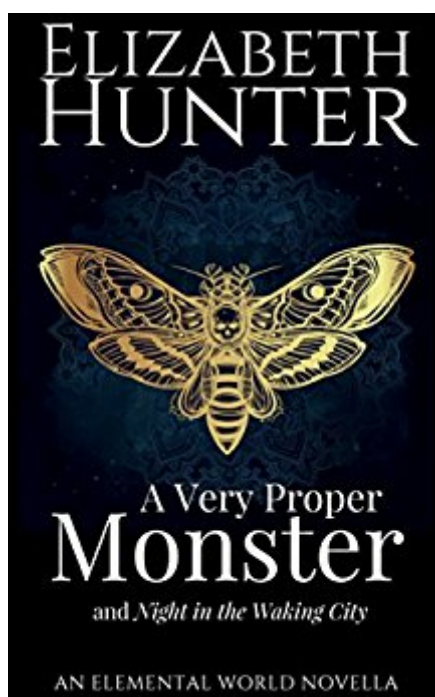


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A Very Proper Monster: An Elemental World Novella



Synopsis

Power, passion, and politics collide in an Elemental World that is ruled by the ancients. In Victorian-era Dublin, Josephine Shaw spends long nights filling the pages of her Gothic stories with the fantastic and the macabre, unaware that the suitor her father has arranged is one of the dark creatures she's always dreamed. For Tom Dargin, courting an ailing spinster was only one duty in a long life of service to his sire. But after he meets the curious Miss Shaw, will Tom become the seducer or the seduced? Can a love fated to end in tragedy survive a looming grave? A VERY PROPER MONSTER is an Elemental World historical novella originally published in the Beneath a Waning Moon gothic duology. This special stand-alone edition contains a bonus short story, Night in the Waking City. Tom and Josie travel to New York City to meet with allies and publishers, but a chance encounter sends Josie into a rage, leaving Tom to look for unexpected allies in the city that never sleeps. Can a young human and an ancient vampire find his ailing mate before Josie does something she'll regret? Elemental Mysteries: A HIDDEN FIRE THIS SAME EARTH THE FORCE OF WIND A FALL OF WATER Elemental World: BUILDING FROM ASHES BLOOD AND SAND THE SCARLET DEEP A STONE-KISSED SEA Elemental World novellas: Waterlocked The Bronze Blade A Very Proper Monster Elemental Legacy: SHADOWS & GOLD IMITATION & ALCHEMY WOMENS & ARTIFACTS

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Customer Reviews

I have written and erased this review multiple times; not because I disliked anything about the book, but because I loved it so much, words are escaping me. Elizabeth Hunter takes beloved characters from her other books and gives them their own novella, opening the door to the lives of Tom and Josie, a couple who shouldn't be a couple but are some of the most interesting characters she's written about. I loved learning the background of how they met, married, and fell in love. An arranged marriage in 19th century Dublin turns into an epic love story that spans decades--how could it not be intriguing? Tom is the perfect tough guy romantic, and Josie is the whimsical Gothic writer (is that some sort of oxymoron?) who happens to have a death sentence hanging over her head. They complement each other's lives in a way neither one realizes they need. A Very Proper Monster and Night of the Waking City are quick reads, yet Ms. Hunter's ability to fit so much into so few pages is something that always astounds me. I always feel like I've read a full-length novel when I've finished her novellas, because she so eloquently packs so much pertinent detail into them to make the storyline clear and understandable. While it's not necessary to have read the Elemental World series to follow along with A Very Proper Monster, it helps with some of the characters in Night of the Waking City. I look forward to the next adventure!

Josephine and Thomas -- what a pair! A novella from the Elemental World, this one focuses on the older "brother" of Murphy (a powerful vampire in Dublin, Ireland). To help his brother, Thomas marries consumptive (and soon to die) Josephine -- a secluded bluestocking -- in the late 1800's. What an entertaining experience to read through the development of their relationship. Big sigh for such a charming story with just a touch of suspense. Once again, I am enamored with Elizabeth Hunter's settings, plot and characters. The writing is pitch perfect always.

I enjoyed reading Tom and Josie's story again, and absolutely loved the short story. Elizabeth's characters are so magically developed. I'm always happy to read any new book she publishes. Thank you for a bit more of Tom and Josie, she is one of the characters I most relate to. I teared up during one of the romantic scenes, won't say which so as not to be a spoiler. Love from a very

happy fan. :)

Ahhh, reading Elizabeth Hunter soothes my soul. What's more? A surprise story featuring Josie and Tenzin!! I love Tom and Josie dearly and Tenzin is, hands down, my favorite vampire! I laughed uncontrollably and out loud multiple times. I can see the 2 of them getting into some fun trouble. I don't know what I'm going to do if Ben doesn't choose to be changed!? Will Tenzin risk their relationship and have someone change him either way?

I absolutely loved this novella. It was the perfect taste back into the Elemental world and the interaction between the characters was perfection, Josie and Tenzin are two Elemental characters I want to see together again. I use to not read many novellas but Elizabeth Hunter has changed this as I love the little tastes these give as I wait for the next read.

"A Very Proper Monster" is a beautiful love story. Tom and Josie are wonderful. Josie writes stories about monsters. Tom has been chosen to court her. If you've read Elizabeth Hunter's stories you will see some old friends. It is short, but so very rich and interesting. I hope there will be more stories about these characters.

If you have enjoyed Elizabeth Hunter's elemental series, buy this book. Go ahead. One click. It's a sweet novella sharing the backstory on characters mentioned in a previous book, The Scarlet Deep. Imagine that Jane Austen becomes an editor/beta reader for Elizabeth Hunter and this is their book love child (love the title!). Manners plus blood. Or is it blood plus manners? Anyways... bottom line: Arranged marriage between human and vampire. Just get it already!

I remembered Tom & Josie's love story from another tale before but it was great to read it here as a stand alone again. What a wonderful surprise when they were paired up with two of my favorites Ben & Tenzin. Such fun. As always I am looking forward to the next Elizabeth Hunter story.

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