

# First Annual Lake Fossil Press Contest

What I am looking for:

Those of you who are writers who write in the Science Fiction Genre and a sucker for writing fan fiction. Here's a chance for you to try your hand at writing fan fiction and get published for it. The fan fiction stories must be based on the Lake Fossil Trilogy but no stories where the story is LAKE FOSSIL IV, V, VI, VII, etc, or no erotic content either. Stories submitted will be property of LAKE FOSSIL PRESS and Nickolaus A. Pacione. The characters from Lake Fossil cannot be used but the characters that can be used are the creature and the Great Lakes or collar counties in Chicago.

What will winners get?

The winners will be picked and published in an anthology featuring their work -- titled Stories Of The Lake Fossil told By Nickolaus A. Pacione and others. Lake Fossil is a Science Fiction story written by Nickolaus Pacione about a creature such as Loch Ness Monster living in the Great Lakes. The original story was written in March of 2004 as a challenge for him to write Science fiction, and he later wrote two more sequels off of it. These stories must have characters that are owned by the entrants just as long they are not rooted in alternative romance, they can be goth characters, metalheads or even normal looking characters. Contestants in the contest will get the other two stories in the series for a \$5 entry fee. The reason for the contest is because Nickolaus Pacione invited some authors to step into his shoes to see if they

could do a Pacione type Science Fiction story and he has a love for Creature fiction. The Contest fee will be sent via paypal to the email address given for the email address used. Fiction sent via snail mail can be sent as a .doc file on a floppy disk along with the photo of the author who wrote the story.

Pacione is out of the heavy metal end of the dark subcultural spectrum so he is looking for a lot of heavy metal influenced characters in there being he met members of VOIVOD in 1996. This project is a labor of love of his and one of his personal favorite stories. Since he never used erotica to write a story -- that is expected by the authors involved with the contest. The stories will be judged by Nickolaus A. Pacione himself so make everything count and be respectful to his creation.

Submissions via email must be sent as a .doc attachment to lakefossil@mad.scientist.com. Snail mail address will be provided in the author's story LAKE FOSSIL III. But only after the entry fee is entered, that will also be the reading fee. The deadline for the contest is August 3, 2006, the birthday of the man who created LAKE FOSSIL. I am looking for both semi-professional and amateur entries here. But impress me with what you can do with the Lake Fossil storyline.

Contact: Judge, Editor, publisher, and author/creator of the LAKE FOSSIL SERIES. Nickolaus A. Pacione, and email address for submissions lakefossil@mad.scientist.com

Word Count: 6000 words up to 8000 words Max (minimum -- 4400 up to 5500 words)

Genre's looking at: Science Fiction set in the 1990's think the characters being born in the mid 1970's. So make the characters high school classes in the 1990s if you were to do characters set then and teachers being in their mid 20's to

late 30's. Think the LAKE FOSSIL story itself and keep to the spirit of the series. Of all the entries -- only 14 will be chosen for the anthology, so make them count. The book will be published on Lake Fossil Press. Fan art must be sent as pen and ink or painting in .jpg or .png format. Entry fee for artwork is \$25. Send that on a floppy disk when you get the stories in your email. Lake Fossil can be read for free on FictionPress.com but to get the bigger picture one must have the rest of them. The entry fee will help finance the books when they come out. Average age of author to take part must be seventeen or getting ready to turn 18. Think Michael Crichton's Jurassic Park or A.C. Doyle's The Lost World but a modern day setting. Treat your fan fiction stories with the respect the author treats to his series.

**NO ALTERNATIVE ROMANCE!  
GOOD LUCK TO THE CONTESTANTS**