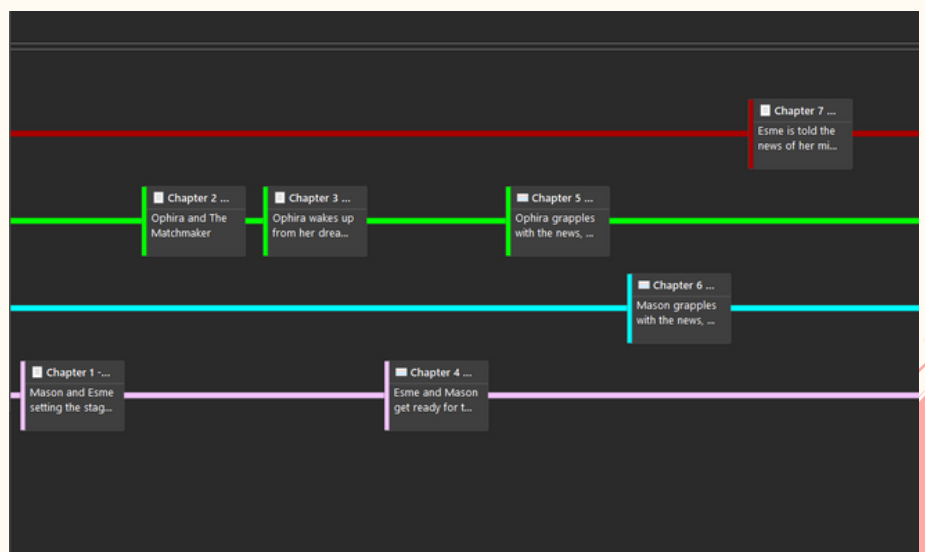
Though the Reedsy book editor was really great as a free tool, Scrivener has so much more. In Scrivener, there are name generators (which gave me some surprisingly good names), text-to-speech functions, complex nifty organization tools (a place to store anything book related), super manageable scene cards, and so much more I haven't used.



Outline view with synopses and statuses



Useful corkboard view with color labels



And my favorite: the timeline view where I colored them based on points of view.

Updates



This Christmas, most of my time was spent wrapping up the school semester with final exams and Christmas celebrations, and figuring out second drafting wasn't the easiest!

I only managed to comb through the first three chapters, and even while I did that, I wondered if my technique of rewriting the chapters back downside to side in a copy paste manner was even the right way to redraft my novel.

New Years Writing Resolutions

This year, I plan to...

- Finish the final draft of my book and have it queried.
- Learn more about the craft of writing.
- Stop comparing my first draft with completed and professionally edited books by bestselling authors.
- Read at least 30 books (I am a slow reader) in 2024.
- Write 50k words for my second book during Nanowrimo 2024 even while working on ToF.
- Remember to pray before every writing session.
- Write to the best of my abilities!



Shoutout

Shoutout to Candle and Sarah for their great advice and work on the book! I really appreciate it all!

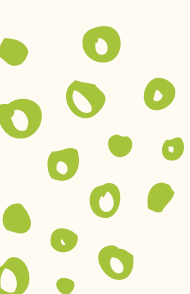




Wrapping up the Hunger Games

For a writer, I am a slow reader, but I am wrapping up the Hunger Games series which I started reading in October.

Reading this popular dystopian has inspired some more book ideas that I plan to write in the future!



Half a Year

I can't believe that this is my 6th newsletter! That means I've been doing this long-term marketing campaign for half a year now!?



Pinterest Book Board

I recently found out that this was girly, but I made a Pinterest board for my book aesthetic. Check it out in the link below!



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ALPHA READERS WANTED!

If you are interested in alpha reading our book, critiquing and providing feedback for Threads of Fate, it would be greatly appreciated. Just give us a quick email!