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An Experiment in Terror Novella (#2.5).

This short story/novella sees amateur Youtube ghost-hunters, Perry Palomino and Dex Foray, investigating the real-life hauntings of Portland's infamous Benson Hotel. It occurs between books #2 (Red Fox) and #3 (Dead Sky Morning) and is the perfect primer for anyone interested in the EIT series.

## The Benson Details

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## From Reader Review The Benson for online ebook

**Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says**

**4 it-was-too-short-to-earn-5-but-still-amazing Stars**

The **Experiment in Terror** finally earned some recognition. Advertisers are seeking Dex and Perry out and they have gained a fan base. Despite the misfortunes of the past, they learned and grew into their partnership. Into something solid, extraordinary and unique..

*"But I can't help they way I feel. Stupid. And in love with my partner."*

This short and delicious novella, in only 44 pages, manages to excite us, make us laugh, entice us to keep reading and of course scare the shit out of us. I mean, who isn't afraid of...

Our favourite documentary makers/ghost hunters/paranormal reluctant enthusiasts are invited to the Benson, the most haunted hotel in Portland.

And they are too meet his most notorious resident...

Will they manage to free a tormented soul or they will fail and end up risking their lives again and again?

*"For every ten ghosts that try to kill me, if I end up saving one of them, it might be worth it after all."*

It was very nice seeing these characters grow and their mutual feelings deepen. Although it's a novella and outside the main arc, The Benson adds spice in Dex and Perry's story, makes their lives more realistic to us.

And who I'm kidding; I'm always up for more Dex...

**\*Running off to start the next!\***

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**Fathima says**

So okay , I know I should have read it when I had finished reading 'The Red Fox' book 2 in the Experiment in Terror series , but I guess I was excited to find out stuffs that I just jumped onto book 3 'Dead Sky Morning' - Pardon me !!

The Benson is such a short and sweet read that i finished it within no time . A little more into the spooky stuff and a little into Perry and Dex's unusual relationship . This was just amazing .

A thing that i really forgot to mention in my other reviews is that , the reason that I love this series a lot and think that its a lot better from other horror series is the fact that the characters in it are just so realistic . I mean i've read horror books where the main lead characters end up acting like duds and keep telling you that they are'nt scared of anything , only to turn up as chickenshit in the end . But Perry and Dex or 'Derry/Pex' as I like to call them are'nt like that . Dex being the male lead is'nt afraid or embarrassed to admit that he gets second thoughts before entering a completely spooked out or haunted area . I really liked it and admired it . And Perry , well i'm a fellow Scorpio as well so I can relate to her easily . Its kind of easy to figure out certain things that run in her mind . They are most definitely one of my favourite book couples !!!

If you hav'nt checked out this series yet , I highly suggest you do !! Its awesomeness !

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### **Jen says**

Well, that was a very quick read; but totally worth it! I have said it before, and I'll say it again...I LOVE this series and Karina Halle is brilliant! I got the chills and chuckles all in the same story! Absolutely awesome, and entertaining from beginning to the end!

I was all set to start on book #3, when I realized that there was a novella, and that it was considered book #2.5. I was going to just skip over it; but I am so glad that I didn't. I would have truly missed out on an extremely entertaining story. Besides, I can never get enough of Dex and Perry and the way that they interact with one another!

This time they meet in Perry's home town of Portland where there is a hotel that has been experiencing hauntings. The manager tells the amateur ghost hunting team that there is the most unrest in Room 818. Will Dex and Perry be able to get to the bottom of the mysterious huntngs? Or will this become a waste of their time? What do you think? According to Dex, Perry is a magnet for things of supernatural variety. There is never a dull moment, and this may be a short story; but what does develop before Perry's eyes is not only terrifying and creepy but highly amusing.

This story is a must read for fans of Dex and Perry. You won't want to miss finding out about the hauntings of Room #818! Moving right along to the next book for me!

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### **Meags says**

#### **3 Stars**

Short and satisfyingly spooky.

The more I read about Perry, the more I like her. She's relatable - obviously not the whole "ghost bait" thing (that's some creepy shit and she can keep that talent to herself!) - but her honesty, her insecurities and her snarky humour are all things I completely identify with.

I even find myself liking Dex, against my better judgement, because let's be honest, he's an arrogant and moody bastard most of the time. Not to mention the fact he keeps dragging Perry into these questionable situations, reassures her she's completely safe and that he'll never let anything happen to her, and then time and time again lets crazy shit happen to her!! That bastard!

Alas, I'm thoroughly hooked.

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### **Amy | Foxy Blogs says**

A novella about The Benson hotel in Portland has these two making another webisode. A bit of Portland and the hotel's history adds to this intriguing tale of ghost roaming the premises.

**Perry and Dex** meet up for a one night of adventure in The Benson. Perry is the designated ghost bait in this partnership. And Dex is the absent cameraman when danger engulfs Perry. **"Wow, I leave you for one minute and suddenly you're CSI: Portland."**

Pam is the eager night shift hotel manager and their guide for the evening.

**"As soon as you told me who you were, I looked up your ghost show and immediately fell in love with you guys."**

### **SERIES:**

No cliffhangers but each story follows the previous one.

*Novellas:*

(#2.5)(#5.5)(#5.7)

120th book of 2013

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### **Kim Bailey says**

**I LOVE** this series & everything Dex & Perry.

Because of moments like this:

*"You never know. There's supposed to be a shitload of ghosts in this hotel, maybe you can help one of them." I raise my brows at him. "A shitload?" I repeat. "Where do you get your information, Mr. Foray?" "Wikipedia. That thing is never wrong," he says without irony.*

And all the scary crap that has my stomach turning inside out!

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### **Erica Ravenclaw says**

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**No spoilers and colorful language abound!**

Merp.

Derp.

Dex:

Perry:

Me:

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### **Catarina says**

So, in this short story Perry and Dex search evidences of haunting on the Benson Hotel in Portland. Things are weird for Perry since she figured out that she is, in fact, in love with Dex, but he's with his perfect girlfriend Jen (I hate her!).

This was a great story, (not exactly scary, just slightly creepy) and it was a shame it had been so short.

I can't get enough of this two!! (Really, I can't.)

To the next one, now! ;)

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### **Kristalia says**

**Final rating: 3/5 stars**

*#Let's go and poke it with a stick.  
- quote by Doctor Who 11th -*

## Buddy read with Vilda!!!

I love EIT, i really do - but this was just too short for me. It could have been awesome if it had been a little longer or if it was just normal book size... Overall, it's still interesting, spooky and cool and Perry and Dex return to kick supernatural asses!

The humor is back - Perry makes sure of it in every page of it and Dex is still awesome. What i love in this series is that characters are believable...and it's not like Perry is "i'm indestructible" heroine, rather she is scared, terrified and all of that. And who wouldn't be?

P.s. i really hope Dex and Perry end together in third book - because i want to kill his girlfriend like now.....

#my shipper heart!!!



## MY EXPERIMENT IN TERROR REVIEWS:

- ? Darkhouse (Experiment in Terror, #1)
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- ? And With Madness Comes the Light (Experiment in Terror, #6.5)
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- ? Ashes to Ashes (Experiment in Terror, #8)
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**\* Meli Mel \* says**

### \*\*\*3.5 Scary Stars\*\*\*

Perry and Dex decide to investigate *The Benson Hotel*, located in Portland, Oregon. There have been many reports of paranormal activity. People have said to have seen full body apparitions, as well as to have heard odd sounds. But the **one** ghost that the night manager tells them about is, the suicidal Mr. Parker. He seems to be the ghost that is the most willing to make contact. But he can also be the most scary. He always seems to be pacing and wanting to tell you something.

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This was a great short read. Their internet show *Experiment In Terror* is doing great after their *Red Fox* show aired. It gives you a glimpse as to how Perry and Dex interact. It was definitely **spooky** but it also had a few funny moments (again it's their banter). I really enjoyed it. I can't wait to read the next.

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### **Karina Halle says**

It's short, sweet and simple. You don't get the in-depth character arcs and the often volatile tension between Perry and Dex that consumes the other full-length novels in the series, instead *The Benson* provides a tiny glimpse of what a particularly "non-lethal" episode of *Experiment in Terror* looks like. In other words, this is just another show for our vexing, ghost hunting duo.

But just because it shows a lighter side of the team, it doesn't mean it lacks the thrills and chills to keep you on your toes and hopefully entice you to keep reading. I was scared while writing it. I hope you'll feel the same when you read it.

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### **Tara♥ says**

Perry and Dex take a trip to a fancy hotel and Perry manages to almost get herself killed. Again.

It's 100% Dex's fault.

An air vent? Really?

You know in the movies when you shout at the heroine note to do that stupid thing? Well prepare.

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### **AJ says**

This is a short, but important addition to the overarching storyline of the *Experiment in Terror* series. It picks up a few weeks after Dex and Perry's adventure in *Red Fox* as they investigate the haunting of a local hotel,

The Benson.

The story has a bit of spook and there is the usual chemistry-filled interactions between Dex and Perry, but that's in the background as they actually get an incident which is going to give their show some more credibility.

There's also a focus on Perry growing in confidence and coming to terms with what she's doing, and the kind of impact that she can have.

*"I want to be the person that he thinks I am, that fearless, brave girl - woman, even - who laughs in the face of danger. Something more than ordinary."*

So is the show really going to take off? And could we see a slightly changed, more confident Perry in future books? And when the hell is something going to happen between these two???? Hmmmm... I'm so freaking excited to see where it all goes from here.

I really enjoyed it - 4 stars.

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### **Duchess Nicole says**

Short and sweet...a little blip into an assignment that goes right for a change. Perry is still Perry, Dex is still confusingly awesome!!!

The setup is a swanky, old hotel that is frequently haunted by the ghost of a man who died there in the early twentieth century. It doesn't take long for Perry to feel the cold chill of supernatural. Once again, Dex pushes her into doing something that made me want to cover my eyes and hide. I'm WAY too chicken to get myself into these situations!! But I guess Perry gets results, and this goes to show once again how Dex is definitely NOT the overprotective, keep the little lady home and barefoot and pregnant type.

Lots of fun, very short...read only if you're a fan of the series.

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### **Sharon ☠ is an emotional book junkie ☠ says**

Dex and Perry checking into some hauntings at a hotel in Portland called The Benson. It was a perfect short story and exactly what I needed after the abrupt ending of *Red Fox*.

The whole spooky story with Parker and then May was bittersweet and coming up with the checkbook....*really*? A bit unbelievable but I still really enjoyed it.

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