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Praying Mantises have evolved into the dominant species on Earth, having wiped out humans years ago after a genetic experiment evolved the species into man-sized, super intelligent insects. But they don't just roam the planet aimlessly. The Mantises have taken over our jobs. Kept the generators running, the oil pumping, and the economy in place. They're people, just like us ...Except that they're cannibalistic, blood thirsty nymphomaniacs who love biting the heads off their partners while they mate.

Matthew is a high school history teacher. He does his best to educate the young mantises and tame the savage side of their nature, until the day he comes home to find his wife ready to mate. Anyone who knows anything about Mantises knows that mating is a death sentence for males of the species. But when Matthew's wife partially decapitates him during sex, he crawls out to the woodshed to die, only to find an old haunted chainsaw, possessed by the spirit of his home's dead human owner, who just happens to be an occult sorcerer and serial killer known as The Growler's Phantom. Now resurrected, Matthew vows revenge on his murderous wife, and her new husband Nicko as well as anyone else who gets in his path.

Part Texas Chainsaw Massacre, part Evil Dead, pray this mantis doesn't find you next!

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John says

Kevin Strange takes a completely crazy concept and turns it into an amazingly fun ride. Insane in all the best ways. Read This Book!

Bradley Smith says

Texas Chainsaw Mantis reads like a Troma film on meth. Part Evil Dead, Meet the Applegates, Dead Alive, and Soap Opera. Truly an entertaining read, and the ending was completely unpredictable.

Michael says

No matter what you may think of Kevin Strange or his writing style the guy is doing exactly what he wants without any care or concern for the mainstream and you know what? Thank God for Kevin because I think Mantis may in fact be the very first splatter/bizarro/insect novel. It seems like the craziest idea, and I couldn't even imagine the time he spent researching the praying mantis. That is true dedication to the craft. You have elements here that take from so many influences and styles that even the most jaded horror fan will actually devour this book. If this didn't feature a praying mantis I bet more people would actually read this. It isn't the kind of story that most horror or even bizarro fans would touch, but you should.

Kevin plays this straight and gives his title character human characteristics. We know someone like Matthew. He's the guy that no one notices. The check out clerk at our favorite gas station, that weird waiter at that place we eat lunch everyday. On top of that he has a unique writing style that makes you forget that you're reading about bugs and you become sucked into the crazy story that actually features a world that has been taken over by praying mantises. At its heart is Matthew and his quest for vengeance. The key to all of this is greed. It trickles from the humans right to the mantis' themselves. This isn't by any means a light fluffy book. This is dark and brutal and I have to admit that it's without a doubt one of my favorite books..

This is one indie guy that actually cares about what he's doing. In Mantis we see a writer taking a huge gamble and it pays off. It takes balls to write a book like this and as a fan of splatterpunk and bizarro there's a lot of those elements to it, but in the end it's strictly a Kevin Strange novel. Totally unique and worth a few hours of your time.

Tina Lindsey says

I can only give this book 2 stars because of the ending. The book was great up until the ending. I was really loving it. Sat and read it all in one sitting because it was so good I just couldn't put it down. But then when the book should have ended, it didn't. He felt the need to tack on a few extra pages that just come out of nowhere and retroactively ruined the entire story for me. A story I had just spent the night loving every minute of... It was disappointing that he couldn't leave well enough alone.

Kris Lugosi says

FULL REVIEW PENDING.....

As usual, Strange has managed to mix bizarre with social satire and come out with TEXAS CHAINSAW MANTIS. I've read lots of Strange's books and I should no better, the man does nothing but amazing story telling in a world that is completely bizarre with a story line that is not only poignant but touching. And the gore...don't forget the gore.

Rodney says

All craziness aside, this is some seriously solid storytelling. Kevin Strange continues to sharpen his skills. The already twisted mating ritual of the mantis becomes something even more disturbing as it becomes an integral part of this imaginative book. Much of what happens within the pages is distinctly relatable to modern day society. I can also say I have now been schooled in Mantis 101. Texas Chainsaw Mantis is bizarro/splatter done right, full of insight and originality. Highly recommended.

Frank says

Kevin Strange's TEXAS CHAINSAW MANTIS is everything you'd expect of a Kevin Strange book. Its full on, whacked out, monstrous fun. There are no surprises and no punches pulled. This is Strange doing what Strange does.

Though it is everything you expect from the author, the action is still captivating. The plot is pretty crazy and the bug characters are still relatable. He did a very good job making you care about giant mutant bugs. Thats important, without that connection to the characters, the story would fall short.

If you have read Strange before, this is a garunteed win. If you haven't, this is a good place to start. TEXAS CHAINSAW MANTIS is a bat shit crazy that anyone can keep up with. And, fear not, there IS a giant monster made out of the bodies of small monsters, a KS trademark if there ever was one.

Zimon66 says

This started out fun. Half way thru, got kinda dumb, not fun-dumb either. Didn't get much better after that.

The repetitive sex undermined the story. This is suppose to be Bizarro fiction, not a LSD induced bad letter to Penthouse Forum.

Ryan says

Giant, humanoid praying mantises, a haunted chainsaw, and unusually erotic sex scenes. Not at all what I expected form a book entitled, "Texas Chainsaw Mantis." Kevin Strange has a way with mantises that is

almost uncanny, as if he had at one point been raised by a group of them. This book was well written and over the top, but not to a point where it is comedic. Now, don't get me wrong, this book is great for laughs throughout--I mean, it's about giant insects with anxiety and political parties. All in all, this was a great read from start to finish and I can't wait to read more Strange books.

Cheryl Elaine says

Love his writing style !!

Phillip Bush says

Kevin is the greatest ever he writes such in depth and powerful stories they really make you sit down and think after you read them. I always love traveling on the strange highway.

Jeremy Maddux says

The thing about Kevin Strange is that he's impervious to community acceptance. He's an admitted lonewolf. He likes it that way. He thrives on being his own man, from the day he became a filmmaker for his film distribution company, Hack Films, to his time as a publisher. He has always found his own slant on weird, and never settled for someone else's rules.

This continues with his first full length effort in a year or probably longer. Texas Chainsaw Mantis begins with a prologue centered on a serial killer known as the Growler's Hollow Phantom and the final days of humankind. That, alone, would be enough as a short story. But that is just the icebreaker for a much longer story about female predation of the insect variety.

Everyone knows it is customary of male mantises to be devoured by their female companions immediately after mating. There are only a few exceptions in Strange's world, and these few exceptions are known as breeders. It's considered highly taboo to not allow the female to bite your head off in this society (much like it now is in our everyday human society). Matthew is a history teacher who is one of the few remaining sources bridging the time between humankind and mantiskind. He and his wife, Zelda, are breeders.

One day, Zelda reveals her true colors when she reneges on their previous arrangement and opts to, in fact, bite his head off. Only Matthew survives the encounter, making a pact with the spectre of the Growler's Hollow Phantom and vowing revenge on the appropriate parties who goaded the career politician, Zelda, into betraying her husband.

What follows, I considered a mirror to modern humans, as we are becoming much like insects ourselves by killing all notions of affection, loyalty, matrimony, etc.

There are inevitable comparisons to Evil Dead to be made as Matthew replaces his frayed body parts with weaponry such as a haunted chainsaw and blades jutting from his back.

My only real gripe is that, at times, the mantis world could have felt more... alien? Granted, we're bound to share some similarities with one another, but I felt it was a little implausible for them to continue to call

Texas by its human name. This, I could overlook.

Something I should make note of is that, for a self published work, the dialogue is crisp and there are hardly any typos. Most self published books are chock full of glaring typos, but you can tell Strange took his time with this one. I've read several books from small press publishers that were chock full of typos, so this has to be applauded.

While this is probably Strange's most imaginative work to date, if you're looking for rawness, brutality or controversy, I would recommend 'Inside an Asshole' from his collection Murder Stories For Your Brain Piece.

Hester says

****Warning, may contain what you consider to be spoilers****

The human race has been obliterated by praying mantises that have evolved into humanoid bugs. Praying mantises now rule the earth, even though they live like humans they're still wired to eat each other and the females still snap the heads off of their mating partners after sex. Matthew Mantis is a simple high school teacher and his wife is an overly ambitious politician who has made it her life's work to advocate for safe sex (meaning making it so the females don't kill after doing the nasty) birth control and now for male sterilization. Matthew doesn't poll well so his wife decides to kick her crusade up a notch by framing Matthew for sexual assault to justify his murder. Too bad for her that 25 years earlier their home belonged to a crazed maniac who practiced blood magic and her violent act of treachery is what causes the Texas chainsaw mantis massacre.

Kevin Strange knows way too much about praying mantis sex and has a thing for mantis spunk. There's so much mantis spunk squirting around I felt the need to duck a few times. I still haven't figured out how a society of praying mantises can live in a human-esque society but still be slaves to their baser instincts. How would they maintain their dominance as the leading species if they keep killing their young and each other because it's "their way". Anyhoo, I'm up for a praying mantis take over but only if Zorak is their leader. He can blink those noisy eyes at me anytime of the day.

Brian says

Holy shit. My first book by this guy and, man oh man, I was blown away. Imagine THEM!, The Deadly Mantis and Dead Alive all mixed together with bug sex, intrigue, bug sex, adultery, and even more bug sex. I don't know about you but for me, that recipe equals SUCCESS! Good story, good characters, great writing. You need this in your life.

Still says

Look-either you enjoy pulp fiction with Praying Mantises engaging in cannibalistic sex orgies or you don't. Personally, I had to pull over and pound one out every 15 pages or so.

Would have made a terrific Big Monster movie.

Zany fun!

Weird Tales was never this weird.
