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Dear Writer,

Stuck for an idea for a story? Need a little push in the right direction, wrong direction, or any direction just so you can start writing? Relax! A sentence starter may be all you need. Check out the exercise and be on your merry writing way.

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Writer's Corner:

Sentence Starters When You Need Them

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Sentence starters are a great way to help unblock the writer's block and free your creativity. Some times that all we need, part of a sentence to get us going, but there are times when ideas start to dry up again. The blank page may now be full but the blinking cursor starts to mock, as new thoughts simply won't come. Why not use another sentence starter? There is no rule of using one only, use as many as you need to help keep your thoughts flowing.

Before you start writing come up with a few unfinished sentences and once things stop flowing pull out one of your prepared sentence starters. It would be a good idea to get into the habit of jotting down partial sentences and keep them in a jar, that way there is a ready supply of ideas whenever you need a kick-start.

Try writing a story that begins with this sentence starter:

I watched the leaves flutter to the ground hoping it would somehow silence the turmoil within ...

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Then when you are in need of another idea in the same story use this one:

I prayed he wouldn't find us, but all it would take ...

Stuck again? Use another one:

Had I finally reached salvation? Had it ...

Give it a try; you never know where your story may lead you.

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