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Introduction

I must disappoint fans of Sam Speedo by pointing out that this is not a *real* novel.

Its whole purpose is to provide a quick summary of how to mark up a manuscript so you can send it to Nepo Press to turn it into an eBook (for Kindle, Barnes & Noble, Apple, Kobo, Smashwords, or just your own use or distribution) or to turn it into a printed book through CreateSpace.

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If you want to stick with a word processor and don’t love the one you use currently, consider the free LibreOffice (<http://libreoffice.org>).

If you prefer a text editor (and there are advantages), there are a ton to choose from. jEdit, Vim, and Emacs are good choices. The last two require working through a tutorial to get up to speed, but will pay back the time over and over.

- jEdit (<http://jedit.org>) Easy to install everywhere.
- Vim (<http://www.vim.org>) Easy to install everywhere.
- Emacs (<http://ftp.gnu.org/gnu/emacs/windows>) Easy to install except on Microsoft Windows.

Chapter One

Sam was lounging by the pool in his usual attire when a sultry brunette spilled her drink on him.

“Oh, I am so sorry, Mr. Speedo. I was looking for you, but I just didn’t see you there in that *skimpy* bathing suit!”

“No problem, Doll” said Sam, as he grabbed a towel and began to wipe the papaya juice off his face. “What are you doing out here in the noon-day sun?”

“Well, Sam, we have a problem back at the office.”

“A problem, Doll?”

“Yes, Sam. You had a 10:30 meeting with a client and you didn’t show up. I had to send Mr. Edwards away and ... the rent’s due soon. Would you call him, please, and reschedule?”

“Sure, Doll. Now, get out of here and let me catch a few more rays. I’ll sort it out soon.”

Chapter Two

“Where were you, Joe? You usually beat me to the scene? I’ve been here for thirty minutes already.”

“Any ID on the body, Sally?”

“Yup. It looks like this is a Mr. Alfred Edwards, but there’s something else you’re not going to like.”

“Well, Sally, that would be a first, wouldn’t it? I’m usually pretty damn good humored, wouldn’t you say?”

“That’s not *exactly* what I would say, Joe. But guess whose business card I found in Edwards’s wallet?”

“Come on, Sally, It’s too early in the morning to play guessing games. What did you find?”

“Speedo’s card. It looks like another case where we can expect trouble.”

Chapter Three

The exciting adventure would continue here.

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Chapter Five

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Chapter Six

Finally, we resolve most of the issues, but leave a few hanging to entice readers to purchase the next novel in the series.

About the Author



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