

# Black Noise

"So," I asked incredulously, "You're saying that Spiritualism works?"

The mystic shook her head. "No, I'm saying that it **can** work."

"What's stopping it from working?"

"The Taiping Rebellion." She smiled sourly at my blank look. "Thirty million murdered, over a decade and a half. That much death at once makes it impossible to 'hear' anybody for a while. And since then there's been the World Wars, the genocides, international Communism... to this day it's hard to get a signal."

She leaned forward. "The worst part, though? This might have been deliberate. Even... *necessary*. There are worse Things than genocide."

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