

Demonology 101

A basic guide to the demon-world. Wherever possible, direct quotes from the books are used.

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What is a Demon?

“Demons exist, both in the physical and spiritual world. They are arranged into hierarchies according to their degree power. There is probably a ruling demon, someone you really don’t want to conjure up, but I’d suspect the position changes hands, much like leadership roles in our world.”

- Paige, from *Dime Store Magic*

Eudemons & Cacodemons

“Among all the various levels, from courtier to archduke, you have your good demons and your bad demons, or to use the correct terminology, eudemons and cacodemons. When I say ‘good’ demons, or eudemons, I don’t mean they run around helping people in our world. Most demons couldn’t give a damn about us. By eudemons, I’m referring to those who don’t actively seek to screw up the human world. A more accurate description would be chaotic and non-chaotic demons. ‘Chaotic’ demons or cacodemons are almost exclusively the kind who come into contact with the rest of us. A sorcerer or witch could summon a eudemon, but most of us know so little about demonology that we wouldn’t know a eudemon from a cacodemon anyway. Even if one said he was a eudemon, he’d probably be lying. A wise spellcaster abjures conjuring altogether.”

- Paige, from *Dime Store Magic*

Half-Demons

“That’s not what you really want to know, is it?” Adam said. “At least, that’s not the good part, not who we are, but what we are, right? Though it’s probably better to explain the two separately or it ends up sounding like an AA meeting for the damned. ‘Hi, my name is Adam and I’m a half-demon’.”

“A half . . .?” I said.

“Exactly what it sounds like. Mom’s human. Dad’s the living embodiment of absolute evil. Luckily, I got my looks from mom’s side. My father’s not exactly GQ material. Don’t ask me what my mother was thinking. Obviously one too many tequila shots that night.”

“Demons take human form to rape or seduce human women,” Paige said. “Half-demons are always human in appearance. They inherit other qualities from their fathers. Each has different powers, depending on the type of demon that sired them.”

“The X-Men of the underworld,” Adam said.

- from *Stolen*

“One way cacodemons like to cause trouble in our world is by fathering babies. They’re pretty darned keen on the sex part, too. To do so, they take human form, having found that any woman with less than a 40 oz bottle of whiskey coursing through her bloodstream does not respond favorably to seduction by large, scaled, cloven-hoofed beasts.

To be honest, we don’t know what a demon’s true form is, and it probably bears no resemblance to the cloven-hoofed monster of myth. When they come into the physical world, they take the shape of whatever will accomplish their goal. Want to scare seduce a young woman? Pull out the old ‘drop-dead gorgeous twenty-year-old male’ disguise. My advice to young women who like to pick up guys in singles bars? Condoms prevent more than venereal disease.

Half-demons inherit the main power of their fathers. Elemental control, teleportation, telekinesis and telepathy are common, as are enhancements of regular human abilities, such as strength, sight and hearing. This power manifests itself sometime between the ages of twelve and twenty, though you may see precursors of it earlier than that.”

- Paige, from *Dime Store Magic*

Hierarchy

“The degree of power depends on the demon’s ranking within the hierarchy. Take the so-called fire demons. An Igneus can induce only first-degree burns. An Aduro can induce burns plus ignite flammable objects. An Exustio, like Adam, can not only burn and ignite, but incinerate. The number of demons decreases per level. There are probably a dozen Igneus demons out there making babies. There is one Exustio, meaning Adam probably has only two or three ‘siblings’ in the world.”

- Paige, from *Dime Store Magic*

“Jealousy,” Matasumi said. “Within the half-demon hierarchy Leah has higher standing.”

“Are they aware of this hierarchy?” I asked. “I thought half-demons didn’t have much contact with one another. They don’t have any central or ruling group, right? So how do they know who has what status?”

Silence.

After a moment Matasumi said, “At some level, I’m sure they’re aware of their status.”

“An Agito demon ranks over an Evanidus, Xavier’s sire, Bauer said. “And an Exustio ranks over both. That’s Adam Vasic’s sire, right? An Exustio?”

“Never came up in conversation, surprisingly.”

- from *Stolen*

(note: Matasumi is wrong here on two counts. Leah, as we learned later, was a Volo not an Agito. Also an Agito does not outrank an Evanidus. They're both mid-level half-demons.)

A few final notes on hierarchy, details implied more than stated in the books. Some of the rarer half-demons (e.g. Ferratus) have no hierarchy of varying powers. For those types that do, there is no way of telling what level a given half-demon has until he/she manifests a level of power indicating a higher rank. Therefore in *Stolen*, although Robert Vasic believes Adam is an Exustio, no one knows for certain until he actually incinerates something. A half-demon reaches his/her full potential through a combination of physical maturity and practice. Therefore, half-demons who never hone their powers could go through life believing they belong to a lower group. Similarly, at the bottom level, these half-demons could go through life never realizing they are anything but human...or humans with slight paranormal powers or inexplicable obsessions. For example, a bottom level fire half-demon (Igneus), might send off the odd spark or two, or could become a pyromaniac-obsessed with fire, but not knowing why.

Type of Half-Demons

These are only the subtypes used in the series. There are others (ice under elemental, telepathic under dimensional and auditory under physical, etc), but I won't include them here until I've introduced an important character example in the series.

Elemental

Fire

Able to produce fire via physical contact. Levels increase the degree of heat produced. Emotional duress can unwittingly cause shows of power (i.e. fire demons literally have a hot temper!) As the levels increase, powers are cumulative (i.e. an Exustio can produce first, second OR third degree burns)

Otherworld characters - Adam Vasic (Exustio)

Igneus - can cause first degree burns, may be able to produce sparks

Aduro - can cause second degree burns, can ignite flammable material

Exustio - can cause third degree burns, can incinerate objects

Tempestras

The name, like many half-demon cognomens, tipped into melodrama and bordered on false advertising. A Tempestras couldn't summon storms. He could, however, control the weather within his immediate vicinity, calling up wind, rain or, if he was really good, lightning. He could also, like Troy, do something as small but practical as keeping rain off his windshield. “

- Paige, from *Industrial Magic*

Otherworld characters - Robert Vasic, Troy Morgan

Dimensional

Telekinetic

Able to displace/move objects without contact or other physical means. Levels increase range, object size and displacement distance. Telekinetic demons have a 'tell' something they do before moving an object (e.g.. Leah made a fist). Power decreases as temper/frustration rises (i.e. lose concentration). Displacement distance and force decreases with size/weight of object. (e.g. Leah can shift a car only inches, but can hurl a book across a room with enough force to cause injury)

Otherworld characters: Leah O'Donnell (Volo)

Jesse Aanes (Agito)

Migro

- range: within sight

- object size: small (approx 10 lb max)

- displacement distance: minimal (less than 6 inches)

Agito

- range: within sight
- object size: not larger/heavier than self
- displacement distance: approx max 10 feet

Volo

- range: approx 50 yards (if not in sight, must be able to picture object and its placement)
- object size: pretty much anything not nailed down
- displacement distance: approx. max 20 feet

Teleportation

Able to displace/move self instantaneously. Levels increase target range, direction and displacement distance.

Otherworld characters: Xavier Reese (Evanidus)

Tripudio

- target range: within sight
- direction: horizontal only
- displacement distance: approx max 12 inches, would appear as a quick move

Evanidus

- range: within sight
- target range: anywhere within displacement distance
- direction: horizontal only
- displacement distance: approx max 10 feet

Abeo

- target range: anywhere within displacement distance
- direction: horizontal and vertical (i.e. could teleport to basement when possible)
- displacement distance: approx. max 50 feet

Physical

Vision

Enhanced visual abilities. Levels increase the number of powers rather than range or acuity, and are cumulative (i.e. an *Aspicio* also has the powers of an *Acies* and a *Conspicio*). Powers are not a permanent enhancement, but must be invoked and require full concentration to maintain.

Otherworld characters: Eve Levine (*Aspicio*)

Acies - enhanced visual range (can see distant objects more clearly)

Conspicio- can induce temporary blindness

Aspicio - can see through solid objects (produces a small window of 'x-ray vision')

Ferratus (iron)

“Not one of the more common half-demons. So rare, in fact, that I had to translate the name from Latin before I remembered it. Ferratus. Iron-plated. A one-trick half-demon, but that one trick was a doozy. When a Ferratus half-demon invoked his power, his skin became as hard as iron. No wonder Benicio had snapped up Griffin from the St. Clouds. He was the perfect bodyguard . . . and the last guy you’d want going on a rampage.”

- Paige, from *Industrial Magic*

Otherworld characters: Griffin Sorenson