

The Haunting of Holden Castle

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Holden Castle has dark, turbulent, secrets and two innocent young men find themselves standing in proxy, reliving the roles of tragic figures long since dead.

Tony is an attractive young man recovering from a breakup with the man he thought he would spend the rest of his life with. On the bus from the airport to Holden Castle, which is now an internationally famous four-star hotel and tourist destination, he meets Sean, who has also recently ended a long-term relationship with the woman he thought he was going to marry.

It's the legend of the castle that's the biggest draw. Prince Holden had fallen deeply in love with a servant girl. However, he was forced to marry someone else in a marriage fashioned by his father, dubbed the Tyrant King. When Princess Aednat, Prince Holden's fiancée discovered the Prince's secret love, she exposed it, and threw both kingdoms into turmoil.

The Prince retreated within himself and refused to speak to anyone. As an act of final revenge, the princess pushed him off the cliffs late one night while he was walking.

That's how the story has been told since the thirteenth-century.

From the moment they arrive, Sean and Tony experience a profound sense of déjà vu, as if they're living their lives and the life of someone else at the same time. Buried deep in the many mysteries of this castle, they discover that they are the secret.