Law and Literature:  
The Political Uncanny of Domestic Violence

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Taking into consideration sociological analyses of the constellation of violence grafted upon the rhythms and sites of the family, statutory discourse on intervention in domestic violence in English family law, and Lesley Glaister’s fictional representation of violence in Honour thy Father, I suggest that the home looms out as a site of power struggle where the political uncanny is enacted.

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