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*Writing is an exploration.
You start from nothing
and learn as you go.*

E. L. Doctorow



#getpeculiar

Peculiar Activities update

Much has happened since last month. We are going live on October 6th. More on the flip side. This month, a final preview, this one from Chapter 6. Next month, buy the book!

If I contemplated the park murders at all, it would remind me of Nika's questions and even more curious. I hesitated a few times before I pulled out her business card and dialed, as jittery as the first time I called a girl in high school.

"Hello? Nika?" A second of silence.

"Is this Henry, or Ike, or whatever?"

"Yes. You can call me either."

"What are you doing?"

"Not much. I saw you on TV this morning."

"Yeah, that reporter ambushed us with her TV camera. I looked terrible."

"No, no, you looked great."

"Thanks," she said, no giggling this time. "So, the news from Alexandria revolves around crooked cops—"

"Thanks, I'm doing well, too. Yes, there was one bad cop."

"It seems out of control."

"It's not out of control. We've identified ..." She's a sly one. "Things are settling down."

"What makes you think so?"

"I didn't call to talk about work. I thought since you bought dinner last Saturday, it could be my turn this weekend."

"Geez, Ike, you call a girl kind of late, don't you?"

"You called me later than this a week ago."

"True." There it was—a partial giggle. "But I hadn't planned to go out in this weather."

"I see."

"You sound awfully disappointed, so how about I come over and we can talk? I love Chinese. Order something out, and I'll show up around six o'clock again," she said.

"Great. I can pick you up, and we can get food on the way."

"No, Charlie will drop me off. You don't have to drive in this mess."

I offered no arguments and got back to cleaning my kitchen. With any luck, Charlie wouldn't sit outside and wait in the BMW.



Check out the book trailer on my website: mejbookslle.com

All photos used in the video and elsewhere are mine or purchased through available resources.

Time to Tour Or who wants to buy this book?

So, when it comes to writing, is there an easy part?

Sitting down to write for months (years) to get a first draft ...

Editing yourself for a hundred or more times ...

Finding a reasonably-priced outside editor with real feedback ...

Finding an agent (if you try that route) ...

Finding a publisher willing to read your synopsis or your proposal ...

Setting up your web and social media sites for exposure ...

Marketing yourself ...

Learning how to be a salesman (sometimes pushy) ...

Sales may be the hardest for many writers, me included. Congratulations on coming so far, but selling your books to people other than friends and family will take you out of your comfort zone. Unless you're lucky enough to have written a masterpiece, and your book shows on all the best-selling lists, it will not sell itself. Managing expectations may be the final hurdle. Books listed on Amazon average lifetime sales of less than six hundred copies. Time to get to work.

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