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“The Haunting of the Palacio de Linares”

A friend of my cousin works for the security at the Palacio de Linares and he told me that, at night, when he is guarding the building alone, he hears the voice of a girl that he has never seen!

He has made inquiries and discovered that the ghosts of the Lord and the Lady of the Palaccio de Linares and her alleged daughter are trapped there.

The Marquis was a rich merchant, but his son had fallen in love with a poor cigarette girl from Lavapiés. When the father learned of the affair, he sent his son to study in London so that he would forget this puppy love.

But the real reason the Marquis was so horrified by the affair was that this poor girl was the result of one of his amorous adventures. Yet, despite all his efforts, the young people were inseparable and, when the father died, they married. Shortly after the wedding, the new Marquis found a letter addressed to him by his father, in which the latter explained his stubborn opposition to the relationship. The couple were now aware of their incestuous crime and appealed to Pope Pius IX, who issued a Papal Bull entitled Casti convivere. That means: living together in chastity.

Yet their love was stronger than the Bull and a few years later a small girl was born, who, legend says, was murdered in order to avoid a scandal.

She was allegedly bricked up behind a wall or drowned and then buried in the Palace.

And today her ghost still wanders through the great rooms of the Palace, singing children's songs and calling out for her parents.

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