

# Lexicon: *Guildpact* Edition

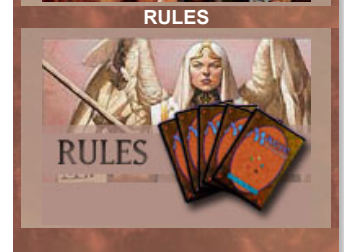
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The goal of The Lexicon is to teach players the meanings of some of the more obscure words we use in card names. While many of the offbeat names (like "Gigadrowse") are simply made up, we often dig around dictionaries for real little-used and archaic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

**an·i·mist**  
noun

From **an·i·mism**:

1. The belief in the existence of individual spirits that inhabit natural objects and phenomena.
2. The belief in the existence of spiritual beings that are separable or separate from bodies.
3. The hypothesis holding that an immaterial force animates the universe.



**eu·than·ist**  
noun

1. One who practices euthanasia (which is the practice of killing a person or animal in a painless or minimally painful way, for merciful reasons, usually to end their suffering).



**gro·tesque**  
noun

adjective

1. Characterized by ludicrous or incongruous distortion, as of appearance or manner.
2. Outlandish or bizarre, as in character or appearance.
3. Of, relating to, or being the grotesque style in art or a work executed in this style.

noun

1. One that is grotesque.
2. A style of painting, sculpture, and ornamentation in which natural forms and monstrous figures are intertwined in bizarre or fanciful combinations.



3. A work of art executed in this style.



**neph·i·lim**  
noun

1. A Biblical word meaning "giants" or "mighty men."



**pil·lo·ry**  
noun

1. A wooden framework on a post, with holes for the head and hands, in which offenders were formerly locked to be exposed to public scorn as punishment.



**pon·tiff**  
noun

1. The pope; the head of the Roman Catholic Church.  
2. A bishop; a high-ranking religious leader.





**prae·tor**  
*noun*

1. An annually elected magistrate of the ancient Roman Republic, ranking below but having approximately the same functions as a consul.

**san·guine**  
*adjective*

1. Consisting of or relating to blood.



**ru·sal·ka**  
*noun*

1. In Slavic folklore, a water spirit or water nymph. They are the souls of young women or girls who died an unnatural or violent death.



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