

Here's How You Become a True Horror Movie Bad Guy

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People think being a supernatural servant of evil is an easy job. It's not. Some pesky little human might lay waste to your plan and the next thing you know, you are shunned by the paranormal community.

If you are a metaphysical servant of chaos struggling with your job and interested in joining our ranks, read on.

DON'T HAVE TOO MUCH FUN

Yes, chasing people, collecting souls, metaphysical torture is fun. But at the end of the day, you have to do the job.

Don't get too caught up in scaring the newly relocated family or the scared teenagers and botch up the job at the end. Also don't misplace the icon of sin, the token of evil or whatever material object you have put the eternal curse on. We don't want some know-it-all to find the thing and foil our plan. Also, avoid putting it too close to the hunting ground. We also don't want them to learn about the same lazy substandard backstory we all have for the hundredth time and figure out how to break the curse.

BE VIGILANT

According to the Beelzebub Association for Paranormal Welfare, nine out of ten times the victim gets away because of the lack of proper oversight.

Remember, your victims can run but they can't hide. Check under the bed, check between the closets, the basement, the attic. These two-legged chardates are not as intelligent as they think they are. They usually hide in the same places. The same creepy dark places as if nothing's going to go wrong. You have the power, my dudes.

CHOOSE YOUR VICTIMS ACCORDINGLY

Be creative while picking the "hauntee." Picking the annoying kids has backfired way too many times.

Instead, go for the more likeable or smarter ones, after they split up and look around to see what's wrong in your little macabre lair like everything's perfectly normal. That way, they wouldn't be able to get away with their sorry little lives after losing their idiot friend to your masterful plans. Leaving the innocent kid for later is a terrible idea. They don't seem so innocent when they light you up with Greek fire or drown you in your very own eternally cursed body of water.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SHORTCOMINGS

Being aware of your shortcomings is an essential code of practice for the paranormally menacing and hellishly evil.

We should all craft our sinister designs based on our shortcomings and strengths. You don't want to be a hellish demon stuck in a house with exorcist couples or a cold-blooded alien huntsman stuck in a tropical rainforest with Arnold Schwarzenegger. Play to your strengths and pick the perfect scenario. You can also set up traps or death tokens of different kinds if you are not that paranormally gifted.

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Does your newfound love for a club deserve to get a lot of stick?

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Who made you fall in love with football? Ronaldinho is a name that'll most commonly pop up. His Blaugrana torch was passed on to Lionel Messi, the rightful king. Being the rightful heir to Maradona, he drew a lot of staunch Argentine fans towards Barcelona as well.

I, for one, became a Milanista because of the club who played against Serie A's flow. I fell in love with Kaka and Pirlo (whose shirt I donned proudly over the years). I became a Madridista because of the Galacticos. My brother became a Kopite primarily because of their jersey and his eternal skipper, Steven Gerrard. Eventually, the Istanbul miracle solidified that love affair.

Whether we acknowledge it or not, most of us chose a club because of the badge, or any iconic jersey or more importantly, a player. Some picked up a club because of their fascination towards a certain country and their players.

We weren't quite brought up to speed on the club's ideology since we remotely didn't have any affiliation with the city the club was based in. Nor were we mature enough to have a football philosophy of our own.

Yes, some of us chose a certain club because of their iconic goals. Let's face it, we understood football just to be a game of goals in that age; we had very little idea regarding the tactical intricacies, disruption of passing lanes, the occasional but necessary tactical fouls and other facets of the game.

So, why do we take a dig on the first chance we get, on people who shift their allegiance towards a certain club? This is the player that made them watch football, put a smile on their face even in the toughest of

times, whose goals and skills compilations they were so enamoured with that they tried to replicate them on the field next day. Why the hate?

It would be mighty naive of me if I didn't take the fact into account that AC Milan doesn't hold the same philosophy anymore, nor does Real Madrid. Club philosophies are bound to change in accordance with the transition of the game and market. Clubs embrace new eras after the departure of important figures and other consequential changes.

Not that I am a big proponent of local allegiance but that at least gives the locals an incentive to cling on to their clubs, a fandom that was passed on to them generationally. Club's ideology was instilled into them which, in many ways, outweighs and to some extent, disallows enchantment for a non-club-individual.

For us outsiders though, is it wrong for our love towards a player, who was the sole reason for us to fall for this game, outweigh our love towards a club that we started supporting for reasons not so connected with the game?

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