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Initiation Ritual and the Moral Self in *The Secret Sharer*

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Abstract

The relationship between the Captain and Leggatt is analyzed with emphasis on Leggatt's influence on the Captain's understanding of his moral self. The novella centers on this theme of a young, as yet untested, captain's finding of his moral self. Only when he understands his own morality, through the influence of Leggatt, can he be confident enough to command his ship.
