Gothic House

thought and painting

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Preface

This is the sixth volume of the art book that results from my Facebook. A book of this kind, in a sense, is a record of the daily life of the author. Each day that I had painted, I felt happy knowing that some of my work caused some happiness in the mind of friends. There are some things in the world deserving to be a gift between friends; and among these things, art is included.

Horror is a human emotion which is much associated with a kind of movie or literature. In this volume, we have dealt with such a kind of emotion. In terms of esthetics, I think the sense of wonder, fear, horror, and so on plays the mysterious role in the human mind. Maybe, it is closely related to the fear of death, which, for me, reminds men of the impermanence of life and the world. Jim Morrison says, "This is the end, beautiful friend.." This is an example of the esthetic value of horror.

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Start





Gothic House, One. I am experimenting with a new series. It is inspired by horror movies like Hitchcock's Psycho. Gothic houses, for me, are mysterious. Gothic novels like Frankenstein or Dracula have some esthetic elements, and I myself need to explore it through the painting. Sorry for some friends who dislike gothic novels or movies.

April, 13





Gothic House, Two. Norman Bates and His House. April, 14





Gothic House, Three. April, 14





Gothic House, Four. April, 14





Gothic House, Five. April, 14





Gothic House, Six. April, 14





Gothic House, Seven. April, 15





Gothic House, Eight. April, 15





Alfred Hitchcock. This is a real time painting. I have been watching the movie, Hitchcock. And I feel this man is strangely genius. Every genius thinks differently from normal people. The movie has been running, but my painting has finished.

April, 15





Gothic House, Nine. April, 15





Gothic House, Ten. The last one of the series. April, 15





Gothic House, Nine, another version, unpublished.





Gothic House, Eleven, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twelve, unpublished.





Gothic House, Thirteen, unpublished.





Gothic House, Fourteen, unpublished.





Gothic House, Fifteen, unpublished.





Gothic House, Sixteen, unpublished.





Gothic House, Seventeen, unpublished.





Gothic House, Eighteen, unpublished.





Gothic House, Nineteen, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-One, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Two, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Three, unpublished.





Gothic House, Six, another version, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Three, another version, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Four, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Five, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Six, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Seven, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Eight, unpublished.





Gothic House, Twenty-Nine, unpublished.





Gothic House, Thirty, unpublished.





Gothic House, Thirty-One, unpublished.





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Gothic House, Forty, unpublished.





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Gothic House, Forty-Two, unpublished.





Gothic House, Forty-Three, unpublished.





Gothic House, Forty-Four, unpublished.





The End





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