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Subject: Help with button

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From: Ron Natalie

I have a button that reads

I am the Imp of the Perverse (knowing this won't help you either)

That I bought and stuck on our MILNET IMP. Actually, I had to by another one because I think our IMP hardware guy took the first one. Question is what does it mean. Does this relate to some book? Can anyone help with a reference? Please reply by mail.

-Ron

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It refers to an essay by Edgar Allen Poe called The Imp of the Perverse.

Todd Ellner

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> From: wesm@Mitre-Bedford  
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As I posted before, The Imp of the Perverse is the title of an essay by Poe. It concerns the tendency or voice within which makes you do things which you know are evil/self-destructive/perverse. Knowing what you are about to do doesn't help at all (I know I'll go splat, but I've just got to step off that cliff).

Todd