

Here is a quick explanation of daemons. Daemons were created by Phillip Pullman as part of his “His Dark Materials” series!

Daemons

The biggest difference between the normal MDZS world and this AU is the presence of “daemons.” Daemons are physical manifestations of human souls, a physical representation of their innermost wants, wishes, and personality. They take the form of some type of animal.

Daemons can talk; not just to their human, but to other people. Daemons also share emotions with their humans! For example: if Wei Wuxian is happy, then his daemon is probably going to feel happy too!

Think of it kind of as if pets could talk, and if they shared all of your innermost feelings! That special connection, where they can feel each other’s emotions, is called a “link”.

What do Daemons Look Like?

Daemons always take the form of some type of animal. They usually look just like normal animals, but they give off a specific type of energy, kind of like how cultivators all have their own unique spiritual energy.

- When someone is a child, their daemon can switch between any form it wants at any time. One day it could be a moth, the next day it could decide to be an elephant!
- However, once someone matures, their daemon will “settle” into a form that best reflects their personality and never change again. For example, let’s say you are a very loyal and happy person-- your daemon might settle as a dog!
- All of the characters in this AU, except for two, already have their daemons settled. So don’t worry-- you won’t have to keep track of the daemons changing forms all the time!

Taboos around Daemons

The relationship between a daemon and their human is sacred; it’s considered taboo for someone to touch another person’s daemon. It’s often viewed as someone trying to force their way into another person’s heart.

A human also can’t stray too far from their daemon, or vice versa, without experiencing a significant amount of pain. The farther away they get from each other, the more they have to really stretch their link’s strength. Imagine pulling a rubber band, and watching it get thinner and thinner! Very strong cultivators can increase the distance without being in pain.

If you were to kill someone’s daemon, you’d kill them too.