

## **The Authors Corner**

by Dutch Rhudy

Welcome to The Authors Corner.

It never fails, everything takes ten times longer than we thought it would. I closed last month with setting up to work on drawings for the family homes of the first settlers. Numerous images were collected, sorted, and matched up with the structure sketches. The long slow process of cleaning them up enough to make renderings, has allowed me to complete only two final images for my sketch folders.

Edits on the first novel of the Roaring Falls series poured in during the third week January, then nothing since. I figured he was saving them for our next scheduled meeting date, but he didn't show, and no one was answering his phone.

His son called me from out of town to let me know his dad was in the hospital, and they all went to be with him. He came around enough to ask his son to give me a call. His job requires travel, and he suffered a serious stroke while on a sales trip.

The family is keeping me up to date, and they expect he can come home later this month. His son delivered what editing he finished before leaving on the trip. More than six chapters for me to work on rewriting. He also said it is not likely his dad will be able to anything further.

Without getting into mundane topics like meetings, and how I'm sifting through images. I don't have anything new going on, I'm just rewriting existing drafts to relocate and add in edits. In other words, a lot of boring stuff going on.

One thing I did last week, was take a few of the streets in Roaring Falls and write a history sketch about how they formed, grew into roads, and what changes they underwent over the long time frame. How roads change to keep pace with a growing city, is integral with population growth, and advancements in transportation technology.

Almost like I let a character tell the story from their point of view, allowing a road to tell me its history, also brings storyline ideas into play to help add depth to the story. Although most of what I write will never appear in the story itself. The satisfaction of finding a dirt path to a secluded hideaway off a side road, might be where a couple sneak off to in the romance series.

I truly enjoy writing, and searching the depths of my mind for those little places or events hiding deep inside my memories. Someone I am speaking with may bring up a topic that jogs my memory, and like a typical writer, we stop them long enough to write it down.

Respectfully submitted  
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