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The Lexicon

[The Lexicon](#) was a weekly feature that ran here on MagicTheGathering.com about a year ago. It was retired for a few months, but we're dusting it off. While it won't run weekly, you'll see it now and again.

The goal of The Lexicon is to teach players the meanings of some of the more obscure words we use in card names. While many of the offbeat names (like "**Hundroog**") are simply made up, we often dig around dictionaries for real little-used and archaic words for inspiration.

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thrall

From dictionary.com:

Function: noun

- 1 : a. One, such as a slave or serf, who is held in bondage.
- b. One who is intellectually or morally enslaved.
- 2 : Servitude; bondage: "*a people in thrall to the miracles of commerce*" (Lewis H. Lapham).



dro-ver

From dictionary.com:

Function: noun

: One who drives cattle or sheep to market; one who makes it his business to purchase cattle, and drive them to market.

"*Why, that's spoken like an honest drover; so they sell bullocks.*" --Shak.



Pro-te-us

From dictionary.com:



Function: noun
: (Class. Myth.) A sea god in the service of Neptune who assumed different shapes at will. Hence, one who easily changes his appearance or principles.



ark

From dictionary.com:

Function: noun

1 : A chest, or coffer. [Obs.]

"Bearing that precious relic in an ark." --Spenser.

2 : (Jewish Hist.) The oblong chest of acacia wood, overlaid with gold, which supported the mercy seat with its golden cherubs, and occupied the most sacred place in the sanctuary. In it Moses placed the two tables of stone containing the ten commandments. Called also the Ark of the Covenant.



sym-bi-ote

From dictionary.com:

Function: noun

: An organism in a symbiotic relationship.





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