

The Ten Commandments of Co-Writing by Riley Pine

1. Thou Shalt Communicate

- Always make sure you're both on the same page. Daily check-ins help keep the ball rolling, especially when working from different time zones.
- It's important to make sure you're on the same page with your agent and editor as well.

2. Thou Shalt Make a Writing Plan

- Speaking of different time zones...having a plan of who will write when helps alleviate a lot of confusion. Calendars are key—beginning and end date, how you will edit, timeline of edits, etc.
- To plot or to pants? We've done both, and there are advantages and drawbacks to each.

3. Thou Shalt Show Up Ready to Work

- This isn't just your show. Time is valuable and don't waste your partner's.
- Be respectful and meet obligations for tasks (word count, editing, etc).
- And of course life happens, so if you are getting derailed from the schedule, refer to 1st Commandment.

4. Thou Shalt Use Google Docs (but yes you'll have download to Word later)

- Write from anywhere on laptop, tablet, or phone (Lia LOVES writing on the phone)
- See edits/changes in real time and know exactly when your partner is done with her part

5. Thou Shalt Surprise Each Other (or Punk Each Other)

- Part of the enjoyment of co-writing, even if you outline/beat sheet/etc. is entertaining your partner. There's nothing better than having your partner text you with an LOL at something funny you did.
- Part of a great partnership means not being afraid to push your partner outside their comfort zone—and not being afraid to step outside your own.

6. Thou Shalt Not Die on Every Hill

- Keep in mind what works for you in a story might *not* work for your partner. You need to be willing to compromise.
- Going back to that surprising and punking, be respectful of your partner's comfort zone and that they might need baby steps outside that border.

7. Thou Shalt Play Off of Each Other's Strengths

- Do you have a partner who's a former English teacher and huge grammar nerd (AJ)? She's probably a great proofreader.
- Is one of you super-fast at doing read-throughs for continuity (Lia)? She's a good one to take a last look before sending it off to agent or editor.

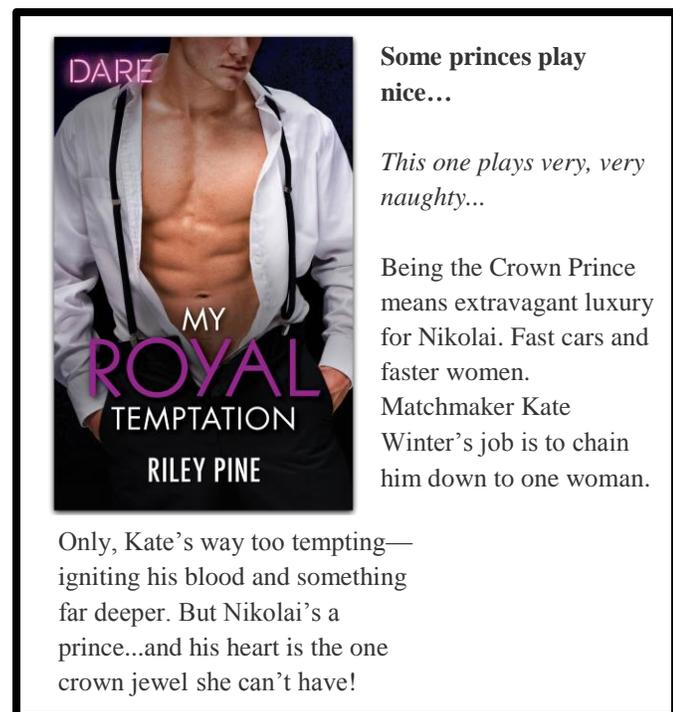
8. Thou Shalt Make a Marketing Plan

- Coordinate with editor to get ARCs to bloggers.
- Ads—Facebook, BookBub, Instagram

9. Thou Shalt Divide Up Non-Writing Tasks

- Making teasers
- Editorial paperwork for your publisher

10. Thou Shalt Have FUN



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Ten years ago, Jack Everett left his family's ranch without a backward glance. Now, what was supposed to be a quick trip home for his father's funeral has suddenly become more complicated. The ranch Jack can handle—he might be a lawyer, but he still remembers how to work with his hands. But turning around the failing vineyard he's also inherited? That requires working with the one woman he never expected to see again.

Ava Ellis broke her own heart the night she let Jack go. She was young and scared—and secretly pregnant with Jack's baby. Now that he's back and asking for her help, Ava sees her opportunity to right the wrongs of the past. But how will he feel about the son he's never known? Could this be their second chance—or their final heartbreak?



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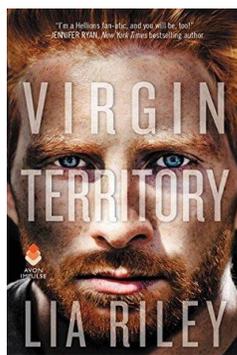
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Patrick "Patch" Donnelly has what it takes to be the best goalie in the NHL...if only he could learn to control his temper. When Coach orders him to get his head in the game with private yoga classes, Patch isn't having it. There's no way this tough Boston guy would be caught dead downward dog-ing his way to inner peace. But if he refuses, he risks his starting position and the dream he sacrificed everything for, including joining the priesthood.

Yoga instructor Margot Kowalski is over men. After yet another toxic relationship, she's eager to forget love and focus on growing her business. Doing the Hellions head coach a favor by helping out a troubled player can't hurt, and it might give her career a high-profile boost. But free-spirited Margot is soon charming the pants off Patch. Literally. Her sassy combination of sweet and sexy proves irresistible to the goalie. Before Patch can give into temptation though, he'll have to confess his biggest secret: He's a virgin.

But Patch is hiding more than sexual inexperience, and his dark past soon threatens to destroy his shot at true love.