

# Inferna Sanguinem (Tieflings)

## Causes

Inferna Sanguinem is often thought to be the result of an "evil" bloodline, or a genetic ancestor making a deal with a Devil. While neither of these have been disproved more recent research into the topic seems to point to refugees who fled the nine hells during the gods war. These people, who exhibited none of the symptoms themselves, were tainted with the corruption that The Betrayer wrought in that place. As they spread out around the planes so did the genes that carried Inferna Sanguinem.

## Symptoms

Children born with Inferna Sanguinem look more or less like their parent's race, with the distinction that they have small hard nubs on their head and a curling tail. The nubs eventually grow into horns (of one shape or another). Once teeth come in the child is likely to have enlarged canines, but other mutations like thin sharp teeth are possible. Additionally the children's eyes start out as a solid color, without visible pupil or sclera, and remain that way into their adulthood. Skin color can also be effected. Many people born with Inferna Sanguinem have skin that is a shade of red, though other colors such as purple, pink, white, or even blue have been recorded. At this time it is assumed that no colors are off the table, though some are more present than others.

A slightly rarer mutation that is seen right at birth is the existence of digitigrade legs with either cloven hooves or clawed reptile feet. Even rarer are the existence of wings growing on the child's back. Occasionally these wings will even grow to a proper size that allows them to be used for flight.

A child whose parents both have symptoms of Inferna Sanguinem will always also produce similar symptoms, though the actual variations may differ. Children who only have one parent with symptoms of Inferna Sanguinem have a high chance of being born with symptoms, but may be born without. However these children carry the mutation with them and continue to have a high likelihood of passing it on to their children.

## Treatment

There is no treatment for Inferna Sanguinem, in fact many do not even consider it a bad mutation at all. While some have tried cutting off or grinding down horns, cropping tails, or using magical means these methods are generally considered cruel and are usually not tolerated within most

societies.

## Hosts & Carriers

Due to the spread of the refugees during the gods war it would be an impossible task to try and find all of their descendants. At this time it is assumed that any bloodline could contain Inferna Sanguinem. The condition seems to be limited to humanoid races.

## Cultural Reception

From culture to culture, town to town, and even person to person, reception of those born with Inferna Sanguinem varies as much as one could imagine. In more recent years there has been a greater acceptance of those born with the condition, but there still remain those whose superstitions override their sensibilities.

Those who carry the symptoms of Inferna Sanguinem are often called Tieflings.

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