

## **The Authors Corner** by Dutch Rhudy

Welcome to The Authors Corner.

Last months recap of the Roaring Falls concept prompted several to ask the same, or similar question. How do I intend to weave the historic backstory for Roaring Falls into the mystery novels.

This is an excellent question, because it shows how when one is so close to their work; they overlook stating what is obvious to the writer, but not clear enough to the reader. In rereading my previous blog post, searching for the explanatory lines, they did not exist.

My response is simple. The mystery novels in the Roaring Falls series require no backstory, because they are preceded by the historical novels in the series. The backstory is so complex and important to the development of the detective agency, it cannot be omitted.

Writing a mystery novel in an existing setting is simple in comparison to establishing a fictional location with a long and wonderful history. World building consumed more years than I care to remember, but it was all necessary to develop the proper setting for the series.

The Roaring Falls series is divided into two major parts, the historical series, and the mystery series. Plus an adjunct romance series using the characters and setting for Roaring Falls as its basis. When the detective agency reaches its peak development stage, the mystery series will end, but the stories will continue in stand-alone episodic novels.

I was also asked if the historical series and mystery series would be published alternating between the two series parts while following the stories time line. This topic arose several times with the different developmental editors I had the pleasure to meet and talk with. The unanimous decision is to include the early detective cases within the historical series as part of the agencies growth. The historical series will evolve to become the mystery series.

Changing the subject: We took a serious lightning hit which fried all the computers and most of our peripheral devices, including the main file server and NAS (Network Accessible Storage). The LAN (Local Area Network) cables run outdoors between the two main buildings. This cabling is where a lightning step-leader got into our data equipment.

Thankfully I mirror our data in three different physical locations, with one out-state. Nevertheless, whatever files I had opened on the desktop, and was working on at the time of the strike were lost. Not completely, only what I had not yet backed up of my days work. I used some bailing wire and bubble gum to salvage a few parts to get an old computer on-line, while I order the parts to have a new computer built. Then I will see if the fried units can be restored or sent off to the recyclers. Good ole Murphy came visiting once again.

Respectfully submitted  
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