Full Metal Alchemist Original vs Brotherhood

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Why is there a difference?

In the original Full Metal Alchemist, the series was following the original manga, but the show got ahead of the manga and had to come up with its own story.

However, Full Metal Alchemist Brotherhood came out after the manga was finished, and decided to follow *that* storyline, at least more closely than the original version

Full Metal Alchemist: Original

So how did the original overtake the manga? Imagine reading, for example, one of the Harry Potter books, and imagine reading one of the conversations. It takes a while right? Now imagine watching the same conversation in the movie. 30 seconds, and it's done! Same problem happened with Full Metal Alchemist! The show could explain things SO much faster than the manga!

Here's a great picture, showing how this would work if the show and the manga were actually 2 people trying to get to 2004, telling the same story...



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