

The Canterville Ghost

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1.

Lord Canterville's family had stopped living in the castle because the castle was haunted. The family had abandoned it the day Lord Canterville's great grand-aunt, the Duchess of Bolton, felt two skeleton hands on her shoulders.

2.

Mr Otis wanted to buy the castle because the fact that the castle was haunted did not bother him at all. He had come from America—a modern country, and did not believe in ghosts. And because it was haunted, he probably bought it for a lot less money.

3.

The stain on the rug was blood from Elanore de Canterville who was murdered there by her husband, Sir Simon de Canterville, about 300 years ago. The ghost of Sir Simon de Canterville had kept the bloodstain there for 300 years, 11 months, and 15 days because he thought that it built his reputation as a ghost.

4.

James fainted the first time when there was a loud bang offstage. The second time James fainted when the portrait of Sir Simon, which Mrs Otis had ordered to be removed, reappeared on the wall. This shows that James was really scared of the ghost.

5.

Sir Simon was upset with the Otis family because he thought that the castle belonged to him and the Otis family had no right to walk in there like they owned the place, leave their stuff all about, remove his family's portraits and remove his bloodstain.

6.

First, one night, Lewis and Clark camped in the library with their pillows and when they found Sir Simon in the hall, they threw pillows at him. Sir

Simon let out a scream and ran off. The second time, the twins put up a scarecrow in the library. When Sir Simon saw the ghost scarecrow, he was scared. He shouted and ran back to his room. Later, Sir Simon thought of a plan to convince the scarecrow to help him get rid of the Otis family. When Sir Simon shook the scarecrow's hand, it came off. Sir Simon was scared but then he saw a sign on the ghost that read 'The Otis Ghost' and was angry when he realized that he had been outwitted once again. Just then, the twins came out and attacked Sir Simon with their pea shooters. This made Sir Simon angrier.

7.

Mr and Mrs Otis' complaint against the ghost was that the terrible noises he made and the rattling of his chains kept them awake all night. They showed their protest by putting up a notice for the ghost that if he wanted to stay in the castle, he must pay rent by the end of the week.

8.

Sir Simon's soul had been condemned because he had murdered his wife and was never able to weep for his sins because he had no tears, or pray for his soul because he had no faith. Virginia helped him by weeping for his sins, praying for his soul, and asking the Angel of Death to have mercy on him.

Reading 2

1. Lord Canterville and Mr Otis did not meet eye to eye, because the former was convinced that the castle should ideally be abandoned and uninhabited by mortals, lest they be harmed by the ghost that haunted the castle while Mr Otis, a modern-day American refused to believe in superstitious stories.