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Before Katie met Owen, the Magic, Spells, and Illusions, Inc., team already had a job to do.

There's spellcasting skullduggery at work in Manhattan, and Sam the gargoyle is on the case. This time, the shady spells look awfully familiar, like the work of outcast wizard Phelan Idris. There's just no real evidence of his involvement, and without that, the MSI team can't do anything to stop him from wreaking magical havoc in the city. To track the criminal enchantments back to their source, Sam will have to rally his security gargoyle pals, do some old-fashioned sleuthing, and keep his wizard friend Owen Palmer focused on the case instead of on that cute girl he spotted at the bookstore.

See the events that lead up to the beginning of Enchanted, Inc. in this Enchanted Universe novelette.

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Susan says

Excellent short story

I've read the *Enchanted, Inc.* series and was thrilled to find this little story that adds some new details to the events of the first book.

Sandy says

LOVE! I'm not even finished with this series yet and I want to read it all over again.

Roo Barb says

short and snappy but a fun read

Kamala says

informative novella!

so this is how it all began ... cute!

Liralen says

Cute. I adore the *Enchanted, Inc.* series, and *Criminal Enchantment* gives us a quick look at some of the events in the run-up to the first full book. It's told from the perspective of Sam, everyone's favourite security gargoyle. Nice to see a bit more detail in terms of Sam's abilities (turns out that gargoyles are excellent for stakeouts because they can sit still for a very, very long time—think years, not hours—without risking things like a foot falling asleep...the only real risk is eventually forgetting that one is sentient), though I'd have loved some other more practical details: where does Sam go, and what does he do, when he's not at work? Are there lady gargoyles? How old is Sam, and what did he do pre-MSI? Some of those might be material for a longer book, of course, and I remain more interested in the bigger, Katie-driven story...but this was definitely a fun read.

Becky says

Like many prequels, this doesn't stand well on its own. Still, it was fun to see the magical world from an insider's point of view and it does a good job of showing why Katie was so valuable to them.

Cynthia Pratt says

better than first short story author released in these prequels. A little clearer and a little more involved with touch of personalities.

Marta says

Another fun read.

I love this series. I love the creativity and the different way Shanna Swendson presents the magical world. It was fun to see a story from Sam's point of view. And if you have read the novels, it's no guess as to who the smart sassy girl that Owen has an interest in is in this story. I almost wish I were a magical immune myself, so I could see the fairies and elves around me.?

Tonya Hodgson says

Very cute short story based on the Enchanted Inc series. I'm not a big fan of short stories in general but this one told from the standpoint of Sam the head of security for MSI was really cute. Would I have enjoyed it as much if I didn't already have the back story I can't say. I would recommend this short story especially if like me you are missing the MSI team.

Sue says

Prequel to the series gives a start to the series from Owen Palmer's point of view as he sees Katie Chandler for the first time and we see some of the events leading up to her joining MSI. Fun for readers of the series.

Alice L. Schroeder says

Ms. Swendson book was, as usual, quite entertaining. She never disappoints!

Suzan says

I enjoy these short stories in the enchanted inc world. It was fun to see how Owen first noticed Katie and

how he was already crushing on her before he ever spoke to her!

Jenny Schultz says

Wonderful fun series

Rachel Burke says

A cute beginning

A short and sweet "how we all got here" short story that takes place directly before the events of Enchanted, Inc. My only issue was the Sam sounded a touch off from the books.

Maxwellar says

Magically fun

I'd give this book a five star review but it ended too soon. I understand it's a short story but I just can't help it... it's fun and I want more.
