First, Take a Deep Breath

The company is doing well, but the fall of 2007 was not a happy time for our chief designer. The entire fall schedule was devastated by the time Steve Cole took off for family leave when his mother passed away, and by the sudden retirement of Al Pare, who handled our miniatures casting. A lot of balls got dropped, and we had to take a hard look at how the business runs. What we found is that half of the “executive” time is spent “running the business” and the other half “creating new products” and that while the creative stuff can be delayed, the administrative part cannot. This is always the problem with a small business; there is nobody to take over when a key individual becomes unavailable.

So, we take a deep breath and we start over with a bold vision for the new year, and an exciting schedule of creative new products.

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