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Peace just doesn't work for some people.

Dead to Me is a 10-page short story that connects *The Dragon Heir* to *The Enchanter Heir*. It picks up with Leesha Middleton on, as she would say, "the blind date from hell."

The date gets worse when she encounters the magically damaged, undead victims of the Thorn Hill Massacre for the first time.

Cinda Williams Chima's new book *The Enchanter Heir* (10.1.13) is the first of two new *Heir Chronicles* novels in which familiar faces return, new characters take center stage, and not everyone gets a happy ending.

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Dead to Me Details

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Liz says

Hard to rate something where not much happens - this is a short, 10-page PDF available for free. I read it immediately following Dragon Heir and is meant to bridge that book to Enchanter Heir (which I haven't read yet - so can't speak to the bridge).

****SPOILER ALERT for DRAGON HEIR****

I had hoped I might learn how Jason didn't actually die. Nope.

KrisC says

It is a great tease to get readers in the mindset for Enchanter Heir, aka Heir Chronicles Book 4. This short story is true Cinda Williams Chima, intense and funny, yet not corny.

You download it from its page in Goodreads, look on the upper right corner; once loaded, I chose to "open in iBooks."

Pam says

I had the pleasure of reading this early. Cinda Williams Chima weaves stories of pure gold and this short is no exception. As usual, a supremely enjoyable read.

Constance says

[Questions, questions. (hide spoiler)]

A. M. says

This was great, but alas, soooo short! I cannot wait to read The Enchanter Heir, needless to say.

Janelle says

This is a 12 page itty bitty lil' bite- size novella. Well, actually, its ten pages as two of them consist of pictures. Any-who, although I adore Miss Cinda Williams Chima, I was never a particular fan of her Heir series because of how it changed the main character every book. However, this itty bitty lil' bite- sized story

has once again kindled my Chima-loving soul! Which means I get to go through and read the first three books again! Wahoo! As far as pros on this book, Miss Chima's attention to detail and word choice is, as usual, exquisite. Cons? I honestly don't have any. Granted, there were only ten pages, which leaves little room for mistake, but she is my favorite author for a reason. Her books are always a work of art, and I am not disappointed. Can't wait to read everything again!

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Katharine says

I want to read Enchanter Heir SO BAD now!

Emily de Moura says

I was never a big fan of Leesha, but after The Dragon Heir's events I felt some compassion for her. After all, feeling guilty all the time and having your sort-of-boyfriend dying isn't the best thing in the world. Dead to Me makes me like her more, even if it's just 10 pages long, and I'm super curious about the vampire-zombies sucking magic out of wizards and also the dudes who show up at the horror-boat to make it stop.

Also, I really like Cinda's writing style.

Teji says

This is a short story (it can be found and read online) that is intended to bridge the gap between books 3 and 4. But, it adds very little and would make much more sense as the first chapter of book 4. Perplexed.

Amy says

I feel weird adding this as a "book" that I read....but I did read it.
It's a quick story. A vignette, if you will. I mean, really quick. It's nice. It's fine. It seems somewhat superfluous, but maybe that changes with book #5?
http://www.cindachima.com/Enchanter_H...

Tressa (Wishful Endings) says

I really love these books. This is more of just an excerpt, but I still really enjoyed it. It's only 12 pages and gives a little bit of an after to the last book and introduces a new character and a new danger. I forgot what happened at the end of the last book, so I might need to go back and read the last couple of chapters to get back up to date. Clean.

Jeannie Walker says

I can honestly say I am an award-winning songwriter (but I declined to tour and be famous) - Yes, I might have been crazy and out of my mind to turn that career down.

I did not believe in fortune-tellers (until I encountered one who was actually clairvoyant). So when I learned that New York Times best selling author Cinda Williams Chima comes from a long line of fortune-tellers, musicians and spinners of tales - I had to check out her work.

I think we all love to play board games, and I have no doubt that (at times) we have all been accused of cheating. Leesha (Alicia) Middleton's aunt accused her of just that. Aunt Mille could not understand why such a pretty girl would be sitting with her (on a Friday night) playing chess and not out partying. Leesha and her Aunt Millie were both wizards (or at least Alicia would be after her aunt passed on. After the chess game, Aunt Millie told Alicia she needed to change into something more presentable. "Your date will be here in less than an hour. I have a very special weekend planned for you."

Dressing up always brightened Leesha's spirits and a private jet to London, and a day spent shopping in Knightsbridge, Oxford Street was very therapeutic. There was, however, one flaw in Aunt Millie's plan and that was Leesha's date. Rutherford P. Claridge (an arrogant heir to a blue blooded wizard side in the War of Roses. Rutherford was a pale, pillowy man with an annoying tendency.

I can tell you the date gets worse when Leesha encounters the undead from the Thorn Hill Massacre.

"Dead to Me" was a 10 page free download (exclusively on Goodreads). The novella links The Dragon Heir to The Enchanter Heir. I plan to read "The Enchanter Heir" when it becomes available OCT. 1st, 2013. I hope you plan to read it too. I believe the very talented author and her work will hook you.

Jeannie Walker Award Winning Author

Jessica says

A great look into Leesha's thoughts and feelings following the end of the third book, and a nice tease of the events that will take place in the future.

Preethi says

(Originally posted at www.keepersbookreviews.blogspot.com)

****Actual Rating**: 4 stars**

****Book Format**: PDF**

Dead to Me is a 10-page novella linking The Dragon Heir to The Enchanter Heir. I'm very grateful for this because, as you might recall, I complained about the different characters in the two books just a while ago on one of my Waiting on Wednesday memes. So thank you so much Cinda for actually making the transition easier on your eager fans.

This novella is available exclusively on Goodreads, and even better, it's absolutely free. Of course, I doubt anyone would pay for ten pages of words anyways. Leesha Middleton - the girl everyone hates - happens to be the main character this time, and she's still in mourning over her not-so-boyfriend's death. I love how she's really changed from being a backstabber to a romantic; it proves that people really do change. Leesha is so deep in mourning (it's been a year) that she spends all her days and nights with her aunt, and never changes out of her sweatpants. Pretty good life if you ask me, minus the never-changing-clothes thing.

To try and get her to cheer up, Leesha's aunt sets her up on a date, where she gets to take a short trip to London, go shopping, and try and keep her "date" from touching her. This includes blistering his hands and shooting fire at him; unfortunately, he still manages to get a whole bunch of slobbering kisses all over her. That is, before the zombie/revenants come and suck out all his magic.

Even though you usually don't get much in ten pages, Cinda's writing was exactly what it claimed to be: a transition between the last book and the newest one. There was just the right amount of information; just enough to keep you reading 'till the end without wondering why the heck you're reading it. It's so much better than other novellas I've read. Dead to Me also happened to get me even more excited about the next book coming out. I can't wait to see what happens with the evil - at least I think they're evil - undead things that eat magic. There's also a bald, muscular guy in the novella, who I thought seemed perfect for Leesha, especially since he seemed to hate wizards so much. I hope that they become a couple in the next book!

For those of you who don't know, The Enchanter Heir has many new characters, and is expected to be released October 1st of this year. The romance in it sounds great, yet it's obviously great anyways since it's written by Cinda. I mean, I've never rated any of her books any lower than 4 stars, which means that she's awesome. Her romances are super sweet and her plots are interesting without being too intense. I have similar expectations for the next book, and hope I'm not proved wrong. I guess that's just another book I'll have to desperately await. Doesn't mean I have to be patient about it though ;)

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Sarah says

Classic. This was honestly the definition of just the classic connector between two stories, honestly. The story is over, wrapped up, done. But your fans don't want it that way (they never do) so you continue your

series. And of course, also you need to do is add some creature we've never heard of before. There you go, a new story. I wouldn't necessarily consider this a bad thing, just a... Predictable thing, you be the judge. Despite the classic predictability of it, this short story was still as beautiful as all of Cinda's stories. Her descriptions put me right there with the characters. I can feel the wind in my hair and the sun on my face. I connect with the characters immediately and even if they're wizards, their personalities are true to life and believable.

I might consider this story going a bit too fast, but at the same time it makes sense that it should. After all, Cinda was placed with the task of connecting two different stories together in a story short enough that her readers will want to read it. Still, I would have liked it a bit longer. This story struck me as mostly informational, with just a few descriptions put in to even it out. I would have liked it to be a bit longer, and more enjoyable, a beautiful piece of writing to hold onto until the next book.

Even though it could have been longer and more enjoyable, this story still had the perfect qualities to make me curious and ready for the next book.
