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## THE TRUFFLES OF YOUTH

After Lord Henry pushes Dorian Gray to seek a life full of pleasure, Gray begins to take full advantage of his youth, leading to his pursuit of love and beauty. Gray eventually becomes so obsessed with beauty that he murders his artist friend Basil Hayward, only to be more concerned about the changing nature of his portrait rather than the dead body in front of him.

Just as Dorian's youthful beauty shields the deteriorating soul on the inside, the Truffles of Youth contain their own secrets — under the deceptively smooth sphere of chocolate is a messy, sticky core. The Truffles of Youth represent Gray as he becomes increasingly fixated on his exterior youth and as his soul turns decrepit, selfish, and desensitized. Gray's insidious, murderous qualities are accentuated through the truffle's bright-red wrapper, a symbol of the blood Gray has spilled, both directly and indirectly, through his pursuit of skin-deep aestheticism.