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"Go ahead, darling. Slip me on. Laugh. Live. Love—while you can. Eat, drink, and be merry. What do you think I do? I'm death, and I laugh and make merry too. I dance

with skeletons and make goblets out of skulls—to drink from the cranium, you should know, is very fine. When your brains are gone, what nobler substitute could there be than wine?”

Sometimes I wonder if GoodReads has a way of reading my mind, if it does than this is exactly what I needed to read on iBooks to get a hang of reading books in the electronic form. Now that I've devoured the book, I think my greatest desire is to purchase this small and crisp, elegant in all black covers book called *Necrophilia Variations* by Supervert. Supervert, being a nom-de-plume.

It's only fair to admit this right at the start that I am not into necrophilia. I'm blunt and I won't beat around the bush or probably try to convince you that dead bodies freak me out. I am afraid of dying, (*uh oh, so is every necrophile, right?*) but in no form am I one to want to please myself with the dead. However, I will not deny my intense interest in the things people indulge in and the reasons behind it. I only picked up *Fifty Shades of Grey* because I knew it had masochism and other forms of sexual asphyxiation. I stopped reading it 70 pages through because that's all there was in the book and I couldn't stand it any more. It felt as though there was something more than the descriptions—the gory, obscene descriptions that I needed to know but no one was writing about them.

Stumbling onto *Necrophilia Variations* was the best thing that could happen to my urge to know what goes on in a person's mind when they steer away from the conventional. I also think people who are too quick to judge something by its title, are ubiquitous. There's no escaping the scrunching of the eyebrows and the twitching of the nose when you mention that you've been reading such a book. I'm lucky I know a friend who doesn't fit in that category and enjoyed the book exactly how I did. We even ended up having the same favorite stories, which goes to show, I'm dark and twisted but I'm not alone.

The book starts with a sublime, slightly disturbing story but don't be quick to get ticked off by it. If you came to it expecting a *gory cadaver fest let's have erotic sex with fresh dead bodies dug out of the cemetery* and things that could help satisfy your dark urges, then you've come to the wrong place. *Necrophilia Variations* is not about death. It is everything in and around it. It delves into the why's and not so much the how's. It has black humor, sarcasm, loneliness, despair, tragedy, isolation, everything. Of course, if you simply cannot stand all the ugly talk that is somewhat necessary to the plot of every short story in this book, I'm actually sorry for you and you should know you're missing out...a lot.

“I am death and when I love you, it's forever. And why

shouldn't you love me back? I know that sometimes you fantasize about me, lay in bed at night wondering how and when I will come and what I will look like when I do. Am I a knight in shining armor? A fiery dog of hell? Do I look like a vampire? A skeleton, a ghost?"

Every story is gripping and the first person narratives does wonders to the story. You can feel yourself in the mind of the person, struggling, trying, failing. You realize that maybe sometimes people have wars in their mind and that what you see on the outside is all but a mere façade. Maybe we need to fit in so hard that we don't want to show this grotesque side of our imagination. I remember shivering when I read *"Death and The Dilettante"*, and that's the story that had me hooked. Would you find a story of a proud and beautiful woman wanting to make love to her boyfriend in a coffin fascinating? Wouldn't that repulse you? It would and it should. But not in *Necrophilia Variations*. There is so much going on in that short story, you'd wish it'd never end. Sometimes even morbidity when done right can make something hideous feel enticing. But like my Person rightly said, "Reality eventually kicks in."

Other stories that will definitely stand out are *"Diary of A Sick Fuck"*, *"Postmorterm"*, *"Fragment of A Love Letter"* and my personal favorite *"Confessions of A Skull Mask"*. It actually sent cold sweat down my neck and you wouldn't know what I mean by that until you read it.

Supervert has enthralled me so much that I'm already reading *Perversity Think Tank*. If you made it to the end of this post, you probably like what you found out about the book and are curious. Feed that curiosity. Embrace this book, but I also genuinely understand if you won't. *Half the pleasure of necrophilia is not having to cuddle afterward.*

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
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