

The Adventures of
FEX & COO

A Serialized Novel Novel

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Prologue



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How it began ...

At Tully's, Fourth and Union, where I go to write when I'm in Seattle—for coffee too. Today, mulling Goethe's admonition to *look* at what one sees, to find the *story* there.

I see two trucks. One is FedEx, the other Costco. *Looking*, it's Fex and Coo—Tully's pillars blocking the actual seeing so readily “filled in.” Across the street there is a Sale, but in looking, only Sal is there. Next door there is Sterling Bank but looking says it's Ling Bank. Key Bank is across the street, looking reveals only Key. Those pillars again. The UPS truck goes by and when I look at what I see, it's UP.

Brooding on this nest, I wait for a line, a line from the story, perhaps the first line. It comes:

Sal is a teller at Ling Bank. He does not yet know that Fex and Coo have decided ending it is the key. They have been held up by matters that do not concern us. You may not agree. That's fine, it is not a requirement. Just wait. You will see.

Something prompts me to send this to my writer friend. To my surprise, he sends back an improvised continuation. Spontaneously, I send him a continuation. And before we know it, we are off! Back and forth, to and fro, round and round we go. No plan. No plot. More like serious and extemporaneous play.