



Gothic nightmares

2. Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: the evil double

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Narrator: Utterson then began to read Henry Jekyll's statement.

Doctor Jekyll: I was born in 1845. I had everything. I was wealthy, intelligent, and very ambitious. But despite my great professional success, I was always impatient with studying and I had a secret life that was at odds with my life as a respected doctor. For some men, this is not a problem, but for me there was always a terrible conflict. I wanted to be free, so I began to do certain experiments. Finally, I discovered a substance that could divide my personality - separate the good side from the evil side and give each one a separate identity. The first time I took this drug I felt a horrible pain. At that time, I did not have a mirror in my laboratory so I could not see the result. It was late at night and all the servants were sleeping. I went quickly and silently to my room. That was the first time that I saw Edward Hyde!

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