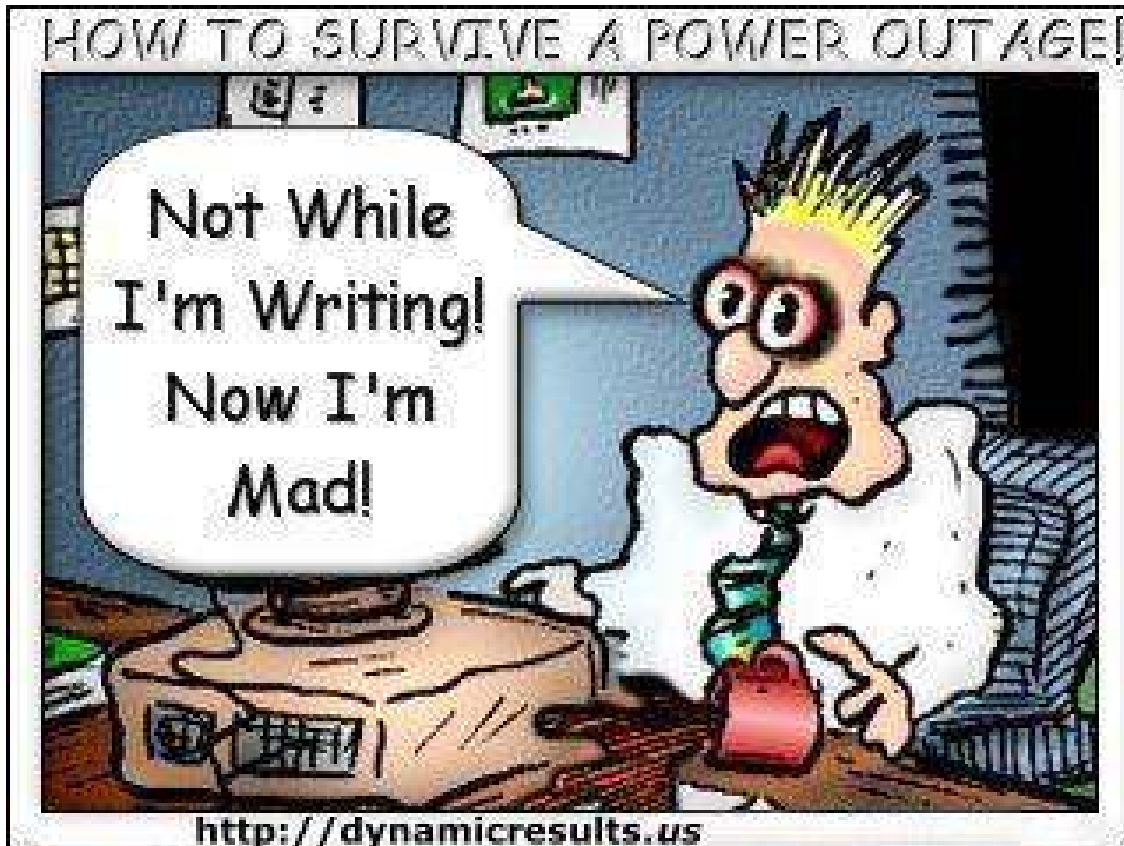


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There you are all comfy at your desk, briskly pecking away at the keyboard when suddenly...WHAM! Your screen suddenly goes blank and lifeless, the lamp on your desk blows its wad. Your favorite little jimmy cricket night light flickers and dies.

You are now all alone in the dark. After muttering a few curse words you sit quietly listening for sounds. You want to get up and check the window but fear sets in as the thought of "Michael Myers" crosses into your subconsciousness. You try to scream but the lump in your throat forbids it.

Tears stream from your eyes uncontrollably as you can only think of the horrific things that only Michael is capable of doing to you. Your mind races to devise a plan of action while reaching for that small pen light in the desk drawer.

"Oh No!", your brain screams it; cause you still have not gotten words past that lump in your throat.

Panic sets in, you have now become a liability to the human race. Stricken with the fear of a horrible death, you glance out the window. Was that a shadow?! While glaring at the window the shadow appears again, the lump in your throat is now three times the size it was a couple of minutes ago. Screaming is out of the equation. Your fear factor has reached level two.

Dropping to the floor you crawl to the farthestmost wall opposite the window. Etching to the nearest doorway you go into an FBI roll across the hall into the other room. Groping the night stand there turns up nothing. Crawling to the nearest closet, careful not to make any noise, you open the door.

Once inside you clutch the camping pack and wipe the ever streaming tears. Unzipping the side-pocket you search for the penlight. There it is all tucked away from the last trip you made to the canyon. You manage to exert a small laugh through the lump in your throat.

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With the penlight now on it is time to check the surroundings. Many life saving tools were in the closet, but your favorite weapon of choice was the aluminum ball bat. Grabbing the duct tape in the pack you assemble the penlight to the end of the bat. WooHoo!

With renewed strength and the makeshift lightsaber, you make your way out the bedroom door slowly. A small voice inside you says, " Luke, use the force." Gripping the light saber with both hands you balance the weapon out in front. The light from the new saber danced on the ceiling and walls. Your stomach was a mess from all the stress, the crying and the thought of Michael waiting outside. Fear factor level has decreased to level one since obtaining the weapon.

Edging around the doorway where the computer sat you can see it sits lifeless. While making tiptoes across the room the saber light falls onto your jimmy cricket night light that has been blown. "Oh man not jimmy!" you exclaim. Ok that does it. Now a mad rage sets in as you storm out heading for the front door to confront Michael. You know no fear for your fear factor level has reached zero tolerance. "Michael better watch out.!"



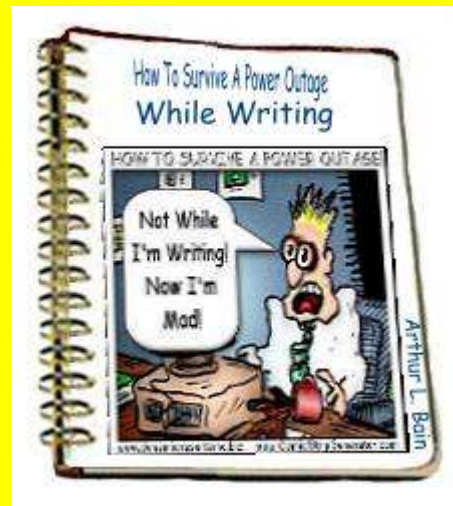
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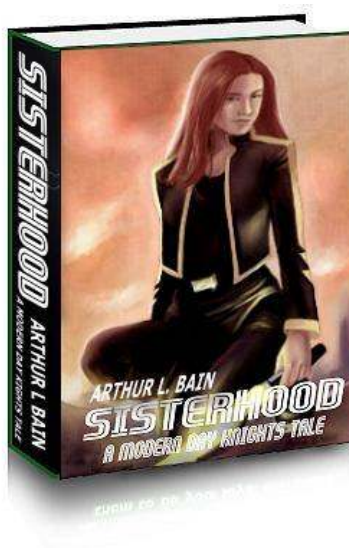
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