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"Dear friend,

This is no chain letter, hoax or prank.

It is a sincere warning about your home and the entity which dwells within.

Your home has been haunted for quite some time.

I am sorry that I could not personally deliver this document. I did not even post it myself. The postmark on the envelope will not help you, should you ever attempt to locate me.

When this letter is complete, I shall entrust a friend in another country with repackaging and sending it on my behalf. This letter also may or may not have been translated from its original language.

You do not know me. You must never know me.

Neither do I know you, beyond your name, address and appearance. I have seen you in person but you have not seen me.

Think back to the day that you moved into your home. I contrived to casually pass by as you stood outside. I saw your face, but you did not so much as glance my way. I did not stop walking. I simply committed your face to memory and moved on before you became aware of my presence.

Why did I want to see you?

I suppose my conscience drove me to it. Just as it compels me to finally write this letter.

I wanted to see exactly who I was passing the entity on to."

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A SINCERE WARNING ABOUT THE ENTITY IN YOUR HOME is the ultimate way to scare yourself in your own home, because it's the only ghost story which takes place IN your home. Dare you read it?

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Heather V ~The Other Heather~ says

3.5 stars - what a weird little book this is!

Are you like me? Do you experience sleep paralysis? I have, and I do, at least on a weekly basis for my entire life. It's no big deal to me; I've never known any different. It's a pain in the arse sometimes, especially if I'm woken by my phone ringing and I can't move my damn arm to pick up, or if my dog decides to attack my face and I can't defend myself against the ensuing tongue bath, but beyond that it's little more than a minor nuisance. For other people, though, it's absolutely terrifying, and it's thought to be what's behind unexplained phenomena like alien abductions, visions of **The Hag** (<--click it, go on, *click the link*, you know you want to, that is some scary shit right there), or the sensation that one is suffocating because there's some freaky imp thing sitting on your chest while a horse looks on.

...what do you mean, you've never had this experience?

I mention all of this because the novelette at hand, cleverly titled and conceived, brought sleep paralysis to my mind as soon as I started reading it. You see, every so often I've woken up, sort of, and have had the sense that there's something in the corner of my bedroom, staring at me. This is apparently quite common among RISP sufferers...and yet here comes Jason Arnopp, telling me I could be experiencing something altogether very different. And much worse.

Believe me when I say that sleep paralysis is most decidedly not what you're being warned about in your home. You will *wish* it was sleep paralysis. You'll understand why the condition came to my mind about three pages in. Assuming I haven't put you off reading it already with that glorious Fuseli painting up there.

This is the first thing by Arnopp that I've ever read, and I'll be reading more of his stuff in the future now. The conceit of A SINCERE WARNING... is one that (mostly) works and feels unusual enough to be almost unique: It's epistolary in nature, directed right at you, the reader, and is imparting some important information about why you've been experiencing odd or unpleasant things in your home at night.

I read the first half while in bed, in the middle of the night, and I have to strongly recommend that you do the same; it's at its peak effectiveness that way. The second half I read on a train during daylight hours, which I'm sure impacted my enjoyment of the overall experience. Don't do that. Read it all in one sitting (er, one "laying?" I dunno) and do it at night. Alone. No TV or music on.

The ending took it a bit too far for me (it's pretty out there, and made it feel less like it was a scary-ass letter written just for me), thus the less-than-perfect star score, but overall I liked this brisk little creepfest, and I'm sold on Arnopp's storytelling talent. He packs a lot of wallop into a tiny novelette.

Further reading of possible interest:

Adele Steiner says

This story strikes such a chord with me. The style and content are riveting(to me.) I am so freaked by this one that I had to put a review on here for it.

Why did this one trigger me so?

My family moved into a new house when I was a perfectly happy, healthy and 15 year old that seldom even got a cold. By 16, I'd developed asthma which plagues me to this day. My asthma 'attacks' have never been the wheezing struggle for breath I associate with the condition. When I have an attack, it's very much like a hand squeezing my throat. It creates this sensation of a void in my chest that I desperately need to fill with air but no matter how my mouth gapes and my body strains to draw breath it cannot get past the restrictive grip on my throat. These attacks seize me most often when I'm tired and I am tired more often than not these days.

I remind myself that this story isn't real. This entity can't be real. My asthma is asthma and my inhaler helps. There is no Josef. I say this and I know I know this. But I have this cat. He sleeps with me. I cannot tell you how many times I wake up (in the middle of the night or on the morning) to find my cat sitting up straight, ears perked alert and wide unblinking eyes trained on the foot of my bed like he sees something that I don't. Something that he wants to protect me from.

This is just a bit of fiction. Like a creepypasta; good and effective for some hair-raising mental images, but harmless and unreal.

....if I had the means, though, I might totally look into the unnecessary transplant solution, but that scene was a whole extra nightmare.

Must read more from this writer!

Bandit says

This was a fun novelette with a very novel idea. Written as a letter from a previous home owner to the current one regarding...well you can figure that out by the title. It has that campfire spooky tale vibe, my better half and I actually took turns reading it to each other, which was awesome and gave me a renewed appreciation of the professional audio book readers. Very entertaining creepy supernatural story.

Melki says

Between two lungs it was released

*The breath that passed from you to me
It flew between us as we slept
That slipped from your mouth into mine*

*And my running feet could fly
Each breath screaming: "We are all too young to die!" **

Basically, the title of this one says it all. Here is a warning and instructions for what to do when you begin to notice bizarre happenings in your home . . . and you will.

And it all starts with habitual sleep disturbances.

(Hmm, I don't remember the last time **I** had a good night's sleep...)

This may not be everyone's cup of but I thought it was extremely creepy. And I wish to hell I hadn't read it right before bedtime.

^{*}*Between Two Lungs* by Florence Welch & Isabella Summers

Rabha Almahdi says

Heidi Ward says

When I was a kid, I read a story that really invaded my brain (I wish I knew its name!); it threatened that merely being in possession of the book (the one **YOU** are reading! Yes, **THIS BOOK!**) would bring a deadly fate down on your head. Absolutely terrified by the somehow credible threat, I took it back to the library pronto, and felt sick and slept badly for days. I was like 11 at the time.

"A Sincere Warning . . ." works along similar lines, consisting of a letter from the last tenant of YOUR NEW HOME. This letter describes the truly horrible things the titular "entity" visited on him over his time there, very nearly destroying his life before he freed himself. (At least he's moderately apologetic, now that he's found a loophole and left it behind for YOU to deal with.)

Reviews on GR overwhelmingly said this story really spooked them. They said don't read it alone / at night / in bed, or you'll have a terrible time sleeping ever again. It's tailored to magnify fears by reflecting your own back at you. I was stoked.

Unfortunately, "A Sincere Warning . . ." creating that level of fear relies on the reader's own circumstances a little too much -- it's about the house **YOU** have just moved into, for starters. But it's hard to buy into the

shtick when you've shared a flat for 10 years, with someone who's had it for 30 . . . one assumes any horrifying spectres would already have manifested, no? (Sadly, our precious, rent-controlled flat isn't nearly as haunted as it ought to be, given its age and location.) Most of the side-effects from the entity's visits, while not unscary, trigger standard human fears: illness, insanity and invasion. Worrying over those things is the human condition. The tale also prominently features sleep disturbances (apnea, insomnia, sleep paralysis, night hags), and these days I sleep like a champ. Even after reading this story alone, at night, in bed.

That being said, "A Sincere Warning . . ." is absolutely a fun read, and I'm not likely to forget it. The epistolary format contributes to the unfolding of suspense, and the ghoulish entity's attacks are genuinely frightening. I also read it as an allegory about the way adulting just sucks the life out of you (maybe that's just me). I honestly think I'd have liked it much better without the clever framing device: it was a constant distraction, insisting on itself when I couldn't quite relate. 3 stars

Terrie says

Chilling, sad and macabre. The author skillfully builds up the tension, slowly releasing information which unnerves you and adds to the suspense. The novel is particularly effective because it is in the form of a letter which includes the reader in the story and warning.

Tickyette says

A Fun Read

A fun read that reminded me of something I would find on No Sleep. It was an interesting take on the paranormal.

Whitney says

I did not believe this book was as unsettling as the Amazon reviews claimed. I WAS WRONG. It should be called A Sincere Warning That This Will F- Up Your Chances of Napping. Brilliant idea, very unnerving. I wavered on the rating because I hate the sort of story wherein the author says "oh by the way, now you're involved in this horrifying crap, good luck to ya" (Creepypasta has given me the willies with these many times). I have to acknowledge that this is really the most disturbing one I've read and I simultaneously wish I'd never heard of it because I get spooked pretty easily. If you are the same, please take me seriously and don't read it. If not, go for it. Sorry I can't be more helpful than that.

tattooedreader13 says

Fun little novella - a fun approach for a ghost story. Definitely recommend!

Kimberly says

I have to say that this story struck me as very original--especially as it was written in the form of a "letter" warning a new homeowner. This was a very creepy read that built up the tension slowly until you reached a complete and utterly hopeless dread for the recipient of the letter. I thought the method used to convey this was a great form, intensifying that all-consuming fear until you reached the ending.

Recommended!

Ellen says

I read this short story in bed last night, had nightmares, was convinced there was someone in my room at least twice and had to punch my sleeping husband because he was making choking noises...go buy it!!

If you want to freak out a close family member/friend/enemy you can buy the story as a personalised letter to them.

Awesome concept for a story!

Mike says

I read this and really got into it, the phone rang, I had to scraped off the ceiling!!!

Katy Stamp says

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This was such a good short story, and it's written openly enough that it allows you to think it may actually have happened in your own home. Jason Arnopp is definitely up there with my favourite authors!

Kealan Burke says

A short, fun read.
