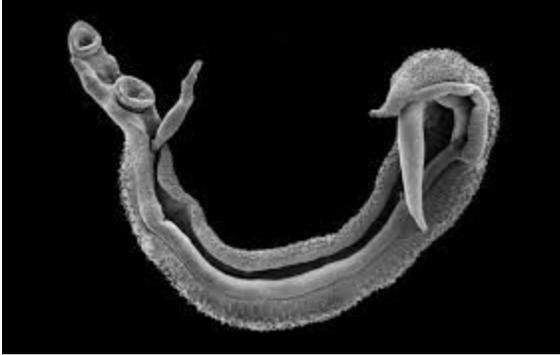


Parasitus Magicae



The Parasitus Magicae is a nasty parasite that thrives in the awakened. These parasites syphon off the magic of the awakened creature, weakening it both physically and magically. To date, there are no known instances of this parasite using a human or meta-human as host.

<They can use humans and meta-humans as hosts. I have seen an elf infested, and my boyfriend died from the infestation.> Banshee

Even when outside the body, these things are hard to kill. They seem to be immune to physical attacks, fire, and other magical means. To put it mildly, don't frag with these things if you can help it.

To tell if a critter has this parasite, you have to know the critter's aura before it was infected. There is a slight change in the critter's mannerism and the aura seems off. That is to say it is different like the critter is under stress, even while resting. There is no other way to find these critters as they are in a creature, it covers their aura's within the aura of the critter. It is thought that the parasite takes over the critter, controlling it, to give maximum time for the parasite to grow and spread.

There is no known cure for a critter getting this parasite, most veterinarians put the critter down once it is confirmed that the parasite is in the critter. **<My dead boyfriend and I had figured out a way to rid a boy of a parasite infestation, but the actual spell was his. I didn't have the know how to cast the ritual. I gave him support. Somehow he had gotten infected during the ritual. The boy is still free of parasites.> Banshee**



There is a blood test that can work to detect the parasite, it just isn't reliable yet as it gives a lot of false positives. Zoologists and Veterinarians are working together to find a better test for this pest.

<I think we have, if you cast a heal spell on the subject the parasites eat the power of the spell causing it to fizzle out on completion.> Awakened Zoologist

The spread of this parasite is slow as the infected critter has to be exhausted before the parasite is able to fully take over and move on to another host. If only 1 parasite makes it into a new host, the parasite will continue to grow in numbers and strength, wearing at the host's energy and magic. Before the host knows what is going on, the parasite will take over and control the critter similar to how a spirit can possess a target.

<I didn't even notice that Bishop was having issues. He seemed normal, until he tried to take my power. It was bad for us both.> Banshee

There are no known corporations looking for these creatures. They refuse to admit they are real. There is no reason for anyone to go looking for them. Be careful when running the shadows.

<There are a few corporations that are looking into weaponizing these parasites.> Corporate WageSlave

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B	A	R	S	W	L	I	C	E	Ess	M/R
1	10	9	1	6	1	4	1	4 Group	6	M

Initiative: 1D6+13

Limits: Physical 4 Mental 4 Social 5

Powers: Immunity (Physical), Immunity (Elemental), Magical Guard, Magic Sense, Possession (Host), Magic Drain (See essence drain)

Gamemasters Note: These parasites are hard to find. If found they are hard to get rid of. It takes a ritual that lasts #parasites/2 in hours. There is also a chance for the ritual members to get infected. It depends on how much stun damage they take during the ritual. Infection sets in when the parasites roll #hits = body of casters. They test hourly. Testing is 1D6+# boxes in stun track D6.

For example, for a caster in hour 6 has taken 4 stun due to drain, the parasites are throwing 5D6 for this test. These are extended tests so if caster had a body of 4 and they had 3 hits so far, the parasite has then infected the caster.

It makes it easier to catch the infection than to fight it.

There should be one corporation (insert your favorite bad corp here) studying to weaponizing these parasites. There should be one also looking into the cure for the infection. Remember, if these critters get out, to track areas of infection. It could make things more difficult in the future.