Woes with **pandoc**: where did my text go?

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The Issue

- I use pandoc to convert LaTex source to epub.
- Want to also convert to pdf.
- When I tried making pdf of a novel --> !@#@*\$%##@!
 - No italic (all the dialog!)
 - No typewriter font (all the letters and correspondence!)
- WHY?
 - Difficult to get a good log file. (SUGGESTIONS?)
 - Many steps within pandoc processes

Rest of "talk" is demos

- Use tp1.tex
 - Small
 - Has all the elements
 - Modify LaTex and note that some things work
- Seems sometimes to help to convert to html first, or ...?