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Ireland's history has secrets to reveal.

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It's ancient homes recall a mystical past.

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Filled with unspeakable tragedy,

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some say the memories of the past still haunt Ireland today.

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Are there restless spirits trapped in the castles of Ireland?

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The answers await you and shrewd their scare.

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Do you believe in ghosts?

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That's a question most kids have been asked a million times.

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And if your answer is no, let me ask you this.

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Have you ever visited the castles of Ireland?

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A lot of people say one trip is all it takes to make a believer out of anyone.

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Ireland's history is filled with claims of these strange things seen in these strange places.

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Some are based on truth, some on legend.

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Either way, the stories are impossible to ignore.

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A trip to Ireland can sometimes seem like a journey back in time.

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Into a land of myths and tall tales.

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On the east coast in County Carlo, the village of Clonigal is home to Huntington Castle.

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People claim this historic home is haunted by chilling visions from another world.

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The castle is built in the 1300s by the Kavanaugh clan.

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Since then, many other families have owned Huntington Castle.

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And with each family, new sections were added on and old sections were rebuilt.

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But one thing has stayed the same.

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The feeling that the castle is surrounded by an ancient mystical presence from Ireland's darkest history.

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They say this presence is so powerful, it can even be felt outside the castle walls.

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In this field nearby, one man claims he's seen a group of people wearing long robes.

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In fact, he's seen them many times.

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But every time he tries to get a better look, they disappear.

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The Dyrden Robertson family has owned the castle since the 1700s.

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The current owner is David Dyrden Robertson.

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I don't know, it's about 17.

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I'd gone to sleep on their couch in the library.

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He has no idea how long he slept.

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When he woke up, he said that the room was filled with bright light and the couch felt like it was spinning around.

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Suddenly, he saw two strange faces staring down at him.

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Then he says he felt his body rise and he floated above the couch.

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David wondered, could these ghostly figures have come from a cruel chapter in Ireland's history?

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The native inhabitants of Ireland were called the Celts.

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1500 years ago, a special class of men set themselves apart.

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They were called the Druids.

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The legend of the Druids is one of the most well-known in Irish mythology.

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As the religious leaders of the time, they were often as respected as the Celtic kings and chiefs.

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Legends says that they could communicate directly with the gods, but that was only one of their powers.

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They were believed to be able to create mist and start fires at will.

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The Druids commanded respect, but they were also feared.

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And no wonder, at times, when they wanted to please the gods, they would offer a human sacrifice.

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Some people think the figures David Dyrden Robertson saw looming over him in the library were the ghosts of ancient mystics.

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The Druids returning to the land they once ruled, as if searching for their next victim.

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As another day ends at Huntington Castle, the truth stays hidden in the mists of time.

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Did this war hero return to save the family castle from beyond the grave?

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Next on Truth or Scare.

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Most people think of a haunted house as a living nightmare.

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But according to the residents of one Irish castle, it was the ghosts that made their dreams come true.

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Castle Leslie is in County Monaghan, near the border between southern and northern Ireland.

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Bishop John Leslie bought and named the estate in 1664. It's been in his family ever since.

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Today, his descendant, Samantha, lives here. But that almost wasn't the case.

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January 1996. It was morning. Samantha was alone, cooking in the castle kitchen.

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Suddenly, she heard a strange noise behind her. Out of nowhere, a shower of orange pits flew against the wall right next to her.

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She looked around. No one in sight.

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Another time when Samantha was making lunch, she said the blender suddenly turned on.

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When she went to turn it off, she discovered that it wasn't even plugged in.

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But guests of the castle have had the strangest experiences of all.

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One night, in a bedroom called the Red Room, a couple staying over say they were woken up by a strange white light.

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Paddy! Paddy!

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It surrounded a man, standing by the dresser, looking through the drawers.

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Then they watched, terrified as the man and the light faded away.

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A few weeks later, back in the Red Room, another couple say they woke up to see the same man at the dresser.

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The man turned and walked over to their bed. He put his finger to his lips, softly whispered,

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and disappeared.

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But the man and the strange white light wasn't gone for good.

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Just a few weeks after the second sighting, a third couple staying in the Red Room say they woke up to that same eerie light.

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Again, the man was there. This time in the corner by the chest.

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Slowly, he walked across the room, held up a scroll of papers, and smiled.

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Then the couple noticed something about the man, something the other witnesses had missed.

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On his forehead was a bloody wound.

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Was it a clue to the identity of this mysterious apparition?

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In the early 1900s, Samantha's great uncle, Norman Leslie, lived in the castle with his mother.

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When World War I broke out, he volunteered to fight.

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Back at the castle, Norman's mother, Lady Leone Leslie, wrote him constantly, wishing that he would come home soon.

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On the morning of October 18, 1914, it looked like Lady Leslie had gotten her wish.

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A castle employee said he'd seen Norman standing by the castle lake.

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But an hour later, there was no sign of Norman.

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And as the sun set, it became very clear. Norman was not coming at all.

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A week later, Lady Leslie got a telegram. She knew deep inside...

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...that it was bad news.

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Norman had been killed in action on October 18, 1914, the same day he'd been seen on the shore of the lake.

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It was almost as if Norman had come home that day to say goodbye.

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Now, Samantha thinks her uncle has returned once again.

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She believes he was the one who threw those orange seeds against the wall and turned on the blunder.

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And since the red room was Norman's old bedroom...

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...she's sure he was the one who appeared there.

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And he was sending her a message.

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Around that time, Samantha's family was fighting to prove that they were the castle's rightful owners.

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But they couldn't find an important document they needed for their case.

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Samantha had given up hope.

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When her guests talked about the papers the ghostly man had held up, she decided to look again.

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As she picked up one file, chills ran up her spine.

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She'd found the missing papers.

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And she says the ghost of great-uncle Norman saved the family castle.

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Can these two women live through a night of heart-stopping care?

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Find out when we return to truth or scare.

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In the castles of Ireland, no two reports of a ghost sighting are the same.

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Some people claim they've come face to face with a spirit they can actually see.

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But others say they've experienced a different type of terror.

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The terror that comes with the invisible visitors, known as poultry guys.

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That's exactly what was reported in County Limerick on Ireland's west coast.

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The setting was Glen Castle, built in 1789.

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It's currently owned by the Fitzgerald family.

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Two members of the castle staff claim to have recently felt the wrath of a poultry guy.

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Nancy and May are sisters.

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They've worked at Glen Castle for over 40 years.

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And all that time, they say they'd never had a paranormal experience.

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But one night, in 1991, all that changed.

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It was a little after midnight when Nancy turned out the light.

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Soon after that, she heard a noise on the stairs.

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Was someone coming up?

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Nancy said it sounded like the person was coming up.

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Nancy was struggling. She was gripped by fear.

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Nancy called out to another employee over the castle, Una, who was asleep in the next bedroom.

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Una said she was awake too. And she'd also heard the noise.

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Then, total chaos.

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The night was over.

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Terrified, Nancy crossed the room in the dark and found the light switch.

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As soon as she turned it on, everything went quiet.

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She opened the door and looked out.

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Nothing. The mayhem was over, if it had happened at all.

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Sir Desmond Fitzgerald owns Castle Glen.

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He thinks the incident might be related to an experience he had here as a child.

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After his mother read him a story, Desmond was on his way up to his room.

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When he saw something he would never forget.

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A fray rope hanging in midair.

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What's wrong, dear? What's happened?

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There's nothing there.

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But when he brought his mother out to show her, the mysterious rope had disappeared.

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Come on, don't be frightened. Pick up the book and let's go inside.

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Had it all been in his head?

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Desmond found out that back in 1867 there had been a terrible accident.

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The castle was being repainted.

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To reach the ceiling above the staircase, the painters built a scaffold out of wood planks and heavy rope.

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But something went tragically wrong.

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With no warning, one of the painters had been shot dead.

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The painters were tragically wrong.

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With no warning, one of the ropes came undone.

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The painter on the scaffold fell.

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He died instantly.

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Some wonder if the rope that Desmond saw was a vision of the rope that caused the tragic accident almost a hundred years before.

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Castle Glen won't reveal the answer.

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At least, not yet.

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Next, at Ireland's most haunted castle, they say terror has a face.

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And this is it.

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When truth or scare returns.

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There are so many stories of haunted castles in Ireland.

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Most people can't keep track of them.

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But some accounts are totally unforgettable.

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Like in what many say is Ireland's most haunted castle.

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The witness looked right into the face of and could even smell the putrid stench of a horrifying apparition.

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Lepp Castle can be found in County Offalaly.

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It was built in the 1300s.

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The legend says the hauntings are connected to a horrifying bloody history that began in 1532.

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That year, the local chieftain, Mulroney O'Carroll, died.

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His son, the priest, believed the castle should be his.

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But the priest's brother, Ty, well, he begged to differ.

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One night in the castle chapel, as the priest led a service for the family,

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Ty silently climbed the dark stairway.

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The priest had no idea that his brother was coming to take his life.

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The night before the castle was built, the priest was killed.

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Since that night, this room has been known as the Bloody Chapel.

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But that gruesome tragedy is only part of the castle's legacy of horror.

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In a room just off the Bloody Chapel, there was a dungeon called an Oubliette.

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Enemies of the family were brought through the chapel,

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and then pushed, falling eight feet down onto a spike, where they would be forgotten forever.

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In the early 1900s, when the dungeon was discovered, it was piled high, with human skeletons.

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Not long after that terrifying discovery, it is said that the creature that haunts Leppe Castle emerged.

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By now, the castle was owned by Jonathan and Mildred Dobby.

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Like a lot of people of the time, Mildred was interested in the occult.

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She had heard that Leppe Castle was haunted. She wanted to know for sure.

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Mildred thinks that it was this seance that released the spirit of a primitive ghost known as it.

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Because a few nights later, Mildred was in the castle gallery, looking down to the main hall.

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Suddenly, she felt a hand on her shoulder.

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She turned and found herself face to face with it.

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That was the name she gave the disgusting creature.

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And what she described just might make you sick.

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It was about the size of a sheep that had had a human face.

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Its eyes were just deep black holes in its head.

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And the smell, she said it was unmistakable.

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The stench of rotting flesh.

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In Ireland, a country with such a long history of supernatural encounters,

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the stories of castle ghosts will never totally disappear.

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And as long as the stories remain,

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so will the mystery.

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Not exactly a pleasure trip, huh?

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But I guess a quest for ancient spirits is never easy.

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And neither is deciding whether or not to believe.

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There's still no scientific proof that ghosts exist.

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Then again, there's no proof that they don't.

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But after seeing the castles of Ireland, one thing's for sure.

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If a ghost comes your way, you'll know exactly what it is when you see it.

