

# Paul's Monthly Newsletter

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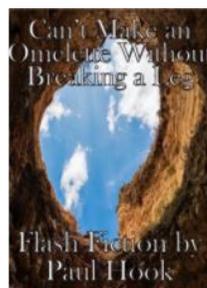


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Issue #4 is here. I know I've mentioned that I'm on a streak with writing these newsletters, but with four consecutive ones, I believe it's enough. End of talking about it. I think, but don't quote me on it.

I set some awesome goals for April and I'm rounding third, ready to slide into home plate. My tweets have seen a noticeable uptick in activity, I've finished 2 or 3 new flash fiction/short stories and my website has some new additions.

What's that? New additions? Yes. I had two pieces added to the [RogueAnimalBooks](#) website. One's a flash fiction - You Can't Make an Omelette Without Breaking a Leg and the other is a dark humour short story - Bio-Ethical What? You really have to check them out. I'm quite proud of the second one. Not to take away from the first, which is also funny, but the second is my favourite.



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## Limestone City Murders - a Novel in Progress.

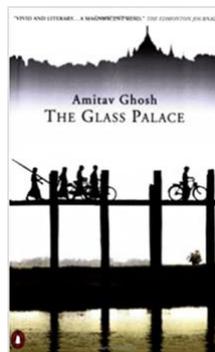
When will he ever finish the novel? Right. That's what you've asked since you first heard of it. Well, it's not done yet. I'm building suspense. Besides, writing a novel can take a short or long period of time. I haven't devoted two hours a day to this one yet, but I will be soon. I anticipate that the murders will pick up around mid-May and I'll have the ending wrapped up before the summer heat. If you're super interested in it, drop me a line and I'll send you a character page on the protagonist!

## Contest for my fans

One lucky fan will get the chance to add a character or be the character in a short story I am writing about a moon colony gone rogue and all kinds of sideways. Drop me a Facebook message, an email or respond on my blog and whoever gives me a some character details and a great reason of why I should pick them will win.

## What does an author read?

I've been reading lots of short stories on websites and with a few subscriptions I have. One is [Carve](#). They have tons of honest stories, fiction, poetry, etc. You can buy the print or digital issue. Definitely recommended. I finished the *Glass Palace*. Some stellar writing in that one and a great historical fiction. I can honestly say that I learned a lot of humanity and about Burma/Myanmar.



## Updates from behind the screen.

My work continues. Smashing the keyboard, writing my thoughts down in my phone, updating my website, marketing on facebook and Twitter. All kinds of things, really. Oh, and I continued work on some short stories from March, which I hope to be out in May. I also finished two new ones:

- The Wind Wizard A thoughtful, magical story that maybe the first chapter in a novella. A boy learns how to harness the wind, like his ancestors and he must use it to save his people from an evil king. Honestly, who doesn't love stories like this? If you say yes, tell me that you want to unsubscribe.
- The Albatross is Dead A great, first-person flash fiction that I started because of the title. I had no idea where it was going to go, but I loved the journey. It has been submitted to an online short fiction/flash fiction website. Watch my social media accounts for the link!

## Flash Fiction of the Month.

Dare to be dared

“No way can you jump from the roof of this building to the other one.” With the dare set, all I had to do was get up enough speed and launch myself at the right time. 100% confidence in making the jump. Me and my friends had been daring each other to do anything imaginable. Some things were funny, others were scary, illegal or deathly. So when I said yes to the dare, I knew there was a small risk that I could stumble. But I was so concentrated on the speed, that I hadn't thought about what was on the roof of the building I jumped to.

Cleared the gap with no issues, by a good two feet, but I had so much momentum

that I lost my balance and couldn't stop. I ran right into the pigeon coop and had my face caught in the mesh. After my friends extracted me, they took me to the doctor to get stitches. Who's up for the next dare?

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