

"The Haunting of 2013." In this psychological horror story a man is haunted by numerous ghosts, but these ghosts are of people who aren't dead yet. Is he losing his mind? Are the people in his life trying to drive him insane? He must solve the mystery before his paranoia destroys him.

### **Synopsis**

Life for David has gone from horrible to fantastic. Diagnosed with a brain tumor with only three months to live, he slits his wrist in the bathtub. As his life drains away he has second thoughts and dials 911. Weak and delirious he sees a hallucination of a beautiful woman bathed in light. As he passes out she whispers, "we are with you now. Everything will be alright."

But only a week after the failed suicide attempt his luck changes remarkably. He undergoes a new laser therapy to remove the tumor. While undergoing the laser he has series of horrifying images flash before his eyes, but he is miraculously cured. That same week his lucky streak continues; he meets and starts dating Kathy, a beautiful public relations professional, and his magician friend Gary gets a gig on the Tonight Show.

With his luck changed and his new lease on life he buys an old house in an upscale urban neighborhood--2013 Hill Street. But he soon discovers he's not alone. First he finds the names "Fitz" and "Kang" mysteriously written in the fog of his bathroom mirror. Then he starts seeing multiple ghosts, some which appear to have died horrible deaths.

There is a ghost of badly burned homeless man who begs for his help, a man with no eyes that appears in his kitchen, a terrifying man engulfed in flames and a family of ghosts who merely sit on his sofa and watch television.

Other strange things happen in the house. All the clocks keep setting themselves to 8:13, a cat appears in his kitchen and while in the backyard David is suddenly showered with dead crows.

But with the bad comes some more good luck as David finds ten-thousand dollars in furnace vent. He takes the money to police who tell him he legally can keep it. David discovers that the police killed a drug dealer in the house but his name wasn't Fitz or Kang.

There are not only ghosts in his house, but they call him on his cell phone and he sees them other places. At work he is haunted by a woman in the bathroom who melts before his eyes. She too pleads for his help. And when David checks into a hotel to escape the ghosts and get a good night's sleep a ghost with a mangled face and hands tries to drown him while he is taking a bath.

Now he is not only worried about his sanity, but his life. Has the laser therapy caused him to hallucinate or are the ghosts real? He seeks the help of a psychiatrist who thinks David's subconscious is trying to tell him something.

But when the visions become stronger David seeks the help of a paranormal investigator who thinks what David is experiencing is real and that his life is in danger. He tells David he must discover what the ghost want from him. Who are Fitz and Kang?

Things take another bizarre turn when he realizes that his ghosts are of real, alive people. He sees the man in his kitchen alive and well on the bus and follows him back to his office. He confronts the man and discovers that his name is Mullins and he used to own the house. Police in a drug raid killed his brother in the house, and the property was seized by the government sold at auction. David asks if he ever saw a ghost in the house, the man reluctantly tells him that he saw a ghost once for a second or two. It was a man standing in the kitchen with his wrists slit. David chillingly remembers his own suicide attempt.

That night David and Kathy spend the night has his house. He is glad to have company, perhaps the visions will stop when she is there. But that night when David gets up in the middle of the night for some aspirin, he returns to find Kathy passed out on the floor from an overdose of sleeping pills. He tries to revive her and she says, "I'm so sorry, it's all my fault, forgive me." He tries to dial 911 on his cell phone, but all that is displayed is "2013." He rushes downstairs to use the phone and finds Kathy coming out of the kitchen, alive and well and apparently unaware of what just took place upstairs. She tells him it must have been a bad dream.

David's fears he is going insane, a side effect of the laser surgery. His magician friend Gary offers another theory. He suggests that these people, including Kathy, are trying to make him think he's crazy, perhaps to get him to leave the house. Gary tells him it would be easy to fake most of the visions David has experienced.

Gary spends the night at David's house and they set up a video camera. David is glad to not be spending the night alone. He relief is only temporary, however as he sees the shadow of ghost in his bathtub. He rips back the shower curtain to see a vision of himself with his wrists slit. The words "Kill Fitz" written on the wall.

Later that same night they review the tape, and on a single frame David and Gary see the ghost family sitting on David's sofa, complete with cat David saw earlier in his kitchen. They decide to spend the rest of the night at Gary's apartment.

Later at Gary's apartment, David has a dream he is strapped to the laser table again. The ghosts and Gary are around him. They tell him he is already dead and they he must open his eyes before it's too late.

David has the paranormal investigator check out the house. The investigator discovers David has hotspots all over the house, which is odd because ghosts usually show up as cold spots. He picks up a strange sound, in audible to the human ear and boosts it. The sound is hundreds of people screaming. The paranormal investigators fears David's house is on a hell-mouth, a place where the barrier between the living and dead is very thin. They check out the basement where he finds a very hot spot on the dirt floor. A

scratching sound comes from the coal bin and when the open it, hundreds of rats come pouring out.

David and the investigator fight their way back upstairs where the ghost of a cat scared the rats away. Was the ghost of cat trying to protect David?

Not wanting to stay in the house David goes to Kathy's apartment. But when Kathy is momentarily called away and David finds himself alone in the apartment, he sees the ghost of a young woman who tells him "We can't protect you outside the house. We are stronger now, but he is even stronger." Before he can ask who "he" is, the ghost with mangled face appears and attacks David physically. David fights him off until Kathy returns and the ghost disappears.

Later David is shocked to discover Kathy's new client is a congressman named Fitz and the congressman is on the short list as a presidential contender. The ghosts show David a newscast from the future where president Fitz launches a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the Chinese Premier named Kang. David has the terrible realization that the ghosts have been haunting him from the future, not the past. And if doesn't stop Fitz the whole world will be destroyed.

That night, David, Kathy and Fitz go to one of Gary's magic shows. David is horrified when Gary does an act involving a man engulfed in flames. Later, with his sanity hanging by thread he accuses Gary of being behind the whole thing. Gary claims he just wanted David to see how easy it would be to fake the ghosts, even a complicated one.

The next day David goes to Kathy's apartment there is no answer, but as he turns to leave the burning ghost appears and goes through door into the apartment. David bust down the door only to find Kathy there with Fitz and they have been sleeping together.

A few days later, David is back at the house the ghosts continue to haunt him and tell him he must kill Fitz. Kathy's ghost lures Fitz to the house with a phone call. David invites him in and apologizes for busting in on him and Kathy, after all David never asked Kathy to not see other people. When Fitz isn't looking, David takes a baseball bashes in his face. David buries Fitz in the basement.

Later on a park bench David watched children playing and feels good that he has ultimately done a good thing. But when he returns home he finds a set of new ghosts they tell him the world will now end in 2014 unless he kills Kang too.

A year later we see the ghost family alive and well and moving into the house, which is now owned by Mullins again. We discover that David was arrested for Fitz's murder and doing a life sentence in jail.

Closing scene is of a man in Honk Kong who discovers the word "Kang" in the fog of his bathroom mirror.