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In my family, we each have our own monster. They don't always show their ugly faces to us. Sometimes we'll have a day that is fine. Nice and quiet. Other days, one of us will see our monster peeking around a corner, its grin ghastly and wide.

I would tell the story of how I saw my monster for the first time, but I don't really remember it. As far as I know, I saw it the day I was born. It was in the eyes of my mother, in the freefall of my father, in the cold heart of my sister, in the emptiness of a family so scared, the very fabric under its feet was coming undone and letting every demon through.

No, this isn't the story of how I first saw my monster. This is the story of how I killed it.

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Annika says

3,5/5 stars.

I received a copy from Cameron in exchange for an honest review. I was really curious what the story would be about and I can in all honesty say that I enjoyed it a lot! I loved the speculative aspect of the story, as it left me thinking about it, even after I had finished it, which in my opinion is a good thing. On top of that, the psychological aspect of the story was on point, because I personally really did understand the protagonist, and felt for him. Thank you Cameron for providing me with a copy; I will definitely end up reading this novella again one day!!

Anna says

A short story about the monsters in our life. In this story, it's about real monsters...or it could be allegorical ones. That's the beauty of it. Each person can only see their own monster, and each person can decide how much impact the monster will have on their life. Reading a lot into the story, it can be a story about how much of our life we have control over. The story is only 30 some odd pages but there's so much to think about - I might write a better review after thinking about it for a few days, but I think I'll be too lazy to do it.

Turns out I did have more to say, at the beginning of the podcast.

Lorie Langdon says

A beautiful allegory for the monsters that haunt us all.

This story hit me hard. Insightful and emotional in a way that allowed me to see myself in its pages, I tore through it barely taking a breath. The writing is gorgeous, perceptive, and vivid. There Are Monsters Here is a must read short story that will stay with you long after you read the last sentence!

Cinny says

“You started mourning me before I even left.”

K.C. Hilton says

I seriously loved this short story! It was heart pumping and full of strange excitement. I want more! Well done Chaney A+++

Sadie Hartmann Mother Horror says

Cameron approached me this morning and asked if I could read his short story for free in exchange for an honest review.

I had some available time this morning so I was able to jump on it right away. What a treat! This is an immediately compelling narrative style that drew me in with its imaginative prose. I loved that the author chose to leave some ambiguity to the story so that the reader is able to decide for themselves the reality of a family plagued by monsters.

I'm impressed with Chaney's ability to transcend genre as this could be an attractive story to fans of speculative fiction, poetry, horror, dark fantasy or magical realism.

I enjoyed this and I'll be looking forward to other writings from this author.

Ellen says

I really enjoyed Cameron's writing style, I just wish this story was longer and had more to it. But that is on me, as I rarely read short stories for that reason.

Blackcatmoon66 says

I rarely rate anything 5 stars anymore. This was written so beautifully. It did not need to be any longer than it was. It is extremely powerful and left my heart in tears. I connected so much to this, it absolutely moved me. Brilliant, Thank you Cameron.

Stephanie (That's What She Read) says

I was very impressed by this novella. The characters in the story are haunted by their own "monsters" that only they can see. I loved that the monsters could be a metaphor for the personal demons that people have. This story was surprisingly poignant, and I can see how this story could fit into multiple genres.

Taryn says

Well I wasn't expecting to feel FEELINGS while reading this, but I sure did. The writing is wonderfully evocative and immersive. The story is sublime, and I do mean that in the gothic sense. It's at once creepy and real. Your heart might break a little bit, but it's worth it in the end.

Levi Walls says

An extremely compelling debut novella! Something everyone can relate to: The monsters that plague us all.

This book is like taking a peek from underneath your fingers in the dark, or looking underneath your bed!

I look forward to more from Cameron Chaney and congratulate him on this very moving short story.

Emily (Obsessed Reader) says

AMAZING!!

Everything about this was perfect. It was so dark and creepy I loved every second of it!!! I absolutely can't wait to read more by Cameron.

Rachel (TheShadesofOrange) says

4.0 Stars

This is an wonderfully imaginative, well written novella filled with deep rooted emotions, thematic symbolism and, of course, creepy monsters!

The monsters in this story are purposely ambiguous, leaving the reader to speculate on the true nature of these creatures. The monsters may represent the figurative "demons" or darkness that leave inside of people. Depending on your interpretation, this story could be considered magical realism, dark fantasy, light horror or even literary fiction.

I recommend this novella to anyone looking for a memorable story that will stick with you long after you read the last sentence.

mamalovestoread says

"Home is where the monsters are"

As a debut novella I was blown away by how beautifully poignant this was. The writing had style, the premise was creepy and despite the brevity of the story I really felt for the main character, not an easy task to achieve in a such a short read.

I also loved the possible subtext depending on how you interpreted the story. This could be a straightforward monster story or an allegory for how we all carry personal demons and must one day face up to them. Whichever camp you place yourself in when reading this, you will not be disappointed.

Can't wait to see what else Chaney has up his sleeve!

Cameron Roubique says

Finally got around to reading the debut novella from Cameron Chaney. I discovered him through twitter,

then his youtube page. If you haven't seen his videos and like R.L. Stine or books in general you've got to check them out. His library is the stuff dreams are made of. Also Cameron is a very cool approachable guy.

Anyway, *There Are Monsters Here* is a really well written story, and actually gets pretty deep. I'm not sure how much of the monsters are supposed to be literal or symbolic (I've never been very good at interpreting metaphors) but they were pretty freaky just the same.

This was one of those stories that resonated with me, reminding me of some strange unexplainable events that happened to me when I was a kid. My friends parents invented a monster called Herman that had horns just like the monsters described in this story. Back then, I think that monster scared me more than anyone else, and to this day I can't really be sure if he was just in my imagination or not. Reading this brought a lot of that back to me, and it made the story feel more realistic than a lot of horror stories I read.

If I had any issue with the story, it was too short. I usually prefer to read something longer that I can really sink my teeth into. It was a good read though, and I'm definitely looking forward to future books from Cameron Chaney. It'll be very interesting to see what happens when he fully spreads his wings with a full-length novel.
