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AN OLD, OLD GHOST

Demon Hall is in the Capital, north of Third Avenue and east of the East Tōin Palace. The place is haunted.

Long ago, before the Capital ever grew up, there was a great pine tree at the site. An armed rider passing by got caught in a violent thunderstorm, so he dismounted and led his horse under the tree to seek shelter from the downpour. A lightning bolt split him and his mount in two and killed them. That rider is the ghost.

Later on, the Capital came and people built houses all over the area, but the ghost refused to leave. They say it's still around and that that's why awful things have often happened there. It certainly is an old ghost!