

# “The Documentation Chronicles”

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This story chronicles the *inexplicable* hazards and **vicious** beasts a team must surmount and vanquish on the journey to finding their documentation's true power.

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# Chapter 1. A City Under Siege

This journey begins one late Monday afternoon at [Devoxx](http://devoxx.be)<sup>1</sup>. Our team desperately needs coffee, but none of us dare open the theater doors. We hear:

“Leave and face **code dismemberment and certain death**.”



**Figure 1.1. The vicious Wolpertinger**

During the first conference workshop, a script-addicted warlock released a plague of Wolpertingers.

You may not be familiar with these [ravenous beasts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolpertinger)<sup>2</sup>, but, trust us, they'll eat your shorts and suck the loops from your code.

Since then, we'd been searching for the security crew's defensive operations manual. But we couldn't find it, and those DefOps werewolves still hadn't returned from their trust building retreat at

Bier Central. They'd left last night. Either they'd eaten each other, or they'd fallen victim to the Wolpertingers roaming the city streets. See [Chapter 3, A Recipe for Potion](#).

*Weak light from the hallway trickled across the theater, chased by a distant scream.*



Working with werewolves leads to howling.



Try training aggressive regular expressions with Pavlovian reinforcement.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://devoxx.be>

<sup>2</sup> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolpertinger>

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# Chapter 2. The Ravages of Writing

‘Crystalline’ XML tags relentlessly bombarded the theater.

## XML tags

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```
<author>
  <personname>
    <firstname>Lazarus</firstname>
    <surname>het Draeke</surname>
  </personname>
  <affiliation>
    <jobtitle>Word SWAT Team Leader</jobtitle>
  </affiliation>
</author>
```

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## 2.1. Writing Without Pain

A paragraph is just a paragraph. No special syntax required.

- Coffee
- Beer
- [Devovx](http://devovx.be)<sup>1</sup>



Beware of untested `code`! The Wolpertinger will find you.

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```
puts 'Beer, the cure for the common <XML>-hell.' ❶
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❶ Prints message to the console

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<sup>1</sup> <http://devovx.be>

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## Chapter 3. A Recipe for Potion

1. Two fresh Burdockian leaves
  - They must be harvested by the light of the teal moons.
2. A hair of the Wolpertinger
3. Heat

### 3.1. Searching for Burdockian

Crawling through the twisted understory of the Hackergarten...

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# Appendix A. Habitat

The habitat of the Wopertinger is a dangerous one.



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