

Ghost Hunt #2by [Kat Avila](#)

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Publisher**Del Rey**<http://www.delreymanga.com>**Credits**

Writer: Fuyumi Ono

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Translator: Akira Tsubasa

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In **Ghost Hunt** #2, Kazuya Shibuya, Mai Taniyama, and Kazuya's associates troubleshoot a poltergeist-plagued house. It's ghostly business as usual for Shibuya Psychic Research (SPR). If you're fond of the serious and silent Lin, Kazuya's research assistant who was sidelined in #1, then look for artist Shiho Inada's sidebar comics featuring Lin; otherwise, he's background furniture again.

Suspects under investigation in the Morishita household are Noriko, her sister-in-law Kana, her niece Ayami, and Ayami's doll Minnie. Of course, the reader might predictably toss a dart at the doll, but the story goes beyond that.



The relationship between the mysterious Kazuya and Mai may never move beyond his appearing in a timely fashion in her dreams. Mai may have a rival in romance in the feminine and cultured Masako Hara, a celebrity psychic medium.

While not terribly exciting because of its patient pace, ***Ghost Hunt*** is an intelligent, informative read. The reader can learn much about Japanese metaphysical lore and religious practices. The manga is based on a novel by Fuyumi Ono, whose ***Twelve Kingdoms*** fantasy novels are better known to Westerners because of the excellent TV anime series directed by Tsuneo Kobayashi (he was a guest at ***Anime Expo*** 2005).

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