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First North American Rights Only  
About 4,000 words

CORRECT SHORT STORY FORMAT

By

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The body of a short story should be double-spaced in Courier 12-point type. The paragraphs are indented five spaces.

If you have sold the rights before, the notice at the top might read Second North American Rights or whatever rights you are offering a publisher.

Make your margins at least one to one and a half inches on all sides, and number all the pages after the first page. On page two and beyond, type your last name in all capital letters in the header at the left and put the page number flush right in the header.

At the end of the story, drop down four lines and type THE END in all caps. Remember to underline it, too.

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