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“Blood Game” by David Lyons **August 2013 Issue**

This second tale featuring Louisiana Federal District Judge Jock Boucher is even better than the first.

In the beginning Boucher and his girlfriend are enjoying their vacation time immensely; having a ball in Mexico. As with all good times, however, the fun must end.

Jock is truly regretting his decision to become a federal judge and wants to basically say goodbye to the whole thing. But when he’s summoned by the President of the United States and asked point blank to remain for a little longer, Jock decides to stay on the job.

Returning to his home in New Orleans, Jock goes out to dinner one night and is held up by an armed man in the street. Defending himself, the robber ends up dead. Calling his old friend, Detective Fitch of the NOPD, Jock is told by Fitch that the bullets used inside the robber’s firearm are a new breed of ammunition called ‘cop killers.’ They seem to be cropping up everywhere, and the NOPD knows that arms dealers are distributing this horrific ammo to Mexican criminal elements.

A new development is in the works: a plan created by the U.S. government to head into an area of northern Mexico and take these dealers out. However, the dealers are a tough group with a long reach and they are blocking the government’s plan by any means necessary. Being that the last thing anyone wants is a war to break out with the U.S. southern allies, Jock attempts to figure out a plan to stop the hostilities before it’s too late.

This is a fascinating plot with extremely vivid scenes. Readers will surely identify with Jock, especially in this very real world filled with escalating violence. They will also root for the judge as he attempts to find his own niche in the world. With an unforgettable ending, it will be interesting to see how the next installment in the life of Jock Boucher plays out.

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