

The Bones of Samuel Shine

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Location: Bunhill Fields Burial Ground, EC1, London

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bunhill_Fields

Created in 1665

It was first in devoted use as a burial ground from 1665 until 1854, in which period approximately 123,000 interments were estimated to have taken place. Over 2,000 monuments remain, for the most part in concentrated blocks.

It contains the graves of many notable people, including [John Bunyan](#) (died 1688), author of *The Pilgrim's Progress*; [Daniel Defoe](#) (died 1731), author of *Robinson Crusoe*; [William Blake](#) (died 1827), artist, poet, and mystic; [Susanna Wesley](#) (died 1742), known as the "Mother of Methodism" through her education of sons [John](#) and [Charles](#); [Thomas Bayes](#) (died 1761), statistician and philosopher; and [Isaac Watts](#) (died 1748), the "Father of English Hymnody".



Our Characters

- Samuel Shine

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Died in 1822. His name has disappeared from the grave, since noone took care of it. He was forgotten.

As it is said, people die twice: once when they die, and a second time when their name is said for the last time.

His name was spoken again after 200 years.

- Visitor (girl/boy)

A little girl hides in a cemetery as they play hide and seek with friends.

Initial story idea

A little girl plays hide and seek in a burial ground with her friends, as part of a dare. She hides behind a tombstone. She's waiting. She looks around at the scary place. She reads out one particular name. She doesn't seem very scared until she feels a tightening in her chest, an overwhelming sensation of danger which seems to be emitting from one grave in particular but also the whole ground.

Unusual happenings have occurred in this space for over a century, a huge loss of life, overtaken by some sort of curse. In fear the evil would pass on, some dead birds and rats are contained. However the evil on this ground might not be able to be stopped.

Samuel Shine once roamed. A young boy himself, only 13 years old. However he had the brain of a twisted psychopath, obliterating any wildlife he saw, mainly innocent birds just trying to be free. Dissection. Experimental. Trying to obtain a soul. He died before he could get a human one. As a trophy, he stored the remains to look back on his work in see through jars and continued to bury them. The bones of Samuel Shine go way beyond his own.

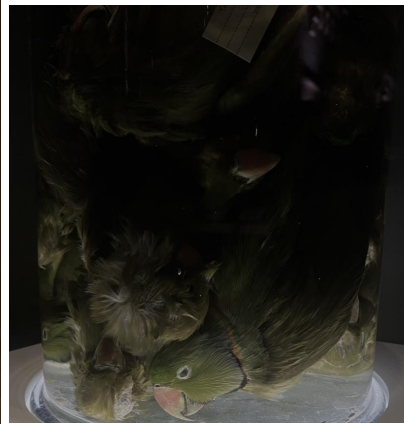
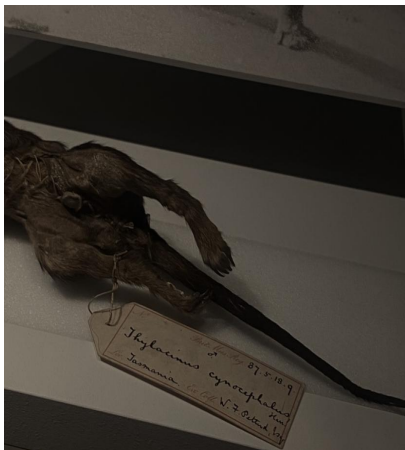
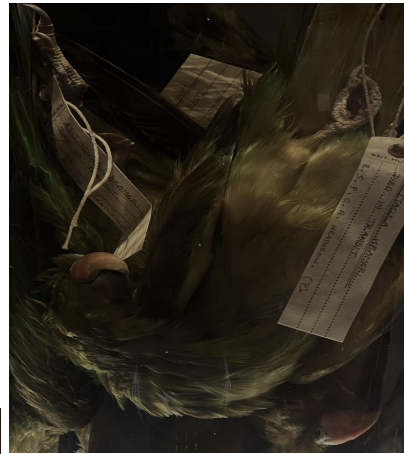
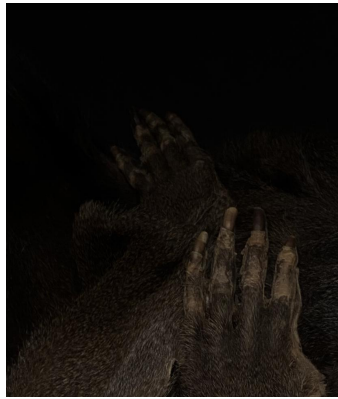
Samuel - etymology/origins

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samuel>

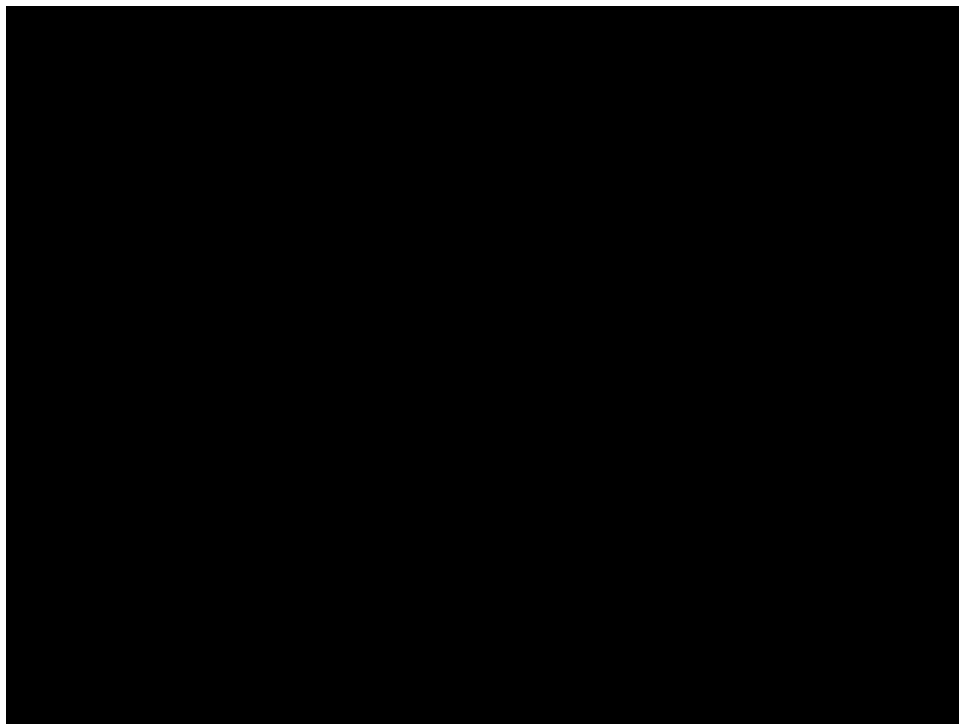
The **Witch of Endor** was consulted to summon the spirit of the prophet **Samuel**.

When summoned, however, the spirit of Samuel only delivers a prophecy of doom against Saul.

Photos from the Natural history Museum



Video edit from location



Sketches



Storyboard sketches