WHERE'S PAZUZU?

Pazuzu has gone missing! Can you find him?

Keep an out for Pazuzu as you look at the next three pictures! Once you find him, circle him so he cannot hide again! Here is what he looks like:
Welcome to the OI’s demon scavenger hunt! Unfortunately, all of the demons have been released, so it is up to you to complete the scavenger hunt in order to reveal the magic word that vanquishes the demons! As you begin your journey through our database, be on the lookout for our five key demonic objects.

Once you find the demonic objects, answer the activity questions and your magic word will be revealed!

The rules are simple, go to https://oi-idb.uchicago.edu/ and type the provided registration codes (i.e. E26004) in the search bar. From there you will be able to access images, information, and related publications to the selected artifacts - you can even do an “off the books” search of your own and learn more about other objects, publications, and archival photographs in our collection!
1. It takes a demon to destroy another demon! (A25413)
Pazuzu is King of the evil lilu demons, but he protected pregnant women and children against the evils of the demon Lamashtu. Can you find this demon? Despite his protective state, in a famous 1973 horror classic film, Pazuzu possessed a little girl. What film was this? ____________________________________________

Take the fourth letter of this word (exclude the word “the”)

2. Female demons lure men from the path of righteousness! (A30303)
Female demons are known to menace unwary, righteous men. This small text is part of a larger text that helps warn men against the wiles of the wicked woman.
What object is this (hint: the full name is in the description box)? ____________________________
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Take the first letter of the first word

3. Save yourself from the soul devourer! (E10486H)
After you died in Ancient Egypt, you were judged for your earthly deeds before you were allowed to enjoy the afterlife. If you had committed evil deeds, your soul would be eaten by Amemet the devourer who had the head of a crocodile, upper body of a lion, and lower body of a hippo. To convince the judges of the afterlife that you were a good person, you needed a spell.
What is the name of this object? ______________________________________________

Take the first letter of the first word

4. Demon worshippers must be destroyed! (A24120)
Xerxes, king of Persia, set out to destroy the demons (daivas) and set up an inscription to commemorate this momentous event.
What period is this object from? ______________________________________________

Take the first letter of the first word

5. Demons are menacing your home! (E19784)
Repel the demon menacing your home in medieval Nubia by invoking the names of Christian saints written on a potsherd. Look around the gallery and find this object!
What language do you use to summon the saintly powers? ____________________________

Take the first letter of the first word

Circle the letters from your answers to get the magical word, which will vanquish the demons. Each number corresponds with the letter you circled in each question.

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Demon Trapping 101: How to make your own demon trapping bowl!

If you lived in southern Iraq in Late Antiquity (6th-8th centuries AD), chances are you believed the demons might be menacing you, your family, and your home. The incantations in bowl, written in the bowl by a sorcerer, would allow you to achieve power over demons. In addition, you could draw your demon in the center of the bowl.

**Step One:** Draw a circle with a compass, with a smaller circle inside of it. Make sure you draw the circle big enough to hold your demon inside the smaller circle. Or use the template here:

Step Two: Draw your demon in the smaller of the two magic circles. Here are some pictures from the Oriental Institute collection for inspiration.

**Step Three:** Write your inscription. You can start from the rim of the bowl and moving towards the center in the spiral pattern or start in the center and move outwards to the rim, rotating the paper clockwise or counterclockwise as you write. You may use a
pseudo-script based on the Aramaic scripts (Aramaic, Syriac, and Mandaic) used on the bowls, which is something that they did in Late Antiquity too! See the examples from the Oriental Institute for inspiration on the script, seen below! Otherwise, write whatever you want, in whatever language or script you are comfortable using!

Step Four: Now turn the paper upside down and hide it in a safe place, where it will be able to repel the demons!
Pazuzu was used as a form of protection against the powerful and violent demon, Lamashtu, who threatened pregnant women and children.