

Hello <name>

I am inviting you to write a short story to be used as an appendix to my upcoming novel 'Claymore'. This worked out well with my last novel 'Baktu' with it's three short story appendices. In addition to money, you would receive recognition for the story. Below is a probable style example of your story heading:

Appendix - <Story Title>

BY <AUTHOR (YOU)>

Once upon a time...

The requirements for the story are

- It should focus on a minor character of your choosing from the Claymore novel manuscript. This means not Claymore, Tomek or Spri or a minor character some one else chose. (I hope to have two or three short story appendices from different authors.)
- The story should not contradict any of the three related novels (Negative Zero, Baktu, Claymore) except as a character difference of opinion or character misunderstanding.
- The story should be 2000+ words.
- The story should be about an incident the focus character experienced, or some backstory of the focus character.
- It can involve other characters also, including the main characters. If the fact checking clashes with the short story of another appendix author, you will be expected to help with a compromise or resolution suggestions.
- The timeframe of the story should be during the Claymore novel.
- Contact me if you have a great idea that violates the rules, and I will consider it.
- You would sign an "NDA" promising not to publish or distribute my 'Claymore' manuscript.
- Have your story edited for grammar and spelling.
- Don't include profane language or erotic scenes

Compensation:

- \$250
- Acknowledged credit (your name as the subtitle)
- I get the rights to publish the short story in my novel appendix, but you retain the rights to publish your short story independent of me also.

If you are interesting in writing a short story for me:

1. You read through the manuscript. (The manuscript will be sent to professional editors, so don't be alarmed if it has a few grammar mistakes.)
2. Decide (after reading) if you still want to contribute to the book. (And inform me. This is the the last step if you don't want to continue. No compensation in this case.)
3. Decide which character you want as a focus character for your story.

4. Inform me of your selection.
5. Write the short story
6. Send it to me
7. After reviewing it and finding it acceptable, I send you \$250. If I don't find it acceptable, you can change the story until it's good. If I don't accept it, I have no rights to the story and cannot publish it in my book. I expect to be easy to please if it follows the requirements above.