

# personal english



## Character #4

### The Changeling Celtic & Norse Folklore

In the **Middle Ages**, the legend of the changeling provided an explanation for children born mentally or physically disabled, as it was about the **swapping** of a human baby with the offspring of some **fairy** or **legendary creature**.

One such creature was **Merlin** from the **Arthurian** legend, who was said to be a **cambion** – that is, born of a mortal woman and an **incubus**, from whom he inherited his supernatural powers and abilities.

Since the Middle Ages, the legend has inspired many tales, novels and films, including the 2002 American horror film **The Ring**, which is based upon a Japanese version of the legend.



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1980 horror movie *The Changeling* - **FULL MOVIE**