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So, you've installed OpenOffice.org, and opened the Writer module. As you sit staring at the empty page, thoughts of writers' block waft through your mind. Where do I start? This looks different.

Perhaps you are running Microsoft Windows, and heard about an amazing alternative to Microsoft Office that doesn't cost hundreds of dollars. Perhaps you've purchased a computer and it came with with OpenOffice.org pre-installed. Or perhaps you've decided to try Linux, and your disorientation with OpenOffice.org is compounded by everything else feeling foreign too. In any case, you're about to take a long journey in unfamiliar territory, and you're wondering whether you'll make it.

Let me introduce two people - real people - who have just started the same journey.

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