

Glitch Parasites

Demon possession is a dynamic field of study; there's always something new coming down the pike. Possessed masks, rings, swords, mirrors, paintings, cars -- every culture has an item that can be hijacked by Infernal interdimensional parasites, and it looks like **our** item will end up being 'smartphones.' Please don't act surprised at that.

The good news is that you apparently can't get very **large** demonic parasites stuffed into a smartphone before the damned thing bricks and needs fixing. In fact, the only things Hell have that can both transport themselves to our dimension *and* take over a smartphone without being detected are Glitch Parasites: non-sapient and remarkably passive demonlings that possess no particular offensive powers in this dimension. They're barely even capable of reproducing.

The bad news is that *all* demons, from the Lightbringer on down, have an easily-recognizable and unique magical 'identity.' This includes Glitch Parasites. Any competent Infernal mage can easily track down a particular Glitch Parasite and use its senses. In practical terms: the demon

possessing somebody's smartphone can be effortlessly tapped by a much more powerful demon, who can then do everything from seeing and hearing the phone's surroundings to going through its files and history. There's no conventional way of knowing when a Glitch Parasite is being tapped; in fact, there's no conventional way of knowing if a particular phone has a Glitch Parasite in the first place. And exorcising the phone only works for a short period.

And that's why the cleric is the only one who gets to have a cell phone on missions.

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